The Grand Canyon • Excursion to the bottom • Grand Canyon Railway • Grand Canyon Railway Hotel • La Posada in Winslow, AZ

The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River is one of the world’s largest outstanding spectacles. In form, size and flowing colors it is unsurpassed.

Enjoy a full day traveling to the bottom of the Grand Canyon in luxury 4x4 touring coaches.

Experience the opulence of a bygone era at Grand Canyon Railway Hotel.

Ride the Grand Canyon Railway with Luxury Dome Service which combines the breathtaking views of the Observation Dome with the elegance of the Parlor Car.

Stay overnight at the Maswik Lodge, a quarter mile from the canyon rim.

Stay at the La Posada hotel, one of the famed “Harvey Girl” properties. This Winslow, AZ hotel is acclaimed as “The Last Great Railroad Hotel”. The list of famous people who stayed here reads like a who’s who of 1930s Hollywood.

Travel 2,340 miles aboard Amtrak’s Southwest Chief.

Days 1-2 ..................... Chicago to Flagstaff
Days 3-4 ..................... The Grand Canyon
Day 5 .......................... En Route / Winslow
Days 6-7 ...................... En Route to Chicago
Day 1: Depart Chicago

The Grandest of Grand Canyon Tours tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago’s Union Station. The Willis Tower, one of the tallest buildings in the United States, is close by. Other Chicago attractions are a brief cab ride away.

This afternoon we’ll board the Southwest Chief for the 2:50 p.m. departure. Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms may be available at an additional cost and include dining car meals.

You will want to spend time in the Sightseer Lounge where the glass windows rise from floor level to the ceiling. It is a great place 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

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 trainside walk when we arrive in Albuquerque at mid afternoon. Our arrival into Flagstaff is scheduled for 9:32 p.m. We’ll transfer the short distance to the Comfort Inn.

Day 3: The Grand Canyon

Have you ever wondered what it’s like at the bottom of the Grand Canyon? Today we’ll set off in luxury 4x4 touring coaches and enjoy a full day traveling to the bottom of the Grand Canyon! Relax in spacious, comfortable seats as we travel along one of the last remaining stretches of the original Historic Route 66 en route to Peach Springs, AZ in the Hualapai Nation. Here we’ll begin the 4,000 feet descent to the bottom of the Grand Canyon! As you head down Diamond Creek into the depths of the chasm, massive canyon walls begin to tower over you. The landscape and vegetation changes as the elevation changes. Once we reach the bottom, we’ll enjoy a leisurely lunch and have time to enjoy the natural beauty along the banks of the Colorado River.

Later we’ll experience the opulence of a bygone era at Grand Canyon Railway Lodge. Dinner is included. B, L & D

Day 4: The Grand Canyon


Our exquisite Luxury Dome Service combines the breathtaking views of the Observation Dome with the elegance of the Parlor Car. Upstairs you’ll view the surrounding scenery in the full-length dome with extra-large windows. Downstairs you can enjoy refreshments in the elegantly appointed lounge, which features a full bar, entertainment center and plush furniture. Enjoy complimentary fresh fruit, pastries, coffee and juice.

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Tour Date(s):
2019
Thurs., Sept. 12 to Wed., Sept. 18

Tour Price:
All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.
$2,395 - 7 Days
Upgrades: Roomette + $795
Bedroom + $1,595

Single $2,795
Upgrade: Roomette + $1,590

Fly Option - Fly to/from Flagstaff. 4 Days
Price: $2,045
Single: $2,445

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights. Airfare is not included in the above price. Hotels in Flagstaff and Winslow are not included.

Your Trip Includes:
- Round-trip transportation by rail and deluxe motorcoach.
- Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for four nights.
- 6 Meals.
- Sightseeing tours and admissions to all included attractions.
- Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

America by Rail will be happy to make arrangements for your connecting transportation to Chicago and back by rail or air.
Day 5: En Route / Winslow

This morning a step-on guide will join us on our deluxe motorcoach as we explore more of this fascinating area. This afternoon we will head out of the park; our destination is Winslow, AZ and the famous La Posada Hotel, our home for the night.

The La Posada is one of the famed “Harvey Girl” properties. This hotel, acclaimed as “The Last Great Railroad Hotel” was built in 1929 by the Santa Fe Railway for the Fred Harvey Company. A list of the famous people who have stayed here reads like a who’s who of 1930s Hollywood.

The Turquoise Room restaurant was rated as one of the top three restaurants in the U.S. in the 2009 Condé Nast Gold List. We’ll enjoy a Farewell dinner hosted by our Tour Director! D

“THE TRAIN RIDE WAS SOMETHING I WILL NEVER FORGET. FIRST TIME STAYING THE NIGHT ON THE TRAIN. WE LAUGHED SO MUCH. WE WERE HAPPY.”

Tracey B.
Wasco, CA

Day 6: En Route

This morning we’ll board the eastbound Southwest Chief for its departure to Chicago. You’ll enjoy the same accommodations and amenities featured on your westbound trip.

You’ll want to take advantage of the fascinating scenery of Arizona and New Mexico our train passes through.

Day 7: En Route to Chicago

The Southwest Chief is scheduled to arrive in Chicago mid afternoon.

Our arrival into the historic Grand Canyon Depot is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. The Grand Canyon Depot is part of the Grand Canyon National Park Historic District and is a National Historic Landmark.

Upon arrival we’ll transfer to the Grand Canyon Village and our home for the night, the Maswik Lodge. The afternoon is free to explore. The canyon rim is about a ¼ mile from the hotel and there is free shuttle service to shopping, attractions and several scenic overlooks including Maricopa Point, Powell Point, Hopi Point, Monument Creek Vista and Pima Point.

This evening we will enjoy an included dinner at the Bright Angel Restaurant.

B & D
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 registration. 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 through duration of the tour: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades. Air and connecting rail cancellations 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
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 / ADMISIIONS
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 on 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. Trains 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 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 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 not applicable 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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