SIX NATIONAL TREASURES
Glacier, Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon, Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks • Going to the Sun Highway • Salt Lake City

Your tour will take you in comfort to the Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce, Grand Teton, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks with scenic landscapes along the way.

The breathtaking Grand Canyon is America’s most well known natural wonder; with its spectacular size and colors, it is not to be missed!

Bryce Canyon National Park includes some of Earth’s most colorful rocks, which have been sculpted by erosion into pillars called “hoodoos”.

Zion National Park is one of the West’s greatest treasures. You’ll find desert terrain and sculpted rock formations coexisting with waterfalls and hanging gardens.

No mountain range is more impressive than the Grand Tetons. Peaks rise abruptly with no foothills.

Incredible Yellowstone National Park is a two-million acre natural “jewel”. View the lower falls and many geysers, including Old Faithful!

Experience magnificent views of Glacier National Park’s mountains, lakes and wildlife as you travel along the Going-To-The-Sun Highway.

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

Days 1-2 ................. Chicago to Whitefish
Day 3 ...................... Glacier National Park
Day 4 ..................... En Route Yellowstone
Days 5-6 .................. Yellowstone
Days 7-8 .................. Grand Tetons / Jackson Hole

Days 9-10 ............... Salt Lake City
Day 11 .................... Bryce Canyon National Park
Day 12 .................... Zion National Park
Day 13 .................... Grand Canyon
Days 14-15 ............. En Route to Chicago
**Day 1: Depart Chicago**

Six National Treasures tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station. Early this afternoon we will board Amtrak's Empire Builder for the 1,620-mile journey across five states to Whitefish, MT. Departure is scheduled for 2:15 p.m.

Relax in your comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms may be available at an additional cost and include dining car meals.

Go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car for spectacular viewing. This evening you can enjoy an optional full-course dinner in the dining car; lighter fare is available in the lounge car.

We’ll have a short stop in Minneapolis - St. Paul at 10:00 p.m.

**Day 2: En Route / Whitefish**

During the day we will roll across the remote lands of North Dakota and eastern Montana. This evening a dramatic panorama of 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 glass-walled lounge provides an excellent vantage point.

Arrival in Whitefish is scheduled for 8:56 p.m. We will transfer to our hotel, the Pine Lodge on Whitefish River, our home for the next two nights.

Day 3: Glacier National Park

Following breakfast in our hotel we’ll depart on an all-day tour of one of America’s most beautiful attractions. Our group will travel over the spectacular Going-to-the-Sun Highway.

Weather conditions may impact access to the Going-to-the-Sun Highway.
Day 4: En Route / Yellowstone

Today we will board our deluxe motorcoach for the drive to Yellowstone National Park. An included lunch stop will be made en route.

Yellowstone was established in 1872 as America’s first national park. This is the world’s most extensive region of geothermal activity. Thousands of hot springs dot the thermal basins. Old Faithful is the most famous geyser in the world.

We will spend three nights at the Kelly Inn West Yellowstone. A variety of evening activities are available, including the Playmill Theatre. B & L

Day 5: Yellowstone

A breakfast is included each morning in our hotel. Today we begin to explore Yellowstone National Park, a two-million acre national jewel. Today we’ll take the Upper Loop, which visits Gibbon Falls, Mammoth Hot Springs, Undine Falls, Tower Falls and the Lamar Valley. We’ll return to our hotel by late afternoon. B & L

Day 6: Yellowstone

We’ll begin our second day of awesome Yellowstone National Park experiences.

Today we take the Lower Loop and visit Fountain Paint Pots, Old Faithful Geyser, The Old Faithful Inn, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, the Lower Falls, Yellowstone Lake and Lake Hotel. A box lunch is included. We return to our hotel for a final night. B & L

Day 7: Grand Tetons / Jackson Hole

Following breakfast in our hotel this morning we’ll board our motorcoach for Jackson Hole.

No mountain skyline is more impressive than that of the Grand Teton Range. Peaks rise abruptly with no foothills. We’ll visit the Chapel of Transfiguration, a rustic log church with fantastic views of the Tetons. Lunch is included at the Jackson Lake Lodge. At the Colter Bay Visitor Center we view Plains Indian art and exhibits and learn more about Grand Teton National Park.

We will continue to the ranching and resort center of Jackson, WY. Our comfortable lodging for the next two nights is at the Rustic Inn.

Tonight we’ll travel a few miles outside the city for a chuck wagon dinner. A Western musical group will entertain us. B, L & D

Day 8: Jackson Hole

Today is free to relax and set your own pace. You may want to explore Jackson Hole, ride the tram to the top of Rendezvous Mountain, or take a leisurely rafting or canoe trip.

Enjoy the unique shops and restaurants in Teton Village, around Town Square and throughout Jackson Hole. B

Day 9: En Route / Salt Lake City

Following an included breakfast we’ll travel to Salt Lake City. An “on-your-own” lunch stop will be made en route.

Upon arrival we’ll check into the DoubleTree Suites for two nights. You’re free this evening to rest and relax or to explore this exciting city. B

Day 10: Salt Lake City

Following breakfast we’ll set out on a sightseeing tour of Salt Lake City. Our local host takes us to a series of major attractions. You’ll see the Salt Lake Temple and Tabernacle, Brigham Young’s Monument and private burial ground, Beehive House, Lion House, Eagle Gate, University of Utah, Fort Douglas and Trolley Square. You’ll also visit Utah Olympic Park and Tracy Aviary.

There will be “on-your-own” lunch and dinner opportunities available. B

Day 11: Bryce Canyon National Park

Following an included breakfast at our hotel we will travel to Bryce Canyon National Park. Bryce Canyon includes some of Earth’s most colorful rocks, which have been sculpted by erosion into pillars called “hoodoos” and other fantastic forms. Iron oxides give red, yellow and brown tints to the limestone, while manganese oxides lend a lavender hue.

We’ll travel with a local guide on a road that follows the high rim to many major vantage points, such as Inspiration Point and Sunset Point.

We will check into Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel, our home for the night.
We will enjoy dinner at the Cowboy’s Buffet Steak Room.
B & D

Day 12: Zion National Park
Following an included breakfast we’ll continue to another of the West’s treasures, Zion National Park. You’ll find desert terrain and huge, sculpted rock formations, coexisting with waterfalls and hanging gardens.

Just north of the southern entrance is the beginning of Zion Canyon, a spectacular gorge carved through strangely-colored sandstone and shale by the Virgin River. About a half-mile deep and a half-mile wide at its mouth, the canyon narrows to about 300 feet at the Temple of Sinawava, the narrowest portion of the canyon accessible by car and about eight miles from the park entrance. We will take the tram ride in Zion.

The gigantic stone masses of the West Temple and the Watchman guard the southern entrance to the park. From a multicolored stairway, the red-brown Watchman looms 2,555 feet above the canyon floor. The 7,810-foot West Temple is one of the most prominent formations in the southern section.

We will continue on to Page, AZ, where we’ll spend the night at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. B

Day 13: The Grand Canyon
Following 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 and include a stop at Mather Point.

Our home for the night is the Comfort Inn Flagstaff. B

Day 14: En Route
We’ll transfer the short distance to the Flagstaff Amtrak station to board Amtrak’s famous Southwest Chief prior to its morning departure for Chicago. Enjoy all the amenities you experienced on the westbound train. Later this afternoon our train will climb Raton Pass along the former Santa Fe Trail.

Day 15: En Route to Chicago
The Southwest Chief will roll across Northeast Missouri, a corner of Iowa and all of Illinois before our 2:50 p.m. arrival into Chicago. Some tour members will change to trains bound for home cities. Others will spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow.

“The trip was the highlight of my travel experiences. I loved the comfort of the train, sightseeing, and the time to unwind and reflect.”

Lillian C.
Richmond, VA
REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:
A deposit of $500 per person, of which $250 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance due is 120 days prior to departure. Amtrak accommodation upgrades and any connecting transportation charges are due at time of reservation. 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 / 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 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 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 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, travel, hospitalization and luggage 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 registration 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, toiletting 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 two 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 ship 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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