

ENTIRE ALASKA RAILROAD - FAIRBANKS TO SEWARD

ALASKA BY RAIL



Fairbanks • Denali National Park • Anchorage • Seward • Whittier • Prince William Sound • The Star Princess® • Hubbard Glacier • Glacier Bay National Park • Skagway • Juneau • Ketchikan • Inside Passage

Aboard the **Alaska Railroad** you will enjoy the Wilderness Express and Gold Star luxury dome cars with spectacular 360 degree panoramic viewing.

Tour **Fairbanks** the “Golden Heart City.” Embark on a highlight filled cruise on the **Chena River** aboard the Riverboat Discovery. You’ll be immersed in both modern and ancient Athabascan Indian Culture at the Chena Indian Village.

Fall is prime time for wildlife sightings in **Denali National Park**. This six million acre national treasure is home to **Mount Denali** (formerly Mount McKinley), the tallest mountain in North America!

- Day 1.....Arrive Fairbanks
- Day 2.....Fairbanks
- Day 3.....Alaska’s Railroad to Denali National Park
- Day 4.....Husky Homestead / Anchorage
- Day 5.....Anchorage
- Day 6.....Seward
- Day 7.....Whittier / Prince William Sound

Play with the puppies at **Husky Homestead**, home of four-time Iditarod Champion, Jeff King.

Approximately half of Alaska’s 750,000 residents live near **Anchorage**. We’ll enjoy a historic sightseeing tour of the area.

Then it’s seven spectacular days aboard the **Star Princess®** visiting **Hubbard Glacier, Glacier Bay National Park, Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan**.

A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR (EXCEPT LAND ONLY* PACKAGE)

- Day 8.....Hubbard Glacier
- Day 9.....Glacier Bay
- Day 10.....Skagway
- Day 11.....Juneau
- Day 12.....Ketchikan
- Day 13.....Cruising
- Day 14.....Vancouver / Seattle
- Days 15-16En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Sun., Sept. 10 to Mon., Sept. 25

TOUR PRICE:

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

\$5,495 - 16 Days

Upgrades:

Bedroom on Amtrak + \$595

Ocean View Stateroom + \$675

Balcony Stateroom + \$1,075

SINGLE \$7,195

Upgrades:

Ocean View Stateroom + \$1,350

Balcony Stateroom + \$2,150

FLY OPTION - Fly home from Seattle (cruise included). 14 Days

Price: \$4,995; Single \$6,345

LAND ONLY* - Fly home from Anchorage (no Amtrak rail or cruise).

8 Days Price: \$3,595

Single \$4,295

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

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Transportation by rail and cruise ship, Fairbanks to Chicago.
- Private Roomette on Amtrak for two nights.
- Inside cabin on the cruise for seven nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for six nights.
- 34 meals.
- Alaskan guide from Fairbanks to Whittier.
- A variety of shore options can be arranged through the cruise line for an additional cost.
- Baggage handling, taxes and tips: rail, cruise (including service charge) and motorcoach.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director from Fairbanks to Chicago.

ALASKA BY RAIL

Day 1: Arrive Fairbanks

Alaska by Rail tour members will find that flights to Fairbanks are surprisingly affordable. Upon arrival you'll transfer to the hotel where your Tour Director will greet you.

This evening you may want to peek outside to see if the Aurora Borealis (northern lights) are visible!

Day 2: Fairbanks

Our Alaska guide will join us this morning and be with us throughout the land portion of our tour.

Following breakfast we'll embark on a tour of the "Golden Heart City".

This afternoon we'll board the Riverboat Discovery and embark on a highlight filled cruise on the Chena River. We'll be introduced to a family who has made the rivers of Alaska a way of life for five generations. You will see a bush floatplane takeoff next to the boat, then visit the home and kennels of the late four-time Iditarod winner Susan Butcher and see her champion sled dogs in action. We'll be immersed in ancient Athabaskan Indian culture on a visit to the Chena Indian Village. Guides will explain how the wolf, fox, martin and beaver provided food and protection in the harsh Arctic climate. They will also share how the Athabascans survived for over 10,000 years and how they have adapted to Western culture during the past century.

This evening your Tour Director will host a welcome dinner. **B & D**

WILDERNESS EXPRESS - PRIVATE CAR



Day 3: Alaska Railroad / Denali National Park

This morning we will transfer to the Alaska Railroad Depot and board the Wilderness Express luxury dome car on the Denali Star route. These cars feature spectacular 360 degree panoramic viewing upstairs, complete with a full bar and coffee service. Enjoy a sumptuous, cooked to order breakfast in the full service dining room on the lower level (included). Our arrival into the Denali Depot is scheduled for 12:10 p.m.

Denali National Park is six million acres of wild land, bisected by one ribbon of road. This afternoon we'll embark on a 5 - 7 hour Tundra Wilderness Tour traveling 53 miles into the park. Spectacular scenery, a narrated history of the park and some of the best opportunities to view wildlife await. Have your camera ready as September is prime time for seeing fox, Dall sheep, moose, caribou, wolves and grizzly bears.



WILDLIFE IN DENALI NATIONAL PARK

CB-CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST · B-BREAKFAST · L-LUNCH · D-DINNER

PUPPY IN TRAINING AT JEFF KING'S HUSKY HOMESTEAD



Formerly known as Mt. McKinley, Denali is the tallest mountain in North America at 20,237 feet tall. If weather conditions allow we may see it today, if not we have 4 more days for it to show itself.

Following the tour we will transfer to our Denali hotel. **B**

Day 4: Husky Homestead / Anchorage

Following breakfast (included) we'll transfer the short distance to Husky Homestead, home of four-time Iditarod Champion Jeff King. We'll be greeted by cuddly puppies and learn how the dogs are selected for the roles they must perform. Jeff will entertain us with stories of mushing, Arctic survival and the challenge of raising girls in a house that has no running water!

We'll transfer to the Denali Depot and once again enjoy Wilderness Express luxury accommodations and more incredible scenery as we head south to Anchorage. Lunch and dinner are available downstairs in the dining room. Arrival is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. **B**

Day 5: Anchorage

Approximately half of Alaska's 750,000 residents live near Anchorage. This morning we'll set out on a historic sightseeing tour of this beautiful area.

You are free the rest of the day to pursue all that this fine city has to offer. The Alaska Zoo is the only zoo in North America that specializes in northern animals, focusing on species ranging from wolverines and moose to caribou and Dall sheep. Of course

the bears figure prominently with all four Alaskan species (brown (grizzly/ Kodiak), black, glacier and polar). The Anchorage Museum and Alaska Native Heritage Center are both culturally rich attractions. Another option is a flightseeing excursion.

Interesting fact: Anchorage's prime global location combined with the growth of China's tech exports have made Ted Stevens International Airport the number three airport in the world for cargo traffic, ranking only behind Hong Kong and Memphis (the U.S. hub for Federal Express). Both FedEx and UPS operate major hubs here. **B**

Day 6: Seward

This morning we will board the Alaska Railroad for the Coastal Classic, described as the most scenic rail route in Alaska, so based on what we've seen so far, we are in for a real treat! We will be pampered with Gold Star Service, the Alaska Railroad's premium class. These cars are similar to the private Wilderness Express cars we've enjoyed previously, but with one major difference, an outdoor, upper-level viewing platform -- the only one of its kind in the world, offering fresh air and an excellent vantage point for photos! Enjoy a full service breakfast on the lower level (included).

Our arrival into the port city of Seward is scheduled for 11:05 a.m. Upon arrival we will enjoy a city tour and visit the amazing Alaska SeaLife Center. **B**

Day 7: Whittier / Prince William Sound

Following breakfast this morning (included) we'll transfer to what may be the most unique community you've ever visited, Whittier, "The City Under One Roof".

When the Japanese invaded the Aleutian Islands during World War II, the U.S. Army sought to build a secret military installation. Whittier was perfect due to the surrounding mountain peaks that often keep it shrouded in clouds. For access to the Seward Highway, the Army blasted a 2.5-mile long train tunnel through Maynard Mountain. The Army left in 1960, leaving behind the 14-story Begich Towers, where most of Whittier's 190 residents live today, sharing the space with a police station, a health clinic, a church and a laundromat.

We will embark on a spectacular 5-hour glacier and wildlife cruise through majestic Prince William Sound, which has the densest concentration of tidewater glaciers in the world and is home to sea otters, harbor seals, sea lions bald eagles, seabirds and whales. Lunch is included.

Upon our return to Whittier we will board the luxurious Star Princess, our beautiful home for the next seven days. The Princess Patter newspaper is delivered nightly to your stateroom and will be your guide to the activities and events of the following day. Departure is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. **B, L & D**

PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND





Those opting for the “land-only” package will transfer to Anchorage where they will spend the night and fly home tomorrow.

Day 8: Hubbard Glacier (cruising)

Create your own schedule today, do as little or as much as you care to. Pamper yourself with a massage or facial at the Lotus Spa & Salon. Shop in the extensive boutiques for duty-free liquor, designer clothing and gifts. Head to the internet café or library. Tee up at the putting course. There is a jogging track and state-of-the-art fitness center for those looking to work off some of the fantastic cuisine. Swim in one of four sparkling pools or relax in the spa. You're never too far from one of the eight relaxing hot tubs.

Try your luck at the Casino featuring a variety of table games, slots (including nickel slots for the not-so-high roller), video poker, etc. Other daily activities include bingo, craft-making, art auctions, pool games, trivia contests, wine and cocktail tasting and that traditional cruise-favorite, shuffleboard! Watch first run movies, concerts and sporting events on the 300-square-foot Movies Under the Stars outdoor screen (enjoy with popcorn and a blanket in the evening).

Princess is renowned for fine cuisine. Dine casually at the Horizon Court, Prego Pizzeria, or Trident Grill. Dining rooms include the Amalfi, Portofino and Capri. There is also an ice cream bar, afternoon tea and 24-hour room service.

To say the nightlife onboard is entertaining is an understatement. The performers are seasoned professionals

and their performances are of the same caliber as what you would see on a Broadway stage.

Early this afternoon we will be approaching Hubbard Glacier. Nicknamed the “Galloping Glacier,” it is the largest tidewater glacier in North America. The immenseness and blue hues are enchanting, even from afar, but as we draw closer it is the towering 400-foot face with snowcapped mountains in the background that really impresses! You'll have a prime viewing spot for this very active glacier and hopefully witness some calving. **B, L & D**

Day 9: Glacier Bay National Park (cruising)

Covering 3.3 million acres of rugged mountains, dynamic glaciers, temperate rainforest, wild coastlines and deep sheltered fjords, Glacier Bay National

Park is a highlight of Alaska's Inside Passage and part of a 25-million acre World Heritage Site, one of the world's largest international protected areas.

This morning National Park Rangers will come aboard our ship to set up an information desk and provide narration. Our captain will do his best to get us up close and personal to the more active glaciers. The park is home to an amazing array of marine life, including humpback whales, sea otters, porpoises, sea lions and harbor seals. Both black and brown (grizzly) bears are commonly seen as are moose, mountain goats, bald eagles and tufted puffins. **B, L & D**

Day 10: Skagway

Skagway was the gateway to the gold fields for the thousands who flocked to Alaska and the Yukon with the hope of striking it rich. Skagway may have boasted the shortest route to the Klondike, but it wasn't the easiest. The gold rush was a boon and by 1898, Skagway was Alaska's largest town with a population of about 20,000. Today, Skagway has less than 1,000 residents.

*Sample optional shore excursions include: White Pass Scenic Railway, Skagway City Tour, Klondike Summit, Liarsville Experience & Gold Panning, To the Klondike Summit, Best of Skagway., Yukon Jeep Adventure, Ocean Raft Adventure. **B, L & D***

Day 11: Juneau

There are no roads that lead to Juneau.



GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK



Named after Joseph Juneau who discovered gold in the 1880s, Alaska's capital city gracefully balances frontier ruggedness with cosmopolitan flair. Mendenhall Glacier, a spectacular river of ice measuring 1.5 miles wide and over 12 miles long, hugs Juneau's north side. And of course no visit to Juneau is complete without a stop at the world-famous Red Dog Saloon.

Sample optional shore excursions include: Mendenhall Glacier & Whale Quest, Glacier Gardens & Mendenhall Glacier, Whale Watching, Best of Juneau, Discover Alaska's Whales, Alaska Salmon Bake, Brown Bear & Wildlife Viewing. B, L & D

Day 12: Ketchikan

Ketchikan is located within the 16 million acre Tongass National Forest. The evergreen mountains and lush landscape are a stark contrast to the lunar landscapes of northern Alaska. Ketchikan also boasts the world's largest collection of Northwest totems and is often regarded as the salmon capital of the world.

Sample optional shore excursions include: Lighthouse, Totems & Eagles Excursion, Misty Fjords & Wilderness Explorer Cruise, Coastal Wildlife Cruise, Misty Fjords Seaplane Exploration, Cultural Treasures of Annette Island, City Highlights, Totems & Creek Street by Trolley. B, L & D

Day 13: Cruising

Ah, a full day to relax and enjoy this magnificent ship. Indulge yourself

with a relaxing massage. Shop in the duty-free Boutique featuring designer clothing and gifts. Or just cuddle up with a good book. **B, L & D**

Day 14: Vancouver / Seattle

Following breakfast we will disembark the ship, board our motorcoach and head for Seattle's King Street Station. We will board the Empire Builder for the 4:40 p.m. departure for Chicago. **B & D**

Day 15: En Route

Enjoy a delicious dining car breakfast and then head for the Sightseer Lounge car. Today a dramatic panorama of snow-capped Rocky Mountain peaks

will begin to rise above the horizon, becoming increasingly dynamic as we approach 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 16: En Route to Chicago

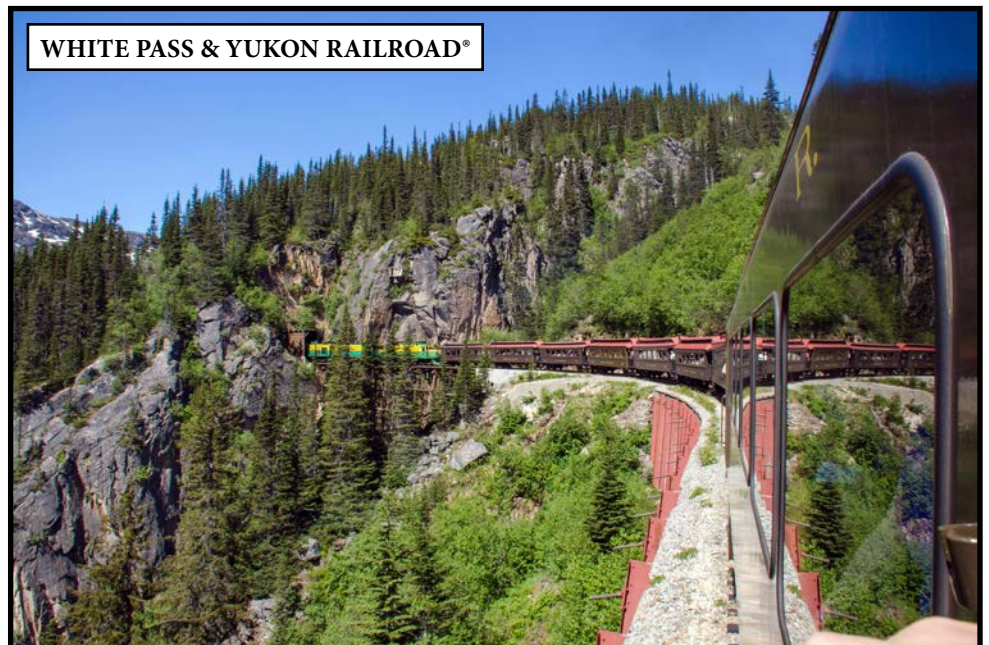
Breakfast and lunch on the train are included. After we go through Minneapolis-St. Paul we head south along the west bank of the Mississippi River. The train winds between the river bank and high bluffs. Later in the morning, we pass through the picturesque Dells Country of Wisconsin. The Empire Builder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

At the conclusion of the tour some travelers will continue to home destinations. Others will spend the night in Chicago and continue home tomorrow. **B & L**

"THIS WAS OUR FIRST TRAIN TOUR AND WE ENJOYED IT."

PAT W.
LIVERPOOL, NY

WHITE PASS & YUKON RAILROAD®



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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