

CALIFORNIA RAIL & SAIL

FEATURING 4 RAIL AND 2 SAIL JOURNEYS, LAKE TAHOE, MONTEREY, SACRAMENTO & RENO

MAY 17-23, 2012 ~ 7 DAY TOUR

TOUR PACE Leisurely On the Go
ACTIVITY LEVEL Low High

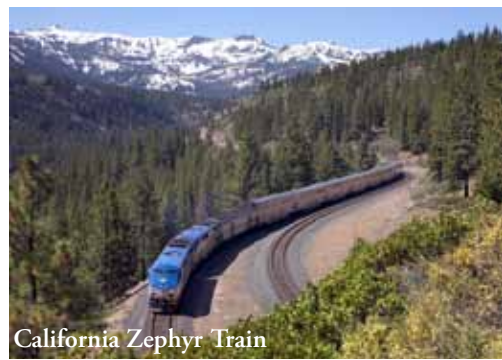
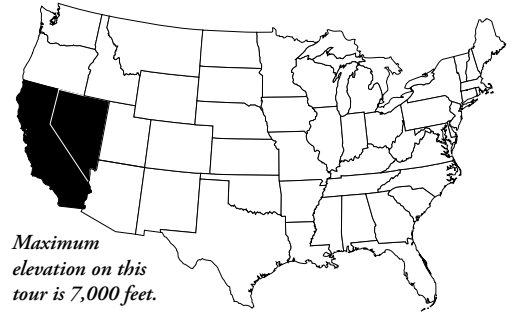
~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Ride along California's coast aboard Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* with the ocean and farmland as gorgeous backdrops
- ◆ In Santa Cruz, ride a historic steam train through the giant redwoods
- ◆ Ride the rails on the *California Zephyr* over the Sierra Nevada, through the dramatic Donner Pass
- ◆ Visit the old west towns of Carson City and Virginia City and ride the historic Virginia & Truckee train
- ◆ In Sacramento, visit the world-famous California State Railroad Museum, cruise along the Sacramento River and visit the State Capitol building
- ◆ Enjoy a relaxing lunch cruise aboard a paddlewheeler on beautiful Lake Tahoe

Embark on a rail journey across California that includes four rail and two sail adventures. From the coast to the redwoods to the Sierra Nevada and Lake Tahoe, this journey will offer the best that the Golden State has to offer while traveling the rails and setting sail.



California Zephyr Train

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Night 1 Casa Munras Hotel & Spa
Monterey, CA
- ◆ Nights 2-3 Hyatt Regency
Sacramento, CA
- ◆ Nights 4-5 Peppermill Resort Casino
Reno, NV
- ◆ Night 6 Creekside Inn
Bishop, CA

◆DAY 1 - COASTAL TRAIN, MONTEREY◆

From our departure points this morning, enjoy a continental breakfast aboard as we travel by motorcoach to Oxnard to meet the *Coast Starlight Train*. Here begins our adventure as we leave our luggage aboard the motorcoach and travel by train along the long beautiful stretches of California coastline not visible from the highway. You are free to move about the train, get lunch from the snack bar or sit in the dining car. Enjoy the views from the dome car or just relax in your seat in the coach car. Upon our arrival in San Luis Obispo, our coach will complete our journey north to the **Monterey Peninsula** for an overnight stay. (Cont. Breakfast)

a 1880s logging town. Shop in the old-fashioned general store or explore vintage western structures, such as an opera house, depot and covered bridge. Then ride to Bear Mountain through towering **California Redwoods**. This first forest of coastal redwoods was preserved in 1867. An included chuck-wagon barbecue follows. We then travel by motorcoach to **Sacramento** for a two-night stay. It is important we include Sacramento on our tour, as this city was the western terminus for the Transcontinental Railroad and played a major role in its development. Our hotel is ideally situated next to the Capitol Building and there are several restaurants within walking distance. An **included dinner** this evening at a local favorite. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 6 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 4 Train rides and 2 boat rides
- ◆ 11 Meals – 3 dinners, 2 lunches, 6 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional Tour Director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Admissions per itinerary
- ◆ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ◆ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities



Coast Starlight Train



Roaring Camp Railroad

PER PERSON PRICES

Double \$1,099 / Single \$1,399 • Deposit \$150

Travel Protection/Cancellation Plan
\$67 Double occupancy / \$85 Single occupancy

◆DAY 2 ~ SANTA CRUZ, SACRAMENTO◆

Following an included breakfast this morning, we continue our journey north with a drive through a beautiful valley to **Santa Cruz**. There, we will ride through the redwoods on a 100-year-old steam train at **Roaring Camp**. The Camp resembles a

◆DAY 3 ~ SACRAMENTO◆

Following an included breakfast this morning, we head to **Old Sacramento** – the waterfront district that sprang up overnight during the early days of “gold fever.” Today Old Sacramento is a 28-acre national historic landmark and state historic park. With more than 50 Gold Rush-era buildings, it holds the greatest concentration of buildings of historic value than any area of similar size in the West. Learn how trains have shaped people's lives, the economy, and the unique culture of

RESERVATIONS



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PAYMENT INFORMATION

♦Deposit due at time of booking

- ♦Final payment due 45 days prior to departure
- ♦All payments should be sent to the address above

TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. Travel protection must be purchased by the time balance payment is made. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Join this tour at one of the following locations:

- ♦Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
- ♦Glendale - Community College
 - ♦Laguna Hills Mall/Sears
 - ♦Long Beach - City College
 - ♦Pasadena - City College
 - ♦Seal Beach Leisure World

Departure Time: 7 – 9 a.m.

Return Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Exact times are provided 2 weeks prior to departure

ACTIVITY LEVEL / WALKING

Tour pacing and physical demands (walking/stairs, etc.) varies by each tour however every tour involves some walking and climbing stairs to enter/exit the motorcoach. On any tour you may stay on the motorcoach should you not wish to disembark at a specific location.

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See our tour catalog or website

California and the West during an included visit to the **California State Railroad Museum** – the finest and most visited museum of its kind in North America. Discover why the romance of rail travel still holds a special charm, as it conjures up images of fine dining with distinctive railroad china, sparkling crystal, and polished silver aboard a 1930s dining car. Feel the gentle motion of the train while listening to sounds of high-speed night travel on a typical 1929 sleeping car. Learn about the mind-boggling, fast-paced routine of sorting mail on a postal car, and then gaze in awe at the sheer magnitude of Locomotive No. 4294 – one million pounds of steam and steel! Following, you have time to walk along the wooden sidewalks and do some shopping in Old Sacramento. Later, we'll take a cruise along the **Sacramento River with Hornblower Cruises**. Learn about the legendary past of California's capital city, from the first days of the Gold Rush to the booming metropolis that is here today. Dinner at your leisure this evening. (Breakfast)

♦DAY 4 ~ ZEPHYR TRAIN TO RENO♦

An included breakfast this morning before we board the motorcoach to listen to the legends that made Sacramento famous as we are joined by a **local guide** for a **tour of Sacramento**, stopping at some of the city's historic landmarks. At the stunning **California State Capitol Building**, we'll visit the headquarters of the 5th largest economy in the world and the past home to many historical figures. Continue on to **Sutter's Fort**, established in 1839. John Sutter was a complex, but visionary, Swiss immigrant whose adobe fort was the western destination of early pioneers. As we drive past the splendid **Stanford Mansion**, hear the story of the fascinating railroad baron and California governor, Leland Stanford. Pause in front of the **Historic Governors Mansion**, a beautiful Victorian home that housed 13 of California's governors, the last being Ronald Reagan. Next, it's *all aboard* the California Zephyr! Ask any train aficionado and they'll tell you that one of the most beautiful train trips in all of North America is aboard the **California Zephyr**. As you climb to the sky through the breathtakingly beautiful Sierra Nevada and the famous Donner Pass, you'll surely agree. See the stunningly picturesque and historic **Donner Lake**. During the winter of 1846-47, the Donner Party, led by George and Jacob Donner, was stranded in a snow storm near the eastern shore of the lake. As we descend from the mountains, we'll soon arrive in **Reno, Nevada** – known as "The Biggest Little City in the World." We'll check into our casino resort hotel for a two night stay. Reno is known for its Basque population and tonight we'll enjoy dinner in a **Basque restaurant** with a traditional family-style served meal. (Breakfast, Dinner)

♦DAY 5 ~ CARSON CITY, VIRGINIA CITY♦

Following an included breakfast this morning, we head out for a full day of exploring **Carson City** and **Virginia City** with a **local guide**, along with another exciting train excursion. Carson City is the capital of Nevada, and it is here we'll tour the State Capitol building. At its peak, Virginia City was a boisterous town, filled with men from everywhere who had come to stake their claim at the Comstock Lode. In its heyday during the 1860s and 1870s, 24-hour silver and gold mining works dotted the mountain. Walking down the 1870s boardwalk is like walking through time. After some time to enjoy lunch at your leisure and shopping in the historic downtown, we'll embark on a ride aboard the **Virginia & Truckee Railroad**, by far the most famous of all American short line railroads. On this excursion back into the Old West we'll savor the spectacular mountain scenery as the conductor narrates the amazing history of the Comstock, while the train chuffs past the famous Comstock Bonanza mine ruins. Return to the hotel with the evening free to test lady luck and enjoy an included dinner at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

♦DAY 6 ~ LAKE TAHOE, BISHOP♦

This morning, we'll make the scenic drive to **Lake Tahoe** – the largest alpine lake on the North American continent. At Zephyr Cove, we'll board a paddlewheeler for a cruise to **Emerald Bay**, Lake Tahoe's most photographed location. The narration onboard the boat will compliment the beauty of the Lake, as you take in dazzling vistas of the Sierras, the dramatic beauty of **Emerald Bay**, **Fannente Island** and the unique **Vikingsholm Castle**. Enjoy an included lunch while aboard the paddlewheeler. Following, we'll drive south along Highway 395 through the Great Basin Desert. Overnight in **Bishop**, located on Highway 395 at the base of the Sierra Nevada. (Lunch)

♦DAY 7 ~ JOURNEY HOME♦

An included breakfast this morning before a visit next door at **Schat's Bakery**, famous for its original shepherd's bread. As we travel by motorcoach beneath the towering **Sierra Nevada** range, we'll pass such quaint and old west towns as Big Pine, Lone Pine, Independence and **Mount Whitney**. En route we'll stop at the **Manzanar National Historic Site**, where, in 1942, the United States government ordered more than 110,000 men, women and children to leave their homes to be detained in this remote, military-style camp. We return to our departure points this evening, but we'll take with us the sounds of the rails and the memories of the sails while on this unique and exciting journey! (Breakfast)