San Francisco, everyone’s favorite City by the Bay. Sightseeing, ride the cable cars, free time to explore, Fisherman’s Wharf, the Golden Gate Bridge. The view from atop Twin Peaks will thrill you.

Fall in love with beautiful Santa Barbara. The flowers, the Spanish architecture, the parks and the mild temperatures provide a wonderful experience.

You may never visit Denmark, but after your visit to Solvang, you will have experienced perhaps the next best thing. Danish architecture, windows, gaslights and cobblestone streets abound.

Two full days in exciting San Diego. What a conclusion to our visit to the Golden State. You’ll tour the city and visit its world-famous zoo.

Travel from Chicago to San Francisco on the California Zephyr, including the spectacular Colorado Rockies and the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Continue south on Amtrak’s premier train, the Coast Starlight, through towering mountains and along the picturesque Pacific Ocean coastline.

Return on the famous Southwest Chief through Arizona and New Mexico. You’ll follow the route of the pioneers along the Santa Fe Trail.
TOUR DATE(S):
2017
Sat., Mar. 18 - Tues., Mar. 28

TOUR PRICE:
All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.
$3,195 - 11 Days
Upgrade: Bedroom + $895
SINGLE $4,545

FLY OPTION - Fly to San Francisco, return from San Diego. 7 Days
Price: $2,195
Single: $2,745

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

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:
• Round-trip transportation by Amtrak rail and deluxe motorcoach.
• First-class hotel accommodations with private bath for six nights.
• Private Roomette sleeping accommodations on the trains for four nights.
• Sightseeing in San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Solvang and San Diego.
• Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
• 17 meals.
• Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME

Day 1: En Route

California Here We Come tour members will meet the 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.

Day 2: En Route

When you awaken this morning you may look out your window toward the West and thrill to the sight of the towering Colorado Rockies in the distance. Plan to get up early, have a piping hot breakfast in the dining car and find a seat in the glass-walled lounge car for the spectacular scenery that will unfold before you the rest of the day.

The Zephyr will pull out of Denver this morning and begin its climb over the Front Range toward the Continental Divide. The mountain vistas continue until late afternoon. B, L & D

Day 3: En Route / San Francisco

Today’s scenery will be almost as spectacular as that experienced yesterday in Colorado as the Zephyr climbs over the high Sierra Nevada mountains along 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 the world-famous “City by the Bay” is scheduled for early evening. Our home 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

Day 4: San Francisco

You're free this morning to ride a cable car or just wander through Union Square. Following an “on-your-own” lunch, we'll embark on a three hour sightseeing tour of San Francisco, including Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Telegraph Hill, the Presidio and Fisherman's Wharf. Some will want to have dinner at Fisherman's Wharf. Your Tour Director will suggest some moderately-priced dining options as well.

Day 5: En Route / Santa Barbara

We'll check out of our hotel this morning and transfer by motorcoach to the Emeryville Amtrak Station. We’ll depart on the Coast Starlight, Amtrak’s premier train. Relax in a comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest. Lunch is available in the dining car. Snacks, sandwiches and beverages are available in the lounge car. The scenic highlights of the day will be the traversing of a...
number of mountain ranges and about 100 miles of the awesome Pacific Ocean coastline. Be sure to be in the Sightseer Lounge car.

Our arrival into Santa Barbara is scheduled for early evening. Our hotel in Santa Barbara is the Best Western Plus Pepper Tree Inn.

**Day 6: Santa Barbara / Solvang**

We’ll embark on a two-hour sightseeing tour of what many consider to be America’s most beautiful city. We’ll see examples of the city’s Spanish past, including the Mission Santa Barbara and El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historical Park. The Court House, with its massive murals and tile floors and walls, is not to be missed.

After our city tour we’ll reboard our motorcoach and continue 45 miles to one of California’s most popular attractions. You may never travel to Denmark, but during your visit to Solvang you will have experienced perhaps the next best thing. Danish architecture, windows, gas lights and cobblestone walks abound.

Solvang’s distinctively Danish flavor pervades its roughly 150 plus stores. There will be time for an “on-your-own” lunch at one of Solvang’s attractive restaurants. The pastries are awesome!

You’ll have some time to explore Santa Barbara on your own when we return to our hotel at mid afternoon. Our Tour Director will host dinner tonight at a nearby restaurant. **B & D**

**Day 7: En Route / San Diego**

Breakfast in our hotel is included this morning. We’ll transfer to the Santa Barbara Amtrak station for the morning departure of a Pacific Surfliner for the six-hour, 232-mile run along the coast to San Diego. At certain points along the way, our train parallels the beautiful Pacific Ocean. We’ll pass through the heart of Los Angeles and then travel along the Pacific Ocean.

Our home for the two nights in San Diego will be the Best Western Plus Hacienda Hotel Old Town. The hotel is conveniently located near Old Town, a section of this beautiful city that preserves the town’s Spanish-Mexican heritage. **B**

**Day 8: San Diego**

Today is the day we’ll visit the renowned San Diego Zoo, one of the greatest zoological gardens in the world. First, you’ll take a tour of the entire zoo complex on a double-decker conveyance. You’ll have time to explore the zoo on your own and have lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. we’ll strike out on a San Diego city tour. Highlights include: downtown’s famed Gaslamp Quarter, the Hotel del Coronado, the Embarcadero, Balboa Park and Old Town. **B**

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

This morning we’ll transfer the short distance to the Amtrak station where we’ll depart at 12:00 p.m. on a Pacific Surfliner. We’ll arrive in the Los Angeles Union Station at 2:45 p.m. You will have time to stroll Olvera Street, the world-renowned Mexican marketplace for more than 75 years lined with historic buildings, authentic Mexican restaurants and vendor stalls.

At 6:10 we’ll depart on the famous Southwest Chief for Chicago.

You’ll again enjoy private-room sleeping accommodations, all train meals and other amenities experienced on the California Zephyr. Enjoy a full-course dining car dinner upon departure. **B & D**

**Day 10: 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.

You’ll have time for a train side walk in Albuquerque at noon. **B, L & D**

**Day 11: En Route to Chicago**

The Southwest Chief will roll across Northeast Missouri, a corner of Iowa and all of Illinois before our afternoon arrival in Chicago. Some tour members will change to trains bound for Midwest, Eastern and Southern home cities. Others will stay in Chicago 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 requested 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. They are 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 accommodate 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 waiters 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 route 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 certificate of fitness from a medical professional indicating that they are fit for travel. 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 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 itineraries 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 their 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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