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Raft-n-Rail® Wine Express

Join Echo Canyon River Expeditions and the Historic Royal Gorge Route Railroad for an exciting and unique package combining whitewater adventure followed by a ride aboard a historic rail line while sampling wines from around the world!

Your party will check in at the Echo Canyon rafting office at 1:15 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. departure. We recommend packing a duffle bag or back pack with a change of dry clothes which we will have waiting for you following the rafting portion of the trip. Please keep in mind that our drivers cannot be responsible for wallets, jewelry, etc while you are on the river. We suggest that you take a small amount of pocket money or a credit card with you if you plan to order from the bar on the train, for purchases at the gift shop at the Santa Fe Depot, or if you wish to offer your guide a gratuity following your raft trip. You may use your car as a locker for all valuables and the Echo office will keep your keys behind their counter while you are on the trip.

Echo will transport you upstream fourteen miles to a location known as Salt Lick where the river trip portion of your day begins. Bighorn Sheep Canyon offers nine miles of exciting and splashy whitewater through a number of class II and III rapids. While navigating the rapids you may see Bighorn Sheep and other wildlife along the rugged canyon slopes. The raft trip will end at Echo's private river landing where your change of clothes will be waiting for you. You will have approximately 30 minutes to change into dry clothes before the train arrives adjacent to the Echo property.

An Echo staff member and a representative of the Historic Royal Gorge Route will escort you to the train upon its arrival. This route has been in existence since the 1880's and was billed as the "Scenic Line of the World" by the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad. The train conductor will lead you to your reserved seating in a luxurious dining car; or you may opt to ride in the Vista Dome Class cars for an additional charge at time of booking. Here you will enjoy delicious appetizers paired with a flight of four wines from around the world. A full service bar is available for additional charges. At the end of the 12 mile journey Echo Canyon vehicles will be waiting for you at the south side of the Santa Fe Depot. You will be transported back to the Echo Canyon office and your vehicles by 6 p.m.

Note: Must be 13 years of age or older. Minors will be offered non-alcoholic drinks.

Itinerary at a Glance	
<i>1:15 p.m.</i>	Check in at the Echo Canyon office
<i>2:00 p.m.</i>	Depart the Echo office to raft Bighorn Sheep Canyon
	Raft nine miles of the Arkansas River
<i>4:30 p.m.</i>	Board the Historic Royal Gorge Route Train
	Enjoy delicious appetizers a samples of wine from around the world
<i>~6:00 p.m.</i>	Meet Echo vehicles on the south side of the Santa Fe Depot, return to the Echo office.