

PACIFIC COASTAL ODYSSEY

Los Angeles • Santa Barbara • San Francisco • Astoria • Seattle • Victoria • Vancouver • Sapphire Princess®

SAPPHIRE PRINCESS®



A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR

- Fall in love with beautiful **Santa Barbara**. The flowers, the Spanish Architecture, the parks and the mild temperatures provide a wonderful experience.
- Enjoy the sights and sounds of **Los Angeles** on a sightseeing tour of the city.
- **San Francisco**, everyone's favorite City by the Bay. Options include: Fisherman's Wharf, tour of this beautiful city, Sausalito, Muir Woods and Alcatraz.
- **Seattle's** options include: Best of Seattle and Boats, Buildings & Billionaires Sightseeing, Pike Place Market and the Space Needle.
- **Victoria**, the Western Hemisphere's most "British" city. Grand City Drive & Empress Tea, Double-Decker Tour, Whale Watching Cruise and Butchart Gardens are options.
- **Vancouver**, the dynamic city where the mountains meet the sea. We'll tour the city's major sites.
- **Sapphire Princess** comfortably accommodates 2,600 guests, each of whom is treated to pampering, personal service, and a wealth of fabulous onboard amenities. Passengers can enjoy commanding ocean views and sea breezes from one of the many outdoor public areas.

Days 1-3 Chicago to Los Angeles
Day 4..... Sapphire Princess
Day 5..... Santa Barbara
Day 6..... San Francisco
Day 7..... At Sea

Day 8..... Astoria, Oregon
Day 9..... Seattle
Day 10..... Victoria
Day 11..... Vancouver/Seattle
Days 12-13 En Route to Chicago

CB CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
 B BREAKFAST
 L LUNCH
 D DINNER

TOUR DATE(S):

Wed., May 9 to Mon., May 21

TOUR PRICE:

\$3,195- 13 Days

Per person /double occupancy

Upgrade pricing (per person/double occupancy):

Bedroom on Amtrak + \$895
 Ocean View Stateroom + \$160
 Balcony Stateroom + \$320

\$5,495 Single (Inside Stateroom)

Ocean View Stateroom + \$320
 Balcony Stateroom + \$640

FLY OPTION -Fly to LA, return from Seattle.

9 Days

Price: \$2,250 p.p./d.o.

Single \$3,950

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak, Princess Cruises and connecting motorcoach.
- Private Roomette on the trains for four nights.
- Inside cabin on the Sapphire Princess for seven nights.
- First class hotel accommodations for one night.
- Sightseeing tours in Los Angeles and Vancouver.
- Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
- 32 meals.
- All gratuities are included: rail, cruise, motorcoach.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

Day 1: Depart Chicago

All Pacific Coastal Odyssey tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station. The Metropolitan Lounge will be our base in Chicago. The Willis Tower, one of the world's tallest buildings is close by. Other Chicago attractions are a short cab ride away.

We'll board the Southwest Chief for its mid afternoon departure. Relax in your private Roomette sleeping accommodations. Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. Bottled water and coffee are available in the sleeping cars. Enjoy a full-course dinner in the dining car.

You will want to spend time in the Sightseer Lounge where the glass windows rise from floor level to the ceiling. It is a great place to view the passing scenery. **D**

Day 2: En Route

Last night we traveled across the state of Kansas. We will be near the Colorado border when you awaken. Today you will experience the excitement of the Santa Fe Trail as we cross New Mexico and Arizona. You will have time for a train-side walk when we arrive in Albuquerque at mid afternoon. **B, L & D**

Day 3: Los Angeles

Our arrival is scheduled for 8:15 a.m. We will board a comfortable motorcoach and strike out on an extensive tour of Los Angeles. The famous sites we'll visit include Chinatown, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Exposition Park, and Mann's Chinese Theatre where the hand and footprints of many stars are imprinted in concrete. Enjoy an "on-your-own" luncheon break at the world-famous Farmers Market. We'll transfer to the attractive Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel. **B**

Day 4: Embarkation

This morning is free to explore or relax. At noon we'll transfer from our hotel to the beautiful Sapphire Princess®. This ship is a jewel on the high seas filled with innovative features and luxurious amenities. Swim in one of four sparkling pools or shop the boutiques or get a massage in the Lotus Spa. Dine casually or more



ON BOARD

elegantly in one of the many formal dining rooms and specialty restaurants. Following a luncheon buffet, you can relax or explore our beautiful home for eight days. Departure is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. **L & D**

Day 5: Santa Barbara

When you begin your day, you'll be anchored at the shores of beautiful Santa Barbara. Quietly nestled between the ocean and the Santa Ynez Mountains, Santa Barbara represents the essence of California – the art and culture of a big city with the hospitality of a small, coastal town. Enjoy the shopping on State Street or sample the cuisine of some of the finest restaurants in the country. We can't forget the miles and miles of beautiful beaches.

Today's optional shore excursions include: a Santa Barbara By Trolley tour, a Wine Country Tour, a Solvang & Wine Country tour, and Whale Watching.

The Santa Barbara Channel is famous for its outstanding Whale Watching, over 27 species of whales, dolphins and porpoises come into the area at various times of the year including the giant blue whale, friendly humpback whales and sometimes even the exciting killer whale or Orca.

Look forward to another wonderful evening. We'll be cruising to our next exciting destination, the city by the bay, San Francisco. **B, L & D**

Day 6: San Francisco

You'll soon realize why Tony Bennett left his heart here. San Francisco is a city of culture, historical landmarks and world renown dining.

Our ship will arrive at Pier 35 on the city's bustling downtown waterfront. Many of the city's major attractions are within walking distance or a short cab ride. Public buses and cable cars run every few minutes. For the shoppers, Pier 39 and the world famous Fisherman's Wharf offer more than 110 stores, a dozen bay view restaurants, street performers, and live daily entertainment. Hyde Street Pier is the location of the National Park Service's Maritime Museum; here you can board historic ships such as the 1886 square-rigger Balclutha and 1914 paddlewheel tug Eppleron Hall.

Today's optional shore excursions include: a motorcoach tour of this beautiful city as well as tours to Sausalito, Muir Woods, and Alcatraz.

Tonight we'll enjoy another great evening of dining and entertainment. **B, L & D**

Day 7: At Sea

Wow! A full day to relax and enjoy this magnificent ship. Take a swim or play a round of mini-golf or try the virtual golf simulator. Indulge yourself with a relaxing massage. Shop in the duty-free Boutique featuring designer clothing and gifts, including Lladro, Swarovski, Calvin Klein, Tommy Bahama, Lancome, Clinique, Estee Lauder, and Fossil - all up to 30% off. Or just cuddle up with a good book as the Pacific Ocean drifts by.

B, L & D

Day 8: Astoria, Oregon

Astoria, a city of 10,000 located on Oregon's pristine Pacific Ocean coastline, dates from the winter of 1805-06, when the Lewis and Clark expedition camped at Fort Clatsop. Astoria's attractions include the 125-foot high Astoria Column, Columbia River Maritime Museum and the Fort Clatsop National Memorial.

Today's optional shore excursions include: Oregon's Scenic Coastal Highlights, Mount St. Helens, and Seafood Cooking School & Wine Tasting.

Tonight is another evening of various pleasurable activities. **B, L & D**

Day 9: Seattle

Seattle, often considered a coastal city, isn't even on the ocean; it is located at the inland-most end of Puget Sound, which winds its way north to the Pacific Ocean. On a clear day Mount Rainier, 50 miles to the southeast, will be visible from our

ship's top decks.

Today's optional shore excursions include: Best of Seattle and Boats, Buildings & Billionaires.

Enjoy another evening of great dining and entertainment.

B, L & D

Day 10: Victoria

Victoria, Canada's most British city, lies at the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Double-decker buses, English inns, gardens, and pubs abound in this capital city. The world-famous Butchart Gardens, with 50 acres of floral magnificence, is the most famous attraction.

Optional shore excursions include: Grand City Drive & Empress Tea, Double-Decker Tour, Whale Watching Cruise and several variations of Butchart Garden tours.

We'll enjoy a final night on our beautiful ship as it traverses the Strait of Georgia to our final port, Vancouver. **B, L & D**

Day 11: Vancouver / Seattle

We'll disembark this morning and spend time becoming familiar with Vancouver. It's one of North America's most prosperous cities and one of its most beautiful. Our tour of the city will include Gastown, Chinatown, Stanley Park, English Bay, Marine Drive, the waterfront, and Queen Elizabeth Park.

Following an "on-your-own" lunch, we'll continue on to Seattle where we'll board Amtrak's premier train, The Empire Builder, for the return to Chicago.

Our departure is scheduled for 4:45 p.m. Sleeping accommodations and all dining car meals are included. **B & D**

Day 12: En Route

Enjoy a delicious dining car breakfast and then head for the Sightseer Lounge car.

About 8:00 a.m., a dramatic panorama of snow-capped Rocky Mountain peaks will begin to rise above the horizon, becoming increasingly dynamic as we approach



VANCOUVER

Glacier National Park. The scenery is striking as we wind past waterfalls, river gorges, and other sights. The rest of the day we'll cross the remote flatlands of eastern Montana and western North Dakota. **B, L & D**

Day 13: En Route to Chicago

Breakfast and lunch on the train are included. The train makes a brief stop in Minneapolis-St. Paul this morning and heads south along the west bank of the Mississippi River. The train travels between the river bank and high bluffs. Later we pass through the picturesque Dells Country of Wisconsin. The Empire Builder is scheduled to arrive in Chicago's Union Station late this afternoon.

Many of our tour members will conclude their fabulous America by Rail vacation by transferring to other Amtrak trains bound for home cities. Some will spend the night in Chicago and continue home by air tomorrow. **B & L**

PLANNING AND CHOICES WERE VERY GOOD. HOTEL LOCATION AND STAFF WERE OUTSTANDING. THE AMERICA BY RAIL TOUR DIRECTOR WAS VERY HELPFUL WITH THE SHIP AND TRAIN STAFF. HE HAD THINGS VERY WELL IN CONTROL."

DENNY BOWLING

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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