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The Latest

The Colorado Rockies: A Breathtaking Experience!

People tease me for saying that all of our trips are fabulous, but it's true! And it's not just because of *where* we go ... a big part of it is *who* joins us: We hear over and over again from tour companies, guides and drivers that our Club 50 group is the most friendly, most caring, most personable group they've ever had. So give yourselves a pat on the back!

So our group was in its element when we teased our Trains of the Colorado Rockies tour guide, Jan, for declaring every single day in her sweet Texas drawl, "This is one of my favorite days on this trip!" But we quickly started agreeing with her: We would be flabbergasted by the Rocky Mountain National Park's snow-capped Alpine Visitor Center area (at 12,183 feet) only to then be wowed by Longs Peak at Rocky Mountain National Park ... then the Grand Mesa of the Colorado National Monument ... and the topper (literally), the 14,115-foot summit at Pikes Peak. Did I mention Garden of the Gods, which is actually just a public park? Yet again, unbelievably beautiful rock formations. I took a book with me thinking I would read a good chunk of it while on the motorcoach, but I didn't even crack it open until we were on the plane back to Boston. All of us could not tear ourselves away from oohing and aahing on every mile of this trip.



Joan Galgay

The man-made attractions were just as fantastic: We were pleasantly surprised by the lovely architecture and sculptures of downtown Denver, we fell in love with the picturesque Vail Village, we learned the secret of selecting the perfect wine while touring and dining at Varaison Vineyards and Winery, and we marveled at the Ancestral Puebloan villages built right into the cliffs at Mesa Verde National Park. Interested in the trains aspect of our adventure? Then see our Featured Photo section for details.

We enjoyed a nine-day whirlwind loop (Denver to Grand Junction to Durango to Colorado Springs) of a breathtaking state, and breathtaking in more ways than one. I've never sipped so much water in my life! But staying hydrated to combat those high altitudes was a small price to pay for those endlessly gorgeous views. So no matter the place, no matter the weather (sleet at the Alpine Visitor Center, really?), we do always have a good time. Thank you for being such a fun group. I hope to bring more of you along on our upcoming trips!

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Boston Movie Tour

RESERVATION FORM

Boston Movie Tour — 1ST DAY OF SIGN UP: THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2012

Enclosed please find \$_____ per person as payment in full for ___ person(s).

Full payment (\$85 members; \$95 guests) is due at time of reservation. Please make checks payable to: **WATERTOWN SAVINGS BANK**

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Traveling Companions: _____ Special Requests: _____

Is September your Birthday or Anniversary Month? _____ Birthday: _____ Anniversary _____

I hereby give permission to Watertown Savings Bank to duplicate and use for advertising purposes, any photographs taken of me on this trip. Watertown Savings Bank Club 50 is organizing this event for its selected customers. The Bank uses experienced tour guides and common carriers. By signing this form you agree to hold Watertown Savings Bank, Club 50, its employees, successors, agents and assigns harmless for all injuries, damages or other losses arising from their participation in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____; Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return to:
WATERTOWN SAVINGS BANK
ATT: JOAN GALGAY
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CLUB 50 BOSTON MOVIE TOUR
DATE: Thursday, September 13, 2012

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Travel Opportunities

Next Sign-up

Trip Date: **Thursday, September 13**

First day of sign-up: Thursday, August 16

Features:

- Deluxe Yankee Line motorcoach from Nonantum Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton, at 8:30 a.m.; return approx. 4:00 p.m.
- A 3 ½ hour Boston Movie Tour narrated by an on-board “Hollywood expert”
- Complete lunch at Cheers Faneuil Hall (choice of fish and chips, the Cheers burger, chicken sandwich or pasta primavera – order once seated)
- Free time at Faneuil Hall

Price: \$85 Members; \$95 Guests

Walkability: very easy = ability to walk with no or minimal incline.

Who doesn't love to spot a celebrity? It's happening more and more in Boston, and now you can experience Boston's movie magic by visiting locations made famous by popular TV shows and movies. Your “Hollywood expert” tour guide will share insider info on the secrets behind filming as you visit sets from *The Town*, *Good Will Hunting*, *The Departed*, *Boston Legal*, and *Ally McBeal*. You'll be surrounded by even more TV history at lunch at Cheers Faneuil Hall, followed by time to explore the shops (and perhaps dessert opportunities?) at the Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

Please refer to the Club 50 page on the WSB website for more information. The reservation form is available on the left column of this page – see Trip Forms.



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Save the Date

Final Call for Fryeburg Fun!

If you've been mulling over whether to head up to New Hampshire and Maine with us for our **October 1-3 Fryeburg Fair & North Conway Grand Fall Foliage Tour**, now's the time to say yes! **Final payment** is due **August 3**, so don't delay: The North Conway Grand Hotel, Settlers' Green Outlet Village, Conway Scenic Railroad and a full day at Maine's biggest annual happening awaits!

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Featured Photos

Do the Loco-Motion!

How many trains can you ride in a week? Four was the magic number for our Club 50 groups on the move for the **Trains of the Colorado Rockies** tour:

Everyone was excited for our first ride, the **Georgetown Loop Railroad**, pulled by a steam powered engine on the downhill run, and by steam and diesel engines on the uphill run – and we were up-close and personal for nearly two hours with the horseshoe curves and the Devil's Gate High Bridge thanks to the open seating and the open-sided gondola cars.

But that just whetted our appetite for the **Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**, one of the top 10 railroads in the world. It lived up to its reputation: The 3 ½ hour ride in ornate, vintage 1920s cars, pulled by an authentic coal burning, steam-powered engine, rewarded us with spectacular train-only views of turquoise waters running through jaw-droppingly beautiful gorges.

We then spent a lot of time looking up instead of down when **The Royal Gorge Train** offered views of the Royal Gorge Bridge (the world's tallest suspension bridge), the aerial tram (one of the world's longest single-span aerial trams) and the Incline Railway (one of the world's steepest). There was a lot to view at eye level, too, including deer and party after party of waving white-water rafters.

And the best was saved for last: **Pikes Peak Cog Railway**. While on the world's highest cog railroad, we marveled at the change from high plains to alpine tundra as we traveled up through four life zones to the summit, where we had 40 minutes – which seemed like only 10! – to gawk at the views, visit the monument commemorating Falmouth native and Wellesley College graduate/professor Katherine Lee Bates' summit-inspired "America the Beautiful," take a snapshot at the Pikes Peak Summit sign and try the special "high-altitude" donuts!

(Some of us couldn't resist hopping a fifth train ... but if it's a kiddie train, does it still count? Before our delicious barbecue supper and Western stage show at the Bar D Chuckwagon in Durango, we joined some "kids of all ages" to ride the loop around the Bar D.)

If you want to see more photos of Trains of the Colorado Rockies as well as many other trips, just click on WSB Photo Album in red on the left. And if you're on Facebook, find us at Watertown Savings Bank-Massachusetts.



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On the Go & In the Know

Tell us what you think

Thank you to all of the Club 50 members who responded to our question from the July newsletter:
Please select your absolute must-have when you travel:

The choices and responses were:

1st choice: A good book (60%)

2nd: As many pamphlets and guidebooks and maps as I can carry! (35%)

3rd: A night light (5%)

4th: A touch of home – such as a mini-pillow, a candle, or a photo (No votes!)

And congratulations to **Mary Alice M. of Waltham, the winner of a \$25 gift certificate towards a Club 50 trip!**

For this newsletter's question – and your chance at that gift certificate – please respond to our Let's Go! survey on the left by September 7.

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