

UNITED STATES RAIL JOURNEY



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San Francisco to Chicago by Train with Flights

Duration: 9 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 8 nights hotels

Travel style: Independent rail with flights from Australia

Booking code: USAMR9M

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9 Days USA Iconic Rail Journey & Flights

About the holiday

This USA train itinerary travels from the the West Coast to the Mid-West!

This nine-day rail journey will introduce you to sights and moments that are best experienced from the comfort from the train. No matter what the season, the California Zephyr is one of the most beautiful cross-country train routes in North America and regarded as one of the world's great rail journeys.

Your trip begins with two nights in San Francisco, where you'll get to sightsee and discover the city's top attractions and popular landmarks. From there, you'll board the California Zephyr and watch the scenery unfold as it travels east toward Denver and the majestic Rocky Mountains. During your two-night stay in Denver, you'll have the opportunity to explore on your own and take an included day tour of Rocky Mountain National Park - an adventure you won't soon forget!

Following another evening onboard Amtrak, you'll arrive in the Windy City of Chicago for a two-night hotel stay. Showcasing some of the world's best sights, attractions, and activities, you're bound to have a grand time!

Why you'll love this trip...

- Experience one of the most beautiful train trips in North America
- Enjoy 2 nights on the train and 6 nights in hotels on this epic journey
- On the train all meals are included & your private cabin converts to a sleeper
- Explore the great cities of San Francisco, Denver and Chicago
- Plus, flights are included from Australia!

Travel dates

Departs from Australia daily*

2024 - 01 February to 20 March; 20 April to 10 June; 20 July to 10 September;
10 October to 30 November

**Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Contact us for available travel dates or travel at other times of the year.*

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Train package includes:

- **Flights** - return economy class airfare to San Francisco & from Chicago
 - Fly from Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane (*ask for other cities*)
 - Includes all pre-payable fees & airport taxes
- **Hotels** - 6 nights hotel accommodation, standard room based on twin share
 - 2 nights San Francisco - Handlery Union Square Hotel
 - 2 nights Denver - Hampton Inn & Suites Denver-Downtown
 - 2 nights Chicago - La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Chicago Downtown
- **Amtrak train** - Superliner train from San Francisco to Chicago
 - 2 nights in a private bedroom
 - All meals on board the train
- **Sightseeing - as per the itinerary**
 - San Francisco Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour
 - Rocky Mountain National Park Day Tour
 - Chicago Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour

Package excludes:

ESTA/Visa fees - must be obtained online prior to departure

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, rail company & local operators.
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.***

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Itinerary:

Day 1 Fly to the USA - Arrive San Francisco

Welcome to beautiful San Francisco! Today the day will be spent traveling on your own. Check in to your hotel and begin exploring this City by the Bay. (Overnight in San Francisco)

DAY 2 San Francisco, CA

Today will be packed with highlights on a hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour that will take you to all of San Francisco's most popular attractions, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Golden Gate Park, the Japanese Tea Garden, Fisherman's Wharf, Union Square, Haight Ashbury, the Palace of Fine Arts, and so much more. Feel free to hop on and off at any of the 27 featured stops to discover the city at your own leisure. There is plenty to experience. Who knows, you may even stumble upon some hidden gems and local favourites! (Overnight in San Francisco)

DAY 3 Overnight Onboard Amtrak

Make your own way from the hotel to Emeryville station in time to board the California Zephyr train. Begin your journey eastbound onboard Amtrak toward Denver. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

DAY 4 Arrive Denver

When you arrive in the "Mile High City" of Denver, Colorado, check into your hotel. Then, the remainder of the day and evening is yours to explore on your own. Located at the base of the mesmerizing Rocky Mountains, this vibrant city invites you to take in the sights and discover the best it has to offer. Visit Red Rocks Park, the Denver Art Museum, the Denver Zoo, and so much more! (Overnight in Denver)

DAY 5 Rocky Mountain National Park

Experience the majestic splendour of the Rocky Mountains on a small group day tour of Rocky Mountain National Park. Widely celebrated for its abundance of wildlife and spectacular views, Rocky Mountain National Park will make you feel like you're on top of the world. Enjoy an included picnic lunch and several photo opportunities before heading back to your hotel for the evening. (Overnight in Denver)

DAY 6 Overnight Onboard Amtrak

Continue your journey eastbound onboard Amtrak toward Chicago. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

DAY 7 Arrive Chicago

Welcome to Chicago! This is an international city where art, culture, and history collide to offer you one of the most unique vacations. From gorgeous architecture to delicious cuisine, intriguing history, and world-class entertainment, the Windy City has it all!

After you check into your hotel, the rest of the day and evening is yours to explore on your own. Make sure to visit the Skydeck with your included admission. No trip to Chicago would be complete without taking in the 360-degree views from the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. (Overnight in Chicago)

DAY 8 Chicago, IL

Spend today discovering the most popular attractions throughout the city with your included hop-on, hop-off Big Bus sightseeing tour. Enjoy 14 different stops, including the iconic Centennial Wheel on the Navy Pier, visit Millennium Park, John Hancock Tower, Magnificent Mile, and so much more! (Overnight in Chicago)

DAY 9 Journey ends in Chicago - Fly to Australia

Check out of your hotel this morning, then take a taxi to airport for flights home.

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, train schedules, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

About the California Zephyr:

The California Zephyr is one of world's greatest train journeys, and in around 48 hours non-stop you will leave the San Francisco Bay area, travel to Sacramento, pass through the Sierra Nevada mountains, snake through lovely Colorado canyons to Denver, scale the Rockies, cross the Mississippi and roll over the vast farmlands of Nebraska before reaching Chicago, Illinois. The route covers much of the very first historic trans-continental railroad route, and there's a commentary for the most significant section.

San Francisco/Emeryville-Chicago daily (2,438 miles, two nights) or vv. The Superliner train facilities include reclining seats, sightseeing lounge car, sleeping-cars and dining-car. If you are planning a coast-to-coast trip, this is a great route to take.

Viewliner sleeping-cars

Long-distance trains in the East have Viewliner sleeping cars. The distinctive double row of windows on these cars makes them light & airy during the day, and gives both upper & lower berths a window for star-gazing at night. Travelling by Amtrak sleeper is a real treat. All sleeper passengers get complimentary meals in the dining car and a 'coffee station' provides complimentary tea/coffee & fruit juice in the morning. You return from dinner in the diner to find your bed made up for the night by the sleeper attendant.

Viewliner sleeping-cars have Bedrooms (previously called deluxe bedrooms), which are much larger than roomettes and they have a private shower & toilet. Bedrooms have freestanding chair & sofa in daytime mode, and upper & lower berths at night. The lower berth is extra wide. All necessary bedding, soap and towels are provided.

Superliner dining car

Trains west of Chicago retain a proper dining-car with freshly-cooked food. The dining-car serves breakfast, lunch & dinner. All the tables in a Superliner dining-car are on the top deck for great views while you eat - the kitchens are downstairs. Meals are included in the fare if you have a sleeper, although drinks are extra. In the sleepers, the dining-car manager comes down the train asking each passenger which sitting for lunch or dinner they'd like, and issuing table reservations. An announcement is made at the start of each sitting.

Note that couples and singles don't get a whole 4-seater restaurant table to themselves, you'll normally be seated with other passengers. This is a great chance to meet people, even if you're travelling solo.

What's the food like? The food is surprisingly good: The Angus Steak Burger is great for lunch, for dinner the herb-roast chicken & rice is good and the garlic butter marinated New York Strip Steak is excellent. A beer costs around \$6, a half bottle of very good Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot costs around \$15. The next morning a freshly-cooked breakfast of eggs, bacon & potatoes hits the spot. There is also a children's menu. Credit cards are accepted. You can find sample menus on the Amtrak website www.amtrak.com, click 'plan' then look for 'meal & dining options'.

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