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## Enjoy These Incredible Train Rides in the U.S.

If your family is looking for a new adventure this summer, how about seeing some of America's beauty from a train? There are plenty of routes—short and long—that allow travelers to enjoy the magic of train travel while seeing some incredible scenery.

Swipe through to learn about American train rides.



## **Coast Starlight**

See highlights of the Pacific Northwest in Washington, Oregon and California on this route between Seattle and Los Angeles. From the snow-covered peaks of the Cascades to the Pacific Ocean shoreline, the Coast Starlight offers a tour through the West Coast's most breathtaking vistas.



### **Alaska Railroad Coastal Classic**

Enjoy jaw-dropping views of Alaska's backcountry wilderness as the train winds along the Turnagain Arm waterway through the Kenai Peninsula. You'll be wowed by the beauty of huge glaciers and towering waterfalls.





## **Great Smoky Mountains Railroad**

This railroad offers numerous excursions from Bryson City, North Carolina. Passengers can choose steam or diesel locomotives and various classes of service. You'll get an up-close view of the Smoky Mountains National Park, Nantahala National Forest, Fontana Lake, and more.



## **Empire Builder**

Take a 46-hour journey from Chicago to Portland or Seattle, along major portions of the Lewis and Clark Trail. Follow the footsteps of early pioneers as you take in the Mississippi River, the nighttime skyline of Minneapolis, and the plains of North Dakota. See Montana's Big Sky country before heading to Spokane, Washington, and on to Portland or Seattle.





## California Zephyr

Travel from Chicago's famed Union Station to the San Francisco Bay Area through the Great Plains, the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada on Amtrak's California Zephyr. This stunning, multi-day journey shows off the best of America's geographical diversity.



## **Grand Canyon Railway**

This historic railroad journey takes passengers from Williams, Arizona, to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. It's a 64-mile journey that features western musicians and cowboy characters on vintage rail cars. You'll travel through desert, prairies and pine forests on your way to one of the most spectacular sights on the planet.