



Amtrak[®]

Long distance rail journeys across the USA

A selection of historic railway journeys designed for maximum flexibility to stop and experience some of the best that North America has to offer.

NORTH AMERICAN
HIGHWAYS

Imaginative itineraries for individual travellers

Train journey time

53 hours

Rail cost (subject to accommodation type, p/p)

From £182 – £912

Journey distance (approx)

2,422 miles

California Zephyr

San Francisco – Chicago

Spend more time at

Denver

Gateway to the majestic Rockies, Mile High City blends urban sophistication with outdoor adventure, award-winning restaurants and dining, super shopping, and spectacular views of the Rockies.

Grand Junction

Colorado's wine country, full of natural beauty combined with a dramatic red rock landscape, charming downtown area with great shops, galleries and restaurants, stunning scenery and byways.

Chicago

The Windy City, gateway to the Great Lakes and nearby Amish country, the city has much to offer everyone with Shopping on Michigan Avenue, free attractions such as Lincoln Park Zoo and Blues artists. With 29 miles of lakefront paths Chicago is easily explored.

Why not combine with...

Colorado

Valleys, Springs and Mountains Tour

Great Lakes of North America

Great Lake Michigan

Operating daily between San Francisco and Chicago and reverse, this journey is some 2,422 miles from start to finish and takes some 53 hours, although we recommend breaking the journey, and is regarded by many as one of the most beautiful in the whole of North America.

It is not difficult to see why it is so well regarded, some of the many highlights include travelling through the peaks of the Rocky Mountains with stunning views, tracking the Colorado River, climbing through famous mile-high Donner Pass in the Sierra Nevadas, Moffat Tunnel, 6.2 miles long, crossing the Continental Divide, this journey is truly memorable. It is also enhanced by the presence of National Park Rangers who seasonally board the train to provide a narrative between Grand Junction and Denver.

This journey provides the ideal opportunity to spend additional time in Chicago or San Francisco as well as breaking the journey in the majestic Rocky Mountain area. Experience the sights of San Francisco – visit famous Alcatraz, Union Square and Fishermans Wharf, maybe visit the State Capital Sacramento – then take the Zephyr to Colorado and explore the city of Denver. Travel the short distance to Rocky Mountain National Park, enjoy Grand Junction before travelling on to The Windy City of Chicago where you can spend time exploring visiting famous sights such as Sears Tower, Field Museum of Natural History and the Lakefront.



Train journey time

23 hours

Rail cost (subject to accommodation type, p/p)

From £99 – £605

Journey distance (approx)

1,390 miles

Coast Starlight

Seattle – Los Angeles

Spend more time at

Seattle

Waterfront, Space Needle, origins of Starbucks, Olympic Peninsula.

Portland

Known as the 'City of Roses' with an annual Rose Festival in June, it is also home to galleries, art museums, boutique shopping, open air markets, and great value with no sales tax.

San Francisco

Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Union Square, Fisherman's Wharf.

Santa Barbara

Spanish influenced city, beautiful beaches.

Los Angeles

So much to see – Getty Museum, Hollywood, theme parks, Beverly Hills, museums, restaurants and fantastic shopping.

Why not combine with...

Many of our west coast tours:

Washington State

Oregon

Northern California

Pacific Coastline

Southern California

The Coast Starlight links the cities of Seattle and Los Angeles whilst travelling via some of the most spectacular scenery and via some super cities affording the opportunity to explore. Portland, Sacramento, San Francisco Bay and Santa Barbara are just some of the many places it visits before arriving in Los Angeles.

The scenery en-route is unsurpassed, combining the Cascade Mountains, Mount Shasta, forest and valleys as well as the stunning coastline of the Pacific Ocean. Due to the popularity of this journey additional enhanced coaches and sleeping cars with new amenities have been introduced.

There are just so many possible stops for you to consider on this journey all with such variety.



Train journey time

46 hours

Rail cost (subject to accommodation type, p/p)

From £221 – £780

Journey distance (approx)

Chicago – Seattle 2206 miles
Chicago – Portland 2257 miles

The Empire Builder

Chicago – Seattle or Portland

Spend more time at

Chicago

The classic American city of Chicago, home to Blues Music, fashionable Michigan Avenue for shopping, Lake Michigan as well as Sears Tower and the Hancock Observatory.

Glacier National Park

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, pristine forests, alpine meadows, rugged mountains and spectacular lakes, this National Park has over 700 miles of hiking trails and is home to one of the most scenic drives in North America – Going to the Sun Road.

Seattle

Known as the Emerald City or the Gateway to Alaska, Seattle has much to offer, beautiful waterfront with connections to Vancouver Island, The Boeing Factory, famed for its coffee, Pike Place Market, Space Needle and Pioneer Square.

Portland

The City of Roses, surrounded by natural beauty, famed for its beautiful gardens, craft beer and super shopping this Oregon city is well worth spending time in.

Why not combine with...

Seattle & The Olympic Peninsula

Washington Cascades & The Columbia Valley

Oregon West to East Pacific Coast & Cascade Mountains

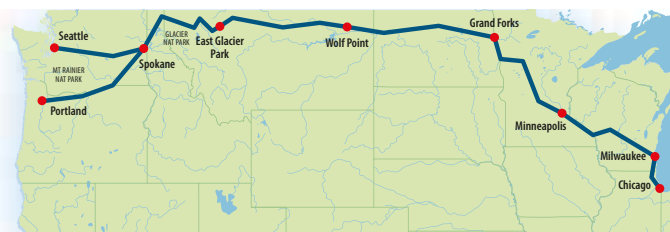
This Amtrak service departs daily from Union Station Chicago. It travels west across Wisconsin, crossing the Mississippi River to Minnesota and then onto St Paul. Whilst you sleep the train travels over the less scenic area before arriving in North Dakota – soon the spectacular scenery of the Rocky Mountains beckons.

The Empire Builder makes four stops close to UNESCO World Heritage Site – Glacier National Park, Montana. This National Park offers super scenery and is home to the 'Going to The Sun Road' The train travels along the southern edge of the Park between West and East Glacier. The following day the train stops in Spokane where it then splits into two separate journeys, one to Portland Oregon and the other to Seattle Washington.

The choice is yours – the Portland train travels to Pasco close to the confluence of the Snake and Yakima Rivers, following the Columbia River. Look out for Mt St Helens before you arrive Portland. If you choose to stay north and travel on to Seattle then the stunning scenery still continues, look out for the tallest peak in Washington State, Mt Rainier, 14,410ft, your route is via the Cascade Mountains, travel via Puget Sound before arriving Seattle.

National Park Rangers join the train at various points along the route offering on-board lectures.

Glacier National Park is a super option of where to leave the train, hire a car and then explore. With its spectacular scenery and legendary Highway, be sure to spend time here. At the end of the journey the States of Washington and Oregon offer stunning mountains, Highway 101 and National Parks.



Train journey time

27 hours

Rail cost (subject to accommodation type, p/p)

From £115 – £533

Journey distance (approx)

1,389 miles

Silver Meteor

New York – Miami

Spend more time at

Washington

The Capital, so many historic sites including the White House, Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian Museum and Washington Monument.

Charleston

Take a step back in time, full of history with many pre-revolution buildings, also home to stylish restaurants, art galleries and boutique shops.

Savannah

Established in 1733 this was the first colonial and state capital of Georgia, famed for its historic buildings and architecture, now designated as a National Historic Landmark district.

Miami

Famous for its art deco, sport, museums and nightlife. This city has much to offer. Also gateway to the beautiful Florida Keys as well as a major cruise line hub.

Why not combine with...

The Carolinas

The Colonial Coast

The Blue Ridge Parkway

This is one of a number of trains operated by Amtrak along the Atlantic Coast on the eastern Seaboard – 1389 miles running from New York City south to Miami.

After leaving Penn Station the train enters the 2.5 mile tunnel under the Hudson River, travelling south via Newark and Trenton to Philadelphia, home of the Declaration of Independence and many historical firsts. On to Baltimore and the Capital City of Washington – the big cities are all visited on this route. After the cities the history follows, Alexandria, with its colonial structures, Richmond, home of the world's largest collection of Confederate memorabilia, along the Colonial Coast to Charleston, full of colonial history, churches and homes. Continue to Savannah, founded by General James Oglethorpe in 1733 before arriving in Jessup and Folkston, famous for the nearby Okefenokee Swamp.

Florida beckons – enter the Sunshine State via Jacksonville before travelling through the state via Sanford, Winter Park and Orlando and finally to Miami and the beaches of West Palm, Delray and Deerfield.



On-board facilities

Dining Cars

As you would expect, dining is a special experience on-board. Whilst enjoying the superb views as you travel, indulge in the great food offered in the Dining Cars – large windows on both sides of the car ensure you don't miss a thing during your journey. There is a wide selection of food available and special meals can be catered for with notice. The cost of meals are included when purchasing Sleeper Car accommodation.

Café/Lounge Cars

If you just need a quick snack then enjoy the Lounge Car facility. These two-level cars offer a variety of snacks, the upper level offering a more scenic view. Alternatively you can enjoy a snack at your seat.

Sleeper Car accommodation

There is a choice of on-board sleeper accommodation:

Family Bedroom

Spanning the entire width of the car with two picture windows, two reclining seats and sofa – space for two adults and two children. Meals, bed linen, fresh towels, climate control, bottled water, morning coffee, juice, the assistance of a Sleeping Car attendant included.

Superliner Roomette

Suited to one or two passengers with two comfortable reclining seats, which convert to a bed at night, on either side of a big picture window. Meals, bed linen, turn down, coffee, newspaper, bottled water and newspaper included. Toilets and shower facilities are nearby in the same train car.

Bedroom

Easily accommodating two passengers with a third person a possibility. Each room has a large sofa and a reclining easy chair. At night the sofa converts to a comfortable bed and an upper berth folds down from above. All of these bedrooms feature private, self-enclosed restrooms with toilet, sink and shower. Meals, bed linen, fresh towels, soap and shower amenities, newspaper and bottled water included.

Coach Cars

Comfortable and economical, these offer large reclining seats with fold down tray tables, overhead reading lights and overhead luggage racks. There are large panoramic windows for you to enjoy the view whilst travelling. Toilets are located in each car for your convenience.

How to book

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The rail travel is just part of the journey. Why not contact one of our experienced North American specialist team to discuss how to combine one of these, or any of the many other AMTRAK® rail journeys, into your own tailor-made itinerary?

There is complete flexibility to break the rail journey and spend some time touring around some of the spectacular states that the train visits. Let us illustrate a fly-drive and rail combination to suit your requirements featuring our own special mix of delightful Inns, unique Hotels and B&Bs.

North American Highways is pleased to book all AMTRAK® services, ask us for further details.



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