

8th ANNUAL
356 Ultimate Driving Tour, 2018 - Colorado.
Open to 20 Porsche Typ 356 and 356 outlaw cars only.

September 9 - 18, 2018.

This is NOT a speed event. All Colorado traffic laws are to be observed. September is considered 'high' season in Colorado. The Aspen trees are in full golden foliage. Entire mountain sides are bathed in gold, and the local hotels and businesses know it. Blocks of hotel rooms are available but the hotels were not willing to negotiate any group discounts from late August to the end of October. The total hotel bill for one room per hotel stay for the total trip will be around \$2000, free breakfast. Again, this is hotel expense only.

The following itinerary does not include REST stops and OVERLOOK stops.

ITINERARY

DAY 1. Sunday, September 9.

Meet at **5:00 PM** at designated hotel in Manitou Springs for 'Meet and Greet', general information meeting.

DAY 2. Monday, September 10.

Drive up PIKES PEAK, as a group or do your own thing. Pikes Peak road is a toll road. \$15 per adult. Hours: 7:30 to 5:00. Summit closes at 6:00 PM.

Alternatives: Garden of the Gods, Air Force Academy, Pikes Peak Cog Railway, Shopping in eccentric Manitou Springs, or arrive today-Monday.

12:30 PM, catered lunch at a private Porsche collectors museum. First Speedster ever build, Abarth, 904, 'C' Carrera 2 Cab and more. \$13 per person to cover lunch.

Day 3. Tuesday, September 11.

8:00 AM on the way to MOUNT CRESTED BUTTE with lunch stop at the ROYAL GORGE. Entrance fee is \$20 per person. This place will knock your socks off.

Continue on Route 50, crossing the Continental Divide at MONARCH PASS, 11350 feet elevation, to Mt. Crested Butte. This resort town is nestled in the Colorado mountains. It used to be a mining town in 1800 and early 1900. Beautiful setting. 9375 feet elevation. All day drive.

Day 4. Wednesday, September 12.

Rent Jeeps for back country ride, half day. Still negotiating.

Alternatives: Drive your 356 on packed dirt road through scenic mountains to a trail head turn around, no gravel.

Take a walk on the many local hiking trails surrounded by mountains. Rent a mountain bike. Shop and explore the town. All businesses are owned by local residents.

5:00 PM. Outside BBQ at my daughters family house. Park your 356 off road on the lawn next to her house. Bring your own alcoholic beverage. \$10 per person.

Day 5. Thursday, September 13.

8:00 AM. Drive to DURANGO. Lunch in the town of OURAY. After Ouray we will enter the world famous stretch of Route 550, also called the MILLION DOLLAR

Highway. This road demands your constant attention while driving. All day drive.

Day 6. Friday, September 14

Take the Narrow Gauge RR from Durango to Silverton along the Animas River thru the San Juan National Forest and San Juan Mountains. Lunch in Silverton. Take train back to Durango. All day trip. Incredible scenery.

Alternative: Tour the MESA Verda National Park, known for it's well preserved PUEBLO Cliff Dwellings, which were inhabited from 600-1300 AD. 55 miles, 90 minutes from Durango. Take and stay on Route 160 West out of Durango.

Day 7. Saturday, September 15.

8: 00 AM. Leave for MONTROSE, a scenic drive all the way. Crossing LIZARD HEAD PASS. 10222 feet elevation. All day drive.

Day 8. Sunday, September 16.

8:00 AM. Leave for GLENWOOD SPRINGS. The tour takes us thru the "Black Canyon of the Gunnison", also known as the GRAND CANYON of the EAST. We will be driving along the rim of the canyon. I can't describe the scenery. Google it and click on the pictures. Lunch at a hotel in the town of REDSTONE. Surrounded by mountains Glenwood Springs is known for it's Sulfur Hot

Springs. The hotel owns and is located next to three large pools, which are fed by a constant flow of natural hot sulfuric water. You can walk from the hotel to the pools in two minutes. The temperature of the first pool is almost hot, close to hot tub temp. The second pool has swimming pool temp. The third pool has the coolest temp. Great for kids, the slides are in this section. Use is free with room rental. The pools are open 24 hours. You can change in the modern and clean Bath House. Bring bathing suits. All day drive.

We will stay there until 1:00 PM Monday.

Alternatives: Check out other natural hot springs in the area. Enjoy the hot springs pools. Check out the town. Vibrant downtown. Leave early for Golden.

Day 9. Monday, September 17.

1:00 PM Drive to GOLDEN. Take I-70 EAST thru the Glenwood Canyon, a engineering marvel. 17 miles of cliffs on both sides of the highway and you are driving on the bottom of it, just above a river. Drive thru the EISENHOWER/JOHNSON tunnel to Golden. Scenic all the way. Three hour drive under normal traffic.

Day 10. Tuesday, September 18.

Tour the COORS Brewery. Tours start at 10:00 AM. The 8th '356 Ultimate Driving Tour' ends when you enter the SAMPLE ROOM.

The ITINERARY is set, but the ALTERNATIVES may

change.

I will E-Mail you the hotel information after I receive your completed registration form.

Registration closes when 20 356's have registered or on August 11, 2018.

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Participate, drive at your own risk.

Not responsible for anything.