



**MAYAN RUINS OF TULUM**

# WESTERN CARIBBEAN RAIL / SAIL

**NASA Johnson Space Center • Cozumel • George Town, Grand Cayman • Falmouth, Jamaica • Liberty of the Seas®**

**Space Center Houston** is the official visitors center of **NASA's Johnson Space Center**. You'll witness a piece of history by visiting the former Mission Control Center, where the first astronaut on the moon radioed in, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."

In **George Town**, visit the glitzy shops; in **Falmouth** white-sand beach in Ocho Rios or explore the Green Grotto Cave. In **Cozumel** you can take a ferry to the Mayan ruins of Tulum, spectacularly sited on sea cliffs.

We'll spend seven days aboard the luxurious **Royal Caribbean Liberty of the Seas**. Pamper yourself at the spa, shop in the four story Royal Promenade, enjoy a Broadway style show and help yourself to an endless array of dining opportunities!

The **Texas Eagle** will provide our comfortable, first-class trip from Chicago to Longview, Texas and back.

**A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR**

Days 1-2 ..... Chicago to Longview  
 Day 2 ..... NASA Space Center  
 Day 3 ..... Embarkation  
 Day 4 ..... At Sea  
 Day 5 ..... Cozumel

Day 6 ..... George Town, Grand Cayman  
 Day 7 ..... Falmouth, Jamaica  
 Days 8-9 ..... At Sea  
 Day 10 ..... Galveston / En Route  
 Day 11 ..... En Route to Chicago

## TOUR DATE(S):

2018

Fri., Mar. 2 to Mon., Mar. 12

## TOUR PRICE:

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

**\$2,495 - 11 Days**

Upgrades:

Roomette on Amtrak + \$375  
Bedroom on Amtrak + \$545  
Ocean View Stateroom + \$120  
Balcony Stateroom + \$375

**SINGLE \$3,095**

Upgrades:

Roomette on Amtrak + \$750  
Ocean View Stateroom + \$240  
Balcony Stateroom + \$750

## FLY OPTION - Fly to /

from Houston. 9 Days

Price: \$2,145

Single \$2,795

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

## YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak, Royal Caribbean Line and connecting motorcoach.
- Reclining coach seat on Amtrak for two nights.
- Inside stateroom on the Royal Caribbean Liberty of the Sea® cruise ship for seven nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for one night.
- Visit to NASA Space Center, Houston.
- Baggage handling, taxes and tips.
- 27 meals.
- All gratuities are included; rail, cruise and motorcoach.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

**NOTE: Refer to deposit and cancellation policy for Rail / Sail Tours on Page 150.**

### Day 1: Depart Chicago

**W**estern Caribbean Rail / Sail tour members will meet their Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station throughout the day. We'll board the Texas Eagle for the 1:45 p.m. departure.

Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms are available at an additional cost.

Dinner in the dining car is included this evening. **D**

### Day 2: NASA Space Center

Enjoy an early breakfast in the dining car. Arrival into Longview is scheduled for 8:28 a.m.

Upon arrival we will board our deluxe motorcoach and head south to the Space Center Houston - Mission Control. There will be time for an "on-your-own" lunch.

Space Center Houston is the official visitors center of NASA's Johnson Space Center. You'll witness a piece of history by visiting the former Mission Control Center, where the first astronaut on the moon radioed in, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed." And you'll witness the place where history is currently being made at the new Mission Control base.

You can view a collection of astronaut suits worn on famous missions at the Astronaut Gallery.

Following our visit we will transfer to the Hampton Inn & Suites in Webster, Texas, our home for the night. There are dinner options near the hotel. **B**

### Day 3: Embarkation

Following an included breakfast we will board our motorcoach and transfer to Galveston. We will board the beautiful Royal Caribbean Liberty of the Seas®, our luxurious home for the next seven days. The Liberty of the Seas features a wide variety of restaurants, activities and entertainment. You can relax in a cantilevered whirlpool that extends 12 feet from the ship. There is also a miniature golf course, ice-skating rink, and fitness center and day spa.

We're scheduled to set sail at 4:00 p.m. **B, L & D**

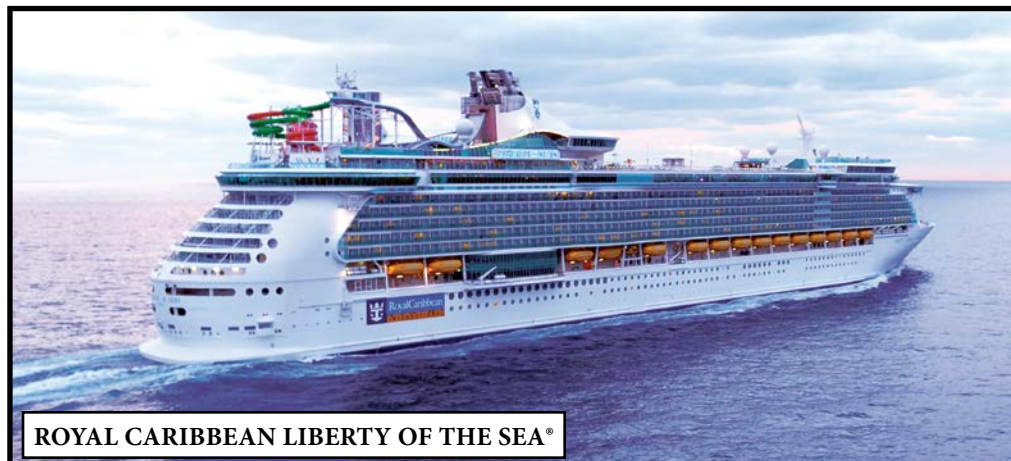
### Day 4: At Sea

There are plenty of onboard activities for you to pursue today.

The Royal Promenade is four-stories high and runs through the center of the ship. It is the main location for shops, bars and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. When it comes to dining you'll find everything from a '50s-style diner, pizza bar and casual buffet to an upscale steakhouse. Evening entertainment includes Broadway style shows in the five-story Platinum Theatre, slots and table games in the casino and a variety of music and dancing in the various bars and lounges. Among these nightspots are Boleros Latin-themed lounge; Schooner, a nautical bar; and the sophisticated wine bar, Vintages. There are plenty of places to take in the views! **B, L & D**

### Day 5: Cozumel, Mexico

Once the destination of Mayan women, playing homage to Ixchel, Mayan goddess of fertility, today it's ranked among the world's premier dive spots.





GEORGE TOWN

The nearby mainland is home to Tulum, Mayan cliff side ruins overlooking the Caribbean. Explore the ruins of the ancient Mayan city of Tulum, perched above the Caribbean.

Explore the underwater world of Chankanaab aboard the Atlantis Submarine.

*Sample optional shore excursions include: Discover Mexico Park Papantantla Flyer Experience, Chankanaab Shore Snorkel & Sea Lion Show, Experience Myan Ruins Through Your Senses, and Starfish Sanctuary & Palancar Reef Snorkel.*  
**B, L & D**

### Day 6: George Town, Grand Cayman

George Town is an excellent place for duty-free shopping with all its glitzy shops. You can enjoy boating, snorkeling or just relaxing on a beautiful beach.

*Sample optional shore excursions include: Trolley Roger, Amphibious Bus Land and Sea Adventure, Stingray City Sandbar Swim, Cayman Highlights, Turtle Encounter & Island Tour and Deluxe Stingray City Sandbar.*  
**B, L & D**

### Day 7: Falmouth, Jamaica

Falmouth is one of Jamaica's most unique destinations. You can ride horseback through Caribbean waters along a white-sand beach in Ocho Rios, explore the Green Grotto Caves or drift down the emerald waters of the Martha Brae River on a bamboo gondola. Experience the vibrant culture as you tour the Good Hope Great House

plantation or enjoy an award-winning beach in Montego.

*Sample optional shore excursions include: Falmouth Heritage Walking Tour, Falmouth and Montego Bay at Leisure, 1700's High Tea at Good Hope Estate, 1700's Great House & Plantation Tour and Lunch, Historic Falmouth and Ocho Rios Highlights, and Go Native Jamaica.*  
**B, L & D**

### Day 8: At Sea

Enjoy all the ship has to offer today or just relax and watch the sea go by.  
**B, L & D**

### Day 9: At Sea

This is the last full day of the cruise. Enjoy this opportunity to participate in many of the optional activities onboard or relax with a good book on deck with the invigorating salt air. **B, L & D**

### Day 10: Galveston

Enjoy an early breakfast as we return to Galveston. Arrival is scheduled for 6:30 a.m.

Following disembarking we will board our motorcoach and travel to Longview. An "on-your-own" lunch stop will be made en route.

Upon arrival we will board the Texas Eagle. Departure is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. You will enjoy the same accommodations and amenities you had on your southbound trip beginning with a dining car dinner this evening.

You'll want to spend some time reminiscing with your fellow vacationers about the great experiences you shared during the past ten days. **B & D**

### Day 11: En Route to Chicago

Enjoy a full-course dining car breakfast.

Following lunch we'll arrive in Chicago's Union Station at 1:52 p.m. Travelers will depart for home destinations throughout the day. **B & L**

*"MY THIRD CRUISE AND THE BEST ONE YET. VERY PLEASED WITH THE SIZE OF THE STATEROOM. OUTSTANDING FOOD AND SERVICE."*

MARILYN M.  
 BATTLE CREEK, MI



FALMOUTH

# GENERAL INFORMATION RAIL/SAIL TOURS

## REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due at time of reservation, \$100 of which is non-refundable. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

## TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

For cancellations received within 90 days of departure the following per person penalty applies:

- 76-90 days prior to departure: 25% of total tour cost.
- 61-75 days prior to departure: 50% of total tour cost.
- 31-60 days prior to departure: 75% of total tour cost.
- 30 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.

Air cancellations after ticketing are subject to the carrier's policy.

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.

### CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Rail / Sail 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 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. America by Rail® is the registered trademark of America by Rail, Inc.