



## America's Scenic Railways & Parks

May 8 - 21, 2025

\$8,950 per guest (double)    \$10,750 per guest (single)



### Tour Includes:

- Ride America's most classic trains!
- Pacific Surfliner – San Diego to San Luis Obispo
- California Zephyr – Davis to Elko
- Rocky Mountaineer Silver Leaf Service – Moab to Denver
- 2 nights in Mission Bay, San Diego
- 2 nights oceanfront at The Cliffs Lodge – Pismo Beach, CA
- 2 nights riverfront at Yosemite View Lodge
- 1 night lakefront at Lake Tahoe, Sunnyside Lodge
- 2 nights riverfront at Moab's Red Cliffs Lodge
- 1-night stays in Davis, CA; Elko, NV; Glenwood Springs, CO; and Denver
- Yosemite, Arches & Canyonlands National Park
- Dead Horse Point State Park
- Wineries, beaches, the Sierra Nevada, and more
- All meals, full menu where available
- All attractions, guides & activities
- Escorted by Globe Treks tour manager
- Home pick-up service & luggage handling

Embark on a Two-Week Journey Filled with Natural Beauty, Luxury Travel, and Three of America's Most Scenic Railways! Start in San Diego with two nights on Mission Bay, enjoying sun and surf. Travel aboard the California Surfliner to Pismo Beach, where you'll stay at the stunning Cliffs Lodge, and explore local wineries and beaches. Next, journey to Yosemite National Park for two nights at Yosemite View Lodge, with rooms overlooking the Merced River. Explore Yosemite's majestic cliffs, waterfalls, and giant sequoias, including a tram ride through Mariposa Grove.

Then, board the California Zephyr to Lake Tahoe, where you'll stay lakeside at Sunnyside Lodge, surrounded by alpine beauty. Continue your adventure to Elko, Nevada, to learn about mining history before heading to Red Cliffs Lodge near Moab for two nights. Discover the dramatic landscapes of Canyonlands, Arches, and Dead Horse Point State Parks, and enjoy a sunset cruise on the Colorado River.

Finish your trip aboard the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer from Moab to Denver, with overnights in historic Glenwood Springs and Denver. This once-in-a-lifetime adventure combines stunning landscapes, luxurious accommodations, and scenic train rides for an unforgettable experience!

**INCLUDED:** Round-trip airfare into San Diego International Airport (SAN) on May 8 and out of Denver International Airport (DEN) on May 21.

*Globe Treks Explorer Tour limited to maximum of 13 guests  
(Prices and itinerary subject to change)*

# America's Scenic Railways & Parks Day by Day Itinerary

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## Day 1: West Coast Flight

A Globe Treks representative picks you up at your home for a seamless start to your journey. After a continental breakfast en route, transfer to Charlotte for your flight to vibrant San Diego. Upon arrival, check into a luxurious resort on Mission Bay, where the tranquil waters and swaying palms create the perfect setting for the start of your adventure. Enjoy an evening soaking up the Pacific surf, with the calming sound of ocean waves and a relaxed dinner at the resort.

## Day 2: San Diego's Highlights

Discover the coastal charm of San Diego on a private guided tour. Wander through the historic Gaslamp Quarter, where Victorian-era buildings house vibrant boutiques and restaurants. Continue to Balboa Park, with its lush gardens, Spanish Revival architecture, and world-class museums, including the stunning San Diego Museum of Art. Step back in time at Old Town, where California's early history comes alive in preserved adobe buildings. After a delightful lunch, board a narrated harbor cruise, taking in panoramic views of the city skyline, the sparkling marina, and the majestic Coronado Bridge. Wrap up the day with a delicious dinner as ocean breezes and the sunset over the bay provide the perfect ending to your exploration.

## Day 3: Pacific Surfliner to Pismo Beach

Board the Pacific Surfliner, a train renowned for its scenic route along the California coastline. As you travel north in first class, the vast blue Pacific Ocean meets dramatic cliffs and miles of pristine beaches, while charming seaside towns pass by. Upon arrival in San Luis Obispo, transfer by motorcoach to Pismo Beach, where you'll spend the next two nights at The Cliffs Lodge. Perched high above the rugged coastline, this stunning resort offers sweeping views of the ocean, dramatic bluffs, and soft, sandy beaches below. Relax and unwind as you take in the breathtaking Pacific sunset, painting the sky in hues of orange and pink.

## Day 4: Beaches and Wineries of Pismo Beach

Spend the morning exploring the natural beauty of Pismo Beach. Walk along the soft sands of the beach, where waves crash rhythmically against the shore and towering cliffs form a striking backdrop. Then, venture into the nearby Edna Valley, a hidden gem for wine lovers. The valley is home to rolling vineyards where boutique wineries produce exceptional wines. Tour the vineyards, learn about the winemaking process, and savor the local varieties before returning to the resort for an afternoon at leisure, soaking in the sun and sea breeze.

## Day 5: Majestic Yosemite National Park

Travel inland to Yosemite National Park, one of the world's most iconic natural wonders. Begin at Mariposa Grove, where ancient sequoias stand as silent giants, their towering trunks and expansive canopies awe-inspiring. Weather permitting, embark on an open-air tram tour of the grove, learning about these ancient trees and their role in the ecosystem. Afterward, descend into Yosemite Valley, where awe-inspiring views of granite monoliths like El Capitan and Half Dome await. The thunderous roar of waterfalls, like Yosemite Falls, cascades from the cliffs above. Check into the Yosemite View Lodge, just outside the park boundary, situated along the Merced River, where you can enjoy a drink on your room's porch overlooking the roaring river.

## Day 6: Yosemite's Iconic Landscapes

Today, immerse yourself further in the grandeur of Yosemite. Explore iconic sites like Bridal Veil Falls, with its misty veil of water sparkling in the sun, and Curry Village, nestled beneath towering granite cliffs. Stroll through meadows framed by the majesty of El Capitan and other granite peaks, and relax by the river's edge, taking in the peaceful surroundings. In the afternoon, visit the Yosemite Visitor Center, where exhibits help bring the park's history and geology to life. Enjoy another delightful dinner at your lodge, accompanied by the sounds of the Merced River rushing by.

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## Day 7: Gold Rush History in Davis

Venture out to the historic Gold Rush town of Old Sacramento, where wooden boardwalks and well-preserved buildings transport you back to California's pioneer days. Enjoy lunch in the vibrant district, steeped in the history of the Gold Rush era. Continue to UC Davis, where the serene Arboretum and Public Garden await. This tranquil escape showcases a diverse range of California's flora, offering the perfect backdrop for a leisurely walk among the trees, flowers, and waterways.

## Day 8: California Zephyr to Lake Tahoe

Board the legendary California Zephyr, one of the most scenic train rides in America. As the train ascends into the Sierra Nevada, marvel at the snow-capped peaks, lush forests, and sparkling rivers that stretch as far as the eye can see. The journey culminates in the alpine beauty of Lake Tahoe, where you'll check into Sunnyside Lodge, a lakeside retreat offering spectacular views of the lake and surrounding mountains. Spend the afternoon exploring Emerald Bay, where the deep blue waters of the lake reflect the surrounding peaks. Learn about the history of Palisades Tahoe, home to the 1960 Winter Olympics, before enjoying a relaxing dinner by the lake.

## Day 9: California Zephyr to Elko, Nevada

Continue aboard the California Zephyr as it winds through Nevada's vast landscapes, passing desert plains and rugged mountains. Arrive in Elko, a gateway to the wild expanses of Nevada. Delve into the region's mining history and learn about the pioneers who traversed this rugged terrain, shaping the state's rich cultural heritage.

## Day 10: Through the Desert to Moab

Travel across Nevada's stark, desert landscapes by motorcoach and enjoy Utah's striking red rock country. Stop for a scenic lunch in Spanish Flat before continuing to Moab, a town surrounded by some of the most dramatic and breathtaking landscapes in the American West. Check into the Red Cliffs Lodge, an iconic resort along the Colorado River, with views of red sandstone cliffs rising dramatically in the distance. Enjoy a hearty dinner, followed by an evening under the vast desert sky.

## Day 11: Canyonlands and Dead Horse Point

Explore the untamed landscapes of Canyonlands National Park, where the mighty Colorado and Green Rivers have carved deep canyons, mesas, and spires over millions of years. With a private guide, discover the park's geological wonders, enjoy a picnic lunch, and learn about its history. Continue to Dead Horse Point State Park, where sweeping vistas provide a unique perspective of the canyonlands below. Enjoy an unforgettable cowboy cookout, followed by a scenic light show and a boat cruise, where the canyon walls glow under the setting sun.

## Day 12: Arches National Park and Rocky Mountaineer

Meet your private guide to explore Arches National Park, where over 2,000 natural stone arches stand as testaments to the erosive power of wind and water. Visit highlights like the iconic Delicate Arch and the Windows Section. Learn about the park's unique geological and cultural history. After lunch and shopping in Moab, board the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer, embarking on a scenic journey to Glenwood Springs. Enjoy SilverLeaf Service's gourmet meals and panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes.

## Day 13: Glenwood Springs to Denver via Rocky Mountaineer

Continue your journey aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, winding through the dramatic peaks of the Rocky Mountains, passing lush valleys, rushing rivers, and alpine meadows. Arrive in Denver, where you'll celebrate the conclusion of your adventure with a festive farewell banquet near your Denver airport hotel.

## Day 14: Return Home

Fly from Denver to Charlotte, where a Globe Treks representative will ensure your safe return home. Reflect on two unforgettable weeks of breathtaking natural wonders, iconic train journeys, and shared camaraderie.

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