



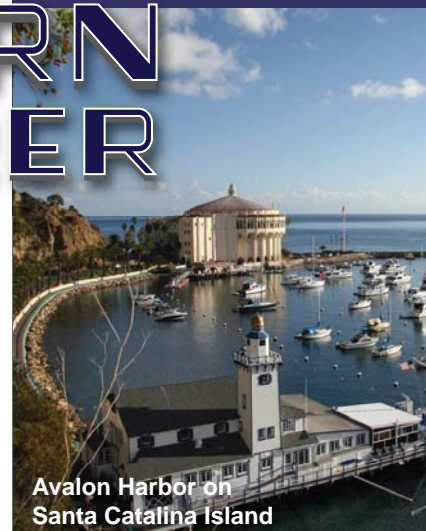
# The Great WESTERN EXPLORER

Once Only!  
October 24 to  
November 6, 2020  
14 - Days From \$5,995 pp

Fully Escorted  
Over two Great  
Mountain Passes



Lake Tahoe California



Avalon Harbor on  
Santa Catalina Island

While biased, our 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!) not to mention the incomparable Yosemite National Park! We feature something no one else can offer, passage from Chicago to Reno aboard our special 'Great Western Limited' with traditional Pullman sleeping car accommodations, fine dining and a style and manner of overland travel that has all but vanished. And with just 10 lucky passengers, fine service and personalized attention are assured. We have included such rare treats as 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 fine hotels like the Silver Legacy Resort in Reno (a two-night stay) and the superb Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA (also two nights!). 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' between Chicago and Reno, NV. All meals, wine and spirits while aboard the 'Great Western Limited' are included.
- ◆ Fully hosted from start to finish by professional tour manager that handles all of the details.
- ◆ Superb hotels throughout including the Four-Diamond rated Silver Legacy Resort in Reno, and the Historic RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA. Notably, many of our hotel stays are two-nights long.
- ◆ Many meals ashore.
- ◆ Extraordinary sightseeing like Lake Tahoe, 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.

## A Special Highlight . . . The 'Great Western Limited'

On both departures, Our 'Great Western Limited' accommodates just a few lucky passengers and features lovingly restored private rail cars from the golden era of Streamliner train travel. 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**

Guests arrive in Chicago and begin their three-night stay in the heart of North Michigan Ave "The Magnificent Mile" at the storied Drake Hotel, overlooking Lake Michigan.

**DAY 2 | CHICAGO D**

We have included a hop-on/hop-off sight-seeing tour of the Windy City today that will show you all that this great city has to offer. And tonight, our welcome dinner at Lawry's, the Prime Rib, a Chicago institution.

**DAY 3 | CHICAGO L**

A final full day to enjoy Chicago and we have included lunch today at legendary Giordano's, for the best deep dish pizza in the country. A final evening to enjoy Chicago, perhaps taking in a play or concert.

**DAY 4 | ALL ABOARD! L D**

Guests may sleep in this morning and at midday we depart for Union Station and board the Great Western Explorer. At 2 pm, we roll out of Union Station and roll West over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, crossing the Mississippi at dinner time.

**DAY 5 | 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 6 | RENO NEVADA B**

We arrive in Reno this morning at 8:20 am and our rooms at the luxurious Silver Legacy 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. An evening of leisure at the Silver Legacy Resort. (or similar)

**DAY 7 | 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 Silver Legacy at Reno this evening for a final night in this magnificent resort.

**DAY 8 | SACRAMENTO / OLD TOWN**

We board the California Zephyr train this morning for a spellbinding trip over the Sierra Nevada Mountains in daylight, passing Donner Lake and American Canyon before our afternoon arrival in Sacramento where we begin an overnight stay at the historic Delta King Hotel.

There is time this afternoon to visit the spectacular California State Railroad Museum, the finest train museum in the world

**DAY 9 | 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 in the Yosemite area.

**DAY 10 | MORRO BAY CALIFORNIA B L**

A special treat this morning with 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 11 | HEARST CASTLE 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 our overnight in Morro Bay.

**DAY 12 | COAST STARLIGHT / QUEEN MARY B**

All morning free to enjoy lovely Morro Bay and at midday, we travel to scenic San Luis Obispo with time to explore the attractive downtown area before boarding the Pacific Surfliner train for another visual wonder, a 131 mile ride along the California Coast to Los Angeles, one of the nation's great train rides. We transfer to Long Beach to begin our two-night stay aboard the most famous Atlantic liner of all time, the fabled Queen Mary.

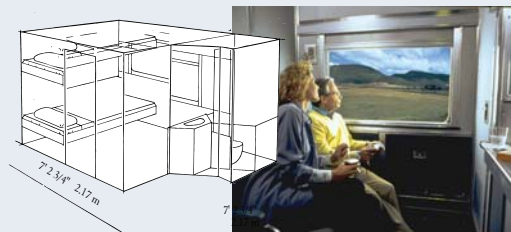
**DAY 13 | CATALINA ISLAND B D**

Every great train journey should have at least a short ocean cruise and today we set sail for nostalgic Avalon on lovely Catalina Island, a magical place with quaint shops, restaurants and the famous casino. We return to the Queen Mary this evening for a second night. Tonight is our special Farewell Dinner, hosted aboard the Queen Mary with excellent views of the harbor lights tonight.

**DAY 14 | JOURNEY HOME B**

Guests travel home or may extend their stay in Southern California.

Fares listed are per person based on Double Occupancy

**Standard Double Bedroom \$5,995**

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

**Superior Double Bedroom \$6,495**

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 \$8,495**

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!

**Single Occupancy \$8,995**

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



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