

THRU THE ROCKIES . . . NOT AROUND THEM

Shrines of Romance

ON a December day in 1888, two brothers, Richard and Alfred Wetherell, left their home at Mancos, Colorado, to search for a couple of cows gone astray. Their quest was prosaic enough. The incident held no prospect of a great adventure; yet in the path of their search lay one of the great discoveries of archaeological history.

They jogged along on their horses until they came to the Mesa Verde, the massive tableland where one of the brothers had an idea the cows were hidden in the deep canyon among the green and luscious pinon and pine. Dismounting they pushed through the deep undergrowth.

Suddenly one of the brothers became transfixed in astonishment. Directly within his line of vision, across the canyon from where he stood, an apparition or mirage of an ancient castle seemed to emerge from under an overhanging ledge of the cliff. The sight was incredible, still he called his brother to verify what he believed he was seeing. Sure enough there was a castle in ruins under the ledge; a veritable Cliff Palace which had apparently remained hidden from human view for innumerable ages.

From then on all thought of cattle was forgotten. In their excited search the two brothers, within a few hours, had discovered numerous dwellings tucked under near-by ledges; and so was uncovered to the world the most elaborate and best preserved of all prehistoric ruins in America.

Later on it was revealed the Cliff Palace contained originally two hundred dwelling rooms and twenty-three Kivas, or ceremonial chambers. Spruce Tree House is another communal dwelling of one hundred and fourteen rooms; while Balcony House designates another cliff-dwelling city as a place of mystery and enchantment.

Out on the mesa the great Sun Temple and the intricate system of irrigation ditches and pools show that the people who lived here had an advanced civilization. Their native artistry is depicted in bright colored murals, in carved stone symbols of earth, flower and sky; in weaving and decorated earthenware.

Each year visitors traveling by way of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railway to the "Shrines of Romance" ask the ever-unanswered questions: Who were these people? What became of them? But the sublime silence of the ages wraps the sphinx-like ruins in a veil of impenetrable mystery.

Two Fascinating Routes

The Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad offers the choice of two scenic routes to Mesa Verde. One, by way of Grand Junction gateway includes the glorious motor trip over the spectacular Chief Ouray Highway, through picturesque Uncompahgre Valley, across Red Mountain into the towering San Juan Range. The second route, equally fascinating, is by way of Alamosa, thence through the San Juan Mountains, over America's finest narrow-gauge railway to Durango. Going by one route, returning by the other, the tourist is afforded a complete circle of Colorado's Scenic Wonderland.

DINNER



DENVER & RIO GRANDE

WESTERN RAILROAD



Menu



JUICES	Grape Juice, 20	Grapefruit Juice, 25	Sauerkraut Juice, 25
RELISHES		Tomato Juice, 15; Double, 25	
		Queen or Ripe Olives, 25	
		Chow Chow, Gherkins, India Relish, 25	
		Chili Sauce, 10	
SOUP		Beef Broth, Anglaise, Tureen, 30; Cup, 20	
		Consomme, Hot or Jellied, Cup, 20	
FISH		Fresh Fish Available	
		Mountain Trout, Rio Grande, 90	
MEATS		Ham or Bacon, Broiled or Fried, 70	
		Ham and Eggs, or Bacon and Eggs, 75	
		Grilled Lamb Chops (1), 45; (2), 85	
	Minute Steak, 1.20	Assorted Cold Meats, 1.00	Small Dinner Steak, 1.00
EGGS	Poached on Toast, 45	Asparagus or Spanish Omelet, 70	
		Bolled, Fried, Scrambled, or Shirred, 35	
SALADS	Chicken Salad, 75	Lettuce and Tomato, 40	Lobster Salad, 65
		THE SALAD BOWL, 35	
		Thousand Island or Roquefort Dressing, 20	
		Mayonnaise Dressing, 15	
POTATOES		French Fried, Delmonico, or Hashed Browned, 25	
VEGETABLES		Woods Cross Canned Asparagus, Hot or Cold, 35	
		Sugar Corn, String Beans, June Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, 20	
BREAD		Ry-Krisp (Non-fattening), 15	
		Raisin, Rye, Vienna or Whole Wheat, 15	
		Boston Brown Bread, 15	
		Beaten Biscuit, 15	
		Bread or Crackers with Half and Half, 35	
CEREALS		Dry Cereals with Cream, 30	
TOAST	Dry or Buttered Toast, 15	Milk Toast, 35	Cream Toast, 45
DESSERTS		Vanilla Ice Cream, 25; with Sweet Wafers, 30	
		Preserved Peaches, or Strawberries, 25; with Cream, 35	
		Colorado Canned Peaches, 20; with Cream, 30	
		California Canned Sliced Peaches, 20; with Cream, 30	
		Sliced Hawaiian Pineapple, 25	
		Preserved Skinless Figs, 25; with Cream, 35	
		Sweet Wafers, 15	
CHEESE		American Cream, with Crackers or Ry-Krisp, 25	
		Imported, with Crackers, 35	
BEVERAGES		Coffee, Pot, 25; Cup, 15	
		Decaffeinated Coffee, or Instant Postum, Pot, 25	
		Cocoa with Whipped Cream, Pot, 25	
		English Breakfast, Japan, or Orange Pekoe Tea, Pot, 25	
		Pasteurized Milk, or Buttermilk, Bottle, 15	
		Malted Milk, 25	

FOR THE KIDDIES	
Baby Soup.....	.15
Puree of Peas.....	.15
Puree of Prunes..	.15
Apricot } Sauce ..	.15
Apple }	

Walters are not permitted to serve verbal orders.
 Guests will please call for check before paying and compare amounts charged.
 No check issued for less than 25c for each person.

Service outside of Dining Car, 25c extra for each person served.

If there is a particular dish you desire, not listed, the Steward will gladly furnish, if available.

Rio Grande Dinner

Manhattan Cocktail—.35	Martini Cocktail—.35
	Old Fashioned Cocktail—.35

\$1.25

Please write on check "Rio Grande Dinner" and each item desired

	Chilled Fruit Cup	
Beef Broth, Anglaise		Consomme, Duchesse
	Native Mountain Trout—Rio Grande	
	Grilled North Sea Salmon, Meuniere	
	Grilled Minute Steak, Bordelaise	
	Chicken Patty, Princess	
	Roast Prime Rib of Beef, au Jus	
	Charcoal Broiled Lamb Chops, with Bacon	
	<hr/> Special Sirloin Steak—\$1.75 <hr/>	
Potatoes, au Gratin		New Potatoes, Persillade
	Green Peas	Fresh Spinach
		Hot Tea Biscuit
		Lettuce and Tomato—French Dressing
Strawberry Shortcake		Chocolate Nut Sundae
		Rice and Raisin Pudding
		Cheese with Southern Beaten Biscuit or Ry-Krisp
	Coffee	Tea
		Milk
		Saccharin available for our patrons
California Red Wine, Special Bottling, with Meal.....		.40

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Parents may share their portions with Children.
 Half portions will be served children under twelve, at half price.

We are proud of our employes. We will appreciate it if you will write us about any unusual courtesies they show you.

H. I. Scofield
 Passenger Traffic Manager

H. W. McAbee
 Supt. Dining Car and Hotel Dept.

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