

HISTORY TRAIN

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Welcome! Your Tour Manager, Joe Luka (at right) is pleased to welcome you aboard our unique rail journey for WILL Public Broadcasting produced by Tour Group Planners.



Highlights • Unique rail journey itinerary • Private restored train cars from 1950s • Fine dining • Premium beverages and snacks • Sleeping accommodations • Chicago • Washington D.C. • Appomattox Court House • Richmond • Yorktown • Jamestown • Bull Run/Manassas • Arlington National Cemetery

ID Please be sure to carry a **government-issued, photo ID** (like Driver's License or State ID). This may be required for boarding at some train stations. **Name lanyards** must be worn when boarding the train cars and to enter the First Class (Metropolitan) Lounge in Chicago.

Time *Because you are traveling on a moving train and may travel through tunnels, you may not always have service on your cell phone. For this reason we recommend you wear a watch and pack a small travel alarm clock. Please respect your fellow travelers by being punctual.* Being "just a few minutes" late can add to traffic delays and cause us to miss an admission time. If you tend to be slower, start off ahead of the group as long as you know where you are going.

The Royal Street, our lounge car, is at the end of the train; at right, its interior.





Tim Kelly



John W. Mountcastle



Dr. Bruce M. Venter

Our guides

Late Breaking News If we have updates, big or small, we post them to the following web address: www.TourGroupPro.com/news. In anticipation of questions, the web site explains how your travel insurance covers natural disruptions. If you do not have access to a computer, feel free to call us. For important **General Information** go to www.tourgrouppro.com/faq.

Rail travel – you will be traveling on restored private rail cars which will rock back and forth when moving along the rails. You may be lulled to sleep by the clickety-clack of the rails at night. Please take precautions when walking while the cars are moving. Extreme caution is necessary when boarding and detraining rail cars in the rail yards. Should you encounter a problem during the trip, please contact Joe (or Roger if it is in regards to the rail cars) immediately so he may work to resolve the issue. We cannot resolve any issue we are not aware of.

If you have questions, please call me or Judy at 217-422-5002. Thank you!

Have a great trip & welcome aboard!

—Becky Luka, *Tour Group Planners*



Roger Verbeeren, *Trainmaster for American Rail Excursions*

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Train & Touring Schedule

	Meals*		Hooked to Amtrak Train	Depart	Arrive
Thu	3 Sep	S	Depart St Louis Depart Springfield Depart Bloomington/Normal Arrive Chicago Union Station	#306 5:30 PM 7:32 PM 8:36 PM	11:10 PM
Fri	4 Sep	B/D	Chicago tour Be ready for pick-up at 1300 S Lumber St Others not on tour meet Joe at Metropolitan (1st Class) Lounge Depart Chicago Union Station	#30 10:00 AM 9:45 AM 5:30 PM 6:40 PM	4:00 PM
Sat	5 Sep	B/L	Arrive Washington D.C. Union Station All passengers must disembark the train as it goes to be serviced Rest of day is free time, dinner on your own		1:05 PM
Sun	6 Sep	B	Free Day (until tonight's tour) Meet Joe in the Royal Street Night Illuminations tour	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	10:00 PM
Mon	7 Sep	B/D	Washington area tour, prepaid boxed lunch Depart Washington D.C. Union Station Arrive Richmond, VA	#85 9:00 AM 7:05 PM	5:00 PM 9:16 PM
Tue	8 Sep	B/D	Yorktown & Jamestown tour	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Wed	9 Sep	B/D	Richmond tour	8:30 AM	5:15 PM
Thu	10 Sep	B/D	Appomattox tour	8:30 AM	6:00 PM
Fri	11 Sep	B/D	Depart Richmond Arrive Washington D.C. Union Station All passengers must disembark the train as it goes to be serviced Free time, or optional tour Meet Joe at gate G near McDonalds Depart Washington D.C. Union Station	#86 6:00 AM 8:15 AM 9:15 AM 3:00 PM 4:05 PM	2:45 PM
Sat	12 Sep	B/D	Arrive Chicago Union Station All passengers must disembark the train as it goes to be serviced Free time, or optional tour Transfer remaining group to rail yard Pizza party on train (included)	#29 8:45 AM 1:00 PM 4:15 PM	4:00 PM
Sun	13 Sep	B	Depart Chicago Union Station Arrive Bloomington/Normal Arrive Springfield Arrive St Louis	#303 9:25 AM 11:39 AM 12:50 PM 3:00 PM	

*Meals aboard train indicated by initials of Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner/Snack

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Accommodations

(10) number of nights en route or in station. You will have the same private sleeping berth throughout the entire trip (some with facilities).

Important

MEAL NOTES: included meals are noted by the letters in parenthesis after each day i.e. B=Breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner. Most mornings breakfast is always served in the City of Angels from **7:00 AM-8:30 AM**; come when you wish. Each dinner seating will be approximately 1 hour. We ask that you rotate your dining between City of Angels and Royal Street. During meal times, please refrain from moving between cars as the staff will be carrying food between cars making it difficult to get through.

WILL History Train Itinerary

Departs: 9/3/2015 Returns: 9/13/2015 For: 10 Days
DEPARTING ONE DAY EARLIER, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Day: 1 St. Louis-Central Illinois-Chicago

		Meals*	Hooked to Amtrak Train	Depart	Arrive
Thu	3 Sep	S			
		Depart St Louis	#306	5:30 PM	
		Depart Springfield		7:32 PM	
		Depart Bloomington/Normal		8:36 PM	
		Arrive Chicago Union Station			11:10 PM

Our private train is scheduled to depart St. Louis serving dinner to those passengers only. Boarding stations en route to Chicago are Springfield, Lincoln and Bloomington-Normal. Snacks will be served throughout the evening.

Day: 2 Chicago-En Route East

Fri 4 Sep	B/D	Chicago tour	10:00 AM	4:00 PM
		Be ready for pick-up at 1300 S Lumber St	9:45 AM	
		Others not on tour meet Joe at Metropolitan (1st Class) Lounge	5:30 PM	
		Depart Chicago Union Station	#30	6:40 PM

Breakfast

Dinner

Today's Chicago sightseeing takes us to the Pilsen neighborhood rich with Hispanic and Mexican culture. See outdoor murals, which were created as a cooperative effort between Slavs and Mexicans when the neighborhood was undergoing change. We'll also visit the National Museum of Mexican Art. Next, visit some Chicago buildings that were frequented by those accustomed to private rail travel. Marshall Field and Company, the first department store in the Midwest, was renowned for its magnificent interior featuring the great clocks, atrium fountains and a breathtaking Tiffany glass dome. This "marble palace" covers an entire city block and rises 13 stories. We'll have time here for lunch on your own. Next we head to the "Peoples Palace," now known as the Chicago Cultural Center. Completed in 1897 at a cost of nearly \$2 million, it is adorned with sumptuous materials including rare imported marble, fine hardwood, polished brass, mosaics and stained-glass domes. Enjoy a stop at Millennium Park and see "The Bean," Crown Fountain, or wander through the Lurie Gardens. We will also make stops at The Willis Tower and the French Market so that you can continue sightseeing or shopping on your own if you desire or return to Union Station. The Capitol Limited departs Chicago this evening. (B, D)



Now "Macy's on State Street,"
Marshall Field's has the largest
Tiffany favrire ceiling

Day: 3 Arrival-Washington D.C.

Sat 5 Sep	B/L	Arrive Washington D.C. Union Station	1:05 PM
		All passengers must disembark the train as it goes to be serviced	
		Rest of day is free time, dinner on your own	

Breakfast

Lunch

We are scheduled to arrive in Washington D.C. this afternoon. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening in our nation's capital. You'll find many restaurant options right at Union Station and nearby. (B, L)

Day: 4 Washington DC Free Day & Illuminations Tour

Sun	6 Sep	B	Free Day (until tonight's tour)		
			Meet Joe in the Royal Street	6:30 PM	
			Night Illuminations tour	7:00 PM	10:00 PM

Breakfast

Free day until we embark on an included night illumination tour of the monuments (like the World War II Memorial at right). Washington D.C. is one of the most beautiful cities in the world when lit up at night. We'll see all the spectacular sights and picturesque views the city offers.



Day: 5 Washington D.C.-Bull Run-Arlington-Richmond VA

Mon	7 Sep	B/D	Washington area tour, prepaid boxed lunch	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
			Depart Washington D.C. Union Station #85	7:05 PM	
			Arrive Richmond, VA		9:16 PM

Breakfast

Dinner

Today our guide, Tim Kelly, takes us on a tour to the Civil War's first battle-field, Bull Run which is known as Manassas to the Confederacy. **Optional box lunches may be pre-ordered to enjoy en route from Manassas back to Washington D.C.** Then we continue to the Iwo Jima Memorial dedicated to the Marines in 1954 by President Eisenhower. Arlington National Cemetery, the second largest military cemetery in the country, is our last stop today. We will see John F. Kennedy's grave site with the eternal flame and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where we will watch the emotional changing of the guard. The Tomb is a monument dedicated to American service members whose remains are unidentified. We will also see the newly renovated Arlington House, which sits on the hill at the top of Arlington National Cemetery. Formerly it was the home of Robert E. Lee and also has ties to George Washington. This evening our private train departs Washington D.C. and arrives at the Richmond Staples Mill Road station. (B, D)

The Stone Bridge at Bull Run



Day: 6 Richmond-Virginia Southern Neck Peninsula

Tue 8 Sep B/D Yorktown & Jamestown tour

8:00 AM 5:00 PM

Breakfast

Dinner

Today our guide, Dr Bruce Venter, takes us back to Colonial America. Our first visit is Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas established in 1607. We see an orientation film and have a guided tour of the museum by former docent, Jim Ullman and Bruce. Then we explore outside exhibits that include the Powhatan Indian village, Jamestown Fort and three replica ships docked at the wharf. We have time for lunch (on your own) in the cafeteria.

Then fast forward to 1781, the final chapter of the Revolutionary War, as we head to Yorktown. First we make a brief stop at the Green Spring battlefield site for a discussion of the fight between Lafayette and Cornwallis prior to the Yorktown campaign. En route hear how the British fortified the port while waiting for reinforcements by sea. A French fleet blocked the British resupply giving Washington and our French allies the opportunity to defeat Cornwallis' army. The USA was independent. Tour on bus of key Yorktown battlefield sites including British fortifications, Yorktown monument, Cornwallis' Cave, French and American fortifications, Moore House, Redoubts # 9 and 10 and the Surrender Field. (B, D)



The British at Yorktown surrendered October 19, 1781 and was the last major battle of the American Revolution

Day: 7 Richmond Battlefield-Tredegar Iron Works

Wed 9 Sep B/D Richmond tour

8:30 AM 5:15 PM

Breakfast

Dinner

Our guide today is the retired Army Chief of Military History, Jack Mountcastle, who now teaches Civil War history courses at the University of Richmond and lectures at the Virginia Historical Society. We begin our day at the Richmond National Battlefield Park Visitor Center at Tredegar Iron Works. Tredegar Iron Works was once the most important industrial site in the entire Confederacy. We also visit the American Civil War Center, where you will learn about the Civil War from Union, Confederate and African American perspectives. Our next visit is to the Gaines' Mill battlefield, also known as

the First Battle of Cold Harbor or the Battle of Chickahominy River. The largest of the Seven Days' Battles took place at Gaines' Mill and played a significant role in shaping the course of the American Civil War. Discussion of Lee's ascendancy to command in June, 1862 and his plans for offensive actions to split McClellan's Army of the Potomac along the Chickahominy River. We will stop for lunch, on your own. We have a driving tour of 1864 Cold Harbor Battlefield where we see use of trenches. We continue on to the Seven Days' Battles sites: Savage's Station, White Oak Swamp, Glendale and Malvern Hill. At Malvern Hill a gentle walk takes us to the Union gun line and defensive positions. En route back to our rail cars Jack will talk about life in the city during the Civil War. (B, D)



Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond

Day: 8 Richmond-Appomattox Court House

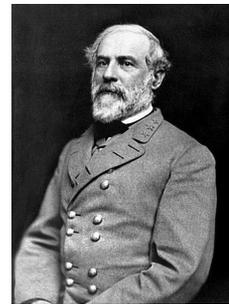
Thu 10 Sep B/D Appomattox tour

8:30 AM 6:00 PM

Breakfast

Dinner

Again today, Jack Mountcastle will be our guide. As we depart the train station we follow Lee's Retreat Route. Jack will talk about the Petersburg siege and Lee's attempt to join J.E. Johnston's army. Our first stop today is Sailor's Creek Battlefield Visitors Center. More than 7,700 men were killed, wounded or captured here; this was the last major engagement of war in Virginia. Lee surrendered three days later. We also visit the Hillsman House which served as a hospital for both Confederate and Union troops and later as a hospital after the battles. After lunch on your own we visit the new Museum of the Confederacy-Appomattox. This museum opened in 2012 showcasing artifacts, photographs and documents from two exhibits that tell the stories of the Civil War. Our last stop is the Appomattox Court House and McLean House, where Lee surrendered on Palm Sunday, April 9, 1865. En route back to Richmond Jack will discuss post-war changes in Virginia. (B, D)



General Lee's one rule for students: "Be a gentleman"

Day: 9 Washington D.C.

Fri 11 Sep	B/D	Depart Richmond	#86	6:00 AM	
		Arrive Washington D.C. Union Station			8:15 AM
All passengers must disembark the train as it goes to be serviced					
		Free time, or optional tour		9:15 AM	2:45 PM
		Meet Joe at gate G near McDonalds		3:00 PM	
		Depart Washington D.C. Union Station	#29	4:05 PM	

Breakfast

Dinner

Our private train departs Richmond this morning with an arrival in Washington D.C. You have most of the day to explore Washington D.C. on your own or join us on an optional tour. If you are joining us on the optional tour, we travel along Embassy Row, home to over 170 foreign embassies. We will visit the National Cathedral, the sixth-largest Gothic cathedral in the world with beautiful stained glass windows, spectacular wood and stone architecture and sculptures. Upon arrival at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, we will have time for lunch on your own before our tour. The Basilica is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America and is one of the ten largest churches in the world. It is a place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelism and reconciliation. This exquisite church is the church the Pope visits when in Washington D.C.



The National Cathedral in Washington DC

Return to the station for our departure on the Capitol Limited. (B, D)

Day: 10 Arrival-Chicago

Sat 12 Sep	B/D	Arrive Chicago Union Station		8:45 AM	
All passengers must disembark the train as it goes to be serviced					
		Free time, or optional tour		1:00 PM	4:00 PM
		Transfer remaining group to rail yard		4:15 PM	
		Pizza party on train (included)			

Breakfast

Dinner

We are scheduled to arrive back in Chicago this morning. You can spend the day exploring Chicago on your own or join our optional tour. Our compre-

hensive tour of Chicago through the Architecture Foundation includes the Loop, Hyde Park, Gold Coast, the Lake Front, two university campuses, parks and residential neighborhoods. In the loop we will have a few interior tours at some of the following stops: Mies van der Rohe's IIT campus and on the Museum Campus. We will also stop to see the Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House, Rookery, Chicago Board of Trade, Campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology, Crown Hall, Tribune Campus Center and finally on Solidarity Drive for the most classic view of the skyline. Lunch is on your own today. We end our tour at the Roosevelt train yard where our rail cars are parked. Our evening meal will be Chicago-style pizza. (B, D)



Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House

Day: 11 Chicago-Central Illinois-St. Louis

Sun 13 Sep	B	Depart Chicago Union Station	#303	9:25 AM	
		Arrive Bloomington/Normal			11:39 AM
		Arrive Springfield			12:50 PM
		Arrive St Louis			3:00 PM

Breakfast

Our private train departs Chicago this morning for Central Illinois stations, ending in St. Louis. (B)

Miscellaneous

Important Note on Times & Feature

Details As the tour progresses Joe and Roger will regularly tell you Meal Times and any changes in Departure Times. There are blanks to fill in the meal times advised. Please be prompt! All included features and times are subject to change. Joe will advise you if there are any time changes to the schedule.



This is the largest bronze cast statue in the world of the iconic photo of the six Marines raising the flag on the top of Mount Suribachi

Weather Estimated highs will be in the mid-70s and lows in the mid-60s for all locations.

Tour Tips

Important information from American Rail Excursions

On behalf of all the crew aboard The History Train we are happy you have chosen to ride with us. We are extremely proud of the historical and painstakingly restored and maintained private passenger rail cars. You will be traveling aboard Royal Street, City of Angels and the Pacific Union rail cars.

In years past, first-class service aboard the premier trains of America was the rule, and included with your train ticket. Those regularly scheduled trains from years gone by have, unfortunately, vanished into history. You can still, however, relive those days of first-class service, superb cuisine, and comfortable appointments, aboard the fine family of privately owned railway cars American Rail Excursions, Inc. operates.

For a travel experience you will never forget, step away from the crowd and back into railroad's "Golden Age". Thank you for traveling with us aboard private rail cars that held some of the most prestigious positions on North America's most famous trains.

Please take a moment to review the important points listed below. This general information and the few safety tips will enhance even the seasoned rail traveler's journey.

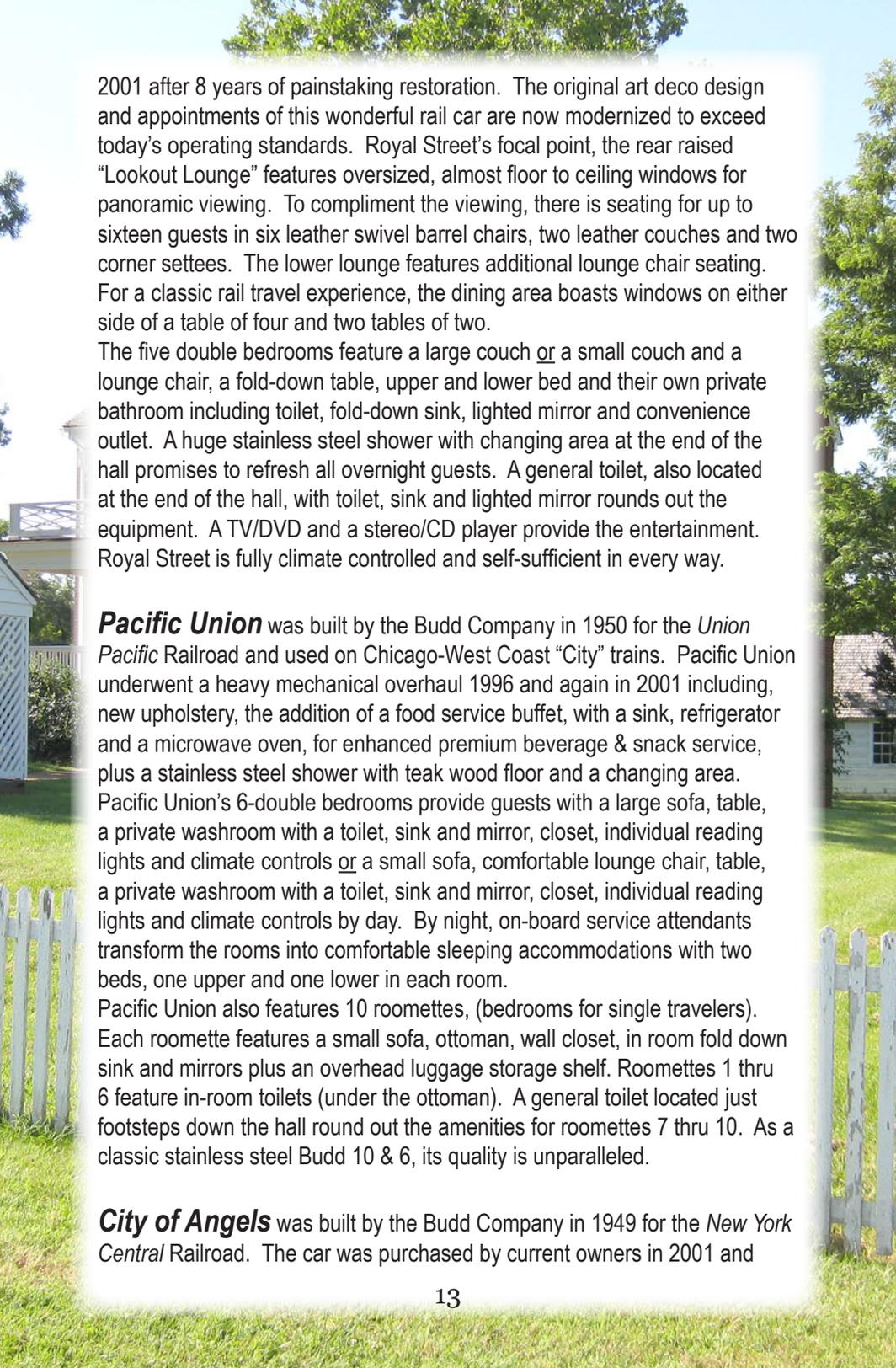
About your Luggage...

In St. Louis MO, Springfield IL, Bloomington-Normal IL, and Chicago IL our on-board staff will assist all passengers with their luggage when boarding our History Train. All luggage will be stored in your private accommodations. Personal items are not allowed to clutter walkways and areas open to other travelers. **A maximum of 2 small bags per person**, for example a 45" and a 36" (L+W+H) **and attach the included tags on each bag.**

About Our Rail cars...

Royal Street is a 1950 Pullman stainless steel sleeper/lounge/observation/round end tail car. Royal Street returned to the rails in March of





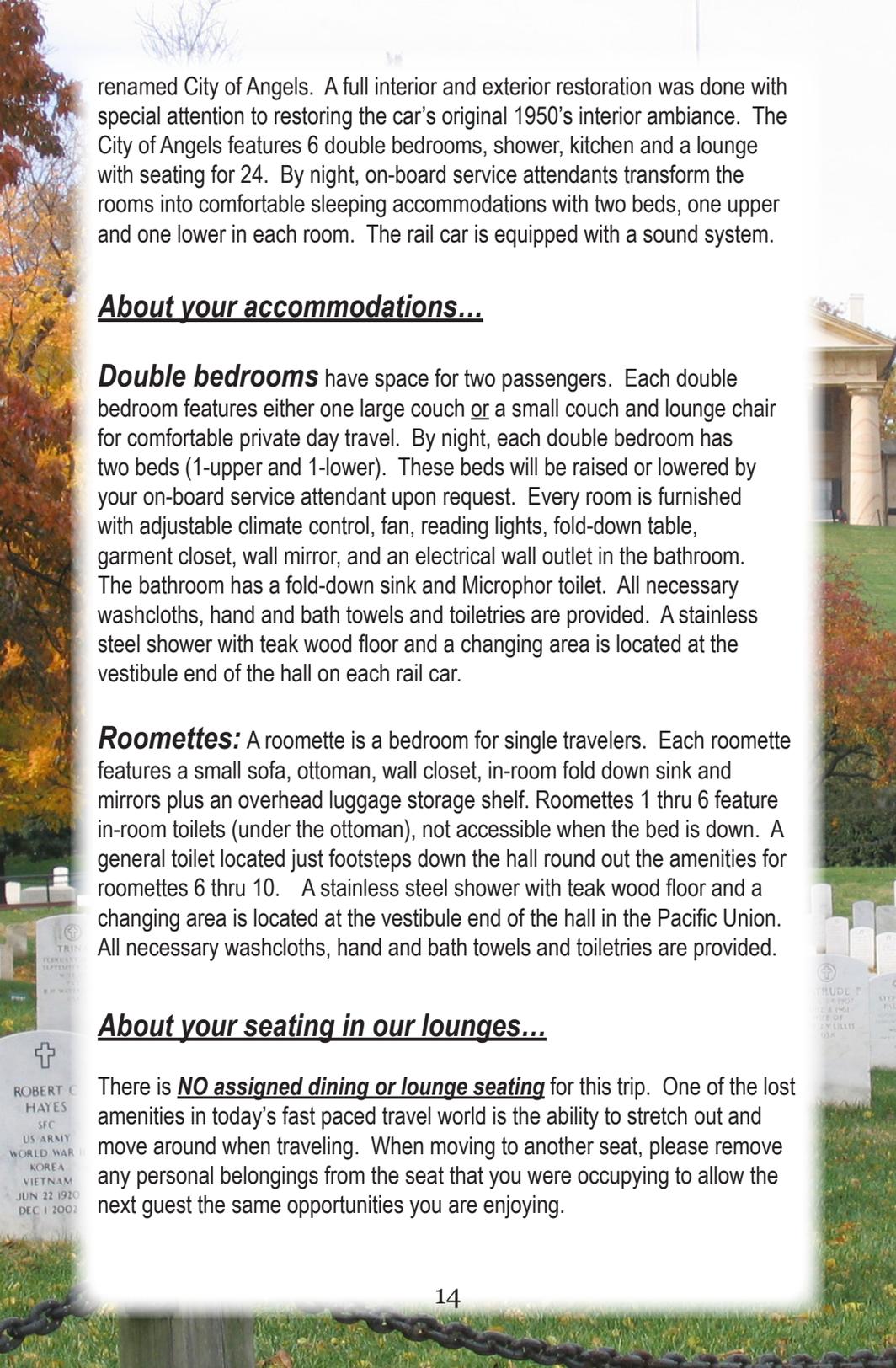
2001 after 8 years of painstaking restoration. The original art deco design and appointments of this wonderful rail car are now modernized to exceed today's operating standards. Royal Street's focal point, the rear raised "Lookout Lounge" features oversized, almost floor to ceiling windows for panoramic viewing. To compliment the viewing, there is seating for up to sixteen guests in six leather swivel barrel chairs, two leather couches and two corner settees. The lower lounge features additional lounge chair seating. For a classic rail travel experience, the dining area boasts windows on either side of a table of four and two tables of two.

The five double bedrooms feature a large couch or a small couch and a lounge chair, a fold-down table, upper and lower bed and their own private bathroom including toilet, fold-down sink, lighted mirror and convenience outlet. A huge stainless steel shower with changing area at the end of the hall promises to refresh all overnight guests. A general toilet, also located at the end of the hall, with toilet, sink and lighted mirror rounds out the equipment. A TV/DVD and a stereo/CD player provide the entertainment. Royal Street is fully climate controlled and self-sufficient in every way.

Pacific Union was built by the Budd Company in 1950 for the *Union Pacific* Railroad and used on Chicago-West Coast "City" trains. Pacific Union underwent a heavy mechanical overhaul 1996 and again in 2001 including, new upholstery, the addition of a food service buffet, with a sink, refrigerator and a microwave oven, for enhanced premium beverage & snack service, plus a stainless steel shower with teak wood floor and a changing area. Pacific Union's 6-double bedrooms provide guests with a large sofa, table, a private washroom with a toilet, sink and mirror, closet, individual reading lights and climate controls or a small sofa, comfortable lounge chair, table, a private washroom with a toilet, sink and mirror, closet, individual reading lights and climate controls by day. By night, on-board service attendants transform the rooms into comfortable sleeping accommodations with two beds, one upper and one lower in each room.

Pacific Union also features 10 roomettes, (bedrooms for single travelers). Each roomette features a small sofa, ottoman, wall closet, in room fold down sink and mirrors plus an overhead luggage storage shelf. Roomettes 1 thru 6 feature in-room toilets (under the ottoman). A general toilet located just footsteps down the hall round out the amenities for roomettes 7 thru 10. As a classic stainless steel Budd 10 & 6, its quality is unparalleled.

City of Angels was built by the Budd Company in 1949 for the *New York Central* Railroad. The car was purchased by current owners in 2001 and



renamed City of Angels. A full interior and exterior restoration was done with special attention to restoring the car's original 1950's interior ambiance. The City of Angels features 6 double bedrooms, shower, kitchen and a lounge with seating for 24. By night, on-board service attendants transform the rooms into comfortable sleeping accommodations with two beds, one upper and one lower in each room. The rail car is equipped with a sound system.

About your accommodations...

Double bedrooms have space for two passengers. Each double bedroom features either one large couch or a small couch and lounge chair for comfortable private day travel. By night, each double bedroom has two beds (1-upper and 1-lower). These beds will be raised or lowered by your on-board service attendant upon request. Every room is furnished with adjustable climate control, fan, reading lights, fold-down table, garment closet, wall mirror, and an electrical wall outlet in the bathroom. The bathroom has a fold-down sink and Microphor toilet. All necessary washcloths, hand and bath towels and toiletries are provided. A stainless steel shower with teak wood floor and a changing area is located at the vestibule end of the hall on each rail car.

Roomettes: A roomette is a bedroom for single travelers. Each roomette features a small sofa, ottoman, wall closet, in-room fold down sink and mirrors plus an overhead luggage storage shelf. Roomettes 1 thru 6 feature in-room toilets (under the ottoman), not accessible when the bed is down. A general toilet located just footsteps down the hall round out the amenities for roomettes 6 thru 10. A stainless steel shower with teak wood floor and a changing area is located at the vestibule end of the hall in the Pacific Union. All necessary washcloths, hand and bath towels and toiletries are provided.

About your seating in our lounges...

There is **NO assigned dining or lounge seating** for this trip. One of the lost amenities in today's fast paced travel world is the ability to stretch out and move around when traveling. When moving to another seat, please remove any personal belongings from the seat that you were occupying to allow the next guest the same opportunities you are enjoying.

About what to wear...

Our trip is casual. We suggest wearing comfortable clothing with sturdy, comfortable shoes, which must be worn at all times while on board our rail cars. For safety reasons, **No bare feet** outside of your room at any time, please. **Note:** Due to portions of our History Train being located in Amtrak's yard at some locations, we strongly recommend hard sole, closed toe shoes when alighting from our rail cars, to safely negotiate the rugged terrain. No flip-flops should be worn when passing from car to car.

About food and beverage service...

Food Service:

The History Train will feature included attended meal service as outlined in the itinerary. All times are local and approximate. All on-board meal service will be provided in the City of Angels and Royal Street. We ask that you rotate your dining from car to car. During meal times we ask that you do not travel between cars because the staff will be moving from car to car with food and drinks. A schedule of meal times will be posted in your room once you board the train.

Beverage & Snack Service:

Complimentary premium beverages and snacks will be served right to your seat in Royal Street's panoramic viewing "Lookout Lounge". To compliment the viewing, there is seating for up to sixteen guests in six leather swivel barrel chairs, two leather couches and two corner settees. The lower lounge features additional lounge chair seating plus two tables of two and one table of four. A plasma TV, DVD and a stereo/CD player provide the entertainment. Your favorite complimentary beverage and snack will be delivered right to your table, just ask! For those passengers wanting a more intimate setting, enjoy that special drink right in your room, served upon request, just ask your on-board attendant. Complimentary premium beverage service will be available at your table during meal times.

Lounge service concludes each evening at 11 PM local time.

On-board services include:

Snacks:

An assortment of snacks, chips, candies, etc. will be available to you at any time - just ask our on-board service attendant.

Beverages:

We have assembled an assortment of complimentary bottled water, soft drinks, juices, coffee, tea, beer, wine and limited mixed drinks for your enjoyment any time. We will gladly serve you at your seat or in our lounge areas - just ask your attendant.

About showers...

A shower/changing room is located at the vestibule end of Royal Street, Pacific Union and City of Angels. Our on-board service attendant will demonstrate how to properly use the shower. Please bring the bath towel provided in your room to the shower. Before you enter the shower, turn on the cold water first then gradually turn on the hot water to the desired temperature. The hot water poses a very real scalding danger, please use extreme caution. Please shower quickly as we only carry 500 gallons of water per car for everything and everyone while en route. If our rail cars are moving, please take care to hold on to the safety grab bars. Necessary toiletries are provided in the shower. When finished showering, **please return your towel and wash cloth to your room and hang up to dry for re-use later as it will not be possible to re-towel your room daily.** Please consider the next person when showering. If the shower in "your" car is occupied, you may choose to utilize the shower in another car if you wish. For safety reasons, shoes must be worn if traveling to another car. Please ask our on-board service attendant to review any or all of this information with you to insure your safety and comfort while aboard.

About our washrooms...

Toilet Operation:

Please allow our on-board service attendants to properly demonstrate the correct procedure for use of your toilets.

Please take great care when using the toilets aboard our rail cars, they are very sensitive. Please **DO NOT** put large amounts of solid waste and toilet paper together. Instead, please press the flush lever located on the wall or flush button once and hold for approximately 5 seconds, then release to allow the toilet to completely cycle. If necessary, repeat this



City of Angels' dining



Our private train cars parked near the State Capitol

process to flush the paper the second time. If you experience any problems, please call the on-board service attendant at once. **DO NOT** continue to flush or the toilet will overflow. **DO NOT** leave the toilet unattended until it has completely cycled off. Please refrain from discarding any feminine sanitary products in the toilets, as this will render the toilet useless for the duration of the trip. Our on-board service attendant will provide the necessary disposal items on request. In addition to the private in-room toilets, there is a general toilet located at the vestibule end of the Royal Street & Pacific Union.

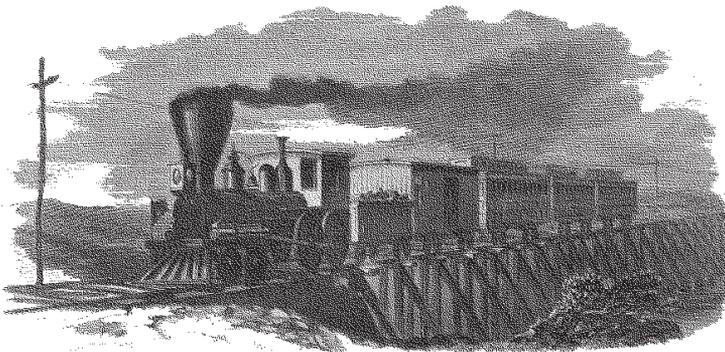
About entertainment...

Royal Street is equipped with a large screen TV for your viewing pleasure. There is also a stereo/cassette/CD player for your listening enjoyment.

Pacific Union is equipped with a stereo/cassette/CD player for your listening enjoyment.

Smoking policy...

Smoking is **not permitted** in any passenger car.



About safety...

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Enter or exit the rail cars **ONLY at an attended door**). Be sure to grasp the hand grab rails firmly and step up or down on a step box.
- When exiting the rail cars, be conscious of the surroundings i.e. steep ballast grade, adjoining rail tracks and trains, yard or stationary equipment workers or other travelers.
- If we are located next to any other parked railway equipment, be careful to stay clear. You never know when it might move, even while we are in the station.
- Before crossing any tracks, look both ways, listen carefully and then cross stepping over the rail with firm footing. While we are parked anywhere, the adjacent tracks are **LIVE AND ACTIVE**. Please use extreme caution and only cross the tracks at the crossing. There are **NO WARNING DEVICES** whatsoever! Please use extreme caution.
- **DO NOT** open the Dutch Door in the vestibule when our train is moving.
- **NEVER** extend arms, legs or other extremities outside the rail cars at any time
- Please wear good sturdy shoes at all times! Please do not wear open-toed shoes, excessively-high heels or sandals for safety reasons while rail cars are in motion. Take special care when crossing from car to car. Step over the buffer plates (the point the railcars are coupled together) while holding on to the handrails
- Please stay seated, whenever possible, when the train is in motion.
- When moving about the railcars, stabilize yourself by walking with legs further apart and by gripping hand rails or seat backs.
- Never lean against outside doors or windows.
- Each railcar is outfitted with smoke detectors and have marked cabinets containing fire extinguishers and emergency tools. Please familiarize yourself with their location.
- In an emergency requiring escape from the railcars, special Emergency Exit windows are located in the rail cars. These windows are identified by an Emergency Exit sign and a Red Emergency Release Handle. **In an Emergency Only** - pull this red bar, which will remove the window gasket allowing the window to fall out. **DO NOT** touch this handle unless an emergency has been declared. Once released, these windows cannot be reinstalled.
- Our crew will instruct you in the unlikely event an emergency arises.

- In case of a medical emergency aboard the railcars, immediately contact any of the on-board staff. Emergency radio contact will be established thru the Amtrak operating crew and the nearest emergency response team will be summoned. If hospitalization is required, the patient will be removed from the train and taken to the nearest hospital or medical center for treatment. Regrettably, the train will continue on its trip, once released by the authorities, and the patient will remain behind.

About security...

Although we have a closed group, please do not leave valuables out in the open.

About gratuities...

The American Rail Excursions, Inc. on-board service staff usually pools tips at the end of the trip. Please give your tip envelope to Roger, the Trainmaster, and he will distribute among the workers. Because this is a frequently asked question, we recommend the industry guideline of \$15 per day per traveler; \$150 total. Tipping is at your discretion should you wish to tip a certain staff server more. We have prepaid the tips for all of the Guides and Motor Coach Drivers.

About having a good time...

Ultimately, that's up to you. American Rail Excursions, Inc. strives to give you an extra measure of service on-board. Think of this trip as a rail adventure - an exciting experience that, while not as predictable as the weather, will have plenty of fun and camaraderie for all.

FYI...

Tour Group Planners has worked hard in putting together this unique trip and we hope you enjoy it. If you have any questions we have not covered or need clarification please call the Tour Group Planners office at 217-422-5002 Monday thru Friday 8:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

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