Relive the excitement of the **Santa Fe Trail** crossing New Mexico and Arizona on the **Southwest Chief**.

**Grand Canyon** is one of the world’s greatest natural wonders. Your first awesome view will never leave you.

In **Las Vegas**, you’ll see the unbelievable mega-hotels and casinos that rise from the desert floor and experience the phenomenal Fremont Street light show.

**Yosemite National Park** is one of America’s most popular destinations. You’ll see all of its awesome natural wonders.

Two days in **San Francisco**, everyone’s favorite “City by the Bay”. Enjoy sightseeing, riding the cable cars and exploring. Experience Fisherman’s Wharf and the Golden Gate Bridge. See the 250-foot high redwood trees at Muir Woods and stopover in the Mediterranean-like village of **Sausalito**.

In **Salt Lake City**, see the Salt Lake Temple, Tabernacle, Brigham Young’s Monument and other attractions.

The train ride through the **Colorado Rockies** is the most scenic in the United States. The **California Zephyr** will wind between the towering Rockies’ peaks all afternoon.

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**Days 1-2** ................. Chicago to Flagstaff  
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**Days 13-14** ............ En Route to Chicago
TOUR DATE(S):
2019
Tues., Sept. 17 to Mon., Sept. 30

TOUR PRICE:
All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.
$3,295 - 14 Days

Upgrades: Roomette + $845
          Bedroom + $1,595

SINGLE  $4,395
Upgrade: Roomette + $1,690

FLY OPTION - Fly to Flagstaff, return from Salt Lake City. 11 Days
Price: $2,995
Single: $4,095

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

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:
• Round-trip transportation by Amtrak and deluxe motorcoach.
• Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
• First-class hotel accommodations for 11 nights.
• 10 Meals.
• Sightseeing at the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Yosemite National Park, San Francisco and Salt Lake City. Admission to all included attractions.
• Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
• Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

Day 1: Depart Chicago
America the Beautiful...West tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station. Early afternoon we'll board the Southwest Chief for the 3:00 p.m. departure. Relax in your comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms may be available at an additional cost and include dining car meals.

Once you are settled in, you will want to go to the Sightseer Lounge car to view the passing scenery. This evening you can enjoy an optional full-course dinner in the dining car; lighter fare is available in the lounge car.

Day 2: En Route / Flagstaff
Today you will relive the excitement of the Santa Fe Trail as we cross New Mexico and Arizona. The huge train windows offer a panoramic view of the spectacular scenery. You will have time for a trainside walk when we arrive in Albuquerque at mid afternoon. Our arrival into Flagstaff, AZ is scheduled for 8:51 p.m. We'll transfer the short distance to the Comfort Inn, our home for the next two nights.

Day 3: The Grand Canyon
Following breakfast we'll travel by deluxe motorcoach to the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River is one of the world's outstanding spectacles. In form, size, flowing color and geological significance, it is unsurpassed.

We will view the Canyon from several observation areas. A knowledgeable guide will accompany our group and provide exceptional information on the Grand Canyon and its environs.

Day 4: En Route / Las Vegas
Following breakfast we'll board our motorcoach and travel northwest 250 miles to fabulous Las Vegas.
This afternoon, our travelers will arrive among the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas. Our home for the next two nights will be the centrally located Treasure Island Hotel.

You’re free this evening to explore this magnificent oasis in the desert. 

**Day 5: Las Vegas**

A full breakfast buffet is included this morning. At mid morning we’ll embark on a tour of three spectacular hotel / casinos: New York New York, Excalibur and the Luxor. The breathtakingly beautiful Venetian is within walking distance of our hotel and has an extensive food court.

This evening you can transfer to original Las Vegas, now known as “downtown.” What this part of the city has done to compete with the strip hotels / casinos is phenomenal. They have constructed a huge roof that covers Fremont Street where you can view the “Fremont Street Experience”. It’s a ten-minute show in which over twelve million lights are utilized. There will be time to enjoy the many options of “downtown”.

**Day 6: En Route / Merced**

This morning we’ll board our motorcoach and depart for Bakersfield, CA. We arrive in Bakersfield in time to catch a 3:00 p.m. San Joaquin to Merced, arriving at 5:54 p.m. We’ll transfer to the Hampton Inn & Suites. Dinner tonight is included at the Branding Iron Restaurant.

**Day 7: Yosemite National Park**

Today will be one of the most memorable days of your life. This morning we will board our motorcoach for the 82-mile journey into Yosemite National Park. El Capitan, Bridalveil Falls, Yosemite Falls and Half Dome are some of the most popular attractions. This afternoon we’ll take a two-hour narrated tour into the park.

Later we’ll continue to Sacramento. A dinner stop will be made (included). Our arrival in California’s capital city is scheduled for mid evening. We will be staying at the attractive Embassy Suites for the next two nights.

**Day 8: Sacramento**

A full breakfast buffet is included at the hotel both mornings. This is a totally free day. The many attractions to see in historic Old Sacramento and a large shopping mall are within walking distance. A major optional attraction is the spectacular California State Railroad Museum. Within this three-story steel, brick and glass structure, you’ll find 21 restored locomotives and train cars.

**Day 9: En Route / San Francisco**

This morning we depart Sacramento on our motorcoach for San Francisco. We’ll arrive in the world-famous “City by the Bay” at noon. An “on-your-own” luncheon stop will be made en route.

This afternoon we’ll embark on a sightseeing tour of San Francisco, including Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, the Mission District, Telegraph Hill and the Presidio.

Our home for the next two nights is the Holiday Inn Fisherman’s Wharf. There are many excellent restaurants, markets, import houses and souvenir shops nearby.

**Day 10: San Francisco**

This morning we’re off to Muir Woods and Sausalito. We’ll cross the beautiful Golden Gate Bridge to Marin County, then continue to Muir Woods for a leisurely stroll through this beautiful 550-acre National Monument to see 800-year-old trees that rise 250 feet or more. We’ll stop in the Mediterranean-like village of Sausalito and then return to our hotel; or you can stay and enjoy more of Sausalito and return to San Francisco on your own via ferry boat (the ferry is not included in the tour price).

You’re free the rest of the day to relax or explore.

**Day 11: En Route / Elko, NV**

This morning we’ll transfer to the Amtrak station in Emeryville for the departure of the California Zephyr. Lunch and dinner are optional in the dining car today. Lighter fare is available in the Sightseer Lounge car as we make our way from Emeryville to Elko, NV. A comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest is included.

As we travel eastward we leave the lush green landscape and palm trees of California and enter the rugged terrain dotted with pine trees of the high Sierra Nevada mountains. We will pass through the infamous Donner Pass this afternoon.

We arrive in Elko at 9:31 p.m. and transfer to the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Elko, our home for the night.

**Day 12: En Route / Price, UT**

Following breakfast we will board our comfortable motorcoach for the trip to Price, UT. On the way we’ll enjoy a delightful tour of Salt Lake City. We’ll see the Salt Lake Temple, Tabernacle, Brigham Young’s Monument and private burial ground, Beehive House,
Lion House, Eagle Gate, University of Utah, Fort Douglas and Trolley Square. There will be “on-your-own” lunch opportunities available.

We will arrive in Price, UT, in the early evening where we will spend the night at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites.

**Day 13: En Route / Colorado Rockies**

We will transfer to the nearby Helper Amtrak station and board the California Zephyr for our trip to Chicago. The train departs at 6:37 a.m. A reclining coach seat with leg rest is included. Private Roomettes and Bedrooms may be available at an additional cost.

This afternoon we’ll be treated to some of the most spectacular scenery in North America as our train winds through the Colorado Rockies. We’ll encounter mountain peaks that reach to the sky and roaring streams winding through valleys far below. We’ll go through numerous tunnels, the final one being the famous 6.2-mile-long Moffat Tunnel that will take us under the Continental Divide. Our arrival into Denver this evening is scheduled for 6:38 p.m. You will have time for a brief stroll at this beautiful new station.

**Day 14: En Route to Chicago**

The California Zephyr will roll across Iowa and Illinois and arrive in Chicago at mid afternoon. Some tour members will change to trains bound for Midwest, Eastern and Southern home cities. Others will spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow.

“It was really a pleasure to talk with a “real” person, and not an automated machine.”

**James & Pamela E. Charleston, NH**

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REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:
A deposit of $500 per person, of which $250 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 120 days prior to departure. Amtrak accommodation upgrades and any connecting transportation charges are due at time of reservation. If payments are not received by the due date specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:
If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 120 days prior to departure, $250 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 120 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply:
- 76-120 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: 85% of total tour cost.
- 30 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades.

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
As specified in the tour itinerary, upgrades may be available at an additional cost.

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 / ADMITTTIONS
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. Trunk and portage of one suitcase per person is included at overnight stops. 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 for hotel staff (except to chambermaids), sightseeing guides and drivers 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: $5-$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. Successful completion of all activities outside the United States is in the sole discretion of the operator.

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 completely 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.

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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:
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