

Heard Museum Guild presents:

Copper Canyon Tour Dec. 7th – 16th, 2018

**Fully inclusive Tour. All meals and tour expense.
Experienced Guides. Overnights in Guaymas, Alamos
El Fuerte, Divisadero & Casas Grandes**



An enchanted journey to the jewel of the Sierra Madre: Mexico's Copper Canyon. This Mexican National Treasure is still very rustic but equipped with modern conveniences.

Enjoy rolling lectures of the historical, cultural, & biotic communities we visit by experienced guides Greg Scott, Gloria Giffords and Gustavo Lozano.

Explore Magical Alamos. Nestled in the foothills of the Sierra Madre, this Spanish colonial town flourished in the 18th century from the nearby silver deposits. It is now a haven for a few ex-pats who have restored the magnificent haciendas back to their glory of the "Silver Era."

We'll ride the "El Chepe" Train from sea level to 8000 ft. in an awe inspiring ride to the Barranca del Cobre.

Encounter the mysterious Tarahumara Indians, widely regarded as the most culturally intact native peoples in North America. We'll visit the Tarahumara during the Virgin of Guadalupe Feast day. We're certain to experience various cultural celebrations.

From your hotel balcony on the Sierra Madre rim, you'll gaze upon stunning and ever changing vistas of the canyons below.

Limited participation ensures a unique personal experience for our guests. It's an encompassing, well-paced tour, rich in culture and unsurpassed natural beauty.

DAY 1 - Friday **PHOENIX TO GUAYMAS**

Depart the Heard Museum at 7:00am. We're on the road to Mexico via Nogales. After the border crossing, we'll enjoy lunch in Santa Ana. We'll stop for a rest break in Hermosillo, and arrive in Guaymas, to the classic Playa de Cortes property on the Bacochibampo Bay. We celebrate the first day with a margarita reception at sunset.

DAY 2 - Saturday **GUAYMAS TO ALAMOS**

This morning we'll ascend into the foothills of the Sierra Madres. Suddenly, you'll step 100 years back in time to the colonial town of Alamos. Explore the winding streets lined with classic Spanish colonial architecture and grand haciendas. Our home for two nights is the Hacienda de los Santos. One of Mexico's finest luxury hotels. Tonight we'll enjoy traditional folkloric entertainment by the Estudiantina of Alamos.

DAY 3 - Sunday **ALAMOS**

This weekend Alamos celebrates the feast day of the Purisma de Concepcion or Immaculate Conception, the patron saint of Alamos, the plazas will be a bustling fun place to be. Our guide Gloria Giffords will be auctioning off a small collection of her historic Mayo rugs for a "Las Comadres" fundraiser. You'll have the option to attend the luncheon and auction. This afternoon we'll offer a tequila tasting followed by a private dinner at Teresitas Bistro.

DAY 4 - Monday **ALAMOS TO EL FUERTE**

Today we'll visit Aduana, the site of the Silver smelting operations as well as the most relevant Mission Church in southern Sonora, La Nuestra de Balvenera. After lunch, we depart for El Fuerte, Sinaloa where we'll meet our Chihuhahuan guide Gustavo Lozano. Gustavo will escort us around the plaza and historic fort before our cocktail reception and an amazing dinner of local black bass.

DAY 5 - Tuesday **EL FUERTE TO DIVISADERO**

Today we board the famous Chihuahua-Pacifico railroad, with a new Observation car, for our ascension to the Sierra Madre. We travel from thorn scrub to pine forests to nearly 8000 ft. We pass many spectacular switchbacks, bridges and tunnels along the route to arrive to our beautiful hotel on the rim.

DAY 6 - Wednesday **DIVISADERO**

Today we'll tour different scenic overlooks of the canyon system. Throughout our time in the Sierra we'll have contact with the Tarahumara Indians living their traditional lifestyle. They're known for their handmade arts & crafts and amazing distance runners. Options include a scenic gondola ride or take one of the world's longest zip lines into the canyon at over 60 miles an hour!

DAY 7 - Thursday **CUSARARE & CREEL**

Today we have a day trip to visit Creel, then to the remote village of Cusarare where we'll visit an active Tarahumara church to experience the Matachin Dance Celebrations. Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

DAY 8 - Friday **DIVISADERO TO CASAS GRANDES**

We leave the barrancas through scenic landscape for a memorable lunch in "Valle de Manza" – Apple Valley, in the town of Guerrero, where we'll meander through spectacular mountain passes to reach the Casas Grandes.

DAY 9 - Saturday **PAQUIMÈ & MATA ORTIZ**

This morning we'll explore the ruins of Paquimè. This impressive cultural and archeologic site was one of the most important trade centers of the time. After lunch, we'll be treated to a pottery firing and demo at the home of Juan Quezada. Final dinner celebration at Phillippes Malmedy restaurant.

DAY 10 - Sunday **CASAS GRANDES TO PHOENIX**

Today we return to Phoenix. We'll spend time in Janos to visit the historic church, then make our border crossing in Agua Prieta and lunch at the Historic Gadsden Hotel. We'll make rest breaks in route. ETA to the Heard Museum is 7:00pm.

STEPHEN BERNIER/Logistics

Stephen is a second generation tour operator. He has organized and produced tours of the American southwest and Mexico since 1993 for the University of Arizona Elderhostel/Road Scholar Program, Arizona Historical Society, Tohono Chul Park, Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, Portland Art Museum, Tucson Mission Garden, Tucson Botanical Society, as well as various other museums and Universities. Stephen is also a volunteer naturalist with Sabino Canyon Volunteer Naturalists.

GREG SCOTT/Cultural Interpreter

After completing his degree and graduate work at the University of Arizona, Greg began a 30+ year career as a bilingual educator and is the current president of the Arizona Historical Society southern Arizona Chapter. He is a lifelong musician and has performed traditional music throughout the West. Recently retired, he stays busy writing, lecturing for the Arizona Humanities Council and performing. He has traveled extensively in Mexico and Central America and is very passionate about sharing all he knows about the regions he has explored.

GUSTAVO LOZANO PEREYRA/Copper Canyon Guide Born and raised in La Junta, a municipality of Guerrero in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, Gustavo studied at Colegio Latino Americano in Chihuahua City. He also has degrees from the Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahua, in both Tourism Enterprises Management and Engineering. Gustavo is a bilingual guide certified by the federation since 1995 and has been guiding at Copper Canyon since 1993. Considered an expert in his field, Gustavo will share his knowledge on all aspects of the canyon, its inhabitants, and the region.

GLORIA GIFFORDS/Historian. An art conservator and historian, specializing in Spanish colonial art and architecture. For the past 50 years she has traveled broadly throughout New Spain and South American examining religious paintings, sculpture and architecture. She is a Fellow with the American Institute for Conservation and author of among other publications, "Mexican Folk Retablos (University of New Mexico Press) and Sanctuaries of Earth, Stone, and Light (University of Arizona Press); the latter featuring a number of structures in northern New Spain (Sonora in particular). A visiting scholar with the Arizona State Museum, she is just recently finished curating a large exhibit of Mexican religious folk paintings that opened late Spring, 2015

PRE-TRIP DOCUMENTS: The confirmation of pick-up times and location, pertinent trip information including packing suggestions, any major updates to any tour components as well as participating hotel numbers will be mailed in a pre-trip information packet approximately 14 days prior to the trip departure.

MEXICO TRAVEL: This tour is set up as an adventure for you to enjoy Mexico. Clients will be best served if this tour is viewed as an adventure and understand that traveling in Mexico brings certain logistical considerations that are different from traveling in the U.S. Those who have experienced Mexico's colorful culture, rich history, wonderful cuisine and warm hospitality, understand that is part of the charm of Mexico.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: The activity level for this tour is considered moderate. Guests will be expected to walk on uneven terrain. During the course of the tour, there are opportunities of easy, medium and strenuous hikes. While we encourage your participation we ask that you recognize and respect your physical limitations. We will arrange other activities or free time for those who choose not to take part in any strenuous tour component.

PASSPORT: A valid passport book or passport card is required for this tour.

MEXICAN TOURIST VISA: The 400 Peso (approximately \$25) tourist fee is not included in your tour rate. Should you travel to Mexico within six months of our departure date and have a current Mexican Tourist Visa, bring it then you won't have to fill out or pay for a new visa.

Heard Museum Guild Copper Canyon Registration Form and Travel Policies
Complete the registration form and initial each policy section (highlighted in yellow).
Mail this completed form with your deposit to confirm tour participation

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Tour Rate - \$2500.00 per person/double occupancy

Due to limited hotel space, we are unable to take single reservations, contact us if you need a travel partner

\$500 per person deposit to reserve your space. Payment in full due by 11.8.18

Send in this registration with payment to South of the Border Tours, 7937 East Coronado Rd., Tucson, AZ 85750

Make checks payable to: South of the Border Tours.

We accept visa or master card, please call the office with your credit card info

For questions regarding tour, please contact us at 520-760-4000 or email southofthebordertours@msn.com

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