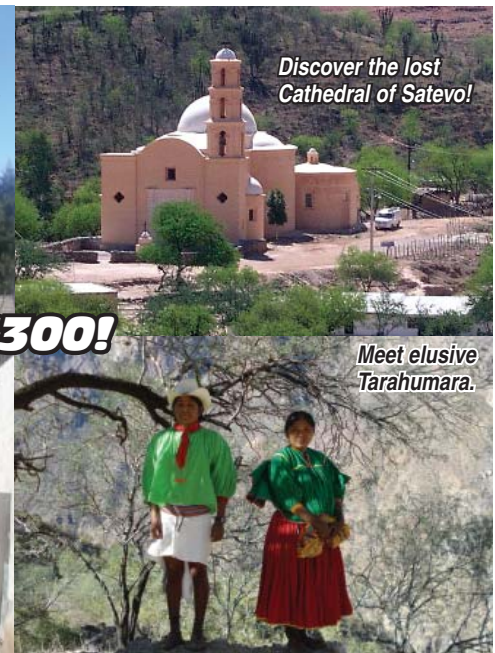


## COPPER CANYON

### Tour Highlights

- Many of us have stood on the edge of the Copper Canyon complex and wondered what it would be like to go to the bottom.
- Tracks' 12-day Batopilas tour allows us to do just that. It's a rugged, 6-hour van ride from Creel to Batopilas, but worth it! Some of the world's richest silver deposits were discovered here in 1880, and the discovery drew the former mayor of Washington, D. C. to build the town. His residence, Hacienda San Miguel, still stands in all its splendor.
- Batopilas is packed with vestiges of the 1880s silver boom and is still kept alive today by mining in the surrounding mountains.



### 15 tours and cultural experiences

- guided tour of Chihuahua City
- folkloric dance performance at Chihuahua City
- pottery-making demonstration at Chihuahua City
- guided, 6-hour van ride to Batopilas on the Batopilas River on the floor of Urique Canyon
- two nights at a modern hotel in Batopilas
- guided tour of the antique mining village of Batopilas
- all meals during the excursion to Batopilas
- from Batopilas a guided excursion to the Lost Cathedral of Satevo
- tour of the Tarahumara Indian cultural center, Creel
- visit to an inhabited Indian cave residence
- Mushroom and Frog Valleys and a mission church at Creel
- bus trip to Divisadero overlooking two canyons
- Mennonite cultural presentation by an English-speaking member of the colony
- at Casas Grandes, a guided tour of the massive ruins of Paquime
- demonstration of ancient pottery-making techniques that produced the world-famous Paquime pottery

Average highs (°F)	Feb
El Paso	63°
Creel (avg. low 27°)	62°

Do this tour on \$2.34/gal. Diesel (current price)! Call 800-351-6053 or go to [www.tracksrvtours.com](http://www.tracksrvtours.com) for more information or to reserve.

## Copper Canyon 12 days rig and two persons only \$3,900

In just 12 days travel deep into the heart of Mexico's Copper Canyon to a remote and historic village on the Batopilas River.



852 miles

October 18, 2010, February 14, October 17, 2011

DAY	LOCATION AND MILEAGE
1	El Paso, TX, mile 0
2-3	Chihuahua, 244 miles
4-5	Creel, 156 miles
6-7	Batopilas, 6-hours by van
8	Creel, return by van
9	Cuauhtemoc, 103 miles
10-11	Casas Grandes, 191 miles
12	El Paso, TX, 158 miles

Note: itineraries, descriptions, services, and events subject to change. We reserve the right to correct errors.

### Includes all normal Tracks services plus ...

- two, Tracks-assisted international border crossings
- a total of 852 miles of escorted scenic motoring
- coordination of all services and events by experienced wagon masters
- 15 nights in best-available RV parks (including 3 prior to tour)
- Mexico's tourist tax of \$28 per person included
- 15 guided tours and cultural experiences (listed left)
- 10 carefully selected, safe-to-eat regional Mexican meals and one Mennonite dinner, each with bottled water
- Mexican vehicle insurance available from Tracks
- legal aid during the tour not to exceed \$5,000 included
- emergency tow service not to exceed \$3,000 included
- emergency contact service through the Tracks office
- mile by mile road log
- professional guides throughout the Batopilas program

## 12-day Description

**Day 1 or up to three days prior.** At El Paso, our RV park is paid three days prior-to-tour so we can arrive early for last-minute preparation. Our wagon masters are on hand to get acquainted and finalize border documents. A money exchange is offered for your convenience.

**Day 2** Prior coordination and bypassing congested Cd. Juarez eases our border crossing into Mexico, and we drive to Chihuahua City, arriving early enough to settle in and relax with fellow Trackers!

**Day 3** Today, it's a tour of Chihuahua City with interesting narration by our local guide. Pancho Villa's home, now a museum, is a highlight. In the evening, it's our first Mexican food, a delicious, regional dinner, followed by a colorful folkloric dance show.

**Day 4** We drive ascending the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountain Range to the Tarahumara Indian cultural center of Creel. Here, we board a bus for an intimate view of Tarahumara life, including their wonderful museum and an actual Indian cave residence. In the evening we gather to discuss our day's adventures at another Tracks dinner.

**Day 5** Our bus follows the rails to Divisadero for a another peek into the Tarahumara Indian lifestyle, unchanged for centuries. Here, our luncheon is in the hushed silence of Divisadero on the brink overlooking Urique Canyon, and 3,000 feet below, the Urique River.

**Day 6** Our vans crawl along at a snail's pace through a maze of mountains to the brink of the great canyon itself, to look over the edge and see the road we will travel miles in front of us. At the end of

our journey, miles from civilization, sits a secret place, 1880s site of the world's richest silver mine. Two nights in a modern hotel.

At this last outpost of civilization where Spanish mansions once housed elegant formal balls, the now-dusty, antique town of Batopilas is still kept alive today by the mining of the rugged surrounding mountains.

It's a town with cobble-stone streets swept each morning, colorful buildings holding secrets of rich mining days, burros, chickens, cattle, cowboys shoeing horses, and miners coming in for supplies. Curious Tarahumara Indians in loincloths come in by day and watch in silence as the town bustles about them.

Stroll narrow streets lined with bougainvillea, hibiscus, and mango trees. Feel the affluence of wealthy, 19th century miners exploring the now-crumbling red brick walls of Hacienda San Miguel.

**Day 7** We start a full day of exploring by van following a lonely road meandering along the Batopilas river. At the end of the road sits the 400-year-old Lost Cathedral of Satevo. Ponder the possible origins of the lost cathedral as you poke around the building and then return to your Hacienda lodge overlooking the flowing water of the Batopilas River where a welcome Margarita and dinner await.

After dinner gaze up at the maze of canyons which come together to form the huge complex known as the "Copper Canyon." Keep an eye out for elusive Tarahumara Indians walking along one of the many paths hidden in the pine covered ridges and gorges.

But, make no mistake, this is an island of serenity hidden in a

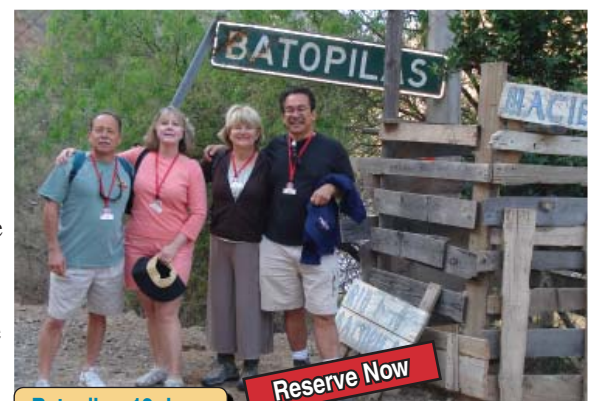
primitive wilderness, hours from the nearest town and accessible only by a six-hour drive over a winding and rugged mountain road. But, for many, just what they've been looking for—the ultimate in a remote, picturesque, and exotic destination!

**Day 8** Starting early, we slowly emerge from the Canyon with grand and exciting vistas of the rugged Sierras that few tourists ever see. Afternoon arrival back at Creel.

**Days 9-12** From Creel, it's a short drive to a Mexican Mennonite colony where we gain insight into their heroic history and enjoy a hearty, harvest-bee-style, home-cooked meal right in the dining room of our Mennonite hosts.

We drive north across the Chihuahua Desert to Casas Grandes for a guided tour of the huge ruins of Paquime, which once rose to seven stories. We also see the fascinating process which produced the world-famous Paquime pottery.

It is here, at historic Casas Grandes, we bid adios to our travel companions, and embark on a scenic drive over a quiet, not-often-traveled route north to a border crossing near our starting point, El Paso, Texas. ★



Batopilas, 12 days

• El Paso, Texas • Chihuahua, Mexico • Creel • Batopilas • Cuauhtemoc • Casas Grandes • 19 tours and events, 11 meals • rate for 2 persons and rig \$3,900, guests \$1,700. Rates and dates subject to change—call for the latest. **Departures: Oct. 18, 2010, Feb. 14, 2011.**

# Reserve your 12-day Copper Canyon Adventure now!

At the end of the road sits the 400-year-old lost cathedral of Satevo.

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