



**GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE**

# GOLDEN WEST RAIL RAMBLE

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

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.

An elegant multi-course lunch while meandering on a train ride through the **Napa Valley** vineyards will be a high point of this awesome California adventure.

Board the 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**.

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

You'll find the tour of luxurious **Hearst Castle** to be an unbelievable experience. It's one of California's major attractions.

Sightseeing tour of beautiful **Santa Barbara** including its famous courthouse.

"26 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. You'll enjoy the Avalon City Tour and glass-bottom boat tour.

We'll cover Los Angeles from Hollywood's famous **Sunset Boulevard** to downtown's **Grauman's Chinese Theatre**. Visit **Chinatown, Griffith Park** and historic **Olvera Street**.

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

## TOUR DATE(S):

2018

Wed. . Sept. 5 to Sun., Sept. 16

## TOUR PRICE:

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

**\$3,995 - 12 Days**

Upgrade: Bedroom + \$995

**SINGLE \$5,795**

**FLY OPTION** - Fly to San Francisco and return from Los Angeles. 8 Days  
Price: \$2,895  
Single: \$3,895

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

## YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by rail departing from and returning to Chicago.
- Private Roomette sleeping accommodations on the train for four nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for seven nights.
- 19 meals.
- Extensive sightseeing including San Francisco, Monterey, Hearst Castle, Santa Barbara, 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

**G**olden West Rail Ramble tour members will meet our Tour Director in the Metropolitan Lounge of Chicago's Union Station. We'll board the famous California Zephyr in time for its 2:00 p.m. 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

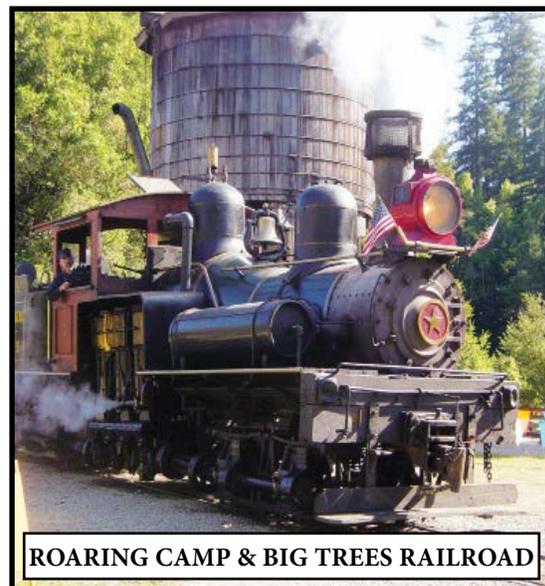
The Zephyr will depart Denver this morning and begin its climb over the Front Range of the awesome Colorado Rockies. Throughout the day the train will wind around sharp mountain curves and through numerous tunnels. You'll look down at fast-flowing streams winding through valleys far below. The breathtaking 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 spectacular scenery will rival that experienced yesterday as the Zephyr ascends the Sierra Nevada mountains through the infamous Donner Pass. From rugged terrain and pine trees to lush greenery and palm trees . . . in just three hours.

Our arrival in Emeryville is scheduled for 4:10 p.m. Then it is on to the famous "City by the Bay". Our home for three nights in San Francisco is the attractive Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf.

With its picturesque sights and pungent smells, Fisherman's Wharf attracts millions of visitors annually. You'll have time to discover the excellent restaurants, markets, import houses and souvenir shops. **B & L**



ROARING CAMP & BIG TREES RAILROAD

### Day 4: San Francisco

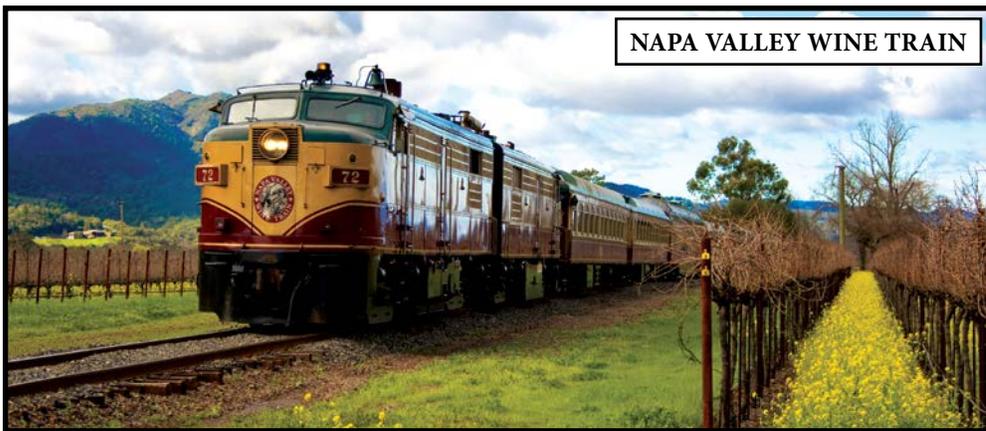
This morning we'll embark on a three-and-a-half hour sightseeing tour of San Francisco, including Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Jackson Square, the Mission District, Telegraph Hill, the Presidio and Fisherman's Wharf. Our tour will end at the world-renowned Fisherman's Wharf.

Following the tour you're free to ride a cable car or just wander through the great shops and galleries.

### 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 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.





NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN

The Lounge and Wine Tasting cars are resplendent in polished mahogany, 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 the historic Roaring Camp & Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad for a spectacular six-mile ride through a magnificent stand of tall California redwood trees. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch (included).

We'll continue 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, which 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 Plaza Hotel and Spa. **L**

## Day 7: Cambria

We'll strike out this morning on a sightseeing tour of the Monterey area. The high point will be the scenic, 17-Mile Drive from Pacific Grove to

Carmel. Points of interest along the way include 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 tournament. Following an "on-your-own" lunch stop, we'll travel south to Cambria. Our home this evening is The Fogcatcher Inn. The Tour Director will host dinner tonight. **D**

## Day 8: Hearst Castle

Following breakfast (included) we'll transfer 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 reboard our motorcoach and continue south 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 4:12 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 the beautiful Los Angeles Union Station is scheduled for 7:10 p.m. Upon arrival we'll enjoy dinner at the critically acclaimed Traxx Restaurant (included).

Following dinner we'll transfer to the Crowne Plaza Harbor LA Harbor, our home for the next two nights. **B & D**

## Day 9: Catalina Island

Breakfast is included this morning and tomorrow.

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.

Upon arrival, we will enjoy a tour of Avalon City. Following an on-your-own lunch we will set off on a glass-bottom boat tour.

We'll return to the mainland late this afternoon. **B**

## Day 10: Los Angeles

Today's sightseeing tour includes many famous attractions such as Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and Hollywood's Walk of Fame where you see the hand and foot prints of the stars! We'll visit the Hollywood & Highland Center home of the TCL Chinese Theatre (formerly Grauman's and Mann's Chinese Theatres) and the Dolby Theatre (formerly Kodak Theatre), home of the Academy Awards. We'll enjoy an "on-your-own" lunch at the Farmers Market with a variety of food, fresh fruit and baked goods as well as post cards and souvenirs.

After the tour we'll continue to Los Angeles Union Station where we'll board Amtrak's Southwest Chief for the 6:10 p.m. departure for Chicago. You'll again enjoy private sleeping accommodations, all the train meals and other amenities experienced on your westbound train. Count on 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 is scheduled to arrive in Chicago at 3:15 p.m. Some members will change to trains bound for Midwest, Eastern and Southern home cities. Others will stay overnight and fly home tomorrow. **B & L**

# 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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