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RAIL TOUR EXPRESS NEWSLETTER NO 52
DATED THURSDAY JUNE 8, 2012
WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

OUR PROFESSIONAL STAFF HAS OVER 135 YEARS OF COMBINED
EXPERIENCE RUNNING RAIL RELATED TOURS IN 48 COUNTRIES

NEW ENGLAND FALL
COLORS RAIL SPECTACULAR

October 6-16, 2012
IS NOW A SURE-GO!





Click on the link below to take a look at the detailed information page with full day by day Itinerary and prices

<http://www.traintrips.biz/new-england-fall-colors-rail-spectacular-2012.html>

GRAND CANYON LIMITED

MAY 14-19, 2012

Wow-WHAT A FANTASTIC ADVENTURE

**OUR TRAIN RAN & IT WAS A BIG CHALLENGE
OUR STAFF PUT IN A LOT OF
LONG & HARD HOURS TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS**

Watch for photos and articles that will come out next month in many of the railroad related magazines such as Trains, Passenger Train Journal, and Railfan & Railroad. Train Web has just posted Day 1 of our excursion. Click on the link below to take a look:

<http://www.trainweb.org/richard/GCL/GCL.html>

BY WAYS OF CALIFORNIA AND OREGON

July 30-August 4, 2012

***PRICES HAVE NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED
AND POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE***

ALL BY CHARTER TRAIN

FEATHER RIVER CANYON

FORMER WP HIGHLINE

BNSF INSIDE GATEWAY

DESCHUTES RIVER CANYON

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

CASCADE ROUTE

MT. SHASTA ROUTE

SACRAMENTO RIVER CANYON

This is yet another unique tour aboard a *special train* of vintage private cars that will appeal to all rail oriented travelers. This trip will be limited to a *maximum of 45 guests*, all of whom will have deluxe overnight accommodations aboard our special train. The excursion route will include the freight only Feather River Canyon, The Highline, The Inside Gateway, Deschutes River Canyon, Oregon side (UP) Columbia River Gorge, Cascades in daylight, around Mt. Shasta in daylight and the Sacramento River Canyon.

<http://www.traintrips.biz/by-ways-of-california-and-oregon.html>

NATIONAL PARKS OF THE WEST

August 10-19, 2012

**HAS BEEN APPROVED BY AMTRAK & UNION PACIFIC
JUST WAITING ON THE PRICES FROM AMTRAK**

This unique 10-day Amtrak *special train* using vintage private cars is sure to please! On our journey we'll visit some of the most spectacular parks in the western United States. Our home base for this remarkable journey will be our sleeping cars, and our train will get as close to the parks we'll visit as it's presently possible to get by rail. This excursion will run over freight only lines including the UP mainline through Las Vegas, Nevada and Cedar City, Utah, the Lynndyl Cutoff, West Yellowstone line to Ashton, Idaho and the scenic Feather River Canyon. This is all very rare mileage. ***This tour is limited to 45 guests*** We are waiting now for final railroad and Amtrak approval. We are also considering moving this tour to September in order to take in the Fall Colors. If you would like to be placed on our interest list please send us an e mail. More details will be announced soon.

<http://www.traintrips.biz/national-parks-of-the-west.html>

DINNER AT HEARST CASTLE

October 11-12, 2012

ALMOST SOLD OUT-BOOK NOW

Experience what it was like to be an honored guest of William Randolph Hearst! This exclusive overnight getaway includes travel from Los Angeles to the region and back in vintage private railcars, a private catered dinner at Hearst Castle and *special behind-the-scenes tour* personally conducted by the Museum Director. Also included is lodging in a deluxe oceanfront resort in San Simeon, and a short wine-tasting tour prior to re boarding your private railcar in Paso Robles. Aboard the private cars you'll be pampered by our professional staff who will provide luncheon, hors d'Oeuvres and dinner prepared for you fresh in our kitchen, as well as our complimentary bar.

<http://www.traintrips.biz/dinner-at-hearst-castle.html>

PRIVATE RAIL CAR POSITIONING MOVES

4 Positioning Moves between June and December 2012

USING THE

SILVER SOLARIUM-SILVER LARIAT-SILVER RAPIDS

CROSS COUNTRY EASTBOUND

June 27-July 1, 2012

SURE GO

See America as it was meant to be seen! Enjoy the ambiance of Silver Solarium's observation lounge and Vista-Dome as we travel the magnificent California Zephyr route from Emeryville to Chicago, then proceed on to Washington DC on Amtrak's Cardinal. The Cardinal departs Chicago at 5:45 PM so you have the day to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Windy City. You can use the private rail cars as your hotel in Chicago. Because of popular demand we have now added the Silver Rapids Pullman sleeper to this excursion. Prices include bedroom accommodations, meals prepared fresh on board and our bar, which features premium labels of beer, wine, and spirits.

CROSS COUNTRY WESTBOUND

July 9-12, 2012

SURE GO

This unique trip will take you from Washington DC to Chicago, Los Angeles, and on to Oakland on a six-day trip you're sure to fondly remember for years to come! Guests will enjoy overnight accommodations aboard Silver Solarium, and our companion sleeper, Silver Rapids. You'll enjoy meals cooked fresh aboard our cars, and of course our bar, featuring premium labels of beer, wine, and spirits.

We'll take the Capitol Limited from Washington to Chicago, where it will arrive mid-morning. You'll have the rest of the day, plus the entire morning of the next day to explore the Windy City before we re board the cars for their trip to Los Angeles on the Southwest Chief. You can use our cars as your hotel while in Chicago. We'll arrive Los Angeles just after breakfast, and you'll have the day to explore the hub of Southern California.

Next morning, we head to Oakland on the Coast Starlight, and its 103 miles of central California coastline, much of which cannot be seen except by train or boat.

OAKLAND TO SEATTLE

November 27-28, 2012

SURE GO

Board the Vista-Domes and Silver Solarium and Silver Lariat as they make their annual trek to Seattle, WA to participate in the Leavenworth Snow Trains. Our cars will be added to Amtrak's Coast Starlight train #14. Board at either Jack London Square or Emeryville for a glorious daytime ride over the Oregon Cascades and along the Willamette and Columbia Rivers as we make our way to Seattle. Includes overnight accommodations aboard Silver Solarium and breakfast, luncheon, hors d'Oeuvres and dinner en route as well as our complimentary bar.

SEATTLE-OAKLAND-LOS ANGELES

December 23-24, 2012

Board the Vista Domes Silver Solarium and Silver Lariat as they return from Seattle. Our cars will be added to Amtrak's Coast Starlight train #11. Board at Seattle King St Station for a daytime ride along Puget Sound and the Columbia and Willamette Rivers in early winter light. Night falls as we climb the Oregon Cascades where with luck we'll be treated to heavy wet snow blanketing the trees in a storybook setting. Includes overnight accommodations aboard Silver Solarium and breakfast, luncheon, hors d'Oeuvres and dinner en route as well as our complimentary bar. Oakland and Los Angeles fares are the same.

<http://www.traintrips.biz/positioning-moves.html>

REMAINING 2012 TOURS WITH SPACE AVAILABLE

CLICK ON A TOUR NAME FOR THE DETAILS

**GOLDEN EAGLE TRANS-
SIBERIAN EXPRESS**
6 departures between May &
September -Tourist

**INDONESIA-DIESELS IN
PARADISE**
June 23-July 7, 2012 -Railfan

CASPIAN ODYSSEY
Tourist
October 27-November 8, 2012

**NEW ZEALAND MAINLINE
STEAM ADVENTURE**
Tourist/Railfan
October 11-30, 2012

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF RHODES
Tourist/Railfan
October 13-28, 2012

THE NAADAM FESTIVAL
Tourist
July 1-13, 2012 Eastbound
July 10-22, 2012 Westbound

**BEST OF IRELAND, ENGLAND,
WALES, AND SCOTLAND**
August 4-28, 2012 -Tourist

THE SILK ROAD
Tourist
4 departures in 2012

WE INVITE YOU TO COME VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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