

WELCOME ABOARD

On board, you will experience the comfort and relaxation of train travel while witnessing some spectacular scenery. We are happy to have you aboard today and want to ensure your trip is everything you want it to be. If there is anything that can be done to make your trip more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to call any train employee.

THE TRAIN STAFF

The staff of the Southwest Chief is here to make your trip a special and unique experience.

Conductor is responsible for the entire On-Board Services staff as well as ticket collection, the safety of passengers and the safe operation of the train.

Dining Car Steward is responsible for the operation of the Dining Car and Dining Car staff.

Lounge Car Attendant is responsible for the operation of the Cafe/Lounge Car.

Sleeping Car Attendant is responsible for providing all services for passengers ticketed in Sleeping Car accommodations including room preparation, luggage service and any assistance necessary to ensure a comfortable journey.

Train Attendant is responsible for providing service for passengers ticketed in coach. This includes seat assignment, pillow service, luggage service and any assistance to ensure a comfortable journey.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Sleeping Car accommodations provide private rooms with amenities for day and night use. From Roomettes to Bedrooms featuring a private lavatory and shower, Sleeping Car accommodations will suit any need and can be described in more detail by any member of the crew. Please consult with the Conductor regarding available rooms.

Coach seating provides a wide reclining seat with a leg rest. Free pillow service is also available.

Dining Car service offers a wide range of complete meals prepared on board. Spectacular scenery and a great staff make dining on the Southwest Chief a memorable experience. The Dining Car Steward will make announcements throughout the trip regarding service hours.

Sightseer Lounge/Cafe Car is the perfect car for scenic viewing and lighter fare. Large panoramic windows provide the perfect atmosphere for viewing and making new friends. The Cafe is located on the lower level of this car.

Lavatories are located on the lower level of each car. Water fountains are located at the center of the car on both levels. Trash receptacles are located at the center and both ends of each car. All cars are connected on the upper level.

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Smoking is prohibited entirely on the *Southwest Chief*. Passengers may smoke on station platforms as announced by train crews and must remain next to the train, ready to board immediately upon hearing the locomotive horn and "All Aboard" calls.



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SOUTHWEST CHIEF

THE SOUTHWEST CHIEF is among the finest of Amtrak's long-distance services. Our historic route was first traversed by the earliest Indians who first discovered its twists, turns and passes. Later, Spanish conquistadors and fur trappers became familiar with the route. By the time it was called the Santa Fe Trail, caravans of pack mules, wagon teams, prairie schooners and stagecoaches were lumbering over it daily, carting people and goods between the Missouri River and the Rockies. The California Gold Rush brought thousands more westward, and the Santa Fe Trail extended all the way to the Pacific Coast. This guide is written from west to east, and the journey is filled with marvelous sights.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway ultimately became the iron link between the Midwest and Los Angeles. Great Santa Fe Streamlined Trains such as the Super Chief and El Capitan traveled the same basic route we travel today. Amtrak® assumed operation of passenger rail service in 1971 from what are now the freight railroads and continued operation of passenger service over the *Santa Fe* route. In 1995, the Santa Fe merged to become The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF). The BNSF owns the tracks that we travel upon on our 2,265-mile journey.

LOS ANGELES The sprawling metropolis of Los Angeles began in 1781 as El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles. Today, the historical park of Olvera Street, lined with brightly colored Mexican shops and old buildings, marks the village's original site. Across the street is Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal which is known as the "Last of the Great Stations" to be built in the U.S. The Spanish Mission – Art Deco style building

was built in 1939 by the Santa Fe, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads.

FULLERTON This city was once the center of North Orange County's citrus industry. The station, built in 1930, was used in the 1964 Doris Day/Rock Hudson movie, *Send Me No Flowers*.

SAN BERNARDINO The site of California's first inland European Settlement. Here, the train parallels U.S. Route 66. We will parallel this famous highway all the way to Albuquerque. East of San Bernardino, we will ascend the Cajon Pass. The train will twist and turn to an elevation of 3,811 feet.

VICTORVILLE This station serves the Inland Empire towns of Adelanto and Apple Valley – site of the Roy Rogers Museum.

During the night, the train stops at the Mojave Desert towns of **Barstow** and **Needles**. After Needles, we cross the Colorado River and enter the Grand Canyon State of Arizona. The first stop is in **Kingman**, a popular destination for travelers making excursions along Route 66.

Time Change AZ is on Mountain Standard Time year round. During the winter months when the U.S. is on Standard Time, set your watches forward one hour. During summer months when the U.S. is on Daylight Time, you will not need to change your watch until we enter New Mexico.

WILLIAMS JUNCTION Located in the Coconino Forest, Williams Junction is the connection point for the Grand Canyon Railway in the city of Williams, which will take you to the El Tovar Hotel at the South Rim of the Canyon.

FLAGSTAFF Bus connections at the station service Phoenix and other

remaining Harvey Houses still standing on the Santa Fe route. The Castaneda was the site of the annual reunion for Teddy Roosevelt and his Rough Riders from the Spanish-American War. Homage was paid to the Fred Harvey System in the 1946 MGM Musical, "The Harvey Girls," starring Angela Lansbury and Judy Garland. Other Harvey Houses on our route still stand at Barstow, Needles, Winslow and Dodge City.

town. The tallest, Humphrey's Peak reaches 12,670 ft.

Canyon Diablo marks the beginning of our journey through the Navajo Indian Reservation.

WINSLOW The "Meteor City" got its name when a meteor struck west of here forming a large crater. The station and adjoining former Harvey House were designed by famous architect Mary Coulter.

GALLUP The "Indian Capital of the World" – a meeting place for the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Apache and Acoma Indians. Our Native American Tour Guide will board at Gallup for a presentation in the lounge car and will describe the various areas we will pass through between Gallup and Albuquerque.

Red Cliffs of New Mexico For the next hour, the train follows these famous hills, noted for their changing colors. Legend has it that the rocks got their color from the blood of a wounded stag as it fled through the hills.

ALBUQUERQUE Home of the annual Hot Air Balloon Festival and a service stop for the *Southwest Chief*. Here, stretch your legs or buy Indian crafts on the platform.

LAMY The connection stop for those going to the state capital at Santa Fe. Leaving Lamy, the train winds through Apache Canyon and ascends Glorieta Pass at an elevation of 7,421 feet.

LAS VEGAS The building to the left of the train, The Castaneda, is one of the

RATON The Gateway to the 13,744-acre Philmont Boy Scout Ranch. Leaving town, the train ascends Raton Pass, the highest point on the former Santa Fe Railway. We will reach an elevation of 7,588 ft. Exiting the tunnel, we cross the state line into the Centennial State of Colorado.

TRINIDAD Home to the coal mining operations, Trinidad is also remembered for a battle between the Spanish and U.S. settlers on Christmas Day 1867.

LA JUNTA La Junta means "junction" and that is what this town means, the junction of the Santa Fe Trail and the Cimarron Cutoff. La Junta is known for its cattle, vegetable and fruit production, especially Rocky Ford cantaloupe.

Time Change We leave Mountain Time and enter Central Time as we leave Colorado. Set your watches one hour forward.

We then cross into Kansas and stop at the towns of **Garden City**, known for its agribusiness, and **Dodge City**, the setting for the television series *Gunsmoke*, **Hutchinson**, **Newton**, **Topeka**, the state capital, and **Lawrence**,

the home of the University of Kansas Jayhawks. Originally called Westport Landing, this was the starting point for the old Santa Fe Trail. Kansas City Union Station has undergone a unique restoration project and conversion to a new City Science Center and Museum. The original station opened to the public in 1913 and was vacated in 1985. The station was also the site of the Union Station Massacre in 1933.

Approximately 30 minutes after we depart Kansas City, the train will cross the Missouri River on a 135-ft. high steel bridge.

The train passes through the town of Marceline where Walt Disney spent his childhood. Legend has it that

downtown Marceline was the pattern used for Main Street, USA, at Disneyland in Anaheim, California.

LA PLATA The name is Spanish for silver and was chosen because the prairie grasses blowing in the wind resembled a silver river.

FT. MADISON Home of the Schaefer Pen Company, Fort Madison is the only stop on the *Southwest Chief's* 20-mile journey through the state of Iowa.

We cross the "Mighty Mississippi" over the longest double-decked swing

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SCENIC PHOTO TIPS Scenic Spots: Your train passes many beautiful and interesting sights. The "camera" symbol on your Route Guide Map marks the best spots, so have your camera ready!

Outside Shots: Medium speed films (ASA 64 or higher) are recommended for shooting scenery through the train windows. If your shutter speed is adjustable and light conditions permit, set it at a higher speed (1/125 or 1/250 sec.) for the clearest results. Hold your lens close to the window to eliminate glare and reflections.

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