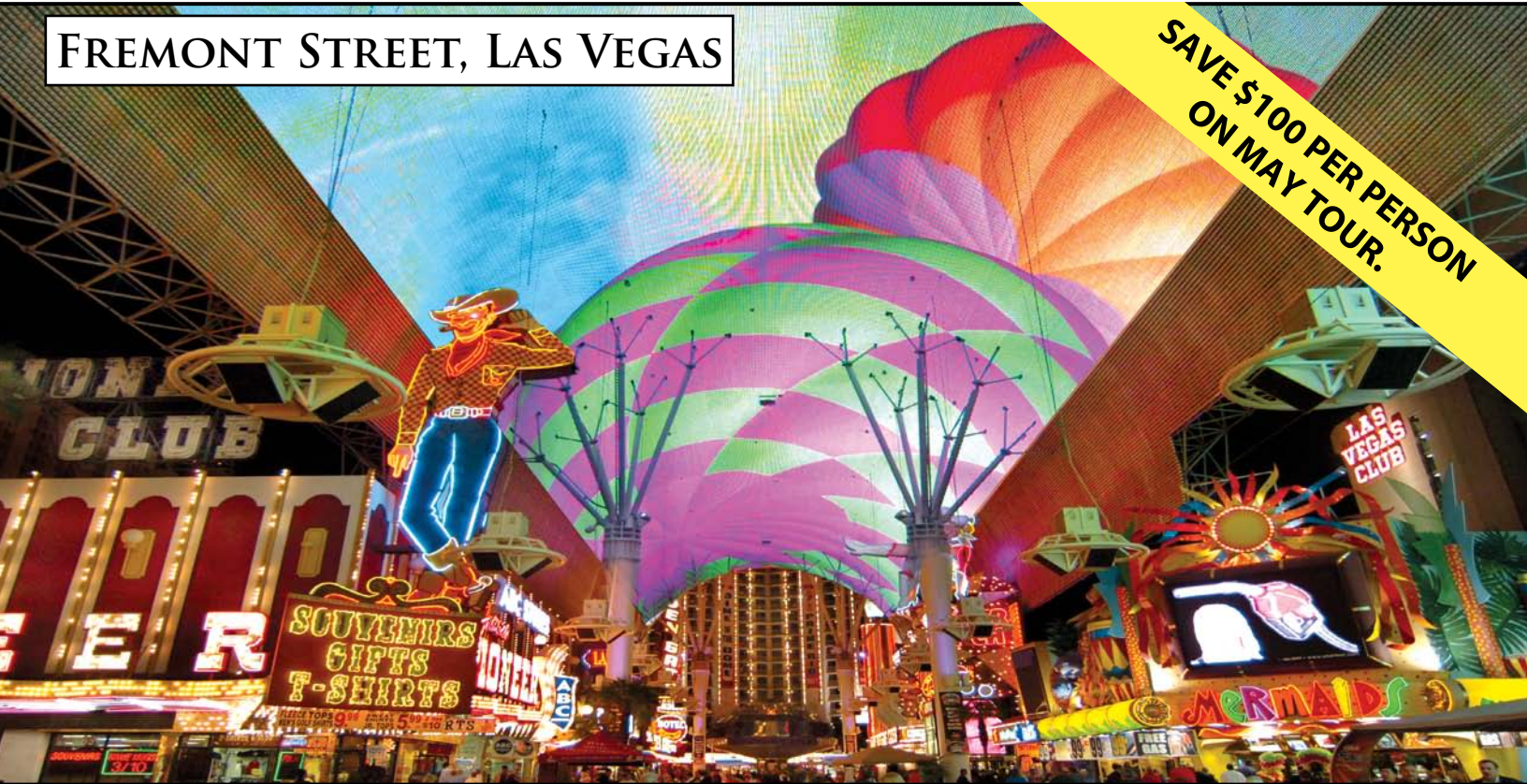


# AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL . . . WEST

Grand Canyon • Las Vegas • Yosemite National Park • San Francisco • Salt Lake City • Colorado Rockies • Sierra Nevada Mountains

FREMONT STREET, LAS VEGAS

SAVE \$100 PER PERSON  
ON MAY TOUR.



- Relive the excitement of the **Santa Fe Trail** crossing New Mexico and Arizona on the Southwest Chief.
- **Grand Canyon** is one of the world's greatest natural wonders. Your first awesome view will never leave you.
- In **Las Vegas**, you'll see the unbelievable mega hotels and casinos that rise from the desert floor...even Las Vegas' phenomenal Fremont Street is impressive.
- **Yosemite National Park** is one of America's most popular destinations. You'll see all of its awesome natural wonders.
- Two days in **San Francisco**, everyone's favorite City by the Bay. Enjoy sightseeing; ride the cable cars; free time to explore. Experience Fisherman's Wharf and the Golden Gate Bridge. You'll see the 250-foot high redwood trees at Muir Woods and stopover in the Mediterranean-like village of **Sausalito**.
- In **Salt Lake City** you'll see the Mormon Temple, Tabernacle, Brigham Young's Monument and other attractions.
- The train ride through the **Colorado Rockies** is the most scenic in the United States. Our train will wend between the towering Rockies' peaks all afternoon.

Days 1-2 ..... Chicago to Flagstaff  
 Day 3 ..... The Grand Canyon  
 Days 4-5 ..... En Route/Las Vegas  
 Day 6 ..... En Route/Merced  
 Day 7 ..... Yosemite National Park

Day 8 ..... Sacramento  
 Days 9-10 ..... En Route/San Francisco  
 Day 11 ..... En Route to Elko, Nevada  
 Day 12 ..... En Route to Price, Utah  
 Days 13-14 ..... En Route to Chicago

CB CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  
 B BREAKFAST  
 L LUNCH  
 D DINNER

## TOUR DATE(S):

Tues., May 8 to Mon., May 21  
 Mon., Sept. 10 to Sun., Sept. 23

## TOUR PRICE:

**\$2,795 - 14 Days**

Per person /double occupancy

Economy Class Tour: Roomette + \$625 p.p./d.o.  
 Bedroom + \$1,295 p.p./d.o.

\$3,690 Single Roomette +\$1,250

**FLY OPTION - Fly to Flagstaff, return from Salt Lake City.**

**12 Days**

**Price: \$2,525 p.p./d.o.**

**Single \$3,420**

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

## YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak rail and deluxe motorcoach.
- Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for 11 nights.
- 16 meals.
- Sightseeing at the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Yosemite National Park, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. 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

Our America the Beautiful...West tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station. Early afternoon we'll board the Southwest Chief. Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes and Bedrooms are available at an additional cost.

Once you are settled in, you will want to go to the Sightseer Lounge car to see the passing scenery. Enjoy dinner in the diner this evening. **D**

## Day 2: En Route / Flagstaff

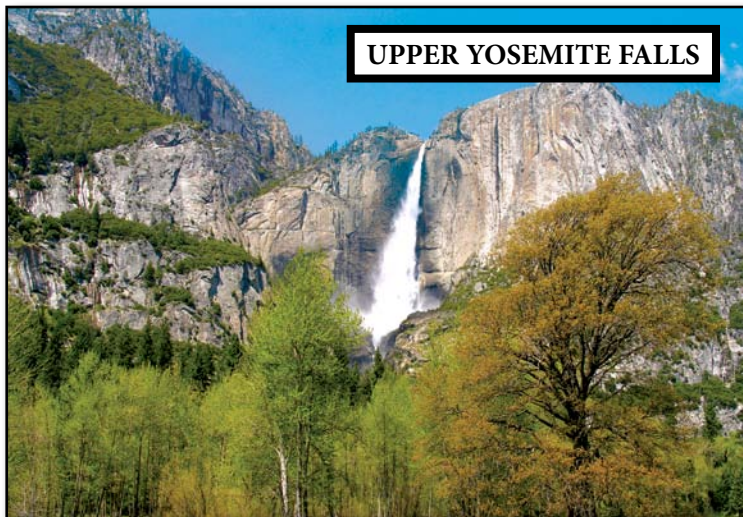
Today you will begin to relive the excitement of the Santa Fe Trail as we cross New Mexico and Arizona. The huge train windows offer a panoramic view of the spectacular scenery. You will have time for a train side walk when we arrive in Albuquerque at mid afternoon. Our arrival into Flagstaff, Arizona, is scheduled for 8:51 p.m. Upon arrival we'll transfer the short distance to the Comfort Inn. **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 spectacles. In form, size, flowing color, and geological significance, it is unsurpassed.

We will view the Canyon from several observation areas. A knowledgeable guide will accompany our group and provide exceptional information on the Grand Canyon and its environs. Our first stop will be Watchtower where you will experience views of the River, the Canyon, the Painted Desert, and Kaibab National Forest. We'll return to our hotel by late afternoon.

Tonight we're going to Black Bart's, one of Flag-



UPPER YOSEMITE FALLS

staff's best and "liveliest" restaurants. In addition to the great food, the waiters will be singing familiar Broadway show tunes throughout the evening. **CB & D**

## Day 4: En Route / Las Vegas

Following a Continental breakfast in our hotel, we'll board our motorcoach and travel northwest 250 miles to fabulous Las Vegas. Late this afternoon, our travelers will arrive among the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas. Our home for the next two nights will be the centrally located Treasure Island Hotel. You're free this evening to explore this magnificent oasis in the desert. **CB**

## Day 5: Las Vegas

A full breakfast buffet at your hotel is included this morning. At mid morning we'll embark on a tour of three spectacular hotel/casinos: New York New York, Excalibur, and the Luxor. The breathtakingly beautiful Venetian is within walking distance of our hotel and has an extensive food court.

This evening we'll transfer to original Las Vegas, now known as "downtown." What this part of the city has done to compete



with the strip hotels/casinos is phenomenal. They have constructed a huge roof that covers Fremont Street where you will view the “Fremont Street Experience”. It’s a ten-minute show in which over two million lights are utilized. There will be time to enjoy the many options of “downtown”. **B**

## Day 6: En Route / Merced

We leave Las Vegas on our motorcoach at 9:45 a.m. for Bakersfield, California. We will make a stop in Barstow, California, for an “on-your-own” lunch around 1:00 p.m. We arrive in Bakersfield in time to catch a 3:45 p.m. San Joaquin train to Merced. This is a modern, double-decker train. We arrive in Merced around 6:42 p.m. and transfer to the Courtyard by Marriott. Dinner tonight is included at the Branding Iron Restaurant. **D**

## Day 7: Yosemite National Park

Today will be one of the most memorable days of your life. This morning we will board our motorcoach for the 82-mile journey into Yosemite National Park. El Capitan, Bridalveil Falls, Yosemite Falls, and Half Dome are some of the most popular attractions. This afternoon we’ll take a two-hour narrated sightseeing tour into the park.

Late this afternoon we’ll continue on to Sacramento. A dinner stop will be made (included). Our arrival in California’s capitol city is scheduled for mid evening. We will be staying at the attractive Embassy Suites (May) or Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza (Sept.) for the next two nights. **D**

## Day 8: Sacramento

This is a totally free day. The many attractions to see in historic Old Sacramento and a large shopping mall are within walking distance. A major optional attraction is the spectacular California State Railroad Museum. Within this three-story steel, brick and glass structure, you’ll find 21 restored locomotives and train cars.

## Day 9: En Route / San Francisco

This morning we depart Sacramento on our motorcoach for San Francisco. We’ll arrive into the world-famous “City by the Bay” at noon. An “on-your-own” luncheon stop will be made en route.

This afternoon we’ll embark on a three-and-a-half hour sightseeing tour of San Francisco, including Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Jackson Square, Telegraph Hill, the Presidio, and Fisherman’s Wharf. Our home for the next two nights is the Chancellor Hotel (May) or Handlery Hotel (Sept.). The hotels are located on or near Union Square, close to major shops, restaurants, and other attractions.

The afternoon tour will end at Fisherman’s Wharf. Some will want to have dinner in this area and return to the hotel on their own. Your Tour Director will suggest some moderately-priced dining options as well.

## Day 10: San Francisco

You’re on your own this morning. Rest, shop, ride a cable car, or visit major attractions. This afternoon we’re off to Muir Woods and Sausalito. We’ll cross the beautiful Golden Gate Bridge to Marin County, then continue to Muir Woods for a leisurely stroll through this beautiful 550-acre National Monument to see 800-year-old trees that rise 250 feet or more. We’ll stop in the Mediterranean-like village of Sausalito and then return to our hotel, or you can stay and enjoy more of Sausalito and return to San Francisco on your own via ferry boat. The ferry ticket is not included in the tour price.

## Day 11: En Route / Elko, Nevada

We leave our hotel this morning and travel by motorcoach to the Amtrak station in Emeryville for our 9:10 a.m. departure on the California Zephyr. Lunch and dinner are optional in the dining car today. Lighter fare is available in the Sightseer Lounge car, as we make our way from Emeryville to Elko. A comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest is included. 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.

We arrive in Elko at 9:31 p.m. and transfer to our hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn, for the night.

## Day 12: En Route / Price, Utah

This morning, after a full breakfast at our hotel, we will board our comfortable motorcoach for the trip to Price, Utah. On the way we will pass through Salt Lake City where we’ll enjoy a delightful city tour.

During our Salt Lake City tour you’ll see the Mormon Temple, Tabernacle, Brigham Young’s Monument and private burial ground, Beehive House, Lion House, Eagle Gate, University of Utah, Fort Douglas, and Trolley Square. There will be “on-your-own” lunch and dinner opportunities available.

We will arrive in Price, Utah, in the early evening where we will spend the night at the Holiday Inn. **B**

## Day 13: En Route / Colorado Rockies

We will transfer to the nearby Helper Amtrak station and board the California Zephyr for our trip to Chicago. The train departs at 6:37 a.m. A reclining coach seat with leg rest is included. Private Roomette and Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included for coach and sleeping car passengers. Snacks, beverages, and sandwiches are available in the lounge car throughout the day.

Make sure you take the opportunity to view the spectacular 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 go under the Continental Divide. The mountain vistas will continue throughout the afternoon. We’ll arrive in Denver at 6:38 p.m. **B, L & D**

## Day 14: 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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