

GOLDEN WEST RAIL RAMBLE

San Francisco • Napa Valley Wine Train • Monterey • San Simeon
Hearst Castle • Santa Barbara • Los Angeles • Catalina Island

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE



- 4900 miles of relaxed, comfortable travel on double-decker Amtrak Superliners...westbound through the majestic **Colorado Rockies** and eastbound through the rugged highlands of Arizona and New Mexico.
- The meandering train ride through the **Napa Valley** vineyards will be a high point of this awesome California adventure.
- Board a historic **Roaring Camp & Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad** train for a scenic ride through the magnificent redwood trees.
- We'll travel the scenic 17-mile drive from Pacific Grove to Carmel on the **Monterey Peninsula**.
- Sightseeing tour of beautiful **Santa Barbara**.
- You'll find the tour of luxurious **Hearst Castle** to be an unbelievable experience. It's one of California's major attractions.
- "24 miles across the sea . . . **Santa Catalina** is the place to be". The Four Preps aptly describe this island paradise where you'll spend a memorable day. Its beauty is breathtaking.
- We'll cover Los Angeles from Hollywood's opulent **Rodeo Drive** and **Sunset Boulevard** to downtown's **Grauman's Chinese Theatre**. Visit **Chinatown**, **Griffith Park** and historic **Olvera Street**.

Day 1-3..... Chicago to San Francisco
Day 4..... San Francisco
Day 5..... Napa Valley Wine Train
Day 6..... Monterey
Day 7..... Cambria

Day 8 Hearst Castle
Day 9..... Catalina Island
Day 10..... Los Angeles
Day 11-12..... En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

Thurs., Sept. 6 to Mon., Sept. 17

TOUR PRICE:**\$3,295 - 12 Days**

Per person /double occupancy

\$4,690 Single

FLY OPTION - Fly to San Francisco and return from Los Angeles. 8 Days
Price: \$2,395 p.p./d.o.
Single \$3,195

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by rail departing from and returning to Chicago.
- Private Roomette sleeping accommodations on the train for four nights (\$895 additional per person for a Bedroom).
- First-class hotel accommodations for seven nights.
- 19 meals.
- Extensive sightseeing including San Francisco, Monterey, Hearst Castle, Catalina Island and Los Angeles.
- 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

The Golden West Rail Ramble tour group will meet their Tour Director in the Metropolitan Lounge of Chicago's Union Station. We'll board the famous California Zephyr in time for its mid afternoon departure. The Zephyr features double-decker Superliner equipment. Relax in your comfortable Roomette sleeping accommodations. Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. After settling in you may want to go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge. Enjoy a sumptuous, full-course dinner in the dining car. All meals are included on the Zephyr. **D**

Day 2: Colorado Rockies

The Zephyr will depart Denver this morning and begin its climb over the Front Range of the awesome Colorado Rockies. Throughout the day the train will wind around sharp mountain curves and through numerous tunnels. You'll look down at fast-flowing streams winding through valleys far below. The breathtaking mountain vistas will continue until late afternoon. **B, L & D**

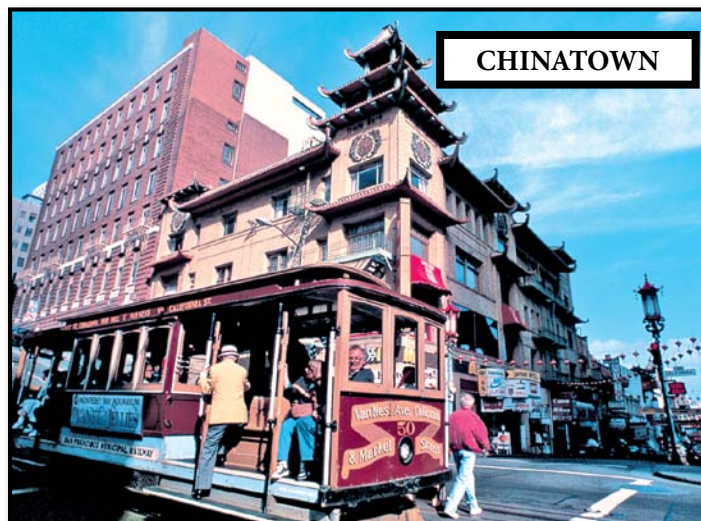
Day 3: En Route / San Francisco

During the night you crossed the dry, sparsely populated Nevada countryside. Today's scenery will be almost as spectacular as that experienced yesterday in Colorado as the Zephyr ascends the 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 in Emeryville is scheduled for 4:10 p.m. Then it is on to the world-famous "City by the Bay". Our home for three nights in San Francisco is the attractive Hilton Hotel Fisherman's Wharf. **B & L**

Day 4: San Francisco

You're free this morning to ride a cable car or just wander through the great shops and galleries.

**CHINATOWN**

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, Jackson Square, the Mission District, Telegraph Hill, the Presidio and Fisherman's Wharf. Our tour will end at the world-renowned Fisherman's Wharf, with its picturesque sights and pungent smells. It attracts millions of visitors annually. You'll have time to discover the excellent restaurants, markets, import houses and souvenir shops. Return to our hotel or spend more time at this marvelous attraction. Choose one of the many fine restaurants in Fisherman's Wharf.

Day 5: Napa Valley Wine Train

This morning we'll board a comfortable motorcoach and travel eastward across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and then head north into the famous California wine country. Our destination is Napa where, for a few hours, we'll return to the gracious era of elegant rail travel and distinguished service. The rail cars that make up the Wine Train have been meticulously restored to their original splendor.

The Lounge and Wine Tasting cars are resplendent in polished mahogany,




NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN

brass and etched glass. You'll savor hors d'oeuvres chosen to enhance the Wine Train's own selection of the finest Napa Valley wines.

Later you'll be ushered into the 1917 Pullman Dining Car. While the train rolls slowly past many of the valley's 50+ vineyards and wineries, you'll enjoy a three-course gourmet lunch. At mid afternoon our travelers will return to San Francisco for a final night. **L**

Day 6: Monterey

Our travelers will check out of the hotel this morning and travel by motorcoach south about 80 miles to Felton. At 11:00 a.m. we'll board an historic Roaring Camp & Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad train for a spectacularly scenic, six-mile ride through a magnificent stand of tall California redwood trees. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch (included).

We'll continue on to picturesque Monterey. This charming resort community is one of the most scenic locations on the Pacific Coast.

Late this afternoon, we'll visit historic Cannery Row. Cannery Row was once a raucous industrial street famous for canning sardines and for the haunts of characters in John Steinbeck's 1945 novel, "Cannery Row." There are many shopping opportunities and restaurants . . . all within walking distance. You will have time for an "on-your-own" dinner before transferring to our hotel, the Portola Hotel and Spa. **L**

Day 7: Cambria

We'll strike out this morning on a sightseeing tour of the Monterey area. The high point of our visit will be the scenic, 17-mile drive from Pacific Grove to Carmel. Points of interest along the way in-

clude Seal Rock and Cypress Point. You'll also see Pebble Beach and other golf courses made famous as the site of the annual Bing Crosby golf tournaments. After an "on-your-own" luncheon stop, we'll travel south along the Pacific Ocean shoreline to San Simeon. Our home for this evening is The Fog Catcher Inn. The Tour Director will host dinner tonight. **D**

Day 8: Hearst Castle

After breakfast (included) we'll transfer from our hotel to one of California's major attractions and a high point of our tour, the famous Hearst Castle. You'll see the Castle greenhouses and 123 acres of the estate of the late publishing czar William Randolph Hearst. The main residence is a huge Hispano-Moorish building called La Casa Grande, where millions of dollars worth of the Hearst art collection and antiques are displayed. The landscaped gardens are decorated with pools, fountains and statuary. We'll take an hour-and-a-half walking tour of this magnificent complex.

We'll re-board our motorcoach and continue south along the coastline another 150 miles to Santa Barbara. Upon arrival in Santa Barbara we'll embark on an hour-and-a-half sightseeing tour that includes the famed Courthouse with its massive murals.

At 4:29 p.m., we'll board an Amtrak Pacific Surfliner train for the final 103 miles to Los Angeles. On the train you'll see more of the beautiful Pacific coastline before we enter the sprawling San Fernando Valley.

Our arrival into beautiful Los Angeles Union Station is scheduled for 7:40 p.m. Upon arrival, we'll transfer to the Los Angeles suburb of San Pedro. Our transfer motorcoach will make a stop en route for a buffet dinner (included).

Following dinner we will check into the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor hotel for the next two nights. **B & D**

Day 9: Catalina Island

Breakfast is included each morning in San Pedro.

It takes a little more than an hour to cover the 22 miles from Long Beach to Avalon on Catalina Island in a modern express boat that features airline-style seats. A two-hour sightseeing tour ten miles into the scenic interior of the island is included. You'll see spectacular vistas, deep canyons, quiet coves and the blue ocean. Be on the lookout for wildlife. You'll also have time to explore the primary city of Avalon. Glass-bottom boat tours are available. We'll return to the mainland late this afternoon. **B**

Day 10: Los Angeles

Late this morning we'll strike out on an extensive tour of Los Angeles. The famous sites we'll visit include Chinatown, Griffith Park, Exposition Park, exquisite Rodeo Drive and Grauman's Chinese Theatre where the hand and footprints of many stars are imprinted in concrete. Enjoy an "on-your-own" lunch at the world-famous Farmers' Market.

After the tour, we'll continue on to Los Angeles Union Station where we'll board Amtrak's Southwest Chief for Chicago. You'll again enjoy private-room sleeping accommodations, all the train meals and other amenities experienced on your westbound train. Count on a full-course dining car dinner after departure. **B & D**

Day 11: En Route

You'll want to take advantage of the fascinating scenery of Arizona and New Mexico our train will pass through during the day. The Sightseer Lounge is the best vantage point. **B, L & D**

Day 12: En Route to Chicago

The Southwest Chief will roll across northern Missouri, a corner of Iowa, and all of Illinois before our late afternoon arrival in Chicago. Some tour members will change to trains bound for Midwest, Eastern, and Southern home cities. Some will spend the night in Chicago and continue home by air tomorrow morning. **B & L**

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEALS

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 is due 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.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

Rail transportation over the tour route and motorcoach, van, or other modes of transportation where specified in the tour description.

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

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 with bath. 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 supplemental 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.

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. Carry-on luggage 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), sight-seeing 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 to your America by Rail Tour Directors are an industry expectation. 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:

Any type of disability requiring special treatment must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitations those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

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 by the tour member 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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