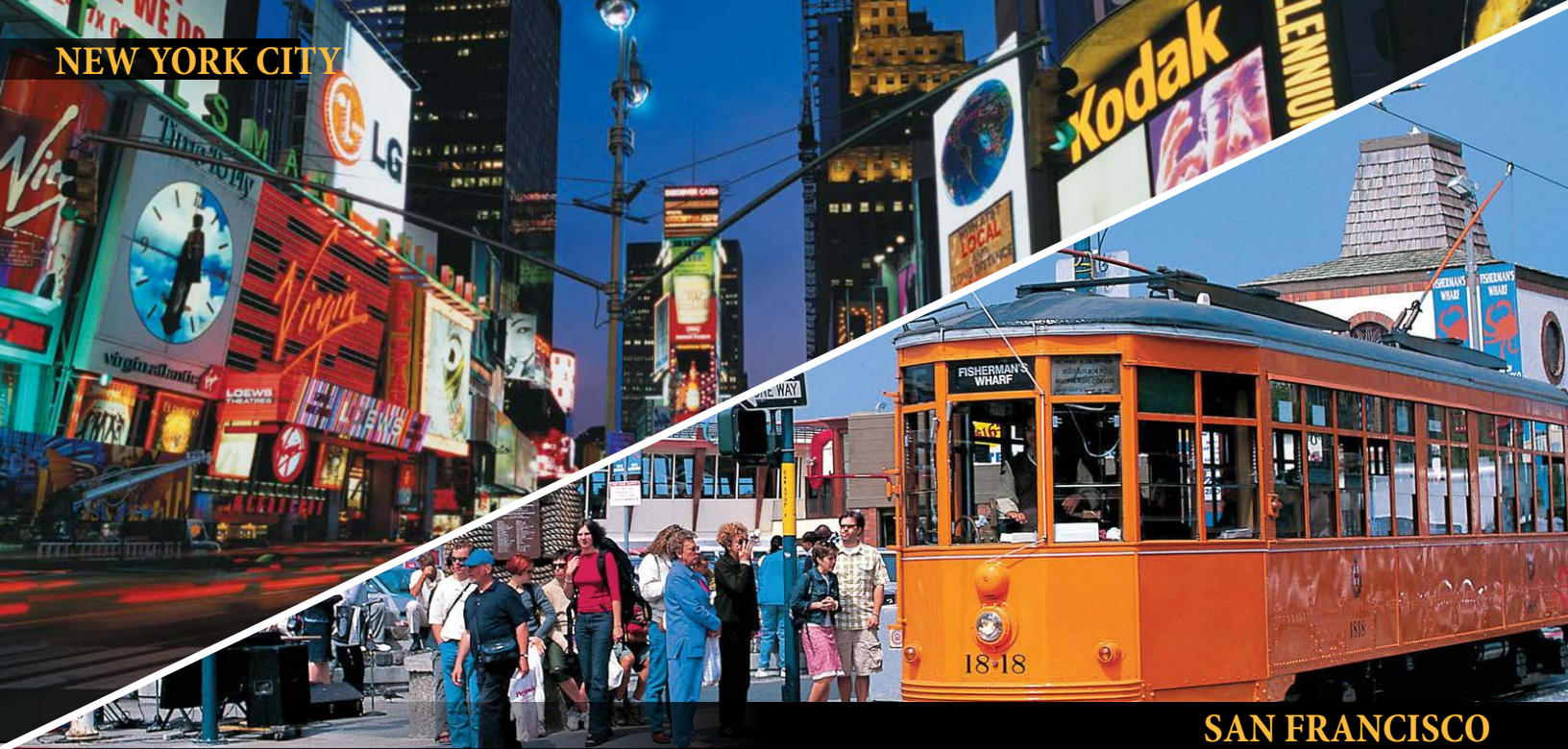


NEW YORK CITY



SAN FRANCISCO

AMERICA FROM COAST TO COAST

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

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**.

Travel 2,000 miles across five states to Los Angeles on the **Sunset Limited**. You'll cross the Louisiana Bayou, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

Travel along the rugged Pacific Coastline on Amtrak's premier train, the **Coast Starlight**.

In everyone's favorite city by the bay, **San Francisco**, you'll enjoy a sightseeing tour that includes Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Jackson Square, the Mission District, Telegraph Hill, the Presidio and Fisherman's Wharf.

Travel aboard the **California Zephyr** 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
 Days 8 En Route / San Francisco
 Day 9..... San Francisco
 Days 10-12 En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Fri., Mar. 24 to Tues., Apr. 4
 Fri., Oct. 20 to Tues., Oct. 31

TOUR PRICE:

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

\$3,795 - 12 Days

Upgrade: Bedroom + \$1,445

SINGLE \$5,795

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak rail and connecting motorcoach.
- First-class hotel accommodations for five nights.
- Private Roomette sleeping accommodations on the train for six nights.
- 23 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

America from Coast to Coast tour members will meet in Chicago Union Station this afternoon. At 8:00 p.m. we'll board the eastbound Lake Shore Limited. Departure is scheduled for 9:30 p.m.

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.

You're free to explore the train. Go to the lounge car for snacks, sandwiches and beverages.

Day 2: En Route

All scheduled dining car meals are included on this tour, starting with breakfast and lunch today.

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

Upon arrival into New York's Penn Station at 6:23 p.m., we'll transfer to the San Carlos Hotel. **B & L**

Day 3: New York City

This morning we'll embark on a sightseeing tour of New York City. We'll see 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.

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

Day 4: En Route

We'll be passing through Atlanta at 8:00 this morning and traveling through Alabama and Mississippi during the day. At 7:32 p.m. we'll arrive in the fascinating Crescent City. Our home for the next two nights, the Hampton Inn Downtown is near the French Quarter.

You are free this evening to explore this exciting city. **B, L & D**

Day 5: New Orleans

Following breakfast in our hotel, we'll embark on a three-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 University, Audubon Park, the French Market and the Old Mint.

Following the tour you are free to further explore this unique, world-class city. Take full advantage of all there is to see, do and taste! **B**

Day 6: En Route / Sunset Limited

A breakfast is included at our hotel this morning. We'll transfer to the Amtrak station where our travelers will prepare for a 2000-mile trip across five states to Los Angeles. Departure of the Sunset



CALIFORNIA COAST



Limited is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Relax in your comfortable private Superliner Roomette or Bedroom.

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

This morning you can visit with new friends while watching the famous swampland of Louisiana (known as the Bayou) from the all-glass Sightseer Lounge car. This afternoon we'll be passing through sugar cane fields.

We'll arrive in Houston shortly after 6:18 p.m. You'll have about a half-hour to enjoy a trainside stroll. **B, L & D**

Day 7: 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. The Pecos River is 321 feet below. Further on we pass by Langtry where Judge Roy Bean enforced his own "law west of the Pecos." This area was the setting in the TV series "Lonesome Dove".

Plan on a trainside stroll during our early afternoon stop in El Paso. The rest of the day we'll encounter the stark, desolate land of southern New Mexico and Arizona. When we arrive in Tucson at 6:45 p.m., you can enjoy another trainside walk. **B, L & D**

Day 8: En Route / Coast Starlight

Arrival into Los Angeles Union Station is scheduled for 5:35 a.m.

Your Tour Director will explain the various "on-your-own" breakfast options, ranging from a Starbucks and a 7-11 style convenience store in the station to nearby restaurants, including the famous Phillippe (home of the original French Dip sandwich).

Enjoy the station's architecture, gardens and throne-like seating. Gather at 8:45 a.m. in the Metropolitan Lounge for complimentary coffee, tea and juice before boarding Amtrak's premier train, the Coast Starlight.

Departure is scheduled for 10:10 a.m. You will have a first-class Roomette for the 469-mile daytime journey to Emeryville (San Francisco). A delicious dining car lunch and dinner are included.

The highlights of the day will include traversing mountain ranges and about 100 miles of scenic Pacific Ocean coastline.

We are scheduled to reach Emeryville at 9:54 p.m. and will transfer to the world-famous "City by the Bay". Our home for two nights in San Francisco is the attractive Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf. **L & D**

Day 9: San Francisco

At 10:00 a.m. we'll embark on a three hour sightseeing tour of San Francisco, including Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, the Mission District, Telegraph Hill and the Presidio.

You're free this afternoon to ride a cable car or just wander around world-renowned Fisherman's Wharf. You'll have time to discover the excellent restaurants, markets, import houses, galleries and souvenir shops.

Day 10: California Zephyr

This morning we'll return to the Emeryville Amtrak Station where we will board the California Zephyr for our 2438-mile journey across seven states to Chicago. Departure is at 9:10 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.

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. **L & D**

Day 11: 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 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 12: 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

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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