



MISSION SAN JOSE

ALL ABOARD FOR SAN ANTONIO AND NEW ORLEANS

San Antonio • New Orleans • The Texas Eagle • The Sunset Limited •
The City of New Orleans

San Antonio's old Spanish flavor, multi-cultural heritage and numerous parks and plazas make it one of America's most picturesque cities. Enjoy extensive sightseeing (Alamo, River Walk, Tower of the Americas . . . and much more).

In colorful and fun-filled **New Orleans**, you'll be staying in a first-class **French Quarter** hotel, tour its major attractions and have time to wander the famous French Quarter on your own. Discover great shops and galleries plus exquisite dining and Dixieland jazz spots.

During our free day in New Orleans you'll have many options to consider; a traditional mule drawn carriage ride through the **French Quarter**, lunch aboard a paddlewheel ship on the Mighty Mississippi, **The Audubon Aquarium**, the **National WWII Museum** and Hop On/Hop Off double-decker bus tours, to name a few.

2800 miles of comfortable, scenic rail travel aboard Amtrak's **Texas Eagle**, **Sunset Limited** and **City of New Orleans**.

Days 1-2 En Route to San Antonio
Day 3 San Antonio
Day 4 En Route / New Orleans

Days 5-6 New Orleans
Days 7-8 En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Sat., Apr. 22 to Sat., Apr. 29

Sat., Oct. 7 to Sat., Oct. 14

TOUR PRICE:

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

\$2,095 - 8 Days

Upgrades: Roomette + \$445
Bedroom + \$795

SINGLE \$2,595

Upgrade: Roomette + \$890

FLY OPTION - Fly to San Antonio, return from New Orleans. 6 Days

Price: \$1,695

Single: \$2,195

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights. Airfare not included in 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 five nights.
- 12 meals.
- Sightseeing tours of San Antonio and New Orleans.
- Baggage handling, taxes and 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

All Aboard for San Antonio and New Orleans tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station where we will board the Texas Eagle for San Antonio.

This train features double-decker Superliner equipment. 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 on overnight trains.

You may want to go to the Sightseer Lounge car for some refreshments and good conversation with your fellow tour members. **D**

Day 2: En Route / San Antonio

This morning our train rolls through eastern Texas in a straight line, due west, past small farms and pine forests. We arrive in Dallas late morning and Fort Worth early afternoon. You'll have time for a brief trainside walk in Fort Worth. We're scheduled to arrive in San Antonio around 9:55 p.m. Upon arrival, we'll transfer to our hotel, the Drury Inn & Suites Riverwalk. **B, L & D**

Day 3: San Antonio

Enjoy a Drury QuikStart® breakfast.

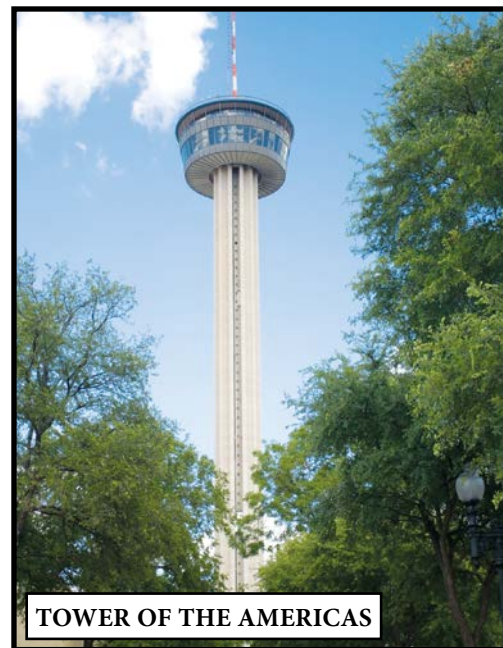
Our sightseeing guide will greet us at 9:00 a.m. and share information on historic San Antonio. We'll embark on a San Antonio tour by motorcoach.

Our first stop will be a visit to the Alamo, perhaps the most sacred of America's historic shrines.

Next we will stop at "Battle for Texas: The Experience". This interactive adventure transports you back to the 1836 epic battle of the Alamo. You will learn the stories behind the 250 never-before-seen collections of artifacts.

We will then enter the three-story Victorian lobby of the Menger Hotel built in 1859. Lunch at the hotel is included.

Following lunch we will board our motorcoach and transfer to the 750-foot-tall Tower of the Americas. The tower was built in honor of the 1968 World's



TOWER OF THE AMERICAS

Fair celebrating San Antonio's 250th anniversary. The Skies Over Texas is a sophisticated ride that takes visitors on a high-flying trip across the Lone Star State in the 4-D theater. The tower offers the most breathtaking view of San Antonio, especially the Alamo.

We will return to the hotel. You're free to explore the quaint shops and galleries along the world-famous River Walk described as "The American Venice". The River Walk offers a wide variety of "on-your-own" dinner options (Tex-Mex being the regional favorite!). **CB & L**

Day 4: En Route / New Orleans

We'll transfer to the Amtrak station for the 6:25 a.m. departure of the Sunset Limited to New Orleans. Settle into your reclining coach seat with leg rest.

Head to the Sightseer Lounge to enjoy the scenery across east Texas and into Louisiana. A dining car and Café Car are available for "on-your-own" meals.





Rice and sugar cane fields and the swampy bayou country of Louisiana are the primary attractions. Our arrival into New Orleans is scheduled for 9:40 p.m. Upon arrival we'll transfer to our hotel, the Hampton Inn Downtown / French Quarter. **CB**

Day 5: New Orleans

Following breakfast in our hotel, we'll embark on a two-and-a-half-hour sightseeing tour of the Greater New Orleans area. 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 with its antebellum and new homes, Tulane and Loyola Universities, Audubon Park, the French Market and the Old Mint.

You're free the rest of the afternoon and evening. You're in one of the most attractive cities in the world. Take full advantage of all there is to see, do and taste. Enjoy coffee and beignets (a special doughnut-like pastry) at famous Café du Monde. **B**

Day 6: New Orleans

This is a totally free day to enjoy this exciting city. Some options include a

traditional mule drawn carriage ride through the French Quarter, lunch aboard a paddlewheel ship on the Mighty Mississippi, The Audubon Aquarium, The National WWII Museum and Hop On/Hop Off double-decker bus tours. **B**

Day 7: New Orleans

You are free this morning to relax in your hotel or explore some more or do some last minute shopping.

Early this afternoon we'll transfer to Union Station prior to the 1:45 p.m. departure of the northbound City of New Orleans. Relax in your comfortable reclining coach seat or optional private sleeping room. Meals are included. You'll want to spend some time reminiscing with your fellow tour members about the great experiences you shared the past few days. **B & D**

Day 8: En Route to Chicago

Following a dining car breakfast, we'll arrive in Chicago's Union Station at 9:00 a.m. Tour members will depart for home destinations throughout the day. Those returning to Eastern home cities will have time to take a Gray Line sightseeing tour, to shop or visit some of Chicago's major attractions. **B**

America by Rail is proud to be affiliated with the following travel and business organizations.



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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