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TAILOR MADE RAIL

USA Coast to Coast by Rail

From £3,099 per person // 15 days



Embark on an epic journey across the United States of America from New York on the Atlantic Coast to San Francisco on the Pacific. Along the way, you'll experience overnight journeys aboard the Lakeshore Limited and California Zephyr, with breaks in Chicago and Denver.

The Essentials

- Travel across the USA by rail
- Stop in New York City, Chicago, Denver and San Francisco
- Experience overnight journeys aboard Amtrak long-distance trains
- Flights included

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade your trains and hotels
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Return flights in Economy Class from London to New York and San Francisco to London
- 3 overnight rail journeys in a private roomette
- 10 nights' central hotel accommodation
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

- Suggested Itinerary -



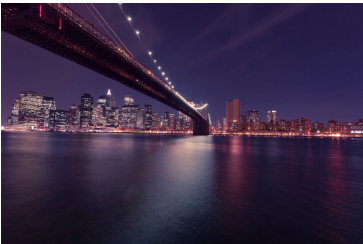
Day 1 - London To New York

Fly into New York and check in for a 3-night stay at the Edison Hotel NYC (or similar). As an alternative, you could also head for Washington DC first and then head down the East Coast or, if you have the time, why not consider skipping the outbound flight and catching the famous Queen Mary II from Southampton instead? Give us a call to tailor make your trip.



Days 2 & 3 - New York

Spend two full days enjoying the delights of the Big Apple. Take in one of a huge choice of museums, catch a classic Circle Line sightseeing cruise, browse famous stores like Macy's and Bloomingdales, or visit the fascinating Ellis Island where immigrants from all over the world arrived into the USA. There are also fabulous views to be had from the top of the Empire State Building or the Top of the Rock at the Rockefeller Centre.



Days 4 & 5 - New York Overnight To Chicago

Spend another morning sightseeing in New York. After lunch, it's time to make your way to Penn Station for your first overnight sleeper service bound for Chicago. You'll be travelling aboard Amtrak's Lakeshore Limited in a Viewliner Roomette. This is a private sleeping compartment with banquette seating that converts into bunk beds when you want to sleep.



Day 6 - Chicago

Arrive this morning into Chicago and check in for a 2-night stay at the Kimpton Gray Hotel (or similar). Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, Chicago is a vibrant city boasting a fabulous blend of architectural styles and attractions. Whether you want to shop till you drop, visit art galleries and museums, take in a baseball game at Wrigley Field (one of the oldest ballparks in the country) or enjoy an evening of jazz or blues, there's something for everyone. Also not to be missed is a slice of Chicago's famous deep dish pizza.



Days 7 & 8 - Chicago Overnight To Denver

You have another free morning in Chicago to explore. Architecture fans can visit the home and studio of Frank Lloyd Wright in the suburb of Oak Park or, back in the city, there's the huge Shedd Aquarium holding around 32,000 fish and other marine animals. After lunch, return to the station for your first journey aboard the California Zephyr, taking you overnight to Denver where you'll arrive the following morning and check in at The Rally Hotel (or similar).



Day 9 - Denver

Denver is the state capital of Colorado, situated in a river valley with the Rocky Mountains as a spectacular backdrop. There are some great museums to visit here including the Museum of Contemporary Art, the US Mint and the former home of the 'Unsinkable Molly Brown'. It's also likely that you'll be in town to catch one of the city's monthly events from rodeos to traditional Chinese festivals. Enjoy a drink in the historic LoDo district which boasts the highest concentration of Victorian buildings in the USA.



Days 10 & 11 - Denver Overnight To San Francisco

It's time to reboard the California Zephyr this morning for the last stage of your rail journey across the USA. You'll head across the Rockies from Denver to Salt Lake City in Utah, founded by the Latter Day Saints in 1847 and then continue through Nevada to Sacramento, the state capital of California. Arriving into Emeryville, there's a connecting Amtrak bus service through to San Francisco. Here, check in for a 3-night stay at the Handlery Union Square (or similar).



Days 12 & 13 - San Francisco

You have two full days to discover the delights of the City by the Bay. You can navigate San Francisco's hilly terrain by riding the traditional cable cars which run up and down from the Bay. Aside from the cable cars, other not-to-be-missed experiences include museums like the Palace of Fine Arts and M.H. de Young Memorial Museum in Golden Gate Park, clam chowder out of a bowl made of bread at Fisherman's Wharf and a harbour cruise under the landmark Golden Gate Bridge. You can also stop at Alcatraz for a tour of the famous former island prison.



Days 14 & 15 - San Francisco Overnight To London

Depending on the time of your flight home today, you can leave your bags at your hotel and spend some more time exploring San Francisco before heading back to the airport at the end of your US adventure.

Pricing

From £3,099 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Economy flights and roomette class overnight rail travel with seat reservations. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.