

NORTHWEST EXPLORER

Rogue River • Newport, OR • Portland • Mt. St. Helens • Mt. Rainier • Seattle • California Zephyr • Coast Starlight • Empire Builder

MT. ST. HELENS



- White Water Jet Boat excursion on the majestic **Rogue River**.
- Experience magnificent views of the **Oregon Coastline** with many opportunities for viewing wildlife.
- You'll spend time in the fascinating coastal towns of **Coos Bay, Newport** and **Depoe Bay** where you can observe the operations of these small fishing villages.
- Tour of **Portland** including Old Town, Chinatown and Nob Hill. Enjoy a dinner cruise with live entertainment.
- Count on an unforgettable visit to **Mt. Rainier National Park** with a stopover at **Mt. St. Helens Volcanic Monument** visitor's center.
- Spend a day in **Seattle**, the Emerald City, one of America's top tourist destinations. You'll visit the Space Needle and Pike Place Market.

Days 1-2..... En Route Chicago to Emeryville

Day 3..... En Route / Klamath Falls

Day 4 White Water Jet Boat and Grants Pass

Day 5..... Oregon Coast to Newport

Day 6..... Portland

Day 7..... En Route to Seattle

Day 8..... Seattle

Days 9-10 En Route to Chicago

CB CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
 B BREAKFAST
 L LUNCH
 D DINNER

TOUR DATE(S):

Sat., July 14 to Mon., July 23

TOUR PRICE:

\$2,795 - 10 Days

Per person /double occupancy

\$3,890 Single

FLY OPTION - Fly to San Francisco, return from Seattle.

6 Days

Price: \$1,845 p.p./d.o.

Single \$2,295

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip transportation by rail and deluxe motorcoach.
- Private Roomette sleeping accommodations on the train for five nights. (\$1,095 additional per person/double occupancy for a Bedroom)
- First class hotel accommodations for 4 nights.
- 17 meals.
- Sightseeing along the Oregon Coast, in Portland, at Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Rainier. Admission 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 ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION TO CHICAGO AND BACK BY RAIL OR AIR.

Day 1: Depart Chicago

Northwest Explorer tour members will meet the Tour Director in the Metropolitan Lounge of Chicago's Union Station by 1:00 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. you'll prepare to board the famous California Zephyr. Departure is at 2:00 p.m. The Zephyr features the double-decker Superliner equipment. Relax in your comfortable private Roomette. Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. After settling in, you may want to go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car. Coffee and water are available for sleeping car occupants in their car. All meals on the trains are included. Enjoy a full course dinner in the diner tonight. **D**

Day 2: En Route

When you awaken this morning you may look out your window toward the West and thrill to the sight of the towering, majestic Colorado Rockies in the distance. Plan to get up early, have a piping hot breakfast in the dining car, and find a seat in the glass-walled lounge car for the spectacular scenery that will unfold before you the rest of the day. The Zephyr will pull out of Denver at 8:05 a.m. and begin its climb over the Front Range toward the Continental Divide. About an hour later we'll encounter the famous 6.2-mile-long Moffat Tunnel and go under the Continental Divide. Throughout the day the train will wind around sharp mountain curves and through numerous tunnels. You'll look down at roaring streams winding through valleys far below. The beautiful mountain vistas will continue until late afternoon.

B, L, & D

Day 3: En Route / Emeryville

Today the spectacular scenery continues as the Zephyr climbs over the high Sierra Nevada Mountains through the famous Donner Pass. From rugged terrain and pine trees to lush greenery and palm trees...this landscape contrast will occur in just three hours. Our arrival into Emeryville is scheduled for 4:10 p.m. There are several options for an "on-your-own" dinner nearby.

At



JET BOAT

10:02 p.m., we'll board the famous Coast Starlight. The heart of this famous train is the Pacific Parlour Car. Available only to sleeping car passengers, this double-decker "living room on rails" features three types of luxurious seating, a full bar, food serving area, and a movie theater. These unique cars harken back to a bygone era and are one of Amtrak's most prized assets. **B & L**

Day 4: Coast Starlight / Klamath Falls

This morning make sure you rise early to enjoy a full breakfast in the dining car or a Continental breakfast in the Pacific Parlour car. Our arrival in Klamath Falls is scheduled for 8:25 a.m.

From here we'll travel to Grants Pass. Check out almost 400 unique shops including many antique shops, plenty of eateries for an "on-your-own" lunch and an abundance of apparel shops. Later this afternoon you're in for a wonderful white water jet boat excursion. Discover Hellgate; navigate your way through some of the Rogue's white water rapids. See why your boat has shallow draft, loads of



power, and no propeller! Pushed by the hydro-jet drive's water spray, you'll jet over just inches of water. On the exciting trip back, we'll stop for a meal on an open-air deck overlooking the majestic Rogue River.

Our home for this evening will be the Holiday Inn Express. **B & D**

Day 5: Oregon Coastline

Today will be spent traveling by motorcoach along Oregon's rugged Pacific coastline. It is one of the most beautiful, fascinating shorelines in North America. Some of the highlights of the day will include Haystack Rock, one of the world's largest monoliths; sea lion and bird rookeries on the off-shore rocks; and possibly a small herd of deer roaming freely. We'll stop in beautiful Coos Bay with a lunch stop in Florence, Oregon. Late this afternoon we'll arrive at Newport, Oregon, "The Dungeness Crab Capital of the World". Our home for this evening will be the beautiful Hallmark Resort. This majestic hotel sits on bluffs directly overlooking the mighty Pacific Ocean. This evening you can visit the quaint downtown area and scenic Yaquina Bay. **CB**

Day 6: Newport / Portland

This morning we'll strike out for beautiful Portland, also known as the Rose City! Our route will continue up Hwy. 101 to the quaint fairy tale seaside fishing village of Depoe Bay. Carved and shaped by powerful natural forces, Depoe Bay is the site of the world's smallest navigable harbor. Waves run beneath lava beds creating spouting geysers up to 60 feet into the air! Sea caves line the scenic rocky shoreline. The 1975 movie, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, was partially filmed here.

We'll continue on our way to Portland. An "on-your-own" lunch stop will be made. There will be a stop en route to view the Spruce Goose and other historic aircraft.

The "Portland Highlights Tour" is a guided three-hour excursion exploring the best that Portland has to offer. Our resident expert will unlock some of the best kept secrets of Bridge City. On the tour you will visit some of Portland's most scenic historic districts. These include Old Town Chinatown, once the second largest Chinese-American community on the West Coast and now home to the Classical Chinese Garden; Nob Hill, one of the city's most pictur-

esque boutique shopping areas (sometimes called Portland's "Rodeo Drive"); and the Pearl District, Portland's hip new area for arts and entertainment.

Later this afternoon we will check into the Courtyard by Marriott City Center. Early this evening we will board "The Portland Spirit" for a wonderful dinner cruise with live entertainment. **D**

Day 7: Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier, Seattle

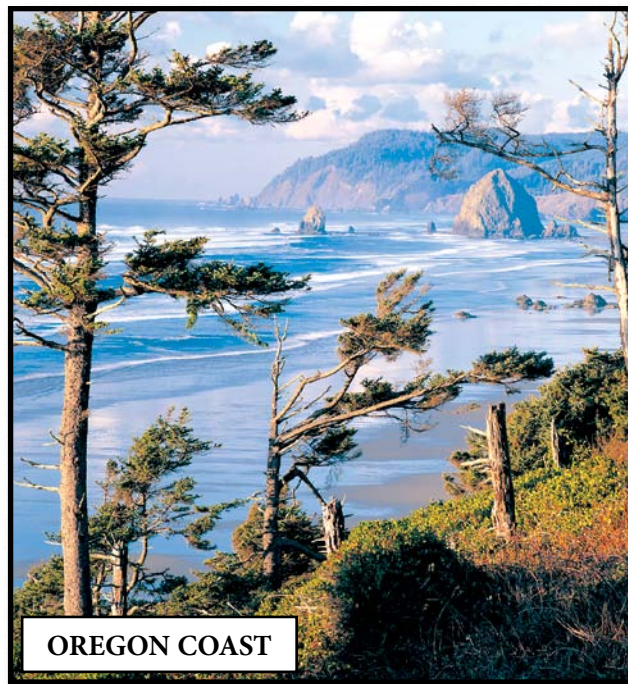
Our group will depart this morning for a full day of spectacular sightseeing which will end early this evening in Seattle. At mid-afternoon we'll arrive at the Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Visitors Center. A walk-in model of the volcano illustrates its composition. Pictorial and interpretive material and film highlight other features. A 1/8-mile trail leads to a viewing point overlooking Silver Lake and 34 miles east, Mt. St. Helens. Lunch is available "on-your-own".

Towering 14,410 feet, Mt. Rainier is the greatest single attraction in the Pacific Northwest and is the tallest volcanic mountain in the lower 48 states. We'll have a one-hour stopover at the Mt. Rainier Visitors Center in Paradise. Options there include nature exhibitions, audio-visual programs, and awesome views from the Visitor Center's observation deck. By early evening we'll arrive in delightful Seattle. Our home for this evening is the Roosevelt Hotel. **B**

Day 8: Seattle

We'll set off this morning for a three-hour sightseeing tour of the Seattle area. It will include Chinatown, concrete floating bridges, Lake Washington, the arboretum, the University of Washington, plus sweeping views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains. We will also visit the famous Seattle Space Needle, with incredible photo opportunities from the observation deck and Pike Place Market. The tour will end at the Seattle Amtrak station for a 4:40 p.m. departure on the Empire Builder.

We'll board Amtrak's Empire Builder, a double-decker, Superliner-equipped



OREGON COAST

train. This famous train will carry us 2200 miles across seven northern states to Chicago. Relax in your comfortable, private Roomette sleeping accommodations. Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. All full course dining car meals are included. **D**

Day 9: En Route

Enjoy a delicious dining car breakfast and then head for the Sightseer Lounge car. About 8:00 a.m., a dramatic panorama of snow-covered Rocky Mountain peaks will begin to rise above the horizon, becoming increasingly dynamic as we approach Glacier National Park. The scenery is striking as we wind past waterfalls, river gorges, and other sights. The rest of the day we'll cross the remote flatlands of eastern Montana and western North Dakota. **B, L, & D**

Day 10: En Route to Chicago

Breakfast and lunch are included on the train. We depart from Minneapolis-St. Paul at 7:50 a.m. and head south along the west bank of the Mississippi River. The train winds between the river bank and high bluffs. Later we pass through the picturesque Dells Country of Wisconsin. The Empire Builder is scheduled to arrive in Chicago's Union Station late this afternoon. Many of our tour members will conclude their America by Rail vacation by transferring to Amtrak trains bound for home cities. Some will spend the night in Chicago and return home by air 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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