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California Rail Journey

2019: May 3-9 & Sept 6-12

2020: May 1-7 & Sept 4-10

TOUR RATING: EASY

Besides its unique history, climate and geography, California's innovations draw world attention, and its railroads have played their part. They promoted scientific agriculture that enabled California farmers to produce crops grown nowhere else. Faced with a critical labor shortage, Central Pacific Railroad showed what Chinese workers could do. Coal mines were far away, so CPRR steam locomotives pioneered industrial fuel oil. The first land-based container crane was built alongside Oakland's freight yards, and 25 years later Asian products reached Europe faster by train from Oakland to New York than through the Panama Canal. Since 1960 California has been a bellwether for passenger rail, adding three state-sponsored Amtrak routes to its four national ones, expanding Bay Area commuter service to 400 interconnected miles, and launching construction of High-Speed Rail between its 3rd 4th and 5th largest cities.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the working roundhouse at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park
- Travel by train through Altamont Pass and Niles Canyon on rails used by the original California Zephyr
- Ride a vestige of Sierra Nevada logging operated with gear-driven steam locomotives
- Experience the world-famous San Francisco Cable Cars and learn about their history
- Enjoy lunch aboard the acclaimed Napa Valley Wine Train

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DAY
1

Arrivals in Oakland

Arrive in Oakland's Jack London Square neighborhood by midafternoon. Check into the hotel and gather for a welcome reception, opening remarks, and dinner. Meals included: Dinner

DAY
2

San Joaquins and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park

Depart Oakland's Jack London Square Amtrak Station aboard a San Joaquin to Stockton. Next, a short drive brings you to California's Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, home of the Sierra Railway and the embarkation point for the first of your heritage-railway rides this week. After a tour of the historic roundhouse and its locomotives, you'll travel to your hotel in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada at Oakhurst, California. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
3

Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad

A vast network of logging railroads once existed in the Sierra Nevada. Vestiges survive, and today we ride one of the best of them. It's the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, which has been in existence for 42 years and narrowly escaped destruction by a forest fire in 2017. Its two gear-driven Shay steam locomotives had operated on West Side Lumber Company rail lines until 1960, and its track occupies part of the original roadbed of the Madera Sugar Pine Lumber Company's railroad, which ceased operation in 1931. After lunch and a short drive to Madera, stopping on the way to view the 1,600-foot Fresno River viaduct built last year for the California High-Speed Rail system, you'll re-board the San Joaquin for the return to Stockton. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY
4

Altamont Pass / Niles Canyon; San Francisco and Cable Cars

This morning we ride the route used by the pre-Amtrak California Zephyr between the San Joaquin Valley and its terminus on the east side of San Francisco Bay. The Altamont Corridor Express will take you over Altamont Pass and through Niles Canyon. You'll transfer to Caltrain for a ride into San Francisco on rails Southern Pacific's Coast Daylight traveled. You will experience San Francisco Municipal Railway ("Muni") light-rail and cable car lines on your way to the Cable Car Powerhouse, which doubles as the cable car museum. Ride a cable car to the foot of Hyde Street. Dinner is on your own tonight, and you will reach our hotel on one of the historic streetcars that ply Muni's acclaimed F-line on the Embarcadero. Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY
5

San Francisco Bay / Napa Valley Wine Train

Today see Alcatraz Island, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Angel Island from the water aboard a Golden Gate Ferry boat from San Francisco's historic Ferry Building to Tiburon. Lunch today will be a special treat—aboard the Napa Valley Wine Train's Gourmet Express. After lunch you'll shuttle north to Santa Rosa where you'll have dinner and spend the night. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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California's Newest Railroad; California State Railroad Museum

Today's train ride is on California's newest commuter railroad: Sonoma and Marin Area Rail Transit–SMART. A revival of the south portion of the Northwestern Pacific, SMART was authorized by the California Legislature in 2002 and funded by a sales tax initiative approved in 2008 by voters in the two counties it serves. Its first 43 miles, between the Sonoma County Airport station and downtown San Rafael, began operation in 2016. After the SMART trip you'll transfer to Richmond to board the Amtrak Capitol Corridor for Sacramento. The afternoon is yours to spend in Old Sacramento, home of the California State Railroad Museum, best of its kind in the nation. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner. Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

**DAY
7**

Departures from Sacramento

Your trip home may be arranged from Sacramento International Airport; or, by connecting from Amtrak Capitol Corridor service, Oakland International Airport. Sacramento is also served by Amtrak's California Zephyr to Denver and Chicago, and Coast Starlight to southern California and the Pacific Northwest. Meals included: Breakfast

Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,395 each based on double occupancy • Single Supplement: \$995 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750 deposit due to hold space • Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)

TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy • Meals as noted in itinerary above • Snacks and beverages • Train tickets and museum admissions for all included activities • Services of professional tour manager • Ground transportation for all included events during the trip & portorage service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & post tour travel • Alcoholic beverages • Gratuities for your BSA guides

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Lodging

Waterfront Hotel, Oakland - 1 night

Adjacent to Jack London Square and overlooking San Francisco Bay in downtown Oakland this hotel nautical themed rooms with balconies that have free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, iPod docks, and tea and coffeemakers.

Best Western Plus, Yosemite - 1 night

Just outside of Yosemite National Park this lodge style hotel features nature-themed rooms with free WiFi, flat-screen TVs with premium channels, minifridges, microwaves and coffeemakers.

University Plaza Waterfront Hotel Stockton - 1 night

Each of the Waterfront hotel's spacious guestrooms and suites have been nautically updated including flat screen TVs, pillow top king beds, and MP3 docking stations. With a panoramic view of the City and the Delta from the picturesque Waterfront Courtyard, The University Plaza Waterfront hotel presents an unmatched blend of luxurious accommodations, elegant meeting spaces and superb services, which make for an unforgettable stay.

Hotel Griffon - 1 night

Located along the San Francisco waterfront and steps away from the Embarcadero this hotel is perfect for exploring the city. Refined rooms with exposed brick walls offer bay or city views, plus free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and iPod docks.

Hilton Garden Inn Sonoma County Airport - 1 night

All rooms offer upscale decor and custom-designed beds, plus 32-inch flat-screen TVs with premium cable channels, microwaves, minifridges and free WiFi. There's also a fitness center and the indoor pool with a hot tub.

Embassy Suites Riverfront Sacramento - 1 night

Enjoy the best of historical Old Town Sacramento and the modernity of downtown with this hotel that is a centrally located providing a comfortable all-suites experience. The modern one-bedroom suites come with living rooms with pull-out sofas, plus kitchenettes with microwaves, minifridges and coffeemakers. They also feature flat-screen TVs with premium cable channels, and WiFi.

Terms

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$100 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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WAIVER

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DISCLAIMER

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