

11TH ANNUAL HISTORY TRAIN 2023

To Albuquerque, NM



Hollywood Beach vintage rail car (lounge shown)



Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Keith's Rail Way

8 Days October 3-10, 2023 From \$5599*

- Unique rail journey custom itinerary • Amtrak's Southwest Chief • Private restored rail cars: Fine dining, Premium beverages and Snacks, Sleeping accommodations • Los Alamos • Bradbury Science Museum • Acoma Pueblo • Sky City Cultural Center • Haak'u Museum • Belen Harvey House Museum • Doodlebug Engine • Santa Fe • Glorieta Pass Civil War monument • Loretto Chapel • Oldest Adobe House in America • Wheels Museum • Santa Fe Railroad



Shops • New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society • Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Fiesta

COME EXPLORE with us as we travel on our first journey westward on private rail. Our destination for our 11th History Train is Albuquerque, New Mexico, The Land of Enchantment. We have a wonderful train crew to serve us and a private chef onboard to prepare delicious gourmet meals. Every October, the skies over Albuquerque are filled with hundreds of beautifully colored balloons of all shapes and sizes. We include admission and transportation to the 51st annual Hot Air Balloon Fiesta.





Itinerary

New Mexico scenery

Day 1 Tuesday: Depart Galesburg-Overnight on train

We meet at the Galesburg train station where our adventure begins. Amtrak train # 3, the Southwest Chief, is scheduled to depart Galesburg at 5:26 p.m. Once on board our private rail cars we will enjoy the first of many scrumptious meals. This evening we depart Illinois and travel through Missouri and Kansas. Mingle with your fellow travelers as we roll along the rails, then, fall asleep to the clickety-clack of the train. (D)

Day 2 Wednesday: Arrive Albuquerque

Wake up to the changing of scenery as we pass from Kansas to Colorado to New Mexico. Our arrival into Albuquerque is scheduled for 3:29 p.m. with the remainder of the day at leisure. (B,L,D)

Day 3 Thursday: Los Alamos

Today we travel north to Los Alamos. In 1943, because of its isolated location, the government took over this area to develop the world's first nuclear weap-

on; this was named The Manhattan Project. Retired lab workers are on hand to answer questions at the Visitor Center. Our guide will show us "Bathtub Row," an area of prominent homes for the top-ranking staff, the only homes with bathtubs at that time. We also stop at Fuller Lodge, formerly the Manhattan Project worker's Community Center and part of the Ranch School, and visit the Bradbury Science Museum. We return to our rail cars for drinks and dinner. (B,D)

Day 4 Friday: Acoma Pueblo-Belen

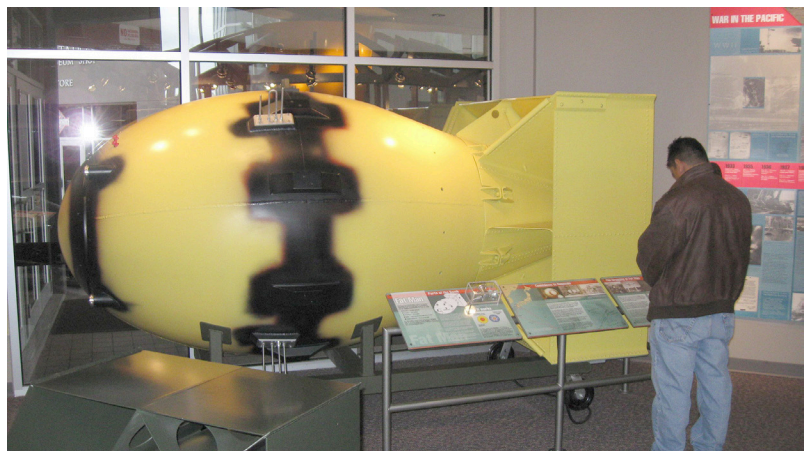
We start our day with a visit to Acoma Pueblo. Four communities make up this Native American pueblo located about 60 miles west of Albuquerque. It is the oldest continuously inhabited community in America. Today, less than 50 tribal members live year-round in the earthen homes. Our visit to the Haak'u Museum and Sky City Cultural Center teaches us more about Acoma's living history and culture.

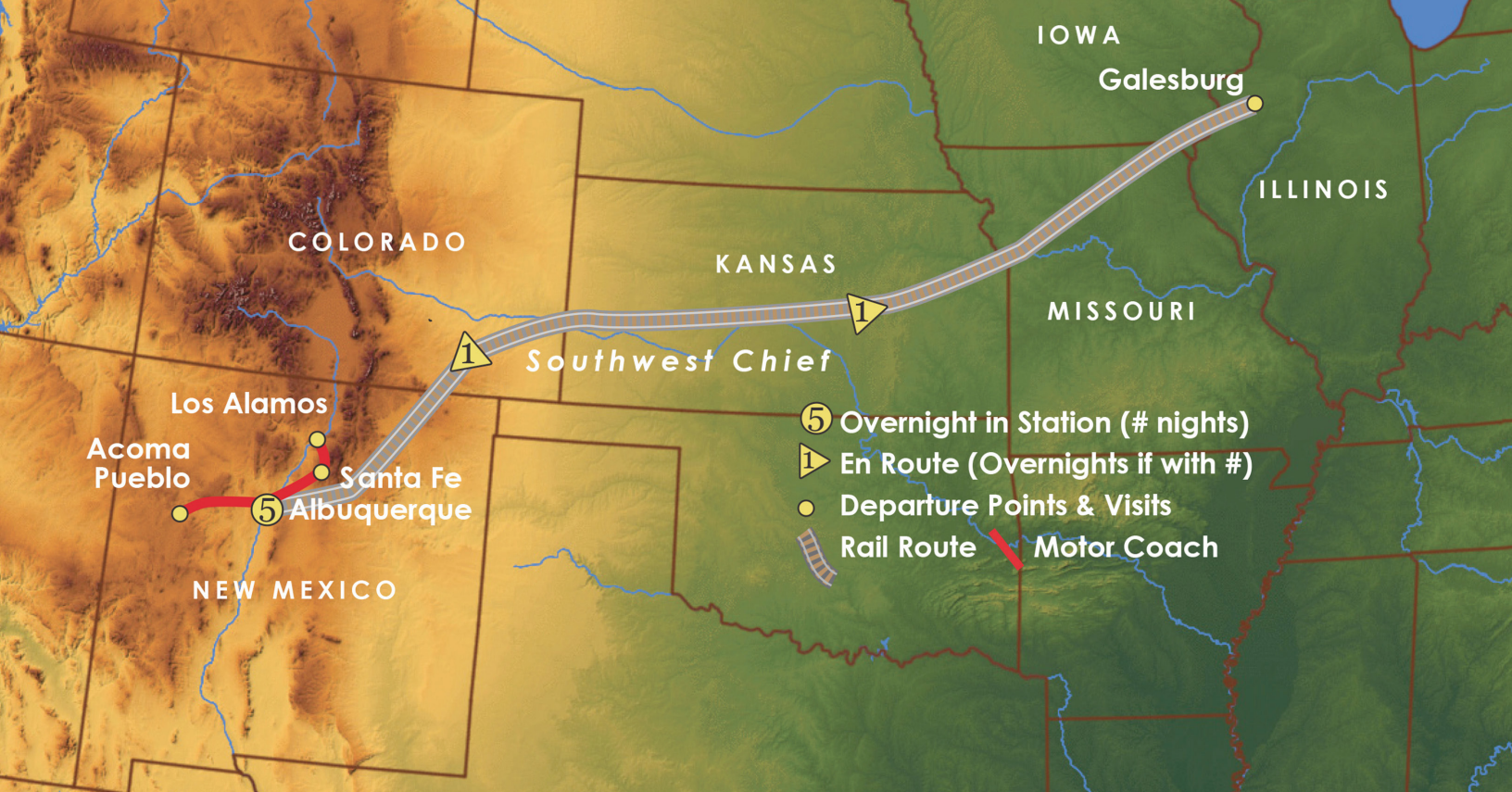
Next, we travel to Belen to the Harvey House Museum. Before passenger trains added dining cars, the Harvey House provided first-class dining for passengers.

Cimarron River sleeping car



Los Alamos' Bradbury Museum, replica of Fat Man Atomic Bomb





Belen was a refueling station giving passengers a limited amount of time to eat. Orders were taken on the train and called in so the meals were ready and waiting when the train arrived. The wait staff, called Harvey Girls, was known for their service and high standards. Before we head back to our train, we check out the historic Doodlebug engine on display just around the corner from the Harvey House Museum. (B,D)

Day 5 Saturday: Albuquerque touring

Our first visit today is a private tour of the Wheels Museum located on the site of the historic Santa Fe Railroad Shops, where we will learn the impact the rail yards had on Albuquerque. The Wheels acronym stands for We Have Everything Everyone Loves Spinning. You'll find model cars and trains, airplanes, and other modes of transportation.

Next, we head over to the New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society (NMSLRHS) to see the ATSF 2926 steam engine. Our tour includes an opportunity to climb into the cab and learn how a steam engine operates.

New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society ATSF 2926 steam engine



After lunch on your own, a local guide will show us the major sights of Albuquerque as we immerse ourselves in the culture and history of this city. Then we return to our rail cars for a little relaxation before venturing out to the Balloon Fiesta, transportation and admission included; dinner is on your own tonight. The evening Balloon Glow takes place just before dusk when the burners of over 400 balloons are ignited for your viewing. The evening is topped off with a fireworks display, celebrating the first weekend of the 2023 Balloon Fiesta. We will have a scheduled return time to our rail cars. (B)

Day 6 Sunday: Santa Fe

This morning we travel to Santa Fe, stopping at the Glorieta Pass monument, location of the Civil War of the west battlefield. Next we visit many of Santa Fe's major sights with a local guide, including an 800-year-old Adobe house, the oldest in the US and Loretto Chapel, whose staircase is known as miraculous. The staircase is a double helix that makes two 360-degree turns with no central support. We have free time at Santa Fe Plaza for lunch and shopping or visit a local museum. (B,D)

Harvey House Museum in Belen





Acoma Pueblo

Day 7 Monday: Depart Albuquerque-Overnight on train

Wake up early and gaze at the hundreds of colorful balloons floating in the sky while waiting for our departure. Amtrak's Southwest Chief, train #4, is scheduled to depart Albuquerque at 11:48 a.m. We may be able to see the balloons for miles as we say goodbye to The Land of Enchantment. Sit back, relax, and mingle with your fellow passengers, remembering the culture, sights, and experiences you've enjoyed this past week. As we head east toward home, the rail crew pampers us with more delicious food and drinks. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Tuesday: Arrive Galesburg

Welcome back to Galesburg, our scheduled arrival is 11:48 a.m. We say a fond farewell to new and old friends and the rail crew that took good care of us throughout our journey. (B)

Included meals are noted each day with the initials of Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Code	Type	Double	Single
UL	Standard Bedroom, upper & lower	\$5,599	\$10,485
RM	Roomette	N/A	\$ 5,999

What's Included: • Rail transportation • Premium snacks and beverages • Motor coach transportation • Guided sightseeing • Admissions • 15 Meals: 7 Breakfasts 2 Lunches 6 Dinners • Sleeper accommodations • Led by 'rail buff', Joe Luka

Accommodations: (7) total number of nights
Private Train Car (1) Sleeping berth, en route Southwest Chief
Private Train Car (5) Sleeping Berth, at the station
Private Train Car (1) Sleeping berth, en route Southwest Chief

What's Not Included: • Travel insurance • Crew tips \$150-200 per traveler & Guide tips • Unlisted meals • Free time activities • Possible fuel surcharges

*All prices are per person, based on occupancy, double bedroom: \$5599 (single \$10,485), or single roomette: \$5999. • Document required is a government-issued photo ID. • Insurance coverage is Vacation & Cruises Plan from Travel Guard at a cost of 7.2% to cover cancellation charges, for coverage details see tourgroupplanners.com/insurance. Other terms at tourgroupplanners.com/terms incorporated by reference. • Balloon Fiesta activities are weather permitting. A minimum of 15 travelers are required for the trip to operate. Itinerary and prices are subject to change. Due to the high cost of hiring private rail cars, all payments are non-refundable; therefore, travel insurance is highly suggested. Acct#231003r

Join us from Galesburg. Tour Coordinator is Amy or Becky, email: Amy@TourGroupPlanners.com or Becky@TourGroupPlanners.com. Or call 217-422-5002 to make your reservation. Mail your \$1600 per person non-refundable deposit check to **Tour Group Planners**, 363 S Main St Suite 307, Decatur IL 62523. Sorry, credit cards are not accepted for this trip. Balance is due June 3, 2023.





About our Vintage Train Cars Hollywood Beach (pictured above)

Features

Five double bedrooms, shower, buffet kitchen for beverage and full meal service, Sun Lounge with space for dining. Diesel generator, retention toilets, TV/CD/DVD/VCR, stereo. We have the largest windows of any solarium car on the rails! There are 2 full-height end windows and a full view end door for panoramic viewing.

History

Built at Pullman in 1956 as HOLLYWOOD BEACH for service on Seaboard Air Line's New York-Florida Silver Meteor. Later owned by Seaboard Coast Line and renamed SUN RAY. Sold to Amtrak in 1971 and sold again in 1989. Acquired by current owner Keith R. White in 2016. In 2017 the car emerged from a 9-month heavy overhaul with the interior being refurbished to its former splendor.



Cimarron River

Features

The car has been renovated with modern heating, electrical and air conditioning systems while retaining the charm and ambience of 1940's railroad travel. It sleeps 20 people-1 person in each of 12 roomettes and 2 people in each of 4 bedrooms, which have two bunk beds. The beds all fold into the walls to provide comfortable seating during the day. Each compartment has a fold away sink. There is a shower and six retention toilets. A small galley/bar service area is at one end. The car is certified and

inspected to run on Amtrak trains and has its own 30KW diesel generator for trips off the Amtrak system.

History

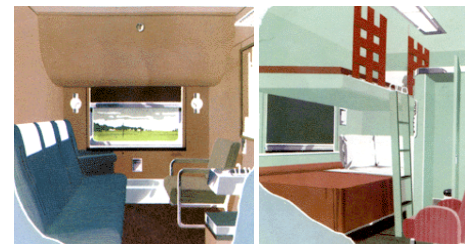
CIMARRON RIVER (original #1466) was built by Pullman Standard in 1948 as a 14 roomette-4 double bedroom sleeper for the Frisco Railway's streamlined "Meteor". The "Meteor" ran from St. Louis Union Station to Oklahoma and had through sleepers to Chicago, New York and Washington. The sleepers were all named for rivers along the train's route.

The Frisco substantially reduced their passenger system 1965 and the CIMARRON RIVER and other sleepers were sold to the Canadian National Railway. The Canadian National rebuilt the car, removed the stainless steel fluted siding and renamed the car RAINBOW FALLS. The interior configuration was not changed. VIA Rail Canada assumed ownership of the car in the late 1970's and repainted it blue. In 1981, VIA discontinued many trains and RAINBOW FALLS was surplus to their needs. In June 1983, two brothers, Andy and Tony Marchiando, bought the car from VIA. The car was returned home to St. Louis and renovation work began. Two roomettes have been set aside for storage and use of a second toilet. The car has a shared shower. The exterior is now repainted in the original colors and lettering. The first trip of the renovated CIMARRON RIVER was in October 1986. Since then, the car has traveled over 500,000 miles, in 48 states, and behind a variety of diesel, steam and electric locomotives. It has traveled north to Canada's Northwest Territories, to the southern border of Mexico and into Guatemala-the extreme north and south ends of the continuous standard gauge North American rail network. Meteor Rail, Inc. owns and operates the car.

Sleeping Accommodations

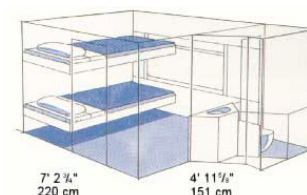
In addition to seat(s) in your compartment, there is seating in the lounge car. Each car has a shower for car occupants to share.

Double Bedroom



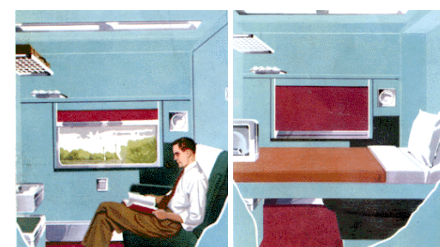
Two double bedrooms may be converted to a quad bedroom by removing the partition and used for a party of 3 or 4 people.

Double bedroom with upper and lower twin berths.

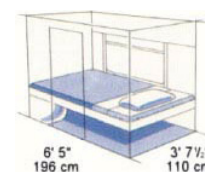


By day, there is a couch or lounging chairs and fold-down table. By night, the upper berth is lowered and the couch (or chairs, used by day) converts to a lower berth. Each bedroom has a separate room for facilities (sink and toilet), accessible from your bedroom.

Roomette



Roomette is for one person. Single occupancy of a double bedroom is available at a higher cost.



Roomettes have a door for privacy. By day you have a seat and fold-down table. By night, the berth takes up the whole roomette. There is a fold-down sink in the room but no toilet. There are two shared toilets in the car.

Diagram and pictures are for a general indication. Accommodations vary in configuration. While completely refurbished and modern features added, a key goal of the restoration is to maintain the 1950s look and feel.



Santa Fe's Palace of the Governors



Double bedroom by day, at left; by night, above

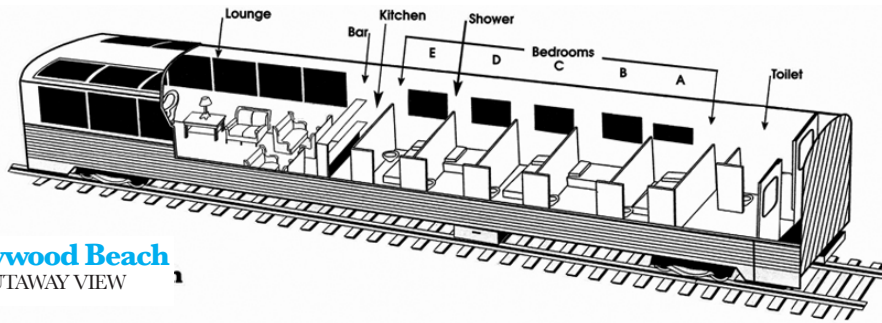
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A non-refundable donation (minimum of \$150/person) is included in the trip cost. Thank you for your support of WILL.

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This privilege can be removed at any time, discontinuing private rail journeys. Sign up today to join our rail trip as we will not know when it will be our last.

Physical Requirements: This trip requires being able to get on and off the train daily with minimum assistance. There will be a fair amount of walking each day. If it becomes difficult for you to keep up with the group, a wheelchair or other assistance will be required and you must have a travel companion to help you.

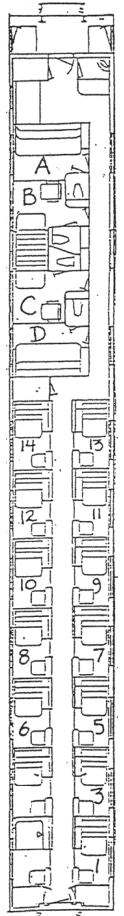


Balloon Glow when the burners of over 400 balloons are ignited



Hollywood Beach
CUTAWAY VIEW

Cimarron River
OVERHEAD VIEW



General Toilet & Shower →

Travel Guard®
VACATION & CRUISES PLAN
Travel Insurance & Global Assistance

COVERAGE

Per Person	Maximum Limit Up To
Trip Cancellation*	100% of Insured Trip Cost
Trip Interruption*	125% of Insured Trip Cost

Trip Delay	\$500 (Max. \$150/day, 5 HRS)
Missed Connection	\$750
Baggage Coverage	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$500 (Max. \$200/day, 24 HRS)
Travel Medical Expense	\$20,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation of Remains	\$50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$50,000
Assistance Services**	Included

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