



CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK

# NORTHWEST EXPLORER

San Francisco • Crater Lake National Park • Newport • Astoria • Portland • Seattle • California Zephyr • Coast Starlight • Empire Builder

Everyone’s favorite city by the bay, **San Francisco**. Enjoy a sightseeing tour that includes Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Jackson Square, the Mission District, Telegraph Hill, the Presidio and Fisherman’s Wharf.

Experience magnificent views of the **Oregon Coastline**.

Visit pristine **Crater Lake**, the deepest lake in the U.S.

You’ll spend time in the fascinating coastal towns of **Newport** and **Yaquina Bay** where you can observe the operations of these small fishing villages.

**Astoria**, on Oregon’s Pacific Ocean coastline, dates back to the winter of 1805-06, when the Lewis and Clark expedition camped at Fort Clatsop.

Tour of **Portland** including Old Town, Chinatown and Nob Hill. Enjoy a dinner cruise on the Columbia River.

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**.

See the spectacular views as you travel 2438 miles as the **California Zephyr** winds and climbs through the **Sierra Nevada’s** beautiful **Donner Pass** and the **Colorado Rockies**.

The **Coast Starlight** is Amtrak’s premier train. We will board in Emeryville and disembark in Klamath Falls.

Travel 2200-miles across seven northern U.S. states on Amtrak **Empire Builder**.

Days 1-3 ..... En Route Chicago to Emeryville  
Day 4..... San Francisco  
Day 5 ..... Coast Starlight / Crater Lake National Park

Day 6 .....Newport  
Day 7 .....Astoria / Portland  
Day 8 .....En Route to Seattle  
Day 9 .....Seattle  
Days 10-11 .....En Route to Chicago

## TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Wed., Aug. 2 to Sat., Aug. 12

## TOUR PRICE:

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

**\$3,495 - 11 Days**

Upgrade: Bedroom + \$1,295

**SINGLE \$5,095**

**FLY OPTION** - Fly to San Francisco, return from Seattle. 7 Days

Price: \$2,495\*

Single: \$3,295\*

\*Fly Option includes Roomette Emeryville to Klamath Falls and coach Portland to Seattle on the train.

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights. Airfare not included in above price.

## YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip transportation by rail and deluxe motorcoach.
- Private Roomette sleeping accommodations on the train for five nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for five nights.
- 15 meals.
- Sightseeing along the Oregon Coast and in San Francisco, Crater Lake National Park, Portland and Seattle. 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

**N**orthwest Explorer tour members will meet the Tour Director in the Metropolitan Lounge of Chicago's Union Station. At 1:30 p.m. you'll board the famous California Zephyr. Departure is at 2:00 p.m. The Zephyr features 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, juice and water are available in your car. All meals on the trains are included. Enjoy dinner in the dining car 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 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 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 continue this 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.

Then it is on to the world-famous "City by the Bay". Our home tonight in San Francisco is the Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf. There are several options for an "on-your-own" dinner nearby. **B & L**



### Day 4: San Francisco

You're free this morning 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 and souvenir shops. Enjoy the great shops and galleries.

At 1:00 p.m. we'll embark on a three-and-a-half hour sightseeing tour of San Francisco, including Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, the Mission District, Telegraph Hill and the Presidio.

At 10:04 p.m., we'll board the famous Coast Starlight, Amtrak's premier train.



Relax in your comfortable private Superliner sleeping accommodations. After settling in, you may want to go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car. Coffee, juice and water are available in your car.

## Day 5: Coast Starlight / Crater Lake National Park

Enjoy an early breakfast in the dining car this morning. Our arrival into Klamath Falls is scheduled for 8:07 a.m.

Upon arrival we will board our motorcoach and travel to Crater Lake National Park. Our step on guide will join us for our sightseeing tour of the beautiful area.

Crater Lake was formed 7,700 years ago, when a violent eruption triggered the collapse of a towering volcano. The lake's purity is attributed by its being fed by rain and snow and is the deepest lake in the USA.

Following our visit, we will continue traveling northwest to Newport, Oregon, "The Dungeness Crab Capital of the World".

An "on-your-own" lunch stop will be made en route.

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. **B**

## Day 6: Newport, Oregon

This morning we'll be joined by a team of friendly naturalist guides for a fun and exciting 2-hour cruise aboard the deluxe 65-foot Discovery. We'll be looking for gray whales, porpoise, seals, sea lions, pelicans, bald eagles and an abundance of marine birds. Enjoy the incredible scenery of the bay, river and coastline featuring the largest fishing fleet on the Oregon Coast, the historic bridge and two lighthouses. If the ocean is calm, we will spend most of our time on it, if not, there are 6 miles of bay and 12 miles of rivers to explore!

We will continue to Astoria where we will spend the evening at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites.

## Day 7: Astoria, Oregon

This morning we will board our

motorcoach for a sightseeing tour of historic Astoria. A city of 10,000 located on Oregon's beautiful Pacific Ocean coastline, Astoria dates from the winter of 1805-06, when the Lewis and Clark expedition camped at Fort Clatsop. Astoria's attractions include the 125-foot high Astoria Column, Columbia River Maritime Museum and the Fort Clatsop National Memorial.

There will be an "on-your-own" lunch stop as we continue on to Portland.

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

## Day 8: Portland / Seattle

This morning we'll strike out on a tour of beautiful Portland, the "Rose City!" 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 picturesque boutique shopping areas (sometimes called Portland's "Rodeo Drive"); and the Pearl District, Portland's hip new area for arts and entertainment.

Following our tour we'll transfer to Portland's Union Station where we'll board Amtrak's Cascades for Seattle. The Cascades feature newly-refurbished, European-designed Talgo trains. Enjoy the oversized windows and free Wi-Fi. The Bistro car offers fresh entrees, salads, sandwiches and beverages including local microbrews and coffees for an on-your-own lunch.

Our arrival into Seattle's King Street Station is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Our home this evening is The Mayflower Park Hotel.

## Day 9: 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.



PORTLAND SKYLINE - MT. HOOD

The tour will end at the Seattle Amtrak station.

We'll board Amtrak's Empire Builder and travel 2200 miles to Chicago. Relax in your private Roomette sleeping accommodations. Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. All full course dining car meals are included. **D**

## Day 10: En Route

Enjoy a 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 11: En Route to Chicago

Breakfast and lunch are included on the train. 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**

*"WE WERE PAMPERED,  
EDUCATED AND ENTERTAINED."*

MIKE W.  
PLYMOUTH, WI

# 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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