



ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER - MANHATTAN

# WASHINGTON, DC / NEW YORK CITY EXPRESS

## Express Tour



*YOU SET THE PACE ON OUR "EXPRESS TOURS". THESE TOURS FEATURE AN OPEN FORMAT WHERE YOU CHOOSE THE ACTIVITIES. YOU CAN FILL EVERY MINUTE OR SIMPLY RELAX AT THE HOTEL. FINE DINING, CASUAL DINING OR FAST-FOOD . . . YOU DECIDE! WE PROVIDE YOU WITH BROCHURES FROM LOCAL SIGHTSEEING COMPANIES AND ATTRACTIONS AT THE TIME OF BOOKING SO YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PLANS IN PLACE WHEN YOU ARRIVE!*

While in **Washington, DC** you can take a sightseeing tour if you choose or jump on a double-decker bus to see the city. Again, you're on your own, so you can see what interests you.

Local attractions include the **U. S. Capitol, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and World War II, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Korean and Vietnam War Memorials.**

**New York City** with all of its glitz and glamour awaits you. You can see the **Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Empire State Building, Times Square, One World Trade Center, a Broadway Show and Central Park.**

New York City was named the #1 in Best Shopping Destinations in the USA. Stores include **Saks Fifth Avenue, Macy's, Tiffany & Co., the Metropolitan Museum of Art Store** and many more.

Days 1-2.....Chicago / Washington

Day 3.....Washington

Day 4.....Washington /  
New York City

Day 5.....New York City

Days 6-7 .....New York / Chicago

**TOUR DATE(S):****2017**

Thurs., Oct. 12 to Wed., Oct. 18

**TOUR PRICE:***All prices are per person /double occupancy unless otherwise stated.***\$1,995 - 7 Days**Upgrades: Roomette + \$445  
Bedroom + \$895**\$2,595 SINGLE**

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**FLY OPTION** - Fly to Washington, DC - return from New York City

5 Days

Price: \$1,595

Single: \$2,195

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

**YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round-trip transportation by rail and deluxe motorcoach.
- Reclining coach seat on the train with leg rest for two nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for four nights.
- Seven meals.
- 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 1: Depart Chicago**

**W**ashington, DC /New York City Express tour members will meet in Chicago Union Station this afternoon. We will board the eastbound Capitol Limited prior to its 6:40 p.m. departure.

Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Superliner Roomettes and Bedrooms are available for an additional cost.

You'll 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.

You're free to explore the train. Snacks, sandwiches, and beverages are available in the lounge car.

Dinner is included tonight in the dining car. **D**

**Day 2: Washington, DC**

You'll want to enjoy breakfast this morning in the dining car.

Arrival into Washington, DC Union Station is scheduled for 1:05 p.m. This stately building is much more than a train station. There is an expansive food court, six full service restaurants and more than 100 specialty shops on three levels with items from jewelry and apparel to gifts and boutique items and much more. A walk outside the station provides a view of the United States Capitol. The historic United States Postal Museum is just across the street.

We'll board our deluxe motorcoach and transfer to the Holiday Inn Capitol, our home for the next two nights.

Our hotel is located about a block away from the National Mall. The Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Museum of Art are close by.

Many of the national monuments are within



U. S. CAPITOL

walking distance on the National Mall. If you don't want to walk, you may want to take a Hop-on Hop-off Tour or ride the Old Town Trolley to see the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial or the White House.

Some of the other attractions include the World War II, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Korean and Vietnam Memorials. Also the Jefferson Memorial, the Pentagon, the Capitol, Library of Congress, Supreme Court and the White House.

You can get a shuttle to Arlington National Cemetery where you can see the Kennedy gravesite, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and witness the ceremonial changing of the guard.

You may want to consider the Smithsonian Museums and Galleries. The Smithsonian Institution includes 19 museums and galleries and the National





WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL / WASHINGTON MONUMENT

Zoological Park, most of which are in DC and free to visit.

You will return to our hotel for the evening. **B**

### Day 3: Washington, DC

You have another day to enjoy the sights and sounds of historic Washington, DC.

### Day 4: En Route / New York City

You are free again this morning to rest or continue exploring.

We will board our motorcoach and transfer to the Alexandria Amtrak Station where we will board The Carolinian for the 4:02 p.m. departure to New York City. A boxed dinner will be included.

Relax and enjoy the ride across New Jersey and under the Hudson River. We are scheduled to arrive into New York Penn Station at 8:35 p.m.

Upon arrival we will transfer to the San Carlos Hotel, our home for the next two nights. **D**

### Day 5: New York City

A Continental breakfast is included in our hotel this morning. New York with all of its glitz and glamour awaits you. You are free to explore the “city that never sleeps.”

You can board a Hop-on Hop-off tour and visit the Empire State Building, One World Trade Center, Times Square and Central Park. Other places of interest are Museum Mile, the Theater District,

Greenwich Village, SoHo, the United Nations, Grants Tomb, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and Rockefeller Center.

You can also take a water taxi or the famous Staten Island Ferry to see the Statue of Liberty.

This evening you may want to take in a Broadway or Off-Broadway show. **CB**

### Day 6: En Route

A Continental breakfast is included at our hotel again this morning. You are free again this morning to rest or do some last minute shopping or sightseeing.

We will board our motorcoach this afternoon to transfer to New York Penn Station.

We will board the Lake Shore Limited for the 3:40 p.m. departure to Chicago.

Relax in your reclining coach seats. Viewliner Roomettes or Bedrooms are available for an additional cost.

You’re free to explore the train. Go to the lounge car for snacks, sandwiches and beverages. **CB & D**

### Day 7: En Route to Chicago

Enjoy a dining car breakfast this morning. We will arrive into Chicago at 9:45 a.m. Travelers will continue on to home destinations throughout the morning and afternoon. **B**

*“WE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED OUR TOUR. WE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT TO ANYONE. THE TOUR DIRECTOR REALLY BROUGHT THE GROUP TOGETHER.”*

GLENN & VICKI W.  
HAMBURG, PA



THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL

# 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.

### 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.

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