

# Experience Oregon Tours

## Sierra Nevada by Rail

June 14 – 19, 2010

Amtrak rails us through the spectacular landscape of California's Sierra Nevada Mountain range. With place names like Gold Run, Emigrant Gap, and Donner Lake we are in for a scenic treat! Leaving Oregon behind, our motorcoach takes us from the Willamette Valley to Sacramento. Highlights there include a narrated tour through Old Town, past former Governor Leland Stanford's mansion and Sutter's Fort, and into the State Capitol Building. Amtrak's *California Zephyr*



then chugs us over the mountains into the "Biggest Little City in the World," Reno. Our two-night stay in neon-lit Reno is at the Silver Legacy Hotel, which offers numerous eateries, non-stop casino action and features dazzling entertainment. Included in our stay is "Shake, Rattle and Roll," an exciting and entertaining dinner show at the El Dorado Hotel, connected by skyway to the Silver Legacy. The critics have given this dancing review of 1950s hit songs, two thumbs up! Our return on the *California Zephyr* takes us to Emeryville where we board our motorcoach and drive the short distance to San Francisco for two more nights. A morning sightseeing tour of The City by the Bay acquaints us with its many iconic landmarks. Amtrak and Experience Oregon Tours welcome you onboard!

### Day 1 Monday, June 14 Siskiyou Mountains, Mount Shasta and Sacramento

Travel south on I-5, stopping in the historic western town of Yreka for lunch, where Grandma's home cooking is always inviting. Weather permitting, see spectacular snow-covered Mount Shasta, one of the highest mountains in the country, then continue through north-central California's agricultural valley into Sacramento, home for the night.



8:00 am	Depart Eugene's final pick-up point. All locations accommodate this time.
11:45 am	Arrive Yreka for lunch
1:15 pm	Depart
5:45 pm	Arrive Sacramento, check into our hotel. Dinner at your leisure.

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, Sacramento

**Phone:** 916-446-0100

*Lunch included. Added cost: dinner*

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**Day 2****Tuesday, June 15****The California Zephyr to Reno**

After breakfast, our motorcoach takes us on a narrative tour of downtown Sacramento highlighting major landmarks including Old Sacramento, the Stanford Mansion, the Old Governor's Mansion and Sutter's Fort. Visit the interior of the beautifully restored State Capitol Building. Terminating our motorcoach tour at Sacramento's Amtrak Station, we board the *California Zephyr* bound for the Sierra Nevada Mountains and Reno. Enroute the *Zephyr* passes Cape Horn, a rocky bluff 1500 feet above the American River. Watch for Emigrant Gap, a gap in the ridge where the cliffs are so steep that 1840s pioneers crossing to California were said to have lowered their wagons on ropes to the valley floor below. Pass through Mt. Judah in a tunnel 7000-feet above sea level, then see Donner Lake where the famed Donner Party was stranded in the winter of 1846-47. Lunch on board the train is at your leisure and you can choose from snacks or sandwiches in the Sightseer Lounge Car or a plated meal in the Dining Car. Upon arrival in Reno, check-into

the Silver Legacy Resort connected by skywalk to the El Dorado and Circus Circus Hotels. At our beck and call is a huge variety of entertainment, eateries, and casino areas. Dinner this evening is at your leisure.

- 6:00 am Breakfast service begins in Cyprus Grille.
- 8:00 am Bags ready for collection
- 8:45 am Depart for tour terminating at the Amtrak Station
- 10:45 am Arrive station
- 11:49 am The *California Zephyr* departs Sacramento Amtrak Station
- 4:46 pm Arrive into Reno Amtrak Station. Transfer to hotel.

**Hotel:** Silver Legacy Hotel, Reno **Phone:** 775-325-7401  
*Breakfast included. Added cost: lunch and dinner*

**Day 3****Wednesday, June 16****Reno**

Today is at your leisure to enjoy as you wish. Visit one or more of Reno's fascinating museums, or shop, gamble and dine when and where you choose. The National Automobile Museum is an absolute must-see for those who are passionate about classic cars. It has one of the largest collections of antique autos to be found anywhere and is a short walk from our hotel. Nevada's Museum of Art is the oldest cultural institution in the state, and since 1931 has been providing a forum for creative ideas. It's current exhibition is The Baroque World of Fernando Botero, a wry and deeply emotional Columbian artist of stature. This evening enjoy the El Dorado Hotel's highly successful and popular dinner show: "Shake, Rattle and Roll". Highlighting song and dance hits of the 1950s, it's sure to get your toes tapping.

- 8:00 am Breakfast buffet service opens; dine at your leisure  
The day is unscheduled.
- 5:00 pm Dinner in The Buffet at the El Dorado Hotel
- 7:00 pm Live show in the Showroom

**Hotel:** Silver Legacy Hotel, Reno  
**Phone:** 775-325-7401  
*Breakfast and dinner show included.  
 Added cost: lunch*



**Day 4                      Thursday, June 17                      The California Zephyr to San Francisco**

It's an early start today. We are transferred to the Amtrak Station for the departure of the *California Zephyr*. As we travel westward we pass Truckee, an old western-style town, and Stanford Flats where we cross back and forth across a series of descending plateaus with a panoramic view of the Truckee Basin below. We cross the tidal estuary at San Pablo Bay and the Carquinez Strait and see the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard established in 1854. In Suisun Bay the "Mothball Fleet," a 70-ship fleet of decommissioned warships, has been kept afloat since WW11. We disembark at Emeryville located on San Francisco Bay just north of the Oakland Bay Bridge and are then transferred by motorcoach to Fisherman's Wharf. Check into our hotel for the next two nights.



- 6:00 am                      Private Continental breakfast
- 7:15 am                      Depart for Amtrak Station
- 8:36 am                      The "California Zephyr" train departs. Lunch on board at your leisure.
- 4:10 pm                      Arrive Emeryville Amtrak Station. Motorcoach transfer to hotel.
- 5:15 pm                      Arrive hotel

**Hotel:** Radisson Hotel Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco

**Phone:** 415-392-6700

*Breakfast included. Added cost: lunch and dinner*

**Day 5                      Friday, June 18                      San Francisco**

This morning we are led by a local professional step-on guide through the highlights of San Francisco seeing landmarks such as Coit Tower, North Beach, Chinatown, The Embarcadero, Union Square and much more. Returning to our hotel by mid-day, lunch and the rest of the afternoon are yours to do as you like. Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square, a cable car ride, Pier 39 ... all these and more await you. Have fun! Tonight a lovely dinner is included.



- 6:00 am                      Breakfast service begins
- 9:00 am                      Depart for San Francisco sightseeing tour
- 12:30 pm                      Return to hotel
- 6:00 pm                      Depart for dinner

**Hotel:** Radisson Hotel Fisherman's Wharf

**Phone:** 415-392-6700

*Breakfast included.*

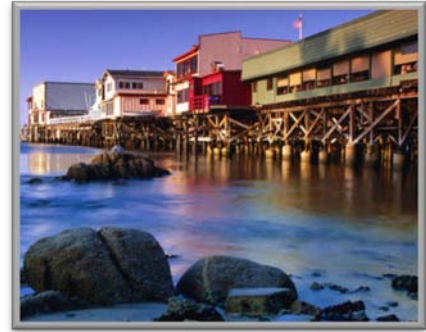
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**Day 6                  Saturday, June 19                  San Francisco to the Willamette Valley**

Say goodbye to San Francisco and the beautiful Bay Area then travel northward along I-5. Nestled at the base of Mt Shasta and tucked away in the trees is one of Northern California's finest resorts, the Mount Shasta Resort. Stop here for lunch and enjoy the spectacular views of the 14,179-ft mountain. After lunch, continue heading north into Oregon and on to the Willamette Valley. Welcome home!



5:00 am                  Breakfast service begins  
7:00 am                  Bags available for collection  
8:00 am                  Depart hotel, bound for Oregon.  
12:30 pm                Arrive Mt Shasta for lunch (pre-select)  
2:00 pm                  Depart  
6:30 pm                  Arrive Eugene. Welcome home!  
*Lunch requires a pre-selection of the following choices:*  
1) *Chicken Caesar Salad*  
2) *Bacon Cheeseburger with fries*  
3) *Grilled chicken breast with cheese on a bun and fries*

*Breakfast and lunch included. No added cost*

**The total cost of this trip** is only \$1099 per person double occupancy, \$1345 for single occupancy and \$1023 for triple occupancy. Tour includes: five nights hotel, five breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner and live stage show, roundtrip Amtrak rail fare between Sacramento, Reno and Emeryville/San Francisco, narrated sightseeing tour of Sacramento with step-on guide, a visit inside California's state capitol building, narrated sightseeing tour of San Francisco with step-on guide, roundtrip baggage handling at Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza and Radisson Hotel Fisherman's Wharf, all motorcoach transportation per the itinerary, all taxes and gratuities, and services of an Experience Oregon Tour Director.

**Deposit:** \$250 per person due upon registration of the tour.

**Payment/Cancellation Policy:** Payment is required a full sixty (60) days prior to tour departure, no latter than April 14, 2010. If payment is not received by this time, reservations may be cancelled and any waitlisted passenger could be placed in the vacant seat. Cancellations received after final payment date are charted \$100 per person cancellation fee plus any irretrievable payment made to vendors. Cancellations made less than seven (7) days prior to departure including no-shows are non-refundable. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended. Call for details.

**Photo I.D.:** Amtrak requires all passengers to carry a photo identification card with them. This may be a driver's license, passport or equivalent.

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**Walking:** Be sure to bring along comfortable shoes, as walking is an essential part of this tour. The majority of seats on Amtrak's *California Zephyr* are located at upper level which require negotiating steep circular stairs, as are the lounge and dining cars. Lower level seating is strictly limited. Requesting these seats, if necessary, is highly recommended when registering for the tour.

**Meals:** Please call in your pre-selection requests when you make your tour reservation. If you require vegetarian selections it is essential that you let us know at that time.

**Baggage:** Please limit the number of suitcases to one per person plus a carry-on bag. Porterage is included at the Holiday Inn in Sacramento and the Radisson Hotel in San Francisco. We will be handling our own bags on the train and in Reno so we recommend that you bring along a small bag or hand-carry for the two-night journey to Reno. Your main suitcase can be safely left behind on the Experience Oregon bus and reunited with you in Emeryville. Be certain your name is clearly attached to both items.

**Triple accommodations:** Due to fire code regulations, some hotels do not provide rollaway beds, so in these cases the room would consist of two queen beds. In other hotels that do provide a rollaway, in some instances the main bed is one king.

- ❖ Customary end-of-the-tour gratuity for Experience Oregon escort and driver is not included in your tour price. Gratuities can be extended on a voluntary and individual basis and should be in direct proportion to the professionalism and service extended to you throughout the tour.
- ❖ Rest stops are made in route. We try not to exceed two hours between stops. If travel will require more than two hours, we plan a rest stop.
- ❖ While a nametag will be provided to you wearing the nametag is always optional.
- ❖ Please note that all times are approximate and subject to change depending on circumstances of the day.
- ❖ Seat rotation on extended overnight trips will take place.
- ❖ While we try to accommodate room preferences they must be considered requests.
- ❖ Alcoholic beverages are not included in the cost of meals and in some cases can be purchased separately.
- ❖ Experience Oregon is not a handicap accessible company.

