



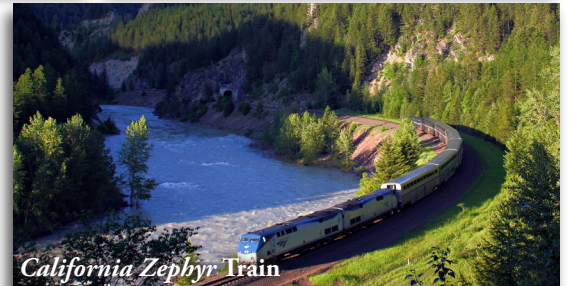
Good Times Travel

California & Nevada Rail N' Sail

Featuring 4 Train Rides, Lake Tahoe, Monterey, Sacramento, Reno, Carson City, Virginia City, Eastern Sierra
 October 13-19, 2024 – 7 Day Tour

Tour Highlights

- ◆ Enjoy a five-hour rail journey along the California coast from Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo aboard Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* train
- ◆ All aboard Roaring Camp Railroad's *Redwood Forest Steam Train* for a ride through a forest of towering coastal California Redwoods
- ◆ Join a local guide for a driving tour of Sacramento and a visit to the California State Railroad Museum
- ◆ Enjoy a five-hour rail journey through the Sierra Nevada from Sacramento to Reno aboard Amtrak's *California Zephyr* train
- ◆ Join a local guide for a driving tour of Reno, Carson City and Virginia City, and a ride aboard the historic *Virginia & Truckee Railroad*
- ◆ In Lake Tahoe, board a paddlewheeler for a 2-hour, narrated lunch cruise to Emerald Bay
- ◆ Travel Highway 395 in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada when fall foliage is likely with an overnight stay in Mammoth Lakes and a visit to Manzanar National Historic Site



Tour Inclusions

- ◆ 6 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 10 Meals – 1 dinner, 3 lunches, 6 breakfasts
- ◆ Services of a professional GTT tour director
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing with local guides
- ◆ Admissions per the itinerary
- ◆ Transportation aboard a deluxe motorcoach, Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* train and Amtrak's *California Zephyr* train
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour

Tour Prices

Double Occupancy: \$2,399 per person
 Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$800

Itinerary

This unique rail journey that travels across California and into Nevada includes four memorable train adventures and a cruise on the crystal blue waters of Lake Tahoe! From the breathtaking California coast and towering redwoods to the majestic Sierra Nevada and dramatic Eastern Sierra, this comprehensive, 7-day tour features upscale hotels, charming towns, historic sites and the iconic landscapes of both the "Golden State" and "Silver State" at a delightful time of year.

Day 1 – Coastal Train Ride, Monterey

From our departure points, we'll travel aboard a deluxe motorcoach this morning to downtown Los Angeles' Union Station to board Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* train for a **five-hour rail journey** to San Luis Obispo. We'll travel along Point Conception and through Vandenberg Space Force Base where you'll see the launch complexes and California's beautiful undeveloped coastline. Enjoy the relaxing ride in your reclining seat or check out the view from the observation car offering unparalleled views. We'll enjoy an included boxed lunch onboard. Upon arrival in San Luis Obispo, we'll reboard our motorcoach and continue north to Monterey for an overnight stay. (Lunch)

Day 2 – Redwood Forest Steam Train, Sacramento

This morning we'll travel north to the Santa Cruz Mountains and arrive at **Roaring Camp**, which resembles a 1880s logging town. We'll board the *Redwood Forest Steam Train* and travel over trestles, through towering redwood groves and up a winding narrow-gauge grade to the summit of Bear Mountain as the conductor provides narration. We'll then continue east by motorcoach to **Sacramento** and begin a two-night stay at a AAA Four Diamond hotel adjacent to the State Capitol. (Breakfast)

Reservations



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Accommodations

- ◆ Night 1 Embassy Suites, Monterey Bay, CA
- ◆ Nights 2-3 Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, CA
- ◆ Nights 4-5 Peppermill Resort Casino, Reno, NV
- ◆ Night 6 Mammoth Village Lodge
Mammoth Lakes, CA

Departure/Return Information

Join this tour from one of our convenient departure points available in these cities:

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills ◆Long Beach

Payment Information

- ◆ Full payment due at time of booking
- ◆ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

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Adjustments to the Itinerary

While we make every effort to operate our tours as advertised, should we be forced to adjust the itinerary prior to departure or while on tour, these changes will be communicated to you and only done when absolutely necessary.

Tour Pace & Activity Level



Visit our website for further explanation of what each of these designations means to assist you in determining which tour is right for you based on your physical abilities and the pacing you prefer.

Itinerary

Day 3 – Sacramento

This morning we'll be joined by a local guide for a **Sacramento city tour** and 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. Learn about the legendary figures that made Sacramento famous and see the city's most historic landmarks including Sutter's Fort, the Stanford Mansion and the Governor's Mansion. We'll visit **Old Sacramento State Historic Park**, the waterfront district that sprang up overnight during the early days of "gold fever." This National Historic Landmark features more than 50 historic buildings within its 296 acres, more than any area of similar size in the West. Learn how trains have shaped people's lives, the economy, and the unique culture of California and the West while visiting 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 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 steel! Enjoy time at leisure to explore the wooden boardwalks, shops and river views in Old Sacramento. (Breakfast)

Day 4 – California Zephyr to Reno

All aboard the **California Zephyr** this morning for a five-hour rail journey. Ask any train aficionado and they'll tell you that one of the most beautiful train trips in North America is aboard this train between Sacramento and Reno. As you climb to the sky through the breathtakingly beautiful Sierra Nevada, you'll surely agree. See the stunningly picturesque and historic Donner Lake as we travel through **Donner Pass**, where 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 out of the Sierra Nevada, we'll arrive in **Reno, Nevada** – known as "The Biggest Little City in the World." After enjoying an included, traditional family-style **Basque dinner** at a locals' favorite, we'll begin a two-night stay at a premier, AAA Four Diamond casino resort. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 – Carson City, Virginia City, Reno

This morning we'll be joined by a local guide as we explore Reno, Carson City and Virginia City. In **Carson City** we'll visit the **Nevada State Capitol** – constructed of native sandstone, it is the second oldest capitol building west of the Mississippi River. We continue to **Virginia City** which at its peak, 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 mines dotted the mountain. Enjoy time at leisure in the **Virginia City Historic District** featuring a remarkable collection of over 400 buildings – most dating from the 19th century – filled with restaurants, saloons, shops and museums. This afternoon we'll board the **Virginia & Truckee Railroad** for an excursion back into the Old West. By far the most famous of all American short line railroads, on this ride we'll savor the spectacular mountain scenery while the train travels past the famous Comstock Bonanza mine ruins. We return to the hotel with the balance of the evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

Day 6 – Lake Tahoe, Mammoth Lakes

This morning we'll travel by motorcoach to **Lake Tahoe**, the largest alpine lake in North America. At **Zephyr Cove**, we'll board the **M.S. Dixie II** paddlewheeler for a memorable lunch cruise. Sit back, relax and take in the dazzling vistas of the surrounding mountains on this two-hour narrated cruise that offers non-stop photo opportunities. In **Emerald Bay** we'll gaze upon Fannente Island (nicknamed "little rock island") and Vikingsholm Castle, the stone mansion on its picturesque shores. We'll continue south on Highway 395 this afternoon paralleling the scenic Sierra Nevada, where rugged granite canyons are carved by rushing streams and framed by an azure sky. This time of year offers the best opportunity to see the magnificent fall foliage in the High Sierra – known for glowing golden-orange-crimson fall colors. This evening we arrive in **Mammoth Lakes** (elevation 7,881 feet) for an overnight stay at *The Village Lodge* in the heart of the **Village at Mammoth**. Each villa of this upscale lodge features a separate living area, fireplace and balcony. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 7 – Eastern Sierra, Journey Home

This morning we'll continue south along the **Eastern Sierra Scenic Byway** in the shadow of the towering Sierra Nevada. We'll visit **Erick Schat's Bakery**, famous for their original shepherd's bread. At **Manzanar National Historic Site** we'll explore the visitor center and reconstructed barracks and mess hall which allow us to see what life was like here. See the original sentry posts, the cemetery monument, remnants of original buildings, rock gardens and orchards on a driving tour through the site. We continue to Southern California this afternoon, returning to our drop-off points this evening with many fond memories of our time exploring California and Nevada! (Breakfast, Lunch)