



CRUISING by RAIL



Cruising by Rail is planning to have cars join the AAPRCO special train to Portland Maine for the 37th annual convention of the American Association of Private Railcar Owners. The association will be operating a special train to the convention which will offer some spectacular opportunities to ride over rails that are not served by the current Amtrak system. Many special events will be planned in conjunction with the convention. The Maine narrow gauge Railway and the L.L. Bean store are just two of them.

Here is some preliminary planning information, which is subject to change:

We will depart Tucson Arizona on Thursday evening September 11 travelling via the Sunset Limited to Los Angeles. We will have a free day in Los Angeles for seeing the sights, ride the light rail; ride the surf liner to San Diego or perhaps a short trip to San Pedro to see the battleship Iowa. Departure Friday evening will take us to Chicago on the route of the Southwest Chief with arrival on Sunday afternoon. The special departing Chicago on Thursday September 18 will have us travelling east over the former Nickel Plate Railroad with our first stop in Cleveland Ohio. Day 2 takes us on the former Nickel Plate Railroad to Buffalo. From Buffalo we will ride the Norfolk Southern's southern tier route (formerly the Erie Railroad) to our overnight stop in Binghamton N.Y. Day three will have us travelling the old Lackawanna Route to Syracuse where we junction to the ex – New York Central line to Rotterdam. Departing Rotterdam we ride the Pan Am Railroad, ex- Boston and Maine to our stop in Portland. Since this will be an AAPRCO sponsored special train, all passengers must be a member of AAPRCO or the guest of an AAPRCO member and registered for the convention. Passengers will be able to board at any Amtrak stop between Los Angeles and Chicago. Convention activities will be held September 22 – 24. Our special train will depart on September 25 with a destination of Springfield, Mass. We will return to the regular Amtrak routes with departure from Springfield on the Lake Shore arriving Chicago the morning of September 27. We will depart on the City of New Orleans September 28 to New Orleans. We will have 2 days of rest in New Orleans departing Wednesday October 1. Arrival in Tucson will be Thursday evening October 2nd. The special train routing is only the plan and has not yet been approved by the railroads. If you have any interest in travelling with us you will receive all the updates.

We currently plan to take the Jane Marie and the Vista Canyon. These cars can be viewed in the “cars for charter” tab on our website at www.cruisingbyrail.com

A phone call or email to let me know of your interest will be your temporary reservation.

Price per person – double occupancy - \$ 8,750.00
Deposit of \$2,500.00 per person required prior to June 15, 2014
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