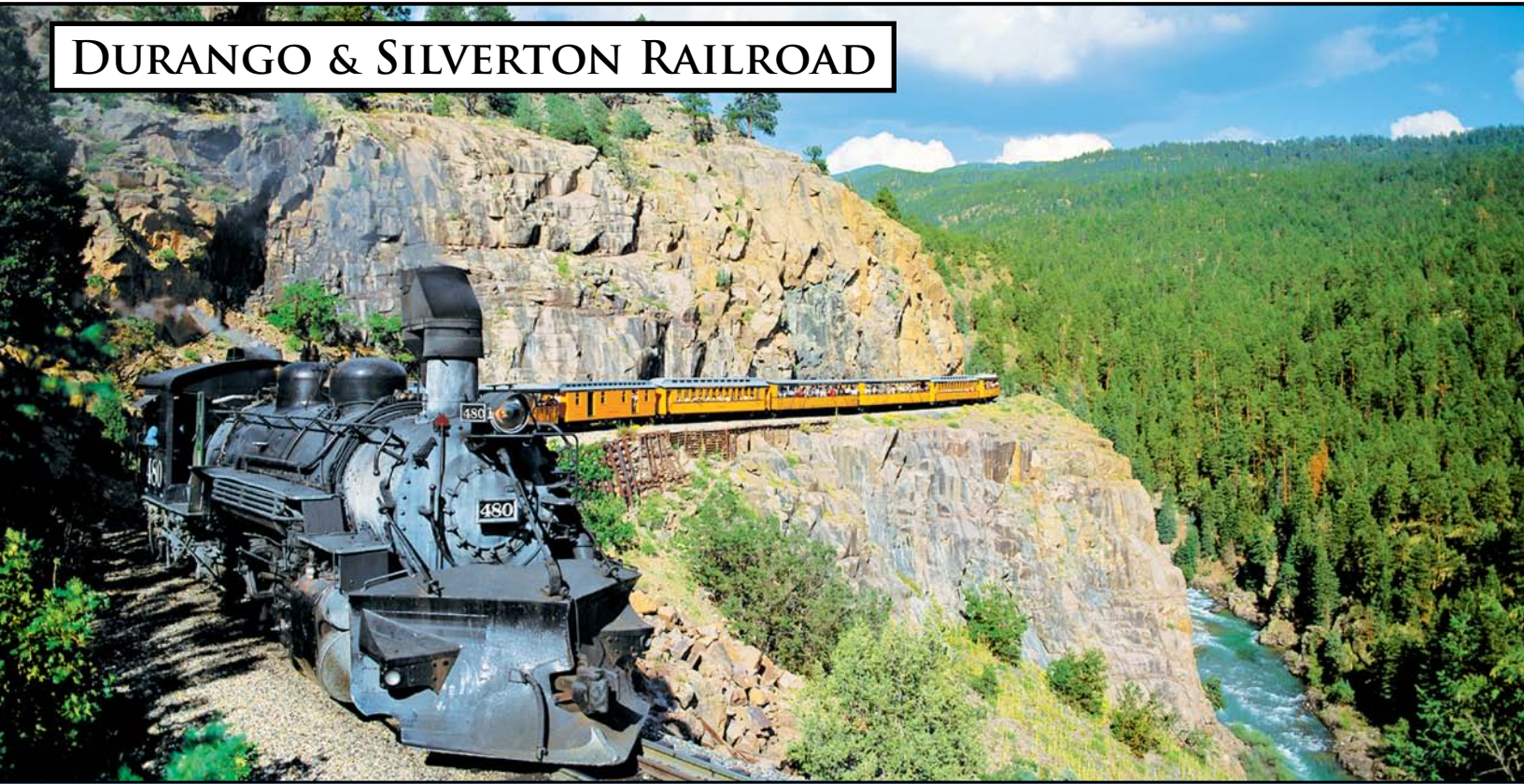


HEART OF THE WEST

Grand Canyon • Durango & Silverton Railroad • Mesa Verde • Black Canyon of the Gunnison • Monument Valley • Colorado Rockies

DURANGO & SILVERTON RAILROAD



- **Grand Canyon of the Colorado River** is one of the world's outstanding spectacles. In form, size and flowing colors, it is unsurpassed.
- **Monument Valley** provides perhaps the most enduring and definitive images of the American West. The isolated red mesas and buttes surrounded by empty, sandy desert have been filmed and photographed countless times.
- Two days in charming **Durango**. Ride the famous **Durango & Silverton Scenic Railroad's** steam powered excursion train. Durango is the home of the historic **Strater Hotel**. This exquisite hostelry houses the world's largest collection of American Victorian Antiques.
- A day at **Mesa Verde National Park**. See hundreds of the world's largest and best cliff dwellings, ruins that date from the 1200s.
- Visit the **Black Canyon Of The Gunnison**, one of the nation's newest National Parks. You'll see 12 miles of the deepest portion of the Gunnison River gorge.
- Travel 3000 non-redundant rail miles: 1300 on the **Southwest Chief** through New Mexico and Arizona and 1700 on the **California Zephyr** including the majestic Colorado Rockies.

Days 1-2 Chicago to Flagstaff
Day 3..... The Grand Canyon
Day 4..... Monument Valley
Day 5..... Mesa Verde

Day 6..... Durango & Silverton /
Black Canyon
Days 7-8 En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

Mon., June 18 to Mon., June 25
Sat., Sept. 15 to Sat., Sept. 22

TOUR PRICE:

\$1,995 - 8 Days

Per person /double occupancy

Economy Class Tour: Roomette + \$545 p.p./d.o.
Bedroom + \$1,250 p.p./d.o.

\$2,440 Single Roomette +\$1,090

FLY OPTION: Fly to
Flagstaff, return from
Grand Junction.

6 Days

Price: \$1,745 p.p./d.o.

Single \$2,190

**America by Rail will be happy
to arrange your flights.**

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak rail and deluxe motor-coach.
- Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for five nights.
- 16 meals.
- Sightseeing tours of all included National Parks. Admissions to all included attractions.
- Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

**AMERICA BY RAIL WILL
BE HAPPY TO MAKE AR-
RANGEMENTS FOR YOUR
CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION
TO CHICAGO AND
BACK BY RAIL OR AIR.**

Day 1: Depart Chicago

Our **Heart of the West** tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station. The Willis Tower is close by. Other Chicago attractions are a brief cab ride away.

At 2:45 p.m. we'll board the Southwest Chief prior to its 3:15 p.m. departure. Relax in your comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. All dining car meals are included. Enjoy a full-course dinner in the dining car. You will want to spend time in the Sightseer Lounge where the glass windows rise from the floor level to the ceiling. It is a great place to view the passing scenery. **D**

Day 2: En Route / Flagstaff

During the night we traveled across the state of Kansas. We will be near the Colorado border when you awaken. Today you will experience the excitement of the Santa Fe Trail as we cross New Mexico and Arizona. You will have time for a train side walk when we arrive in Albuquerque at mid afternoon. Our arrival into Flagstaff, Arizona, is scheduled for 8:46 p.m. Upon arrival we'll transfer the short distance to the Drury Inn (June) or Comfort Inn (September). **B, L & D**

Day 3: The Grand Canyon

After a Continental breakfast, we'll travel by deluxe motorcoach to the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River is one of the world's outstanding specialties. In form, size, flowing color and geological significance, it is unsurpassed.

We will view the Canyon from several observation areas. Our first stop will be Watchtower where you will experience views of the River, the Canyon,



the Painted Desert, and Kaibab National Forest. Late this afternoon we'll continue Northeast 155 miles to Kayenta. We'll spend the night at the Hampton Inn (June) or Kayenta Monument Valley Inn (September). Dinner tonight is included. **CB & D**

Day 4: Monument Valley

The highlight of the day will be our drive through nearby Monument Valley. The region provides perhaps the most enduring and definitive images of the American West. The isolated red mesas and buttes surrounded by empty, sandy desert have been filmed and photographed countless times over the years for movies, advertisements and holiday brochures. Because of this, the area may seem quite familiar, even on a first visit, but it is soon evident that the natural colors really are as bright and deep as those in all the pictures.

The area lies entirely within the Navajo Indian Reservation on the Utah/Arizona border. An "on-your-own" luncheon stop will be made. By late af-



ternoon we will arrive in the charming city of Durango, commercial center for the ranching and mining enterprises of southwest Colorado and gateway to the picturesque San Juan Mountains. 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. Either the Strater Hotel (June) or the Doubletree Hotel (September) is your home for the next two nights. Built in 1882, the Strater Hotel is immaculately restored with authentic Victorian antiques. **B**

Day 5: Mesa Verde

A Continental breakfast is included each morning at the hotel. This morning we'll travel westward to Mesa Verde National Park, one of our Nation's major archeological preserves. Many large canyons seam the Mesa Verde area. In the shelter of the hundreds of caves eroded in the cliffs are some of the world's largest and best preserved cliff dwellings. The cave dwellings were occupied around 1200 A.D. Ruins Road covers 12 miles and provides a view of about 40 cliff dwellings from canyon rim lookout points. Our group can enter some of the outstanding ruins. We'll return to our hotel at mid afternoon. Dinner is included this evening at our hotel. **CB & D**

Day 6: Durango & Silverton / Black Canyon

A high point of our tour will occur today when we ride on the famous Durango & Silverton Scenic Rail Road. 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 Silverton, 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 have an "on-your-own" lunch.

After lunch we'll continue northward. 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 Grand Vista Hotel in Grand Junction is our home for the night. Dinner is included at our hotel. **CB & D**



MONUMENT VALLEY

Day 7: Colorado Rockies

A full breakfast is included in our hotel this morning. We'll transfer to the Amtrak train station in time for the 11:03 a.m. departure of the California Zephyr for Chicago. Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Sleeping accommodations are available at an additional cost. Enjoy the Sightseer Lounge and other amenities you experienced on your westbound journey.

You'll want to take advantage of the fascinating Colorado Rockies scenery we'll be experiencing throughout this afternoon.

How about a card game or two with some of your new-found friends? Or reminisce with fellow tour members about all you saw and experienced the past seven days. **B, L & D**

Day 8: En Route to Chicago

Our train will roll across Iowa and Illinois before our mid-afternoon arrival in Chicago. Some tour members will change to trains bound for Midwest, Eastern and Southern home cities. Others may spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow. **B & L**



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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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