

## CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR EXPERIENCED TRAVELERS

say it's the most beautiful train trip in all of North America... and as you climb to the sky through the

heart of the Rocky Mountains — and further west, the Sierra Nevadas — you'll find it hard to disagree. Certainly, it's the most comfortable way to travel between Chicago and the great cities of the West. But as you twist past the narrow canyons and towering peaks of the Rockies, following the Colorado River through a breathtakingly beautiful mountain wilderness — and climb through the famous mile-high Donner Pass in the heart of the Sierra Nevadas — you won't be thinking about where you're going. You'll be thinking of how glad you are that you took the **California Zephyr** to get there.

This guide details some of the attractions at major points along the route.

It is written from west to east, and may indicate whether you should look right or left.

### SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

This cosmopolitan cultural center is the home of world-famous restaurants, galleries and shops. San Francisco has the West Coast "Wall Street," a financial district comprised of several of the world's largest banks. It has world-class ballet, symphony and opera companies. Amtrak® passengers

begin and end their journey to San Francisco and Oakland with a bus ride either to or from the Emeryville train station. On the way is a spectacular view of the San Francisco Bay, the island of Alcatraz, and in the distance, the beautiful Golden Gate Bridge.

### EMERYVILLE

Shuttle buses to and from San Francisco are waiting for passengers at trainside. Look for the San Francisco Bay Bridge to the west. Emeryville, CA, is the starting point of the California Zephyr route.

**SACRAMENTO** Home of the California State Railroad Museum — one of the nation's most impressive displays of railroad equipment! The capital of California was the western terminus for the Pony Express in 1860. It was also the starting point for the Central Pacific Railroad in 1863.

**RENO** Known as the "Biggest Little City in the World," Reno began as a quiet rail stop and later became a boom town. The city fathers legalized prizefights and hosted the Jim Jeffries vs. Jack Johnson fight in 1910. Gambling was legalized in 1931.

Note: At the Nevada/Utah State Line, change your watch from Pacific to Mountain Time; one hour later if traveling east, one hour earlier if traveling west.

**SALT LAKE CITY** The wide streets lead downtown to Mormon monuments, including Temple Square, the Seagull Monument, the six towers of the Mormon Temple and the Beehive House.

**GRAND JUNCTION** The Gunnison and Colorado Rivers meet here. Grand Junction is the gateway to Mesa Verde National Park, the Colorado National Monument and Grand Mesa National Forest.

### GLENWOOD SPRINGS

Roaring Fork River meets the Colorado on the right. The infamous

gunslinger Doc Holliday is buried here. Glenwood Springs was also a favorite of Teddy Roosevelt, who stayed at the Colorado Hotel and enjoyed the revitalizing waters of the Yampa Hot Springs.

**GRANBY** This station is the gateway to Rocky Mountain National Park. The vast meadowlands in this area make up a region called Middle Park. Evidence of aboriginal people has been found at nearby Windy Gap Dam dated at 3000 B.C. – 1200 A.D.,

predating American Indians. Silver Creek ski area and Winter Park are across the valley to the right.

**WINTER PARK** (Fraser) This is the station for the nearby Winter Park Ski Resort. The Fraser River cuts a swath through Arapahoe National Forest and Fraser Canyon. The town of Fraser proudly calls itself the "Icebox of America" because of its winter temperatures of -50°F. The Devil's Thumb is a rock formation on top of the ridge to the left.

**MOFFAT TUNNEL** This tunnel is 6.2 miles long and takes approximately 15 minutes to go through. It is at this point that the train crosses the Continental Divide and is at an elevation of over 9000 feet. Note: The train crew will make an announcement asking all customers to find a comfortable seat and not move between cars while the train is in the tunnel.

**DENVER** The Mile High City is breathtaking to behold, and the Amtrak® station is in the midst of it all. You'll be within walking distance of Coors Field, restaurants and

hotels in this vibrant downtown area. Note: At the Colorado/Nebraska State Line, change your watch between Mountain and Central Time; one hour later if going east, one hour earlier if going west.

**OMAHA** was a Missouri River crossing for westbound pioneers. President Gerald Ford, Henry Fonda, Fred Astaire, Marlon Brando and Malcolm X were born here. Boys Town, a refuge for homeless and underprivileged children, is west of town.

**GALESBURG** is the home of Carl Sandburg, writer and historian. Abe Lincoln and Stephen Douglas debated here at Knox College in the building with the copper spire to the left of the train.

**PRINCETON** One of the founders of the Republican Party, John Bryant, made his home in Princeton. It was settled by New Englanders in 1833.

**CHICAGO** is the crossroad of American manufacturing and distribution and is an important hub of the nation's railroads. The Sears Tower dominates the massive skyline along with the "Gold Coast" high-rises along Lake Michigan. As the train backs into Chicago's Union Station, it parallels the Chicago River on the left, its flow reversed in an engineering triumph. And another engineering triumph is the modern Amtrak® yards and maintenance facility, which is the home of the California Zephyr. The

train ends its 2,422-mile run in historic Union Station. Built in 1926,

the station serves over 40 Amtrak trains and 160 commuter trains each weekday.

### SCENIC PHOTO TIPS

**Scenic Spots:** Your train passes many beautiful and interesting sights. The "camera" symbol on the 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.

**Inside Shots:** Flash is recommended. To avoid glare and reflections, do not point the flash directly at the windows.

The California Zephyr runs on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway from Chicago to Denver. To get into the Denver terminal, Amtrak travels over the Denver Union Terminal Co., then on the Union Pacific into Emeryville, CA.

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