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

**Monument Valley** provides perhaps the most enduring and definitive images of the American West. The isolated red mesas and buttes are surrounded by empty, sandy desert which have been filmed and photographed countless times.

Two days in charming **Durango**. Ride the famous **Durango & Silverton Scenic Railroad’s** steam powered excursion train.

A day at **Mesa Verde National Park**. See hundreds of the world’s largest and best cliff dwellings; ruins that date from the 1200s.

Travel 3000 non-redundant rail miles: 1700 on the **Southwest Chief** through New Mexico and Arizona and 1300 on the **California Zephyr** including the majestic Colorado Rockies.

---

**Days 1-2** ...................... Chicago to Flagstaff
**Day 3** .......................... The Grand Canyon
**Day 4** .......................... Monument Valley
**Day 5** .......................... Mesa Verde
**Day 6** .......................... Durango & Silverton
**Days 7-8** ...................... En Route to Chicago
Day 1: Depart Chicago

Heart of the West tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago’s Union Station. The Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower) is close by. Other Chicago attractions are a brief cab ride away.

This afternoon we'll board the Southwest Chief prior to its 3:00 p.m. departure. 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. Enjoy a full-course dinner tonight in the dining car. You will want to spend time in the Sightseer Lounge where the glass windows rise from the floor level to the ceiling. It is a great place to view the passing scenery.

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, Arizona, is scheduled for 8:51 p.m.

Upon arrival we'll transfer the short distance to the Comfort Inn. B, L & D

Day 3: The Grand Canyon

Following a Continental 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.

Our first stop will be Watchtower where you will experience views of the River, the Canyon and Kaibab National Forest. Late this afternoon we’ll continue Northeast 155 miles to Kayenta. We'll spend tonight at the attractive Hampton Inn Monument Valley. Dinner tonight is included. CB & D

Day 4: Monument Valley

The highlight of the day will be our drive through nearby Monument Valley. The region provides perhaps the most enduring and definitive images of the American West. The isolated red mesas and buttes surrounded by empty, sandy desert have been filmed and photographed countless times over the years for movies, advertisements and holiday brochures. Because of this, the area may seem quite familiar, even on a first visit, but it is soon evident that the natural colors really are as bright and deep as those in all the pictures.

The area lies entirely within the Navajo Indian Reservation on the Utah / Arizona border. An "on-your-own" luncheon stop will be made. By late afternoon we will arrive in the charming city of Durango, commercial

TOUR DATE(S):
2018 Sat., June 9 to Sat., June 16

TOUR PRICE:
All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

$2,495 - 8 Days
Upgrades: Roomette + $645
Bedroom + $1,395
SINGLE $2,995
Upgrade: Roomette + $1,290

FLY OPTION: Fly to Flagstaff, return from Grand Junction. 6 Days
Price: $2,095
Single: $2,595

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

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:
• Round-trip transportation by Amtrak rail and deluxe motorcoach.
• Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
• First-class hotel accommodations for five nights.
• 16 meals.
• Sightseeing tours of all included National Parks. 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.
center for the ranching and mining enterprises of southwest Colorado and gateway to the picturesque San Juan Mountains. The city thrived as a railroad and mining center in the late 1800s. Much of the downtown area has been restored to its Victorian past. The DoubleTree is our home for the next two nights. **B**

**Day 5: Mesa Verde**

A full breakfast is included each morning at the hotel. This morning we’ll travel westward to Mesa Verde National Park, one of our Nation's major archeological preserves. Many large canyons seam the Mesa Verde area. In the shelter of the hundreds of caves eroded in the cliffs are some of the world's largest and best preserved cliff dwellings. The cave dwellings were occupied around 1200 A.D. Ruins Road covers 12 miles and provides a view of about 40 cliff dwellings from the canyon rim. We'll return to our hotel at mid afternoon. Dinner is included this evening. **B & D**

**Day 6: Durango & Silverton**

A high point of our tour will occur today when we ride on the famous Durango & Silverton Scenic Railroad. The steam-powered, narrow-gauge train travels through the remote wilderness of the San Juan National Forest, following the winding Animas River through breathtaking mountain scenery. The 45-mile, three-and-a-half hour rail journey will end in Silverton, a typical wild-west mining community with a rather infamous past. There will be time to walk along Blair Street with its false-fronted buildings typical of the Old West and have an “on-your-own” lunch.

The DoubleTree in Grand Junction is our home for the night. Dinner is included at our hotel. **B & D**

**Day 7: Colorado Rockies**

A full breakfast is included in our hotel this morning. We'll transfer to the Amtrak train station in time for the 10:23 a.m. departure of the California Zephyr. Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Sleeping accommodations are available at an additional cost. Enjoy the Sightseer Lounge and other amenities you experienced on your westbound journey. You’ll want to take advantage of the spectacular Colorado Rockies scenery we’ll be experiencing throughout this afternoon. How about a card game or two with some of your new-found friends? Or reminisce with fellow tour members about all you saw and experienced the past seven days. **B, L & D**

**Day 8: En Route to Chicago**

Our train will roll across Iowa and Illinois before our late afternoon arrival in Chicago. Some tour members may change to trains bound for Midwest, Eastern and Southern home cities. Others may spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow. **B & L**

"I just took my 14th tour with America by Rail and taking my 15th soon."

**Marilyn K. Kalamazoo, MI**
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 refunded. For cancellations received within 75 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply:
- 90-75 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: 100% of total tour cost.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:
- 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.
- Baggage fees for checked baggage or for any lost, stolen or destroyed item. Specific 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 origin station.
- 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 room waitstaff are included.
- TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE: Transportation and tips between your home city and the official origin station; 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 are 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.
- 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 for selected trips.
- Hotel rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes on a single occupancy basis, not as a group.

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 and are available 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 for selected trips.

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.

AMTRAK STATEMENT: The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) trains or conveyance. The passenger contract in use of such 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 acts only in the capacity as an agent for the providers and does not assume any responsibility for any act, omission, or failure to perform by the providers.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: A valid passport is required for any trip crossing international borders. It is our company policy to issue a tour roster to all tour directors, 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.

MEALS:
- All meals listed are meals are included 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, we are sometimes unable to provide supplies and may become limited. If you have special dietary requirements, please give us advance notice and you will have a sufficient supply of nourishment to meet your dietary needs.

BAGGAGE:
- For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and porterage 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 also allowed en route. America by Rail is not responsible for lost, stolen or destroyed items. Specific transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.

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 room waitstaff 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 origin station.

BAGGAGE:
- For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and porterage 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 also allowed en route. America by Rail is not responsible for lost, stolen or destroyed items. Specific transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.