

Travelrite International invites you to join us on

# **GREAT RAILWAY JOURNEYS OF** **★ USA ★**

Including the Coast Starlight, Empire Builder,  
Lake Shore Limited, Palmetto and California Zephyr

October 8 to 28, 2018



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This tour will be a fantastic opportunity to travel on some of the most spectacular railway journeys in the USA. Experience crossing the Rockies on the famous California Zephyr! Enjoy the big sky country on the Empire builder between Seattle and Chicago through Idaho, Montana, North Dakota Minnesota and Wisconsin before arriving into Chicago. The Lake Shore Limited from Chicago to New York and the Palmetto from New York to Savannah. See the USA like you have never seen it before!



### Itinerary

#### Day 1 Monday October 8, 2018

#### Departure

Today we depart Australia on our flight to San Francisco, we cross the International Date Line and arrive on the day we depart. On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel.

#### Day 2 Tuesday October 9, 2018

#### Coast Starlight

Today we are transferred to San Francisco train station and board the Coast Starlight train to Seattle. Passing through Santa Barbara, the San Francisco Bay Area, Sacramento and Portland, the Coast Starlight is regarded as one of the most spectacular of all train routes linking the greatest cities on the West Coast. We pass through the spectacular mountain scenery of the Cascade Mountains on our way through Washington State and the city of Seattle.

#### Day 3 Wednesday October 10, 2018

#### Seattle

We arrive into Seattle in the late evening we will be met by our private coach and transferred to our hotel.

#### Day 4 Thursday October 11, 2018

#### Seattle

This morning we are taken on a sightseeing tour of the city with a local guide. We will see the Space Needle Centre and visit Seattle Centre, a 74-acre urban park. We will see Waterfall Garden near historic Pioneer Square, dominated by a thundering twenty-two foot waterfall dropping from a massive wall of rubble and also Pioneer Square. We will transfer to the Boeing Factory just outside of Seattle. We will have a tour of the facilities and see how these amazing state of the art aircraft are manufactured.



#### Day 5 Friday October 12, 2018

#### Empire Builder

Today we board the Empire Builder, for a two day journey to Chicago. The mighty Empire Builder takes you on an exciting adventure through majestic wilderness, following the footsteps of early pioneers.

#### Day 6 Saturday October 13, 2018

#### Empire Builder en-route to Chicago

As you cross the North Dakota plains and travel over the spectacular Gassman Coulee Trestle. Skirting the Missouri, you'll cross into the Big Sky country in Montana and enjoy magnificent views of the Mississippi.



#### Day 7 Sunday October 14, 2018

#### Chicago

We arrive into Chicago in the late afternoon, we will be met by our private coach and transferred to our hotel. This evening will be at your own leisure.

#### Day 8 Monday October 15, 2018

#### Chicago

This morning we enjoy a tour of Chicago, the third largest city in the USA, with a local guide. During the tour we will see the magnificent Mile, a part of Michigan Avenue, where exclusive shops line the wide boulevard. We also see the Fourth Presbyterian Church built in the Gothic Revival Style and the 100 storeys-high John Hancock Centre.





### **Day 9 Tuesday October 16, 2018** **Lake Shore Limited**

A free day in Chicago to perhaps visit the Art Institute, enjoy a River Cruise, visit the Millennium Park and many other attractions. In the late afternoon we are transferred to Chicago Train Station where we will board our overnight train to New York.

### **Day 10 Wednesday October 17, 2018** **New York**

We arrive into New York this evening and will be transferred by our own private coach to our hotel. New York is situated on one of the world's largest natural harbours and consists of five boroughs Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, The Bronx and Staten Island.

### **Day 11 Thursday October, 18 2018** **New York**

Today we have a sightseeing tour of New York City. We will see the major sites of the city including the Empire State Building, Wall Street, the Rockefeller Centre, Fifth Avenue, Times Square and much more. We will also visit Ground Zero, once the site of the World Trade Centre. The afternoon is free from sightseeing and shopping. A walk up 5th Avenue is an unforgettable experience!

### **Day 12 Friday October 19, 2018** **New York**

This morning we travel by boat out to the famous Statue of Liberty. A gift from the French to American people in 1886 and engineered by Gustave Eiffel, it has been the symbol of the freedom of the USA to immigrants for over 100 years. We will have a chance to climb the statue. We then travel to historic Ellis Island where half the population of the US entered the United States for the first time. We will see the route that new immigrants took through the processing room, medical appraisal room and entry room.

### **Day 13 Saturday October 20, 2018** **Palmetto**

The morning we are transferred to New York Train Station and board the Palmetto, a passenger train service operated by Amtrak over the 1,334 km from New York City south to Savannah, Georgia, via the Northeast Corridor to Washington, D.C., then via Richmond, Virginia, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Charleston, South Carolina. Upon arrival we are transferred to our city hotel

### **Day 14 Sunday October 21, 2018** **Savannah**

Today we enjoy a sightseeing tour of this southern city, with local guide. We will see the city's fascinating architecture and walk through some of its famous squares. Its historic district is filled with

cobblestoned squares and parks such as Forsyth Park shaded by oak trees covered with Spanish moss. At the center of this picturesque district is the landmark, Gothic-Revival Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist. The tour also includes Georgia's picturesque coastal region, & the beautiful Bonaventure Cemetery.

### **Day 15 Monday October 22, 2018** **Savannah**

A free day for independent sightseeing. Perhaps visit Savannah's cobblestone Waterfront district or some of the historic homes such as The Isaiah Davenport house built in 1820.

### **Day 16 Tuesday October 23, 2018** **California Zephyr**

This morning we fly to Chicago and upon arrival are transferred to the Chicago Train Station for two day journey back to San Francisco on the California Zephyr. Considered as one of the most beautiful train trips in all of North America, travel through the heart of the Rocky Mountains.

### **Day 17 Wednesday October 24, 2018** **California Zephyr** **En-route to San Francisco**



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### **Day 18 Thursday October 25, 2018** **San Francisco**

We arrive into San Francisco in the late afternoon and are transferred to our hotel for our last night in the USA. This evening we will have an included dinner to celebrate our rail exploration of the USA!

### **Day 19 Friday October 26, 2018** **Departure**

This morning will be free perhaps you can do some last minute shopping or sightseeing. We will be transferred to San Francisco International Airport in the late afternoon for your evening flight to Australia.

### **Day 20 Saturday October 27, 2018** **In flight**

### **Day 21 Sunday October 28, 2018** **Arrive Australia**

We arrive back in Australia and the tour concludes.





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Price per person twin-share including air taxes as at 1/12/17	Roomettes	Bedrooms
Single Fare	\$ 9,999	\$ 12,530
	\$ 13,995	\$ 19,300

### Included in the price:

- Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane to the USA
- Bedroom or Roomette sleeper rail travel as listed in the itinerary
- Meals aboard the train
- Accommodation in first-class hotels, taxes and service charges
- Breakfasts daily
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary
- Entry to museums and attractions as detailed in the itinerary
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd
- A Travelrite travel bag

### Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees (please note a USA ESTA is required prior to departure at a cost of approximately \$US16 per person)
- Travel insurance
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted for separately

Roomettes have two comfortable seats on either side of a big picture window. At night, the seats convert to a comfortable bed, and an upper berth folds down from above. Bedrooms are larger and contain a shower and toilet.

- Meals included
- Picture window
- Electrical outlet
- Climate control
- Individual reading lights
- Garment rack
- Fold-down table
- Fresh towels and bed linens
- Soap and shower amenities
- Personal service (turn-down, coffee, make-up bed)
- Bottled water

### Roomettes

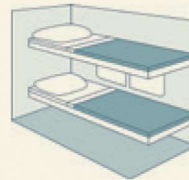
- Two comfortable seats which convert to a bed; upper berth which folds down from wall.
- Available on both upper and lower levels of the Superliner.
- No in-cabin toilet or shower; restrooms, showers nearby in same train car

### Bedrooms

- Upper and lower berths
- Armchair and sofa (converts to lower berth)
- Private sink, vanity, private toilet and shower

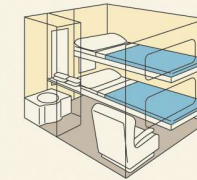
#### ROOMETTE SPECIFICATIONS

- Dimensions – Room 3'6" x 6'6"
- In-room Toilet – None
- 2 Adult Berths – Lower Berth 2'4" x 6'6" Upper Berth 2'0" x 6'2" (with steps)
- In-room Shower – None
- Capacity – 2 Adults, 1-2 Suitcases



#### BEDROOM SPECIFICATIONS

- Room 6'6" x 7'6"
- In-room Toilet
- 2 Adult Berths with ladder – Lower Berth 3'4" x 6'3" Upper Berth 2'4" x 6'2" (with ladder)
- In-room Shower
- Capacity – 2 Adults, 1-2 Suitcases



## GENERAL INFORMATION AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair-climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**Tour Operator:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour operator.

**Tour Costs:** The tour costs are based on airfare, general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rate at 1/7/17. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

**Deposits and Payments:** A deposit of \$900 per passenger for is required at the time of booking. A second payment of \$1000 per person will be required four weeks after confirmation of your booking. Full payment will be required 90 days before departure for the tour. A 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payment by Visa or Mastercard and 3% on payment by AMEX or Diners Club cards.

**Air taxes:** From Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane as listed in the itinerary. Please contact us for air taxes from different cities. Air taxes are as at 1/7/17. If they change due to government and airline charges and currency variations, Travelrite International reserves the right to charge additional amounts.

**Cancellation Charges:** Number of days before departure.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	\$1000 per person
90 - 61 day	50% of full fare
60 days or less	100% of full fare
Non appearance/no written notice	100% of full fare.

**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

**Minimum Tour Numbers and Conditions:** The tour has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed

with the tour at a modified cost. Travelrite reserves the right to change advertised entrances if necessary for the smooth operation of the tour.

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**Refunds:** The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**Travel Documents:** All passengers will require a valid passport. An ESTA is required for your visit to the USA for Australian passport holders. It can be obtained on-line for a small fee. If you hold another passport please check with Travelrite.

**Baggage:** Luggage is restricted to one suitcase per person on this tour.

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The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between

the carriers and the purchasers of this tour and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour and/or make such changes in the tour as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the tour. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any action must be taken in the State of Victoria.

**How to Book:** Bookings can be made by sending full names and addresses of intending tour members with a deposit of \$900 for the tour. Please send to:

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