# **GREAT AMERICAN – MAJESTIC LANDSCAPES, 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS**

New York > Chicago > Denver > San Francisco > Napa Valley > San Francisco

#### **Overview:**

Enjoy the best of America on a coast to coast train journey across the entire United States from New York City to San Francisco! Enjoy a multi-day sightseeing tour of the "Big Apple." Get to know Chicago on a hop-on/hop-off sightseeing tour that will take you to all the popular landmarks, like Navy Pier and Millennium Park. Breathe in the fresh mountain air as you explore Denver and take in all the sights. Discover all San Francisco has to offer. Spend a full day touring two of the country's most famous wine growing regions: Napa and Sonoma.

## **Highlights:**

- Multi-day hop-on, hop-on sightseeing tour of New York City
- Multi-day hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour of Chicago
- Chicago CityPASS®\*
- Sightseeing tour of Rocky Mountain National Park\*\*
- Sightseeing tour of Napa and Sonoma

# **Package Also Includes:**

- One-way Amtrak® in Coach accommodations from New York City to Chicago; Chicago to Denver; Denver to San Francisco on the Lake Shore Limited® and California Zephyr®
- 8 nights' hotel accommodations; 3 nights' onboard Amtrak
- 2 meals (2 dinners)

\*Chicago CityPASS® includes admission to the following attractions: Shedd Aquarium, SkyDeck Chicago, The Field Museum, and Museum of Science and Adler Planetarium OR Art Institute of Chicago and 360 Chicago

\*\*The Rocky Mountain National Park tour is seasonal. In the off season the Mountain Parks Tour will be offered.

# **TRIP ITINERARY**

## **DAY 1 NEW YORK**

Welcome to New York City! Enjoy a multi-day hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour of one of the world's favorite cities. Stops include Central Park, Rockefeller Plaza, the Theater District, Times Square, and many more amazing hot spots! Feel free to hop off the tour at any time to explore at your own pace. Your tour bus pass is good for two days, so use it tomorrow to hit up any sites you didn't get a chance to explore today. (Overnight in New York City)

#### **DAY 2 NEW YORK**

Today continue to explore the city on your sightseeing tour. Stop off on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue for premiere shopping, take in the enormous and iconic Empire State Building, or journey to the Statue of Liberty and explore Ellis Island. There are so many amazing things to do and see in the "Big Apple!" (Overnight in New York City)

#### **DAY 3 OVERNIGHT ONBOARD AMTRAK®**

Travel on your own to Penn Station and board Amtrak to Chicago. Kick back and relax on the Lake Shore Limited as you head to the Midwest. Enjoy the scenery as you travel along the south shore of Lake Michigan, the Mohawk River, and the Erie Canal, following a famous Native American Highway. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

## **DAY 4 CHICAGO**

Breeze into the Windy City and explore Chicago with a hop-on/hop-off sightseeing tour that will take you to all the popular landmarks. Check out the Navy Pier and its many fun attractions. Take a leisurely stroll through the architectural wonder that is Millennium Park. Enjoy world class shopping along the Magnificent Mile. After a fun-filled day of discovering Chicago, enjoy your included dinner at a popular restaurant. (Overnight in Chicago) **D** 

## **DAY 5 CHICAGO**

Today, use your Chicago CityPASS to visit some of the most popular attractions in Chicago. Your CityPASS includes admission to the following amazing attractions: Shedd Aquarium, SkyDeck Chicago, the Field Museum, the Museum of

Science and Industry, and Adler Planetarium. Or, you can use your pass to explore the Art Institute of Chicago and 360 Chicago. The choice is yours! (Overnight in Chicago)

#### DAY 6 OVERNIGHT ONBOARD AMTRAK

Traval on your own to Chicago's Union Station and board Amtrak to Denver. Enjoy America's majestic landscapes as you travel on the California Zephyr through the plains to "Mile High City." Experienced travelers say the California Zephyr is one of the most beautiful train trips in all of North America. And, once you absorb the breathtaking scenery along its route, including the snow-capped Sierra Nevadas, we know you'll agree. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

## **DAY 7 DENVER**

Today you'll arrive in Denver in the morning and travel on your own to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore the city at your leisure. Take the time to explore the "Mile High City", visit the beautiful botanical gardens, take in the exhibits at Denver Art Museum, or relax back at your hotel. (Overnight in Denver)

### **DAY 8 DENVER**

Today you will venture out on a full-day sightseeing tour of Rocky Mountain National Park! Take in the views of the majestic Rocky Mountain range, capture pictures of wildlife, and drive over Berthoud Pass where you will summit the Continental Divide that sits at over 11,000 feet above sea level. You'll visit the cozy ski town of Winter Park then head over to the town of Grand Lake for lunch! A great day of sightseeing awaits! (Overnight in Denver)

## **DAY 9 OVERNIGHT ONBOARD AMTRAK**

Today you will travel to Denver's historic Union Station and board Amtrak for a relaxing ride to San Francisco. Enjoy the breathtaking panoramic views outside your window as you travel through the Rocky Mountains and head for the majestic West Coast. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

# **DAY 10 SAN FRANCISCO**

Today you will arrive at Emeryville Station, where you will board your included motorcoach transfer for a short trip across the bay to San Francisco. The rest of the day is yours to spend getting to know the "City by the Bay." Be sure to get some pictures of the most photographed bridge in the world, the Golden Gate Bridge. Dinner at one of San Francisco's waterfront restaurants is included. (Overnight in San Francisco) **D** 

#### DAY 11 SAN FRANCISCO > NAPA VALLEY > SAN FRANCISCO

Enjoy a full day touring two of the country's most famous wine growing regions: Napa and Sonoma. Sip on delicious local wine as you take in the gorgeous scenery surrounding wine country (Overnight in San Francisco)

# DAY 12 YOUR JOURNEY ENDS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Legend for meals: B - Breakfast, BR - Brunch, L - Lunch, D - Dinner

## **DISCLAIMER:**

Package prices are per person, double occupancy, tax included. Prices do not include rail from your hometown. Please call for pricing. Package prices are subject to change without notice, and all reservations are based upon availability at the time of booking. Amtrak travel is for Coach accommodations unless otherwise noted. Upgrades to Roomette or Bedroom accommodations on board Amtrak are available. Call for pricing. Other restrictions may apply. Activities referenced in the itinerary during free time are for suggested purposes only and are not included. Seasonal activity (if applicable): During the off-season, some tours may not be available. In this case, a similar tour will be substituted. Passports (if applicable): Passports are required when crossing the Canadian border. Amtrak and Amtrak Vacations are registered service marks of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

Included Cities	Included Hotel
New York City	Holiday Inn Times Square
Chicago	Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza
Denver	Quality Inn Central Denver
San Francisco	Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf

## **AMTRAK UPGRADE FEES**

Upgrade	Per person in double occupancy
Roomette	\$400
Bedroom	\$1110

#### **SELLING POINTS:**

# Chicago

- Home of popular attractions including Sears Tower, the fourth largest building in the world, and the Lincoln Park Zoo, one of the oldest zoos in the country
- Perfect for theatre lovers to see shows at Broadway, The Chicago Opera Theater and many other performing arts centers in the area
- Millennium Park is an architectural wonder and the venue for many concerts and events in the area
- Famous for excellent steaks and deep dish pizzas

# **New York City**

- Multiple annual events take place in NYC including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and the New Year's Eve party in Times
   Square
- Serves as the center for the United Nations, the stock exchange, and many advertising, entertainment, communications, and more
- Known as the "melting pot" of the nation for its ethnic diversity, which can be seen by the many communities in the city representing almost every nation
- Home of over 100 museums, including the famous Museum of Modern Art, and the stage of successful performances at Carnegie Hall and Broadway
- "The city that never sleeps": Times Square, SoHo, and Harlem serve as centers for live music and entertainment during the nighttime

#### Denver

- The Denver Art Museum is located in downtown Denver and has one of the largest Native American art collections worldwide
- The Rockies has a plethora of trails near the city, perfect for hikers
- Vail is the most visited ski resort in the country and perfect for year-round skiing (80 miles away)

## San Francisco

- San Francisco is smaller than most people think, roughly square in shape and only 7 miles long on each side. Its
  population is under a million, but they're packed in, making it the second-most densely-populated city in the
  country.
- Fisherman's Wharf boasts fishing boats, sea lions basking in the sun, seafood stalls and restaurants and sourdough French bread bakeries.
- San Francisco's infamous fog is heaviest in June and July.
- San Francisco has the largest Chinatown outside of Asia and is the oldest Chinatown in North America.