



BALLOON FIESTA

ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

Colorado Rockies • Durango • Taos • Santa Fe • Albuquerque

The train ride through the **Colorado Rockies** is the most scenic in the United States. The train will wind between the towering Rockies' peaks all day.

Visit the **Colorado National Monument**, a series of giant sandstone monoliths seamed with canyons more than 500 feet deep.

The **Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park** is one of our country's newest National Parks. You'll see 12 miles of the deepest portion of the Gunnison River gorge.

Board the popular **Durango & Silverton Scenic Railroad** and travel 45 miles to Durango. We'll travel along the winding Animas River through breathtaking mountain scenery.

Days 1-2 Chicago to
Grand Junction

Days 3-4 Durango

Day 5 Taos / Santa Fe

Enjoy **Santa Fe**, the cultural and artistic capital of the Great American Southwest. Visit the Museum of International Folk Art and other art studios.

The **Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta** has to be seen to be believed. From the Mass Ascension early in the morning to the Balloon Glow at dusk, you'll be amazed as the sky becomes aglow in a variety of colors.

Relive the excitement of the **Santa Fe Trail** crossing Arizona and New Mexico on the Southwest Chief.

Day 6 Santa Fe

Days 7-8 Albuquerque

Days 9-10 En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Sun., Oct. 1 to Tues., Oct. 10

Fri., Oct. 6 to Sun., Oct. 15

TOUR PRICE:

All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

\$2,795 - 10 Days

Upgrades: Roomette + \$595
Bedroom + \$1,245

SINGLE \$3,595

Upgrade: Roomette + \$1,190

FLY OPTION - Fly to Grand Junction and return from Albuquerque. 8 Days
Price: \$2,400
Single: \$3,200

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights. Airfare is not included in the above price.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak and deluxe motorcoach.
- Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for seven nights.
- 15 meals
- Extensive sightseeing tours at each destination. Admission to all included attractions.
- Baggage handling, taxes, tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director from Chicago.

AMERICA BY RAIL WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION TO CHICAGO AND BACK BY RAIL OR AIR.

Day 1: Depart Chicago

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station prior to boarding the famous California Zephyr. Departure is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

The California Zephyr is a double-decker Superliner. Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes and Bedrooms are available for an additional charge. After settling in, you may want to go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car, it's a great place to enjoy the passing scenery. All meals on the train are included. Enjoy a full-course dinner in the dining car tonight. **D**

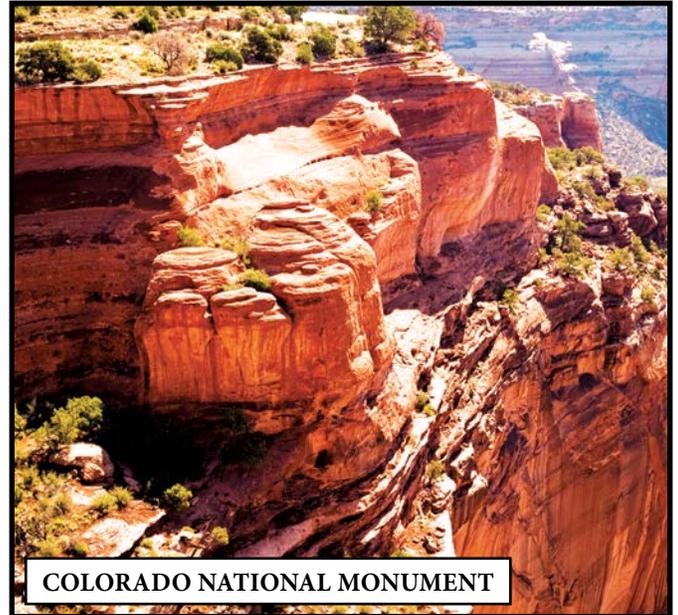
Day 2: Grand Junction

The Zephyr will pull out of Denver this morning and begin its climb over the majestic Colorado Rockies. Throughout the day the train will wind around sharp curves and through numerous tunnels. You'll look down at fast flowing streams winding through valleys far below. The breathtaking mountain vistas will continue until late afternoon when we arrive in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Grand Junction is a modern city of 28,000 located on the western slopes of the mountains. Upon our arrival, we'll travel the short distance to the attractive DoubleTree by Hilton. We will enjoy dinner tonight at our hotel. **B, L & D**

Day 3: Durango

Breakfast is included. This morning when we'll travel the short distance to the famous Colorado National Monument. The Monument is seamed with canyons more than a thousand feet deep and can be viewed from overlooks along Rim Rock Drive which skirts the canyon rims. Isolated monoliths include Independence Rock, Balanced Rock, Coke Ovens and Pipe Organ.



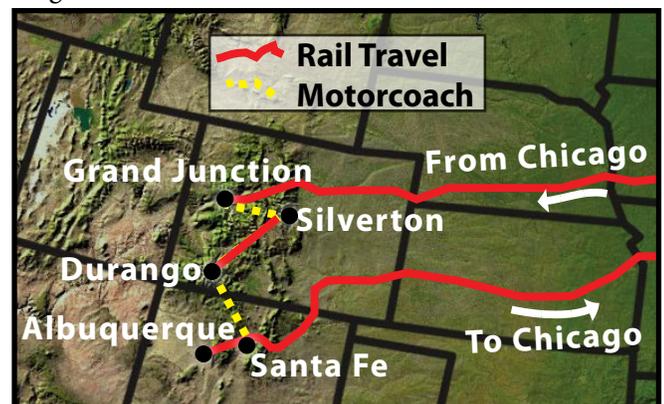
We'll continue southward. An "on-your-own" lunch is scheduled for Delta. At mid afternoon our travelers will arrive at the awesome Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. The Gunnison River gorge is one of the most amazing geological displays in the West. The Hampton Inn in Montrose, Colorado, is our home for the night. Dinner is included at a nearby restaurant. **B & D**

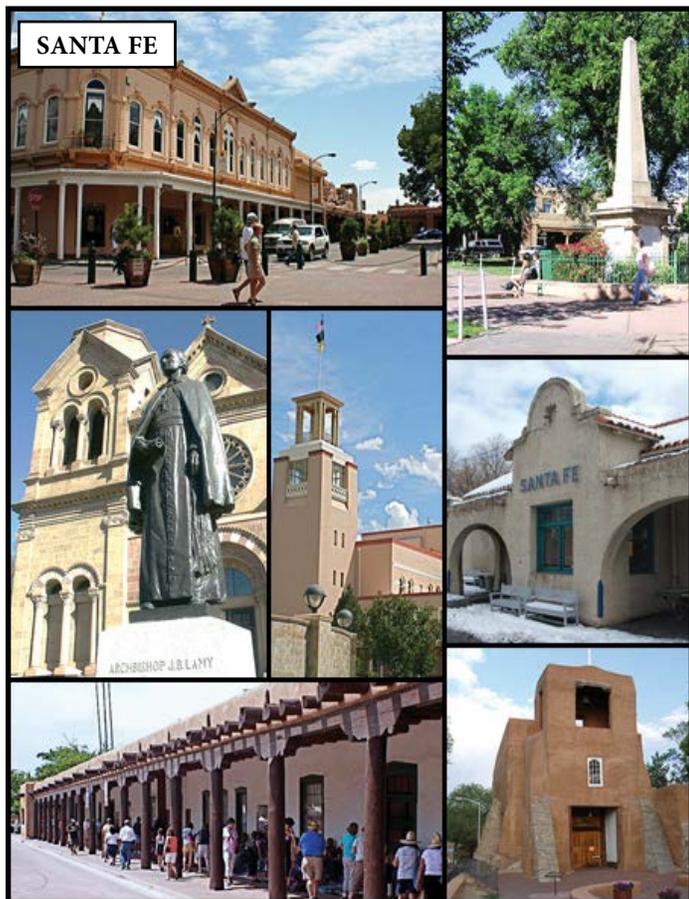
Day 4: Durango

We'll begin the day with an included breakfast. We'll reboard our motorcoach and continue south through the picturesque San Juan Mountains to Silverton.

Silverton is a typical wild-west mining community with a rather infamous past. There will be time to walk along Blair Street with its false-fronted buildings typical of the Old West and to have an "on-your-own" lunch.

A high point of our tour will occur this afternoon when we ride the famous





two evenings at the historic and charming La Fonda on the Plaza, located one block from the famous Santa Fe Plaza. **B**

Day 6: Santa Fe

Santa Fe is the cultural and artistic capital of the Great American Southwest (as well as New Mexico's state capital.). At 10:00 a.m. we'll embark on a two-hour tour of Santa Fe. You'll see the Palace of Governors, the oldest public building in the United States; the old market place, the Museum of International Folk Art, and travel along Canyon Road, the trail of the Rio Grande Pueblo Indians and route of Don Diego De Vargas. You're free this afternoon and evening

to enjoy the Santa Fe Plaza and other popular centrally located attractions.

This evening we're off to the unique La Casa Sena Restaurant. The waiters and bartenders are professional singers. After they have taken your dinner order, they will present their "Best of Broadway" revue. Past and present show favorites are featured, including a number of Andrew Lloyd Webber songs. **D**

Durango & Silverton Scenic Railroad. The steam-powered, narrow-gauge train travels through the remote wilderness of the San Juan National Forest, following the winding Animas River through breathtaking mountain scenery. The 45-mile, three-and-a-half hour rail journey will end in the charming city of Durango.

Surrounded by the picturesque San Juan Mountains, Durango is the commercial center for the ranching and mining enterprises of southwest Colorado. The city thrived as a railroad and mining center in the late 1800s. Much of the downtown area has been restored to its Victorian past. Our hotel will be the attractive DoubleTree Hotel. **B**

Day 5: Taos / Santa Fe

Following a full breakfast in our hotel we'll head south to historic Taos.

We will arrive into Taos in time for an "on-your-own" lunch. Following lunch we'll embark on a two-hour sightseeing tour of the city prior to leaving for Santa Fe.

Our arrival into Santa Fe is scheduled for late afternoon. We'll spend the next

The Rail Runner is a relatively new rail service that connects Santa Fe and Albuquerque. You'll depart on one of the colorful, double-decker trains and arrive in downtown Albuquerque. Albuquerque, a city of about 400,000, is New Mexico's largest.

You'll embark on a sightseeing tour of beautiful Albuquerque. We'll check into the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown, our home for the next two nights.

Day 7: Albuquerque

You're free this morning to pursue some last minute shopping at the Santa Fe Plaza.

You're free to rest this morning and prepare for your trip home. At 10:30 a.m. we'll transfer to the Amtrak station to board the eastbound Southwest Chief. Departure is scheduled for 12:10 p.m.

Enjoy all the amenities you experienced on the westbound California Zephyr. During the late afternoon our train will climb Raton Pass along the former Santa Fe Trail. **L & D**

The Southwest Chief will roll across Northeast Missouri, a corner of Iowa and all of Illinois before our 3:15 p.m. arrival into Chicago. Some tour members will change to trains bound for home cities. Others will spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow. **B & L**

Day 8: Balloon Fiesta

This morning we'll enjoy an included breakfast in the Hospitality Tent. Today's activities are completely focused on the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. We'll be at the Fiesta Park early this morning for the Mass Ascension. You are about to witness the most spectacular display of sound and color in all aviation. The balloons are launched in two waves. There will be other activities, including the Fiesta of Wheels Car Show.

We'll return to our hotel at mid morning to rest or you can visit a number of attractions in the area.

At 4:30 p.m. we'll return to the Fiesta Park. A dinner is served in the Hospitality Tent. At 5:45 p.m., one of the Fiesta's most popular events, the Balloon Glow, begins. The sight of hundreds of balloons lit from within at night, like giant holiday ornaments, is breathtaking. The Balloon Glow is followed by New Mexico's most spectacular fireworks display. **B & D**

Day 9: En Route

Day 10: En Route to Chicago

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GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$200 per person, of which \$100 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure. If payments are not received by the due date(s) specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 75 days prior to departure, \$100 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 75 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply:

- 46-75 days prior to departure:
25% of total tour cost.
- 15-45 days prior to departure:
50% of total tour cost.
- 14 days or less prior to departure through duration of the tour: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades.

Refunds will be made approximately 30 days after the conclusion of the tour.

Payment / cancellation exceptions are noted on tours.

All pricing is per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

Rail transportation over the tour route and motorcoach, van, or other modes of transportation where specified in the tour.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

All tours except those categorized as Coach Class include private Roomette on Amtrak overnight trains and Bedrooms (double occupancy) or Roomettes (single occupancy) on VIA Rail Canada overnight trains.

Bedrooms on Amtrak are available at an additional cost. Reclining coach seats are included on U.S. and Canadian trains used only during the daytime except for those categorized as Coach Class. Coach Class tours include reclining coach seats with leg rests on Amtrak trains. Meals on the trains are included for those traveling Coach Class on the North American tours as indicated in the itinerary.

HOTELS

Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room. Two-bedded rooms are provided in most instances. However, sometimes their availability is limited. If a two-bedded room is required, please notify America by Rail at time of registration.

America by Rail reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in any tour description, when necessary. Every effort is made to have hotel rooms available for occupancy upon arrival. There may be instances when rooms are not available until later.

SINGLE ROOMS

Single rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes on a single basis are available at a single cost.

SIGHTSEEING / ADMISSIONS

Sightseeing, as outlined in the itineraries, will be provided by motorcoaches in most instances. Admission fees are included as specified. Sightseeing tour arrangements may be altered if required.

MEALS

All included meals are listed in the tour itinerary. Persons requiring a special diet must inform America by Rail at the time of registration. Not all restaurants / trains will be able to honor special requests. Due to events beyond our control, trains are sometimes delayed and supplies may become limited. If you have special dietary requirements, please make sure you have a sufficient supply of nourishment to meet your dietary needs.

In the itineraries, the meals are listed at the end of each day using CB for Continental breakfast, B for breakfast, L for lunch, and D for dinner.

BAGGAGE

For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and portage of one suitcase per person is included at

overnight stopovers. On most tours the one suitcase per person is handled by America by Rail and is checked through to the next destination. An overnight bag is used while en route. America by Rail is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage or for any lost, stolen or destroyed item. Specified transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.

TOUR DIRECTORS

Services of a qualified America by Rail Tour Director are included for all matters pertaining to the tour. Tour Directors will meet all tour members at the origination city.

TIPS AND TAXES

All gratuities to hotel staff (except to chambermaids), sightseeing guides and drivers are included. Gratuities for sleeping car attendants and meals aboard the train are included. Gratuities for meals specified in the tour itinerary are included on escorted portions of the tour. Gratuities for cruise ship stateroom stewards and dining waitstaff are included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Transportation and tips between your home city and the official origination city; charges for excess baggage; health, accident or baggage insurance; tips to chambermaids and for personal services; items of a personal nature such as laundry; meals, except those specified as included; gratuities for special services; charges for room service, and alcoholic beverages with included meals.

Gratuities for the America by Rail Tour Directors are at your discretion; \$3-\$10 per person per day is the industry standard. They should be extended on an individual basis, not as a group.

RAIL SCHEDULES:

The routing and features described in tour descriptions may be altered to adjust to rail schedules in effect at the time of the tour. America by Rail reserves the right to substitute motorcoach or air travel for unavailable rail schedules, misconnections, delays or other causes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS :

A valid passport will be required for any trip crossing international borders. i.e. into or out of the United States. At time of reservation we will need your date of birth; gender, passport number, passport expiration date and issuing country.

HEALTH, MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL:

America by Rail will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. Any type of disability requiring special provisions must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. America by Rail is not required to provide participants with personal devices, such as wheelchairs or individually prescribed devices such as prescription eyeglasses, or to provide services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting or dressing. Accordingly, all participants are responsible to participate without assistance of the America by Rail Tour Director or other attendant. Tour Directors are prohibited from providing physical assistance or accommodations (beyond normal civil courtesies, such as holding doors open for passing). It is recommended that participants requiring assistance, including those requiring the use of a mobility device, be accompanied by a travel companion who will be responsible to provide required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

Those travelling with oxygen are required to advise America by Rail at least two weeks prior to departure. Amtrak requires all equipment, including oxygen concentrators, must be able to operate a minimum of four hours without available onboard electrical power (in the event of a power disruption onboard). Oxygen equipment must be Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) listed. The total weight of all tanks may not exceed 120 lbs. Within this limit, no more than 2

tanks 50 lb each, or no more than 6 tanks 20 lbs each

SMOKING:

Smoking is not permitted on America by Rail motorcoaches. Those who smoke may do so at any of the frequent stops we make. All Amtrak and VIA Rail trains are entirely smoke-free. If time is available at station stops, it will be announced by the conductor. Cruise ships policies vary from line to line, but all have designated areas to accommodate smokers.

PLEASE NOTE:

America by Rail reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or retain any individuals as members of the tour. The acceptance of any service provided as part of an America by Rail tour, or any ticket or voucher, shall be deemed to be acceptance of and consent to these conditions.

All rates published herein are in U.S. dollars and based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on the printing date of the tour brochure. Prices and arrangements are subject to change without notice.

No persons, other than a representative of America by Rail, authorized by a document in writing, may vary, add or waive any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions.

A \$50 per person fee will be assessed for each itinerary alteration requested after final arrangements are confirmed.

It is our company policy to issue a tour roster to all tour participants containing all tour participants' names and addresses. If you do not want your address included, you must let us know at time of reservation.

Times, schedules, entertainment and activities are subject to change without notice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING

FUEL SUPPLEMENT:

Please be advised America by Rail reserves the right to apply a fuel supplement for all guests should the price of oil warrant it.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE:

America by Rail acts only in the capacity as an agent for the owners and contractors providing means of transportation, hotel or other services. All tour services, tickets and vouchers are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation, hotel or other services are offered or provided. America by Rail shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever, for any loss, injury or damage from acts of God, sickness, theft, weather, strikes, war, or quarantine however caused or arising.

America by Rail reserves the right to cancel a tour in the event tour participation does not meet minimum requirements.

America by Rail shall not be obligated to honor any booking resulting from, nor shall be responsible or liable whatsoever in connection with, misprints or errors of any kind, whether in brochures, advertisements, on the Internet, during the booking process or otherwise, that result in traveler being undercharged for the tour. America by Rail reserves the right, prior to departure, to collect the correct fare or cancel the booking and refund any payment made by traveler.

AMTRAK STATEMENT:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is not to be held responsible for any act, omissions, or event during the time passengers are not on board their trains or conveyance. The passenger contract in use of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and purchaser of these tours and / or passenger. All conditions are subject to the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

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