



UNCOMMON JOURNEYS
& TRAIN HOLIDAYS

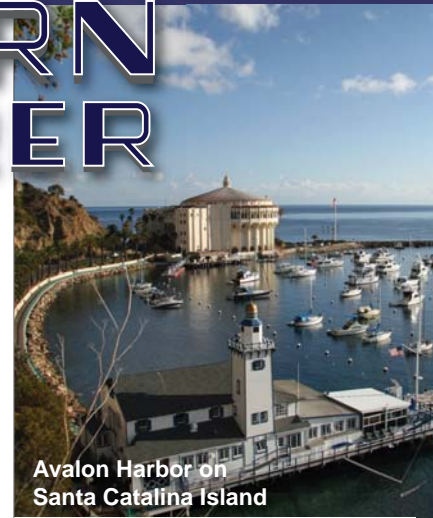
The Great WESTERN EXPLORER

May 13 - 26, 2012
November 4 - 17, 2012
14 - Days From \$3,995 pp

Entirely FIRST CLASS
and Fully Escorted
Over Three Great Routes



Lake Tahoe California



Avalon Harbor on
Santa Catalina Island

While biased, our new Vista-Dome Great Western Explorer is a masterpiece, a visual feast offering up some of the most extraordinary sights of the American West, combined with exceptional sightseeing, superb hotels and a leisurely pace. This holiday is a trip of superlatives: from the deep blue waters of Lake Tahoe to the overwhelming splendor of Hearst Castle, to the California Coast (which we travel alongside for 131 miles by train!) to the awesome majesty of the Southwest, not to mention the incomparable Yosemite National Park! We have included such rare treats as a ride aboard the newly restored Virginia & Truckee Railroad into historic Virginia City, Nevada, steamship passage to the lovely Catalina Island and a visit to the famed Santa Monica Pier just to name just a few delights awaiting our guests. Naturally, all sightseeing and admission fees are included in the tour price. With remarkable hotels like the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno (a two-night stay) and the legendary Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles (also two nights!). And last but not least, there is a professional tour manager to handle all the details so that you may concentrate on the important matters like whether or not to enjoy the crab omelette or the fresh tuna at our lunch in quaint Morro Bay CA.

In an age sadly filled with cramped flights without meal service where there is a charge for a pillow, our guests enjoy First Class sleeping car travel with beds and pillows! This way, you will have an up-close view of all of the majesty and beauty of the Great American West.



Your Holiday Highlights . . .

- ◆ Our guests enjoy the stunning daylight passage through the Colorado Rockies over the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad 'Main Line Through the Rockies' and the glorious passage across the Navajolands of the Great Southwest, complete with Navajo Indian Guide commentary. All meals, wine and spirits while aboard the Vista-Dome 'Great Western Limited' are included.
- ◆ Two-night stay in enchanting Santa Fe, New Mexico, with sightseeing and plenty of free time to explore this historic area.
- ◆ Fully hosted from start to finish by professional tour manager that handles all of the details.
- ◆ Superb hotels throughout including the Four-Diamond rated Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, and the opulent Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Notably, many of our hotel stays are two-nights long.
- ◆ Many meals ashore including breakfast daily.
- ◆ Extraordinary sightseeing like the storied Virginia & Truckee Railroad, a visit to Hearst Castle and Steamer passage to lovely Catalina Island are featured and all admission fees are included.
- ◆ A leisurely, relaxed pace with plenty of free time for you to enjoy as you wish.
- ◆ Guaranteed departures!

The 'Great Western Limited'



A Special Highlight . . .

Our 'Great Western Limited' accommodates just a few lucky passengers and features three lovingly restored private rail cars from the golden era of Streamliner train travel including a legendary Vista-Dome complete with the 'Lounge in the Sky'! From affordable standard double bedrooms, superior double bedrooms, to single bedrooms and suites, there is something to meet every desire and budget. ALL room types provide comfortable Pullman beds, abundant pillows, nightly turn-down service and most offer, in room facilities. There is an inviting dining & lounge area for relaxing in and all meals are prepared freshly onboard by a skilled chef and served on tables graced with red roses. Indulgent delights include Afternoon Tea with fresh scones and strawberry butter, stylish cocktail hours with hot hors d'oeuvres and oversized drinks.

We invite you to join us.

DAY 1 | CHICAGO UNION STATION D

Leave Chicago this afternoon aboard the Vista-Dome 'Great Western Limited'. We cross the Mississippi River at dinner time and speed west.

DAY 2 | THE COLORADO ROCKIES B L D

En route with the stunning passage through the heart of the Colorado Rockies today over the fabled Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, a breathtaking train journey.

DAY 3 | RENO NEVADA B

We arrive in Reno this morning at 8:20 am and our rooms at the luxurious Grand Sierra Resort are ready for us, having been pre-booked for the night before. There is time to freshen up before our midday departure for historic Virginia City where we enjoy a ride on the newly restored Virginia & Truckee Railroad. An evening of leisure at the Grand Sierra Resort.

DAY 4 | RENO B

A glorious day as we travel to spectacular Lake Tahoe that includes a cruise aboard the Tahoe Queen Sternwheeler with time at Emerald Bay. We return to the Grand Sierra at Reno this evening for a final night in this magnificent resort.

DAY 5 | SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA B D

A short scenic drive through the High Sierras this morning past Donner Lake brings us to Old Sacramento with a visit to its justly famed California State Railroad Museum followed by dinner aboard the legendary riverboat Delta King. Overnight at the superbly located Embassy Suites.

DAY 6 | YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK B

A drive through California's lush Central Valley brings us to Yosemite, a place that mere words do not do justice to. We have a tour of the Valley floor including Half Dome and Bridal Veil Falls and you will want to have your camera ready. Overnight is spent at the Yosemite View Lodge.

DAY 7 | MORRO BAY CALIFORNIA B L

A special treat this morning with a ride on the Yosemite & Sugar Pine RR followed by a visit to the famed Big Trees before we drive west to the Coast with the evening at leisure in quaint Morro Bay, one of the most picturesque spots in California.

DAY 8 | LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA B L

Today is a day of superlatives that begins with a visit to the grandest private home ever built in the country, extraordinary Hearst Castle and like Yosemite yesterday, words fail to capture the grandeur of this castle and its location overlooking the Pacific. After the Castle, we enjoy lunch in Morro Bay before another visual wonder, a 131 mile ride along

the California Coast by train to downtown Los Angeles. Great beauty awaits in the City of Angels where our guests begin a two-night stay at the fabled Biltmore Hotel, the Grande Dame of Los Angeles hotels.

DAY 9 | CATALINA ISLAND B D

Every great train journey should have at least a short ocean cruise and today we set sail for quaint and nostalgic Avalon on lovely Catalina Island, a magical place with quaint shops, restaurants and the famous casino. We return to the Biltmore this evening for a second night in the ultimate setting with frescoes by the Vatican painter.

DAY 10 | SANTA MONICA CALIFORNIA BD

We have left the morning free for you to enjoy the many sights of downtown Los Angeles with a midday departure for charming Santa Monica with a visit to its famed Pier, at the end of Sunset Blvd. with free time before traveling to Union Station via Hollywood Blvd past Mann's Chinese Theatre. We enjoy an early dinner on Olvera St., where Los Angeles began before boarding the 'Great Western Limited' bound for Santa Fe, New Mexico.

DAY 11 | SANTA FE NEW MEXICO B L

Breakfast time finds us in the great Southwest with the Navajolands of Arizona speeding past the windows and later today we pass through Albuquerque before our afternoon arrival in enchanting Santa Fe where we begin our two-night stay.

DAY 12 | SANTA FE NEW MEXICO B

Santa Fe has been honored by UNESCO as a 'Creative City', one of only nine in the world and you will soon see why. Our day begins with a morning visit and tour of the historic Plaza area and we have left all afternoon free for you to enjoy the multitude of galleries and museums that make this one of the most magical small towns in North America. There is an abundance of natural beauty and a particular treat is the Georgia O'Keefe Museum. The evening is at leisure to enjoy one of the many acclaimed restaurants.

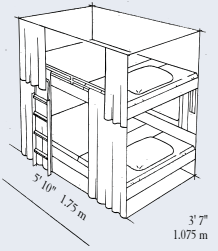
DAY 13 | GREAT WESTERN LIMITED B D

We board the 'Great Western Limited' this afternoon and tonight is our special Farewell Dinner as we cross the Continental Divide at Raton Pass.

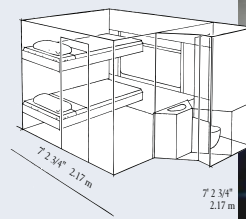
DAY 14 | CHICAGO UNION STATION B L

We cross the Mississippi River this morning and arrive in Chicago this afternoon with memories of special places that will last a lifetime. We offer special hotel rates in Chicago for guests that would like to enjoy a bit more time in the Windy City.

Train Room Category May November



Double Berth (Pullman Sections) \$3,995 \$4,195
Upper and lower berths.



Standard Double Bedroom \$4,495 \$4,695

One large room with upper and lower berths and private enclosed bathroom with toilet and washbasin. Perfect for couples traveling together.

Superior Double Bedroom \$4,995 \$5,195

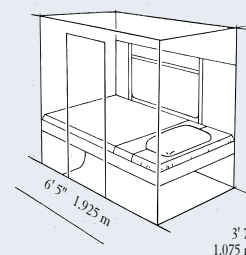
Same as Standard Double Bedroom except instead of two armchairs, features large sofa by day. These rooms are also slightly larger in length.



*Suite availability is very limited aboard the train. Only one per departure! Suites are approx. 14' x 7'

Suite Accommodations \$6,995 \$7,195

Two Double Bedrooms combined to guarantee two lower beds or a large queen bed. Includes two picture windows, and two separate bathrooms with washbasins and toilets!



Two Roomettes \$4,495 \$4,695

Two individual single rooms offering individual lower beds, Individual washbasin and toilets in each room. Perfect for friends traveling together.

Single Occupancy \$5,695 \$5,895

(Including one roomette aboard the train and exclusive single occupancy Hotel accommodations throughout.) Lower bed with washbasin and toilet.



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