

AMERICA FROM COAST TO COAST

New York City • New Orleans • San Francisco • The Lake Shore Limited, Crescent, Sunset Limited, Coast Starlight and California Zephyr



NEW YORK



- Travel Chicago to New York on the **Lake Shore Limited**.
- **New York City** with all of its glitz and glamour awaits you. See the **Empire State Building**, **Times Square** and **Central Park**.
- On the **Crescent** you will pass through Alabama and Mississippi en route to The Big Easy.
- Enjoy a sightseeing tour of **New Orleans** including City Park, the Old Mint, the French Market and Tulane University.
- Travel 2,000 miles across five states to Los Angeles on the **Sunset Limited**. You'll cross the Louisiana Bayou, wastelands of Texas and stark lands of New Mexico and Arizona.
- Amtrak's premiere train, the **Coast Starlight** will take you from **Los Angeles** to **San Francisco**. Enjoy the Pacific Parlour Car on the 469-mile run.
- See the sights of the City by the Bay before boarding the **California Zephyr** for Chicago.
- Travel through the **Colorado Rockies** and under the **Continental Divide** on this 2438-mile journey.

Day 1-2..... Chicago to New York

Day 3..... New York City

Day 4..... En Route to New Orleans

Day 5..... New Orleans

Days 6-7 En Route/Los Angeles

Day 8..... San Francisco

Days 9-11 En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

Thurs., Oct. 4 to Sun., Oct. 14

TOUR PRICE:

\$3,195 - 11 Days

Per person /double occupancy

\$4,890 Single

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak rail and connecting motorcoach.
- First-class hotel accommodations for four nights.
- Private Roomette sleeping accommodations on the train for six nights (\$1,295 additional per person for a Bedroom).
- 25 meals.
- Sightseeing tours at each destination.
- Baggage handling, taxes, tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

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

West and Midwest **America from Coast to Coast** travelers will meet in Chicago Union Station this afternoon. At 8:00 p.m. we'll board the eastbound Lake Shore Limited. A reception will be held in the dining car. Departure is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Eastern tour members depart tomorrow for Albany.

Relax in your included Viewliner Roomette. There are two comfortable reclining seats on either side of an eye-level picture window. At night, your attendant converts the two seats into a lower berth. An upper berth pulls down from the ceiling. There is a 6' x 18" high window next to the upper berth. The Roomette includes a sink and a commode. A shower room is nearby. Bedrooms are available for an additional cost.

All dining car meals are included. You're free to explore the train. Go to the lounge car for snacks, sandwiches, and beverages.

Day 2: En Route

During the day our train will roll across beautiful upstate New York. The trip down the Hudson River with the Catskill Mountains is beautiful in the background.

Upon arrival into New York's Penn Station at 6:35 p.m., we'll transfer to the San Carlos hotel for the night. **B & L**

Day 3: New York City

This morning we'll embark on a sightseeing tour of New York City. We'll drive through the most famous uptown and downtown neighborhoods: Harlem, Museum Mile, Central Park, Times Square, the Empire State Building, Greenwich Village, Lincoln Center, Grant's Tomb, United Nations, St. Patrick's Cathedral and many more sites.

CB CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
B BREAKFAST
L LUNCH
D DINNER

At 2:15 p.m., you'll be departing New York on the New Orleans-bound Crescent. You'll again, be enjoying the Viewliner accommodations. **CB & D**

Day 4: En Route

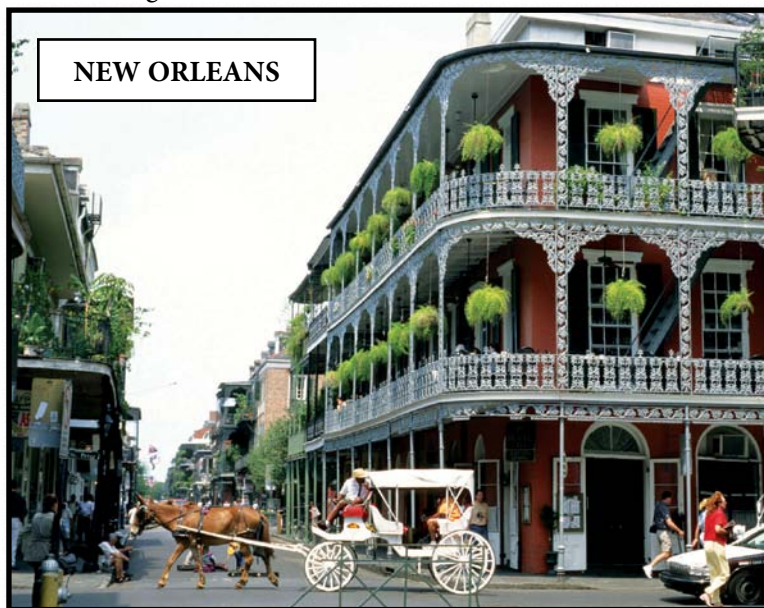
We'll be passing through Atlanta at 8:00 this morning. We'll be traveling through Alabama and Mississippi during the course of the day. At 7:30 p.m. we'll arrive in the fascinating Crescent City. Our hotel, the Hampton Inn, is located near the French Quarter. **B, L & D**

Day 5: New Orleans

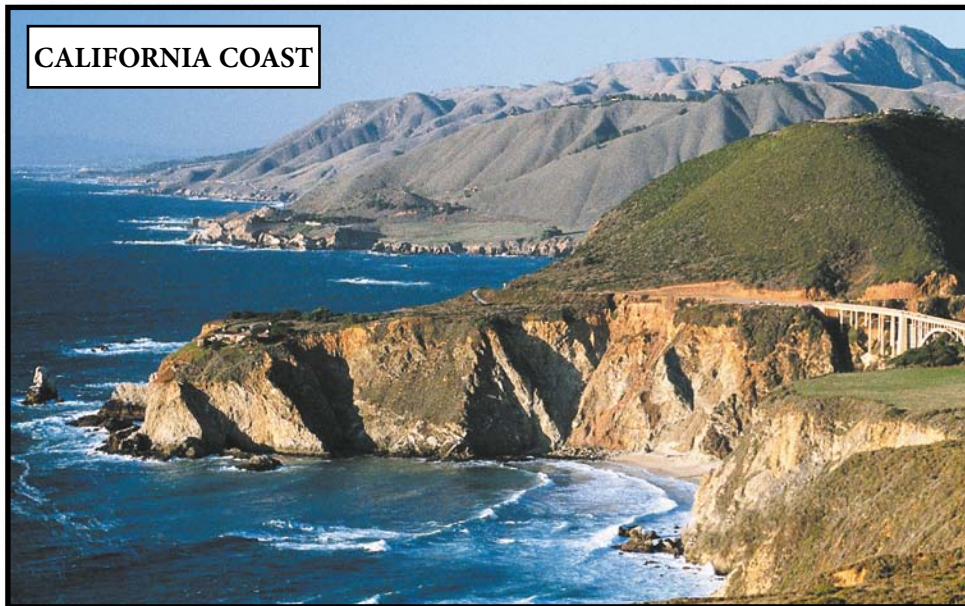
A Continental breakfast is included at our hotel this morning. We'll embark on a two-and-a-half-hour sightseeing tour of the Greater New Orleans area this morning. The tour will include the St. Louis Cemetery III where the above ground burial system will be explained; beautiful City Park; the Lakefront area; the uptown section and its antebellum and new homes; Tulane University; Audubon Park; the French Market and the Old Mint.

At 11:00 a.m. we'll arrive at the New Orleans Union Station. Our travelers will prepare for a 2,000-mile trip across five states to Los Angeles. We'll travel first-class on the Sunset Limited. Relax in your comfortable private Roomette or Bedroom sleeping accommodations.

All tastefully prepared full-course dining car meals are included.



CALIFORNIA COAST



Departure is at 11:55 a.m. Lunch will be the first of our six included dining car meals.

After lunch, options include visiting with new friends or watching the famous swampland of Louisiana (known as the Bayou) from the all-glass Sightseer Lounge car. How about a post-lunch nap in your comfortable private-room accommodations? Soon we'll be passing through the sugar cane fields.

We'll arrive in Houston shortly after 9:13 p.m. You'll have about a half-hour to walk off some of the calories from dinner. **CB, L & D**

Day 6: En Route

During the night the landscape changed drastically. You're now in the sparsely-populated Rio Grande Valley of West Texas. Tumbleweeds and arid lands surround our train. Just west of Del Rio we'll cross the Pecos High Bridge spanning a magnificent canyon cut to the Pecos River 321 feet below. Further on we pass by Langtry where Judge Roy Bean enforced his own "law west of the Pecos." This area was dealt with in the TV Series "Lonesome Dove."

Plan on a train side stroll during our late afternoon stop in El Paso. That's Mexico across the narrow Rio Grande River. The rest of the day we'll encounter the stark, desolate—almost hostile—land of southern New Mexico and Arizona. If you're still active when we arrive in Tucson at 9:40 p.m., enjoy another walk. **B, L & D**

Day 7: En Route / Los Angeles

Palm Springs . . . Ontario . . . Pomona . . . Los Angeles Union Station. Enjoy your final morning on the Sunset Limited. Breakfast will be served as the train rolls along the lush California countryside. Huge clusters of power generating wind-mills cling to a number of mountainsides.

Arrival into Los Angeles Union Station is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Enjoy the station's beautiful atmosphere and its famous throne-line seating until we board Amtrak's premiere train, the Coast Starlight. Departure for Emeryville (San Francisco) is scheduled for 10:20 a.m. Since you will have a first-class Roomette for the 469-mile daytime journey to Emeryville, you will be entitled to enjoy the exclusive Pacific Parlour Car's overstuffed furniture, library, games, and afternoon wine tasting. A delicious dining car lunch and dinner are included.

The scenic highlights of the day will be the traversing of a number of mountain ranges and about 100 miles of rolling along the awesome Pacific Ocean coastline.

Our arrival in the world-famous "City by the Bay" is scheduled for 11:00 p.m. Our home for two nights in San Francisco is the attractive Hilton San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf. **B, L & D**

Day 8: San Francisco

You're free this morning to ride a cable car or just wander through Union Square enjoying the great shops and galleries.

At 1:00 p.m. we'll embark on a three-and-a-half hour sightseeing tour of San Francisco, including Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Jackson Square, the Mission District, Telegraph Hill, the Presidio and Fisherman's Wharf. Our tour will end at the world-renowned Fisherman's Wharf, with its picturesque sights and pungent smells. It attracts millions of visitors annually. You'll have several hours to discover the excellent restaurants, markets, import houses and souvenir shops. Return to our hotel or spend more time at this marvelous attraction. Choose one of the many fine restaurants in Fisherman's Wharf near our hotel for dinner. **B**

Day 9: California Zephyr

This morning we'll transfer to the nearby Emeryville Amtrak Station where we will board the California Zephyr for our 2438-mile journey across seven states to Chicago. Departure is at 9:50 a.m. Look forward to the same accommodations and amenities you enjoyed on the Sunset Limited. Lunch and dinner are included in the dining car today. Lighter fare is available in the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car. You'll want to spend time in the Sightseer Lounge.

As we travel eastward we leave the lush green landscape and palm trees of California and enter the rugged terrain, dotted with pine trees, of the high Sierra Nevada mountains. We will pass through the famous Donner Pass this afternoon. **B, L & D**

Day 10: En Route

Make sure you take the opportunity to view the spectacular Colorado Rockies scenery from the Sightseer Lounge car as we make our way toward Denver. When we leave Glenwood Springs, we will begin to climb through the awesome Rockies toward the Continental Divide. We'll encounter the famous 6.2-mile long Moffat Tunnel and, literally, go under the Continental Divide. The mountain vistas will continue throughout the afternoon. We'll arrive in Denver at 7:18 p.m. **B, L & D**

Day 11: En Route to Chicago

The California Zephyr will roll across Iowa and Illinois and arrive in Chicago at mid afternoon. Some tour members will change to trains bound for Midwest, Eastern, and Southern home cities. Others will spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow. **B & L**

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEALS

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$200 per person (\$500 for cruise), of which \$100 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise). If payments are not received by the due date(s) specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Cruises: If reservation is made after final payment due date, prevailing rates and availability apply.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise), \$100 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 75 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply (90 days for cruise):

- 76-90 days prior to departure: (cruise only)
20% of total tour cost.
- 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.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

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

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.

CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Cruise tours include inside staterooms (double occupancy) on cruise ships. Upgraded staterooms may be available at an additional cost.

HOTELS

Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room with bath. 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 supplemental 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.

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. Carry-on luggage 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), sight-seeing 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 to your America by Rail Tour Directors are an industry expectation. 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:

Any type of disability requiring special treatment must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitations those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

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 by the tour member 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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