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CUMBRES & TOLTEC SCENIC RAILROAD ANNOUNCES NEW RIDES

Chama, N.M. & Antonito, Colo.--- The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad launches its 2013 season with exciting new experiences for rail fans including the Sunset Ride, Sunday Express and the American Society of Civil Engineers Day. This historic railroad is also offering a special Kids Ride Free program for added family affordability. The 2013 Cumbres & Toltec season starts May 25 and runs through October 20, 2013.

“With many choices for great summer getaways, a train ride on Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad leads the pack,” says John Bush, Cumbres & Toltec President. “Join us and experience the authentic West. We have a lot of new options this season. The Saturday evening sunset train takes riders to the Cumbres Pavilion and includes live entertainment. We are also offering a shorter Sunday ride. And another new program for us this year is an educational train ride August 24 that history buffs will love.”



“I encourage everyone to visit our website (www.cumbrestoltec.com) or call our friendly reservation agents for all the details,” adds Bush. “They are just a phone call away. You can speak with our specialists about the best options for your group. With just 19 days out from our first train departure, I’d like to invite everyone to book their trips on Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad now.”

The **Cumbres Sunset Train** runs Saturdays in the cool summer evenings and includes dinner and live entertainment at the newly built Cumbres Pavilion on top of the Cumbres Pass. Views of the setting sun combined with music makes this train one of the most relaxing and romantic. The new **Sunday Express** runs from Chama, May 26 through September 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Sunday Express riders will enjoy a delicious picnic in the fresh mountain air prepared by Toltec Gorge Catering.

For the very first time, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad will host a special historic tour of the railroad on **American Society of Civil Engineers' Day**, Saturday, August 24. Rail enthusiasts will learn about the building of the railroad with two interesting lectures at trestle stops. Riders will leave with a greater appreciation for what it took to build the railroad in the Rocky Mountains.

Also new this year is the **Kids Ride Free** program. Children between the ages of 2 and 12 ride free with the purchase of one full price adult ticket. The terms are described on the website discount page: <http://www.cumbrestoltec.com/ride-us/specials-discounts>. 10% discounts are also offered for AAA, AARP, and the military.

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad climbs up to Cumbres Pass at an elevation of 10,015 feet and takes its passengers through some of the most scenic parts of the Rocky Mountains. The train traverses 64 miles, crossing back and forth between New Mexico and Colorado 11 times. All trains stop at the historic Osier Station for a homemade lunch including freshly made desserts.

Cumbres & Toltec riders can choose from the Victorian-era elegance of the luxurious Parlor Cars or the deluxe Tourist and Coach Cars. The Parlor Car, for riders ages 21 and up, offers a level of luxury, service, and comfort with attentive and friendly staff. Continental breakfast, snacks and soft drinks are served throughout the day on the Parlor Car and riders will receive a complimentary gift bag. Deluxe Tourist Service offers café seating and other upscale amenities. The Gondola Car is open to all riders for open viewing of the mountains and abundant wildlife. There are full-service bars in the Parlor, Tourist and Concession Cars.

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is jointly owned and operated by New Mexico and Colorado. The National Park Service recently designated the railroad as a National Historic Landmark. It is the highest and longest steam-powered, authentic, narrow-gauge railroad in the U.S. The passenger railroad travels over its historic route between Chama, N.M. and Antonito, Colo.

CUMBRES & TOLTEC 2013 SCHEDULE

The 2013 Cumbres & Toltec season starts May 25 and runs through October 20, 2013.

The full schedule is listed on the website: www.cumbrestoltec.com.

NEW and Special Excursions

Cumbres Sunset Train, Saturdays, 5:30 – 10 p.m. July 13 – August 17 Chama departure

Parlor \$149 adult, child n/a; Deluxe Tourist \$119 adult, \$49 child; Coach \$89 adult, \$39

Sunday Express, Sundays from Chama to Cumbres, May 26 – Sept. 8 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Parlor \$129, child n/a; Deluxe Tourist \$99 adult, \$49 child; Coach \$59 adult, \$29 child

American Society of Civil Engineers Day, Saturday, August 24, 10 a.m.- 4p.m.

\$79 adult; \$39 child

Day Out With Thomas: The GO GO Thomas Tour 2013, Saturday, June 15, Sunday, June 16 and Friday, June 21 through Sunday, June 23, 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12 p.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. On Friday, June 21, the last run will be 2:15 p.m. \$18.90 per ticket. Group discount: \$14.70 per ticket for 20 or more. (DOWT tickets: www.ticketweb.com, 866.468.7630. Tickets can also be purchased at the Chama Depot during the event.)



Cinder Bear Express, Thursdays, July 11 -Aug. 15., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. \$59 adult, \$29 child

Regular Daily Excursions

Trip #1 Antonito to Chama by Motorcoach, Return by Train May 25 – Sept. 14, Monday – Saturday, Sept. 15 – Oct. 20 (Daily), 8:30 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.

Parlor \$169 adult, child n/a; Deluxe Tourist \$129 adult, \$69 child; Coach \$89 adult, \$49 child

Trip #2 Antonito to Chama by Train, Return by Motorcoach May 25 – Sept. 14, Monday – Saturday, Sept. 15 – Oct. 20 (Daily), 10 a.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Parlor \$169 adult, child n/a; Deluxe Tourist \$129 adult, \$69 child; Coach \$89 adult, \$49 child

Trip #3 Antonito to Osier, Return by Train May 25 – Sept. 14, Monday – Saturday, Sept. 15 – Oct. 20 (Daily), 10 a.m. – 4:40 p.m.

Parlor \$169 adult, child n/a; Deluxe Tourist \$129 adult, \$69 child; Coach \$79 adult, \$39 child

Trip #4 Chama to Antonito by Motorcoach, Return by Train May 25 – Sept. 14 (Monday – Saturday) Sept. 15 – Oct. 20 (Daily), 8:30 a.m. – 4:05 p.m.

Parlor \$169 adult, n/a child; Adult Deluxe Tourist \$129 adult, \$69 child; Coach \$89 adult, \$49 child.

Trip #5 Chama to Antonito by Train, Return by Motorcoach May 25 – Sept. 14 (Monday – Saturday) Sept. 15 – Oct. 20 (Daily) 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Parlor \$169 adult, n/a child; Adult Deluxe Tourist \$129 adult, \$69 child; Coach \$89 adult, \$49 child.

Trip #6 Chama to Osier, Return by Train May 25 – Sept. 14 (Monday – Saturday), Sept. 15 – Oct. 20 (Daily) Train departs Chama at 10 a.m. Lunch at Osier (*included in fare*) Return to Chama by train at 4:05 p.m.

Parlor \$169 adult, n/a child; Adult Deluxe Tourist \$129 adult, \$69 child; Coach \$79 adult, \$39 child.

*The new **Kids Ride Free promotion** is available May 25 through Sept. 14 on daily excursion trips #1 through #6, Monday through Saturday in coach seating. The Kids promotion may not be combined with any other discount. Kids Ride Free is not available Sundays, evenings or on Cinder Bear Trains. Lunch cost is \$10.*

Discounts are all offered for AAA, AARP, military, etc.

LODGING:

http://www.conejosvacation.com/colorado_lodging/index.php, <http://www.chamavalley.com/lodging.html>

INFO: 1.888.286.2737, www.cumbrestoltec.com

PRESS IMAGES: <https://plus.google.com/photos/102122638710638255846/albums/5870456233989428625?banner=pwa>

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PRESS CUMBRES & TOLTEC EXCURSION

You are invited to a complimentary Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad ride Monday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. The special train departs from the Antonito Depot. Press is invited to experience the Cumbres before the official season starts. The train will make a lunch stop at Osier.

PHOTO OPS: Several places between Antonito and Big Horn. Big Horn 9:30 a.m.

TV: Helicopter can also land at Osier, Los Pinos and Cumbres Pass. After the train leaves Antonito, convenient places to reach the train for photo ops by road are Los Pinos or Cumbres Pass.

RSVP: Jennifer Marshall, 505-231-1776, Jennifer@jmarshallplan.com.

We hope you can join us! Please know that we are available to help with the logistics of your trip and lodging.