THE PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY TOUR

Presidential history comes alive on this 11-day pilgrimage to seven Presidential Libraries

Abraham Lincoln - Springfield, IL
Harry Truman - Independence, MO
Dwight Eisenhower - Abilene, KS
Lyndon B. Johnson - Austin, TX
George H. W. Bush - College Station, TX
William J. Clinton - Little Rock, AR
George W. Bush - Dallas, TX

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TOUR DATE(S):
2016
Wed., Sept. 21 to Sat., Oct. 1

TOUR PRICE:
All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.
$2,495 - 11 Days
Upgrades: Roomette + $145
Bedroom + $245

$3,195 SINGLE
Upgrade: Roomette + $290

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:
• Round-trip transportation by Amtrak rail and deluxe motorcoach.
• Reclining coach seat with leg rest on the train for one night.
• First-class hotel accommodations for nine nights.
• 13 meals.
• Admission to all include attractions.
• Baggage handling, taxes, tips.
• Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

Day 1: Depart Chicago
The Presidential Library Tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station at 6:00 p.m.
We'll board the City of New Orleans prior to its 8:05 p.m. departure for Memphis. The 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. Dinner in the dining car is served upon departure.

Day 2: William J. Clinton Library
We'll arrive into Memphis this morning and board our comfortable motorcoach for the 130-mile run to Little Rock. But our first stop will be in Memphis for an included breakfast.
The museum at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock is 20,000 square feet of information, video, photos, documents, and artifacts.
A 2,000-square foot executive apartment used by Clinton is located on the top floor of the main building. Cadillac One, the automobile used during Clinton's presidency, is housed on the first floor. On the second floor, the main gallery houses a 110-foot timeline, representing each of Clinton's years as President. There also are replicas of the Oval Office and Cabinet Room. A restaurant is located on the lower level.
This afternoon we'll continue by motorcoach to Longview, TX. Dinner is included en route. Our home for the evening is the Holiday Inn Express.

Day 3: En Route / Austin
Following an included Continental breakfast, we'll transfer to the Longview Amtrak station where, at 8:28 a.m., we'll board the famous Texas Eagle for the 359-mile run across central Texas to Austin. Relax in a comfortable, reclining coach seat with leg rest. You'll want to spend time in the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge Car. Lunch and dinner are available for purchase in the dining car. Snacks and beverages are located in the lower level of the Lounge Car.
You'll have time for a trainside walk in Fort Worth. We're scheduled to arrive in Austin at 6:22 p.m. Upon arrival, we'll transfer to the Hampton Inn Northwest Arboretum.
Day 4: Lyndon B. Johnson Library

This morning we’ll transfer to the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library. Situated on a 30-acre site on the University of Texas campus, the Library houses 45 million pages of historical documents, 650,000 photos, and 5,000 hours of recordings from President Johnson's political career. The iconic ten-story building was designed by award-winning architect Gordon Bunshaft and features the Great Hall with a stunning four-story, glass-encased view of the archives collection.

You’re free following our Johnson Library visit. Our hotel is in an area referred to as the Arboretum, which has walking trails and a nice park. There are also restaurant options nearby. CB

Day 5: George H. W. Bush Library

Following included Continental breakfast, we’ll board a motorcoach and continue east 86 miles to College Station where we’ll visit the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library. The Library and Museum opened in 1997 and is part of Texas A&M University.

The Museum's main gallery is dedicated to “The Life and Times of George Bush.” Memorabilia includes the parachute used in his 1997 jump with the U.S. Army Golden Knights in Arizona.

The Library and Museum's documents include Bush's vice presidential and presidential records.

The Museum collection holdings contain more than 100,000 artifacts, including more than 3,000 gifts from former heads of states.

Following our visit we'll reboard our motorcoach and continue north 152 miles to Dallas. An included dinner stop will be made. Our hotel for the night will be the historic Adolphus Hotel. CB & D

Day 6: George W. Bush Library

The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum is located on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX.

The Museum houses artifacts, documents, photographs, and videos from the Library's extensive collection and includes a full-sized Oval Office and a Texas Rose Garden.

Following our visit, we travel north 190 miles to Oklahoma City. A stop for dinner will be included.

Our home for the evening will be Oklahoma City’s oldest hotel, the Skirvin Hilton. This hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. D

Day 7: En Route / Abilene

The morning is free. Some may want to visit the Oklahoma City Memorial (site of the 1995 Federal Building disaster).

This afternoon we’ll travel 237 miles to Abilene, KS, where we’ll spend the night at the Holiday Inn Express.

Day 8: Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum

Following a Continental breakfast we’ll transfer to the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.

The Museum is divided into five major galleries consisting of an introductory gallery, a changing exhibits gallery, a First Lady's gallery, and a military gallery.

We will stop at the Eisenhower home following the Museum visit. The Eisenhower family occupied this house from 1898 until the death of Eisenhower's mother in 1946. Her sons gave the house, on its original site, to the Eisenhower Foundation in 1966.

Later this afternoon, we'll continue 140 miles to Kansas City where we'll spend the night at the Drury Inn and Suites, Kansas City Stadium. CB

Day 9: Harry S. Truman Library and Museum

Enjoy a Drury QuikStart® breakfast at our hotel this morning.
The Harry S. Truman Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving papers, books, and other historical materials relating to the 33rd President. It was the first Presidential Library to be created under the provisions of the 1955 Presidential Libraries Act.

From the time the Library opened in 1957, President Truman maintained a working office there. He is buried on the grounds. In the office, he wrote articles, letters, and his book Mr. Citizen.

The Museum offers an introductory film on the life of President Truman, and two floors of exhibits relating his life and presidency through photographs, artifacts, film clips, documents, and memorabilia. It was the first Presidential Library to contain a full scale replica of the Oval Office.

The mural Independence and the Opening of the West by Thomas Hart Benton adorns the walls of the lobby.

We board our motorcoach for our 294-mile ride to Springfield, IL. An “on-your-own” lunch stop will be made en route as well as an included dinner stop.

Upon arrival we’ll check in to the attractive State House Inn, our hotel for the next two nights. CB & D

Day 10: Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

Enjoy a full hot breakfast in the hotel both today and tomorrow. You’re free to relax before we transfer to the Lincoln Museum.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum documents the life of the 16th U.S. President, Abraham Lincoln, and the course of the American Civil War.

The Museum contains life-size dioramas of Lincoln’s boyhood home, areas of the White House, the Presidential box at Ford’s Theater, and the settings of key events in Lincoln’s life, as well as pictures, artifacts, and other memorabilia.

Original artifacts are changed from time to time, but the collection usually includes items like the original hand written Gettysburg Address, a signed Emancipation Proclamation, his glasses and shaving mirror, Mary Todd Lincoln’s music box, items from her White House china, her wedding dress, and more.

You’re free to visit other Lincoln sites in the area.

You’ll return to our hotel for the night. B

Day 11: En Route to Chicago

Following breakfast we’ll transfer to the Springfield Amtrak station in time for the 8:37 a.m. departure of a Lincoln Service train for Chicago. Arrival into Chicago is scheduled for 12:20 p.m.

This afternoon and evening, Presidential Library tour members will board connecting Amtrak trains for home destinations. Flying from O’Hare or Midway airports is an option. B

“The catalog description did not do justice for all that we were able to see and do on our trip.”

David & Cynthia G. Zion, IL
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 due is 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. 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 specified in the tour.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS
All tours except those categorized as Coach Class include a 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. 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 stops. 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 wheelchair 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. 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 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.

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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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