



PIKE PLACE MARKET, SEATTLE

# SEATTLE / SAN FRANCISCO EXPRESS

## Express Tour

*YOU SET THE PACE ON OUR "EXPRESS TOURS". THESE TOURS FEATURE AN OPEN FORMAT WHERE YOU CHOOSE THE ACTIVITIES. YOU CAN FILL EVERY MINUTE, OR SIMPLY RELAX AT THE HOTEL. FINE DINING, CASUAL DINING OR FAST-FOOD . . . YOU DECIDE! WE PROVIDE YOU WITH BROCHURES FROM LOCAL TOUR OPERATORS AND ATTRACTIONS AT THE TIME OF BOOKING SO YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PLANS IN PLACE WHEN YOU ARRIVE!*

Travel 2200 miles aboard Amtrak's **Empire Builder**. Pass along **Glacier National Park**.

**Seattle**, the Emerald City. You can take a sightseeing tour if you choose or jump on a double-decker bus to see the city. Again, you're on your own, so you can see what interests you.

Explore the **Space Needle**, **Pioneer Square**, **Pike Place Market** or take a **Boeing** plant tour.

The **Coast Starlight** is Amtrak's premier train. You'll be pampered from the time we board in Seattle until we disembark in Emeryville, across from San Francisco.

Days 1-3 ..... Chicago to Seattle  
on The Empire Builder

Days 3-4 ..... Seattle

Day 5 ..... Seattle to San Francisco  
on The Coast Starlight

**San Francisco**, the "City by the Bay." You could visit **Alcatraz**, take a ride on one of the cable cars. Our hotel is at **Fisherman's Wharf**.

Take a sightseeing tour or a romance food tour. Visit **North Beach** and **Chinatown**.

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**.

Days 6-7 ..... San Francisco

Days 8-10 ..... San Francisco to Chicago  
on The California Zephyr

## TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Sun., Oct. 1 to Tues., Oct. 10

## TOUR PRICE:

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

**\$2,995 - 10 Days**

Upgrade: Bedroom + \$1,295

**SINGLE \$4,595**

**FLY OPTION** - Fly to Seattle and return from San Francisco. 6 Days

Price: \$1,995\*

Single: \$2,895\*

\***FLY OPTION** Includes Roomette from Seattle to Emeryville on the train.

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

## YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak and deluxe motorcoach.
- Private-room sleeping accommodations on the trains for five nights in private Roomettes.
- First-class hotel accommodations for four nights.
- 15 meals.
- 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

**S**eattle / San Francisco Express tour members will board Amtrak's Empire Builder this afternoon for the 2200-mile journey to Seattle, Washington. Departure is scheduled for 2:15 p.m.

Go to the glass-walled sightseer lounge car for spectacular viewing. All tastefully prepared full-course dining car meals are included.

Relax in your Roomette. Bedrooms with private restrooms are available at an additional cost. Coffee, juice and water are available in your sleeping car.

We will pass through Minneapolis - St. Paul later this evening. **D**

### Day 2: En Route

During the day we will roll across the remote flat lands of North Dakota and eastern Montana.

This evening a dramatic panorama of rocky mountain peaks will begin to rise above the horizon. The scenery is striking as we wind past waterfalls, river gorges and other sights. The glass-walled lounge and dining car are excellent vantage points. **B, L & D**

### Day 3: En Route / Seattle

You may want to rise early to watch the sun come up over some spectacular scenery. Today the Empire Builder will enter the 7.8-mile long Cascade Tunnel. Over the next two hours we'll wind through the scenic Cascade Mountains.

We'll transfer to the Roosevelt Hotel, a boutique hotel that exemplifies old-world charm, located in the heart of Seattle's thriving downtown. You're within easy walking distance of 30 restaurants, numerous shops, the Pike Place Market and The Paramount Theatre. You are free to explore the Space Needle, Pioneer Square or the Market. Or take a Boeing plant tour or perhaps a Puget Sound dinner cruise. There is also a double-decker hop-on, hop-off sightseeing bus that departs every 30 minutes. **B**

### Day 4: Seattle

You have another day to enjoy the sights and sounds of fabulous Seattle.



SPACE NEEDLE

### Day 5: En Route / Coast Starlight

At 9:35 this morning we'll board the famous Coast Starlight. We'll roll south along beautiful Puget Sound and by early evening we'll be winding through the Cascade Mountains.

Bottled water, juice and coffee are available in the your sleeping car. **L & D**



## Days 6: San Francisco

You can enjoy a full breakfast in the dining car. Arrival into Emeryville is scheduled for 8:10 a.m. We will take a deluxe motorcoach into San Francisco. The Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf is our home for the next two nights.

In San Francisco the choices are endless. In addition to a hop-on, hop-off double-decker bus there is Alcatraz, cable cars, Muir Woods and Sausalito. You can take a romance food tour, explore North Beach or visit Chinatown. At Fisherman's Wharf you can visit the Aquarium of the Bay. **B**

## Days 7: San Francisco

Today you are free to explore the "City by the Bay".

## Day 8: En Route

We'll board the famous California Zephyr for the return journey across seven states to Chicago. Departure is scheduled for 9:10 a.m. This is the most scenic long distance rail journey in the U.S. The Zephyr features double-decker Superliner equipment.

After settling in, you may want to go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car with its comfortable seats. It is a great place to view the passing scenery. Bottled water, juice and coffee are available in the your sleeping car throughout the day. All meals on the trains are included beginning with a full-course lunch in the dining car.

Relax in your comfortable private Roomette or Bedroom sleeping accommodations.

As we travel eastward we leave the lush green landscape and palm trees of California and enter the rugged terrain of the Sierra Nevada mountains. We will ride through the famous Donner Pass this afternoon. **L & D**

## Day 9: En Route

This morning we'll pass through eastern Utah and western Colorado.

Following your delicious dining car breakfast this morning, you'll want to view the spectacular scenery from the Sightseer Lounge car.

When we leave Glenwood Springs at 12:10 p.m., we'll travel through the

towering, narrow Glen Canyon. We will then begin to climb through the awesome Rockies toward the Continental Divide. We'll encounter the famous, 6.2-mile long Moffatt Tunnel and literally go under the Continental Divide. The mountain vistas will continue throughout the afternoon. We'll arrive in Denver at 6:38 p.m.

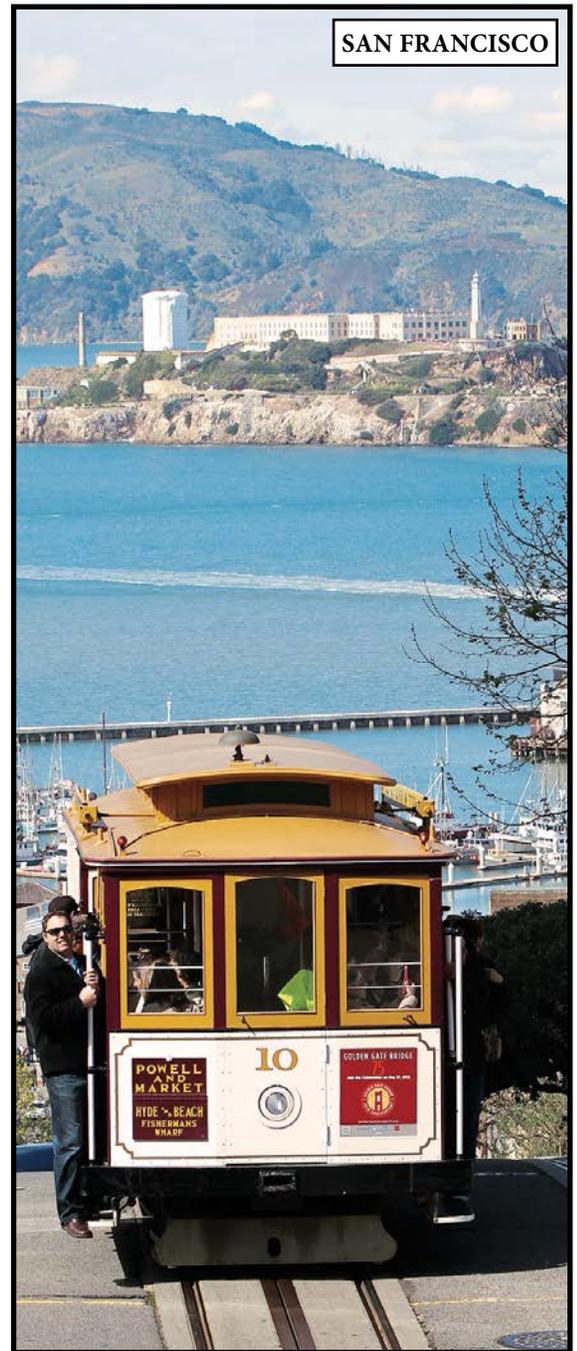
**B, L & D**

## Day 10: En Route to Chicago

During the night we traveled across the Great Plains. Our train will roll across Iowa and Illinois before our afternoon arrival in Chicago. Some tour members will change to trains bound for Midwest, eastern and southern home cities. Others may spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow. **B & L**

*"THE TOUR WAS PERFECT. IT WAS LIKE A FAMILY REUNION. I'VE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED YOUR TOURS TO SEVERAL PEOPLE."*

MADELINE W.  
BURTON, OH



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# 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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