

*** NEW ITINERARY ***



STAR PRINCESS®

CALIFORNIA & NORTHWEST COASTAL ODYSSEY

Los Angeles • Santa Barbara • San Francisco • Astoria • Nanaimo, British Columbia • Vancouver • Princess Cruise Lines Star Princess®

Seven nights aboard the beautiful **Star Princess®**. The endless activities are designed to stimulate, educate, entertain and inspire.

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

In everyone's favorite city by the bay, **San Francisco**, you'll have many options including Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, the Mission District, Telegraph Hill, the Presidio and Fisherman's Wharf.

Astoria is the oldest American settlement west of the Rockies and offers a rich history for you to explore.

Located on Vancouver Island, **Nanaimo** began as a trading post in the early 1800s. It is home to Petroglyph Provincial Park.

Travel on two of Amtrak's Superliner trains, the **Southwest Chief** and the **Empire Builder**.

A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR

Days 1-3 Chicago to Los Angeles
Day 4..... Embarkation / The Star Princess®
Day 5..... Santa Barbara
Day 6..... Cruising

Day 7..... San Francisco
Day 8..... Cruising
Day 9..... Astoria, Oregon
Day 10 Nanaimo, British Columbia
Day 11..... Vancouver
Days 11-13 Seattle to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):**2018**

Sat., March 31 to Thurs., April 12

TOUR PRICE:*All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.***\$3,495 - 13 Days**

Upgrades:

Bedroom on Amtrak + \$895

Ocean View Stateroom + \$310

Balcony Stateroom + \$620

SINGLE \$5,025

Upgrades:

Ocean View Stateroom + \$620

Balcony Stateroom + \$1,240

FLY OPTION - Fly to Los Angeles / Return from Seattle 9 Days

Price: \$2,495

Single: \$3,295

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

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

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

NOTE: Refer to deposit and cancellation policy for Rail / Sail Tours on Page 150.**Day 1: Depart Chicago**

California & Northwest 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 3:00 p.m. departure. Relax in your private Roomette sleeping accommodations. Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. Bottled water, juice and coffee are available in the sleeping cars.

Once you are settled in, you will want to go to the Sightseer Lounge car, with its floor to ceiling windows, to view the passing scenery. Enjoy dinner in the dining car this evening. **D**

Day 2: En Route

During the 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

You'll want to have an early breakfast, our arrival into Los Angeles' beautiful Union Station is scheduled for 8:15 a.m.

**TCL CHINESE THEATRE**

This morning we will embark on a sightseeing tour of Los Angeles. We'll see Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and visit 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.

You'll have time for an "on-your-own" lunch at the Farmer's Market.

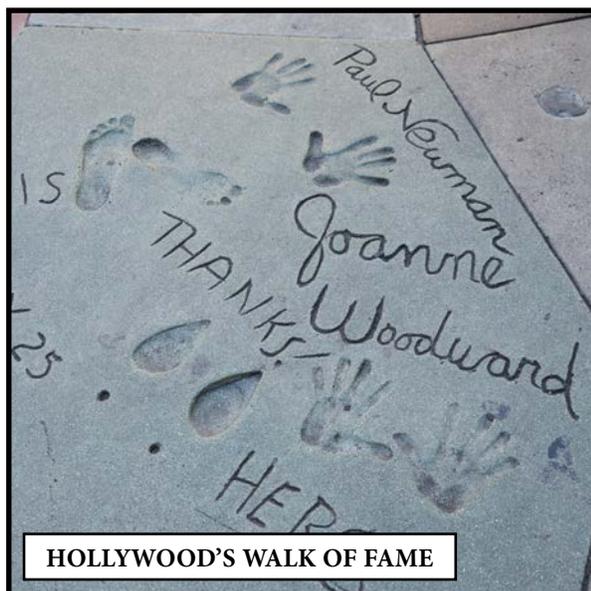
We'll transfer to the Hilton Long Beach our home for the night. **B**

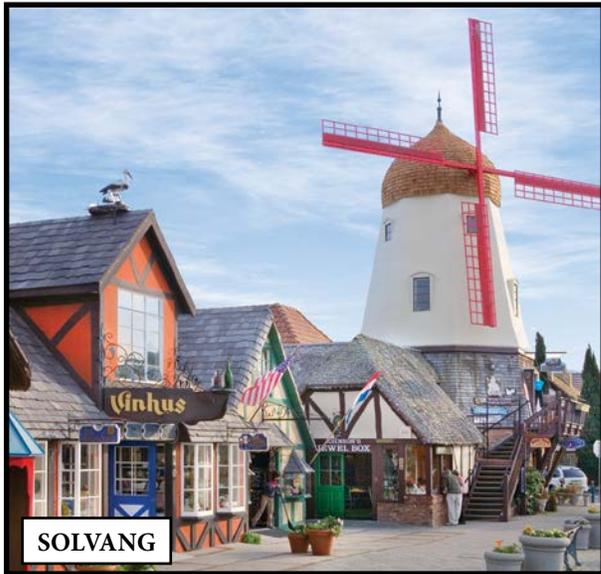
Day 4: Embarkation

Breakfast is included at the hotel. This morning is free to explore or relax. At noon we'll transfer to the beautiful Princess Cruise Line's Star Princess®. Following a bountiful luncheon, you can relax or explore this gorgeous ship. The Princess Patter newspaper is delivered nightly to your stateroom. It will be your guide to the activities and events of the following day. Departure is scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

B, L & D**Day 5: Santa Barbara**

This morning we arrive in beautiful Santa Barbara. Called

**HOLLYWOOD'S WALK OF FAME**



the American Riviera, Santa Barbara is a place where food, art, history, fashion, wine and sunshine mix to create a delightful and unique experience. The Spanish and Moorish style buildings add to the city's charm. Santa Barbara's Old Mission goes back to the 1700's and was built to bring Christianity to the Chumash Indians. Many consider this to be one of America's most beautiful cities.

Just outside of Santa Barbara is Santa Ynez Valley, home to numerous world-renowned wineries.

Sample optional shore excursions include: Santa Barbara by Trolley, Montecity Stars and History tour, Solvang and Wine Tasting, Coastal Whale Watching, Whale Watching (via a luxury catamaran), and Wine Tasting and a Picnic Lunch.
B, L & D

Day 6: Cruising

Ahh, now this is relaxing! There is as much or as little as you care to do. Activities typically include language classes, bingo, cruise staff-conducted trivia and sports (ping pong, putting and chipping, etc.) competitions, movie screenings (with freshly popped popcorn), art auctions and casino tournaments. And of course you can always just curl up with a good book as the blue Pacific Ocean drifts by.
B, L & D

Day 7: San Francisco

This morning we arrive in the famous "City by the Bay", San Francisco. This is one of the most romantic and

cosmopolitan cities in the United States. You'll find everything from colorful history, museums, world-class shopping and superb restaurants.

You'll want to see Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Jackson Square, the Mission District, the Presidio and 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.

Sample optional shore excursions include: Hop on Hop off tour, City Drive and Golden Gate Bridge, Sausalito & Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco and Alcatraz by Land and Sea, Sausalito & Muir Woods and Alcatraz and Sausalito.
B, L & D

Day 8: Cruising

Relax and enjoy all the amenities this ship has to offer. Relax in the freshwater

pools and hot tub, try your luck at the Vegas Style Casino or shop at one of the many boutiques. **B, L & D**

Day 9: Astoria, Oregon

The oldest American settlement west of the Rockies, Astoria offers a rich history for your exploration. Not far from Astoria is Fort Astoria, the Heritage Museum, Astoria Column and the Nationally renowned Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Fort Clatsop was the winter encampment for the Lewis and Clark expedition from December 1805 to March 1806.

Sample optional shore excursions include: Seaside and Cannon Beach Shopping, Historic Astoria and Fort Clatsop, Lighthouses and Long Beach, Fort Stevens, Oregon's Scenic Coastal Highlights, Behind the Scenes and Wine and Seafood Tastings. **B, L & D**

Day 10: Nanaimo, British Columbia

Around noon we will arrive in Nanaimo located on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

ABOARD THE STAR PRINCESS



Nanaimo began as a trading post in the early 1800s. In 1849 the Snuneymuxw chief informed the Hudson's Bay Company there was coal in the area and they built Fort Nanaimo Bastion. The town was mainly known for their exportation of coal.

Nanaimo is home to Petroglyph Provincial Park, with ancient petroglyph rock carvings and ruins. The park was a world-famous summertime tourist destination.

Near the Harbourfront Walkway, you can see the 1953 wooden tower. There are numerous shops and cafes.

Sample optional shore excursions include: Best of Nanaimo, Cathedral Grove & Coombs Village Market, Port Alberni Steam-Powered Locomotive, City Heritage Walking Tour, Wildlife and Waterfall Discovery Tour and or Horn Lake Caves Tour. B, L & D

Day 11: En Route

This morning we'll arrive in Vancouver, B.C. where we will disembark.

Upon arrival we will board our motorcoach and travel to Seattle.

We will arrive at Seattle's King Street Amtrak station in time to board the Empire Builder. Departure is scheduled for 4:40 p.m.

Roomette sleeping accommodations and all dining car meals are included. Upgrades to Bedrooms are available for an additional cost.

After settling in you can enjoy the beautiful Puget Sound scenery between Seattle and Everett. **B & D**

Day 12: 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 13: 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**



ASTORIA COLUMN

"I PLAN TO TAKE ANOTHER TOUR, THIS ONE WAS WONDERFUL. THE SCENERY WAS GORGEOUS. I COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR ANYTHING BETTER"

CARL & CAROL W.
STERLING, VA



THE EMPIRE BUILDER

GENERAL INFORMATION RAIL/SAIL TOURS

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due at time of reservation, \$100 of which is non-refundable. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

For cancellations received within 90 days of departure the following per person penalty applies:

- 76-90 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:
75% of total tour cost.
- 30 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.

Air cancellations after ticketing are subject to the carrier's policy.

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.

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 / 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. America by Rail® is the registered trademark of America by Rail, Inc.