

YELLOWSTONE TO YOSEMITE BY RAIL, 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

Chicago > Salt Lake City > West Yellowstone > San Francisco

Overview:

Take a leisurely ride from Chicago to the Pacific Coast on this scenic rail journey that allows you to explore two famous national parks: Yellowstone and Yosemite. Discover Chicago on a hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour. Enjoy a narrated sightseeing city tour of Salt Lake City. See the breathtaking beauty of Yellowstone National Park and get up close and personal with famous sites, like Old Faithful and the Continental Divide. Spend an entire day soaking up the nature and scoping out the towering redwoods in Yosemite National Park. This rail journey promises stunning landscapes that you will never forget.

Highlights:

- Hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour of Chicago
- Sightseeing tour of Yellowstone National Park's Lower Loop
- Sightseeing city tour of Salt Lake City
- Sightseeing tour of Yosemite National Park

Package Also Includes:

- One-way Amtrak® in Coach accommodations from Chicago to Salt Lake City and Salt Lake City to San Francisco on the California Zephyr®
- Roundtrip shuttle transfer from Salt Lake City to West Yellowstone
- 8 nights' hotel accommodations; 2 nights' onboard Amtrak
- 1 meal included (1 dinner)

TRIP ITINERARY

DAY 1 YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS IN CHICAGO

Welcome to Chicago! Breeze into the "Windy City," and after you are all settled in, take some time to explore all this amazing city has to offer. You can start using your multi-day hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour. Or, if you are in the mood to shop, take a leisurely stroll down the Magnificent Mile, which offers world-class shopping, dining, and other great attractions. If you are a fan of music, check out one of the many famous blues clubs in the area. There is so much to do and see in Chi-Town, you will not run out of great places to scope out. (Overnight in Chicago)

DAY 2 CHICAGO

Continue to explore Chicago with your multi-day hop-on, hop-off sightseeing city tour and head to any landmarks you did not get a chance to see yesterday. While you tour everything from underground streets to internationally-acclaimed skyscrapers, the tour guides are excited to share their in-depth knowledge. Tonight, enjoy your included dinner at a popular restaurant in Chicago. (Overnight in Chicago) **D**

DAY 3 OVERNIGHT ON BOARD AMTRAK®

Travel to Chicago's Union Station and board Amtrak to Salt Lake City. Enjoy America's majestic landscapes as you travel on the California Zephyr® through the Great Plains. Experienced travelers say this train route is one of the most beautiful in all of North America. Sit back and relax as you climb through the heart of the Rockies to continue your journey out to the West Coast. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

DAY 4 SALT LAKE CITY

Continue to take in the stunning views of Utah's Wasatch Mountains as you complete your train ride west to Salt Lake City. Upon your arrival in Salt Lake City, you will travel on your own to your hotel for a relaxing evening before your busy day tomorrow. (Overnight in Salt Lake City)

DAY 5 SALT LAKE CITY TO WEST YELLOWSTONE

Early this morning, hop on your included shuttle service that will take you to West Yellowstone. Yellowstone is widely held to be the first national park in the world and is home to the most impressive geothermal features in North America. The sights here are simply stunning and will not disappoint. After you arrive in the early evening, you can settle into your hotel for a good night's sleep. You have a full day of sightseeing ahead of you tomorrow! (Overnight in West Yellowstone)

DAY 6 WEST YELLOWSTONE

Enjoy a full-day sightseeing tour of West Yellowstone’s lower loop. Highlights of this tour include Old Faithful Geyser, the Old Faithful Inn, Isa Lake on the Continental Divide, and many more stunning landmarks. After your tour, you will have time to grab lunch on your own at the Old Faithful Village. (Overnight in West Yellowstone)

DAY 7 WEST YELLOWSTONE > SALT LAKE CITY

Today, take a leisurely cruise back to Salt Lake City aboard the included shuttle. Then, the evening is yours to spend enjoying this gorgeous city. (Overnight in Salt Lake City)

DAY 8 OVERNIGHT ON BOARD AMTRAK

Discover all Salt Lake City has to offer on a guided sightseeing city tour of all of Salt Lake City’s hot spots. You’ll see the magnificent Salt Lake Mormon Temple and even hear the renowned Tabernacle Organ. You’ll also visit Pioneer Park, Brigham Young’s Territorial Governor’s Mansion, and, of course, the Great Salt Lake! Later in the day, travel on your own to the Amtrak Station and board the train to Emeryville Station in sunny California. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

DAY 9 SAN FRANCISCO

Upon your arrival at Emeryville Station, you will board your included transfer to San Francisco. After you check into your hotel, the evening is yours to start exploring the “City by the Bay.” Take a stroll along Fisherman’s Wharf, breathe in the fresh ocean air, and sample the delicious local cuisine, like fresh seafood and crusty sourdough bread. (Overnight in San Francisco)

DAY 10 SAN FRANCISCO AND YOSEMITE

Spend the entire day exploring one of America’s most iconic landmarks, Yosemite National Park. Your day will kick off with breathtaking panoramic views of San Francisco as you cross over the Bay Bridge at sunrise. The rest of your drive to Yosemite will offer stunning scenery as well, including the snow-capped Sierra Nevada Mountains and lush Central Valley. Once you arrive in Yosemite National Park, you will have 2.5 hours to hike and shop in Yosemite Village. You will arrive back at your hotel just in time for a spectacular San Francisco sunset. (Overnight in San Francisco)

DAY 11 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
Chicago	Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza
Salt Lake City	Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square
West Yellowstone	Yellowstone Park Hotel
San Francisco	Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf

Alternate Hotels are available!

DEPARTURE CITY	DEPARTURE TIME	ARRIVAL CITY	ARRIVAL TIME
Chicago	2:00pm	Salt Lake City	11:05pm
Salt Lake City	11:30pm	San Francisco	4:30pm

AMTRAK UPGRADE FEES³

Upgrade	Per person in double
Roomette	\$220
Bedroom	\$670

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

Salt Lake City

- Salt Lake City is the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Temple Square is located in downtown Salt Lake City and is 35 acres of historic sites, exhibits, gardens, and restaurants in addition to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir that sings every Sunday.
- Clocking in at approximately 1,700 square miles, the Great Salt Lake is the largest natural lake west of the Mississippi River.

Yellowstone National Park

- Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872 and was the United States first national park.
- Old Faithful is the most popular geysers in the park, but a walk in the Upper Geyser Basin will reveal many other geysers.
- Yellowstone National Park is approximately 358 miles from Salt Lake City.

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.

Yosemite National Park

- Yosemite National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1984.
- Besides the Half Dome Yosemite National Park boasts waterfalls, deep valleys, and ancient giant sequoias.
- Yosemite National Park is open year-round, so visit in either the winter or summer and you will have a different experience during those seasons.