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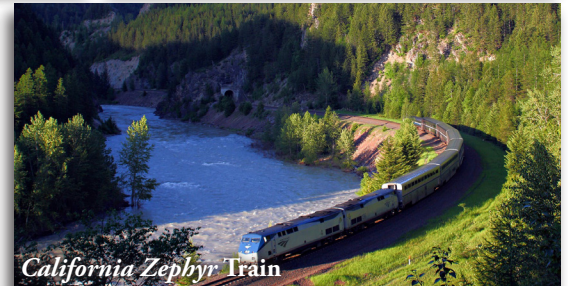
California & Nevada Rail N' Sail

4 Train Rides, Lake Tahoe, Monterey, Sacramento, Reno, Carson City, Virginia City, Eastern Sierra, Local Guides

October 18-24, 2026 – 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
- ◆ Enjoy a two-night stay in Sacramento while visiting the State Capitol, Old Sacramento and 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 a local guide
- ◆ 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: \$2,499 per person
 Single Occupancy (no roommate): Add \$800
 Deposit: \$750 per person

Itinerary

This extraordinary motorcoach and rail adventure seamlessly blends the stunning landscapes of the "Golden State" and the "Silver State" while featuring four memorable train excursions and a tranquil cruise across the sapphire waters of Lake Tahoe. From the rugged beauty of the California coast and towering ancient redwoods to the soaring peaks of the Sierra Nevada and the dramatic Eastern Sierra, this comprehensive, 7-day journey features upscale hotels, charming towns and countless historic sites, at a delightful time of year.

Day 1 – Coastal Train Ride, Monterey (Sunday, October 18)

From our departure points this morning we'll travel aboard a deluxe motorcoach to downtown Los Angeles' Union Station. *All aboard* Amtrak's *Coast Starlight* train for a **five-hour rail journey**. We'll travel along Point Conception and through Vandenberg Space Force Base. Relax in your reclining seat or check out the view from the Observation Car (all group seats and observation car seats are located on the upper level of the train with stairs required). Enjoy an included boxed lunch onboard. In San Luis Obispo, we'll reboard our motorcoach and continue to our all-suites hotel in Monterey. (Lunch)

Day 2 – Redwood Forest Steam Train, Sacramento (Monday, October 19)

This morning we'll travel north into the majestic Santa Cruz Mountains and **Roaring Camp**, a meticulously recreated 1880s logging town. We'll board the historic *Redwood Forest Steam Train* and listen as the conductor shares tales of the past while the authentic 1890s steam engine chugs over trestles, through dense redwood groves and up a winding narrow-gauge track to the summit of Bear Mountain. After a stop for lunch on own, we'll continue east by motorcoach to **Sacramento** and begin a two-night stay at an all-suites hotel adjacent to Old Sacramento. (Breakfast)

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Accommodations

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

Departure Information

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

- ◆Fountain Valley ◆Laguna Hills ◆Long Beach

Payment Information

- ◆ \$750 p.p. deposit due at time of booking; balance payment due by July 3, 2026
- ◆ Payment may be made by mailing a check to the above address or by making a credit card payment at www.goodtimestravel.com

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Adjustments to the Itinerary

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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 (Tuesday, October 20)

While touring Sacramento this morning, we'll uncover the legendary saga of California's capital, tracing its evolution from a frantic Gold Rush outpost to a thriving modern metropolis. We'll spotlight the bold figures who put Sacramento on the map while driving past iconic landmarks like Sutter's Fort, the Stanford Mansion, and the historic Governor's Mansion. We'll visit the **California State Capitol**, a masterpiece of Neo-Classical and Victorian design, painstakingly restored to reflect its late 19th-century grandeur. At **Old Sacramento State Historic Park**, we'll step into a 28-acre waterfront district that ignited during the height of "gold fever." As a National Historic Landmark, it boasts over 50 original structures – the highest concentration of historic buildings in the West. Enjoy time at leisure to wander the wooden boardwalks, browse the local shops, and soak in the riverfront atmosphere. Next, we'll delve into how the "iron horse" transformed the American West at the **California State Railroad Museum**, widely considered the finest institution of its kind in North America. Experience the enduring romance of the rails as you admire 1930s dining cars set with fine china and sparkling crystal. Step aboard a 1929 sleeping car to feel the gentle motion of the tracks or witness the frantic pace of a vintage postal car. Stand in the shadow of Locomotive No. 4294 – a staggering one-million-pound behemoth of polished steel! (Breakfast)

Day 4 – California Zephyr to Reno (Wednesday, October 21)

All aboard the legendary **California Zephyr** this morning for an unforgettable five-hour rail journey. Widely regarded as one of the most spectacular rail routes in North America, this route between Sacramento and Reno climbs deep into the heart of the Sierra Nevada. The scenery turns dramatic as we traverse Donner Pass, offering stunning views of the alpine waters of Donner Lake. This historic crossing serves as a somber reminder of the 1846–47 winter, where the ill-fated Donner Party became famously stranded by mountain snows. After descending the eastern slopes of the Sierra, we'll arrive in **Reno, Nevada** – the "Biggest Little City in the World." After an included, traditional family-style **Basque dinner** at a locals' favorite, we'll begin a two-night stay at a AAA Four Diamond casino resort. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 – Carson City, Virginia City, Reno (Thursday, October 22)

This morning, we're joined by a local guide for a journey through the storied landscapes of Reno, Carson City, and Virginia City. In **Carson City**, we'll visit the **Nevada State Capitol** – built from native sandstone, it stands as the second oldest capitol building west of the Mississippi. We'll continue to **Virginia City**, once a boisterous frontier town where fortune seekers flocked to stake their claims on the legendary Comstock Lode. During its peak in the 1860s and 1870s, the surrounding mountains were alive with 24-hour gold and silver mining operations. Enjoy time at leisure to wander the **Virginia City Historic District**, which boasts over 400 original 19th century buildings now housing charming saloons, shops, and museums. This afternoon, we'll board the **Virginia & Truckee Railroad** – America's most famous short line – to experience a true Old West excursion. As we roll past the ruins of the Comstock Bonanza mines, you'll be treated to spectacular mountain vistas. We'll tour Reno before we return to our resort with the evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

Day 6 – Lake Tahoe, Mammoth Lakes (Friday, October 23)

This morning, we'll travel by motorcoach to the shimmering shores of **Lake Tahoe**, North America's largest alpine lake. At Zephyr Cove, we board the **M.S. Dixie II** paddlewheeler for a memorable lunch cruise. Sit back, relax and enjoy a two-hour narrated cruise featuring endless photo opportunities of the surrounding granite peaks. As we glide into **Emerald Bay**, you'll catch sight of the tiny Fannette Island and the majestic Vikingsholm Castle, a stunning stone mansion tucked along the shoreline. This afternoon, we'll travel south along the iconic Highway 395, paralleling the rugged Eastern Sierra, where rushing streams have carved deep, dramatic canyons framed by an azure sky. Typically, this time of year provides the best opportunity to see the magnificent fall foliage in the High Sierra – known for glowing golden-orange-crimson fall colors. This evening we'll arrive in **Mammoth Lakes** (elevation 7,881 feet) for an overnight stay at *The Village Lodge*, where each villa of this upscale lodge features a separate living area, fireplace and balcony. Enjoy the balance of the evening at leisure with a variety of eateries just steps away in the **Village at Mammoth**. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 7 – Eastern Sierra, Journey Home (Saturday, October 24)

This morning we'll travel south in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada's most towering peaks. We'll stop at the legendary **Erick Schat's Bakkerj** in Bishop, world-famous for their original sheepherder's bread. At **Manzanar National Historic Site** we'll walk through reconstructed barracks and a mess hall to gain a deeper understanding of the lives lived here. On a driving tour of the grounds we'll see the original sentry posts, the poignant cemetery monument, and the resilient remnants of rock gardens and orchards. This afternoon we'll continue south, returning to our drop-off points this evening with many fond memories of our time exploring California and Nevada! (Breakfast, Lunch)