San Antonio’s old Spanish flavor, multi-cultural heritage and numerous parks and plazas make it one of America’s most picturesque cities. Enjoy extensive sightseeing (Alamo, River Walk, Mexican and Farmers Market . . . and much more).

A full day to discover the rugged Texas Hill Country.

The LBJ Ranch, where President Johnson was born, lived, died and was buried. You can visit his ranch house, known as the Texas White House, see his birthplace and the family cemetery.

The National Museum of the Pacific War is located in Fredericksburg, the boyhood home of Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. The Admiral Nimitz Museum is housed in the old Nimitz Hotel and tells the story of Fleet Admiral Nimitz.

2800 miles of comfortable, scenic rail travel aboard Amtrak’s Texas Eagle.
**Day 1: Depart Chicago**

San Antonio and Texas Hill Country tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago’s Union Station where we will board the Texas Eagle for San Antonio for the 1:45 p.m. departure.

This train features double-decker Superliner equipment. Relax in your comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. All dining car meals are included on overnight trains.

You may want to go to the Sightseer Lounge car for some refreshments and good conversation with your fellow tour members.

**Day 2: En Route / San Antonio**

This morning our train rolls through eastern Texas in a straight line, due west, past small farms and pine forests. We arrive in Dallas late morning and Fort Worth early afternoon. You’ll have time for a brief trainside walk in Fort Worth. We’re scheduled to arrive in San Antonio around 9:55 p.m. Upon arrival, we’ll transfer to the Drury Inn & Suites Riverwalk, our home for the next two nights.

**Day 3: San Antonio**

Enjoy a Drury QuikStart® breakfast.

This morning we’ll board our motorcoach for a sightseeing tour of San Antonio. Our sightseeing guide will share information on historic San Antonio.

A high point of the afternoon will be a visit to the Alamo, perhaps the most sacred of America’s historic shrines.

We’ll have an included lunch at the historic Menger Hotel before we move on to the Historic Market Square. Our final attraction is the Institute of Texas Culture.

We’ll return to our hotel later this afternoon.

You will have the evening free to explore the River Walk.

Described as “The American Venice”, this evening you are free to explore the countless shops, restaurants and attractions along the River Walk. CB & L

**Day 4: Texas Hill Country / San Antonio**

A Drury QuikStart® is included this morning.

We’ll board our motorcoach this morning to visit a very unique community, Fredericksburg. This fertile area was settled in 1846 by German farmers. Fredericksburg was the home of WWII Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. The National Museum of the Pacific War and Admiral Nimitz Museum
include artifacts from the WWII Pacific campaign with accompanying historical descriptions. The 3-museum complex is rich with artifacts. The unique complex indoor/outdoor exhibit features restored WWII vehicles and weaponry.

Following an “on-your-lunch” we’ll board our motorcoach and head for the beautiful Hill Country of Texas made famous by the late former President Lyndon Johnson. The LBJ Ranch was where he was born, lived, died and was buried. After the President’s death in 1973, Mrs. Johnson continued to live at the Ranch part time until her death in 2007.

We will tour the ranch by motorcoach, with various stops along the way including the President’s birthplace, the Johnson family cemetery and their Ranch house, known as the Texas White House.

Tonight we sill stay at the Hilton Garden Inn Austin Downtown. Dinner tonight is included. CB & D

Day 5: En Route

This morning we will board the Texas Eagle for the 9:31 a.m. departure. You will have the same accommodations you had on your southbound trip.

You may want to go to the Sightseer Lounge for some refreshments and good conversation with fellow tour members.

We will pass small farms and pine forests on our way to Chicago.

You’ll have time for a brief trainside walk in Fort Worth.

Lunch and dinner are included on the train today. L & D

Day 6: En Route to Chicago

Enjoy breakfast in the dining car this morning.

During the night we passed through Texas and Arkansas and are now in Missouri and Southern Illinois. There is time to stroll the platform during the layover in St. Louis. Look for the famed Arch as we depart.

We are scheduled to arrive into Chicago at 1:52 p.m. Tour members will depart for home destinations throughout the day. 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 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.
• SLEEPING CARS: Single rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes on a single basis are available at a single cost.

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. TIPS 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 for 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 country of issuance.

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 requiring are 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 pick up/take off 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.

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.

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.

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