

# San Juan Mining Camps: A Historical Tour

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## SAN JUAN MINING CAMPS TOUR SCHEDULE

### JUNE 18

Check-in at Western State  
College, Kelley Hall, 7:30am.  
9:00 am-Leave for Lake City –  
Ouray – Box Canyon Lodge

### JUNE 19

Ouray – Red Mountain Pass –  
Box Canyon – Villages at  
Tristant, Telluride

### JUNE 20

Telluride – Ride tram to  
Mountain Village – Museum,  
Ophir Pass – Ames Power Plant –  
Grand Imperial Hotel, Silverton

### JUNE 21

Silverton – Animas Forks  
Museum  
Silverton to Durango narrow  
gauge railroad, Diamond Circle  
Melodrama - Best Western ,  
Durango



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A breathtaking tour of the great San Juan mining country with emphasis on Lake City, Silverton, Ouray, Telluride, and Durango. Visit and learn about one of Colorado's most storied mining regions. Ride on the famous Durango-Silverton narrow gauge railroad, tour the Bachelor-Syracuse mine, and stay at some of the most famous historic hotels in Colorado. The class will cross Red Mountain, Owl Creek, and Ophir Passes, and visit several historic mining museums. The mining frontier, narrow gauge railroads, geography, unique Victorian architecture, geology, and social history will be emphasized. The tour also includes a variety of stops along the way; museums, mines, historical sites, geological sites, Ouray slide show, Ute Indian Museum, Box Canyon and more!

### COURSE COSTS:

\$725 (includes course fee, travel, lodging, ticket on the Durango-Silverton Railroad, Melodrama, and all tours and museums). Does not include food and personal expenses.

### PROFESSORS :

Dr. Duane Vandebusch has taught at Western State College since 1962 as a professor of history. He teaches classes in Colorado History and History of the Gunnison Country. Dr. Bruce Bartleson taught Geology at Western State College for 33 years from 1965-1998, and is now a professor emeritus. Dr. Bartleson specializes in Colorado Geology with emphasis on the Western Slope.