



Let's Take The Train!

November 1, 2019 Update

Now that registration for the Convention in Bellevue is open, I want to remind everyone interested in a fun (affordable) Grand West Coast Train Adventure to Washington that we need to get a group together to make a group purchase(s) soon to ensure the best rate and upper level. Our mission now is to organize who wants to be in a group purchase for those leaving from the various stations. For example, Marysville-Yuba City is departing from the Chico Station. Rates/options discussed below are as of today. Once we get an approximate number of train travelers, I will contact the Grand Hyatt (venue) for shuttle information to the hotel once we arrive on Tuesday evening.

Depart **Sacramento Station** to Seattle Monday, 7/20/20

Value Fare (description below) **One way** to Seattle - **\$53.55 / Round Trip - \$107.10**, or my choice

- **Round trip**, Value Fare to Seattle (\$53.55) +, return Business Class Fare (description below) from Seattle (\$148.45) - **\$202 Total**

Return Sunday, July 26, 2020

Depart **Chico Station** to Seattle Tuesday, 7/21/20

Value Fare (description below) **One way** to Seattle - **\$49.35 / Round Trip - \$98.70**, or my choice

- **Round trip**, Value Fare to Seattle (\$49.35) +, return Business Class Fare (description below) from Seattle (\$136.65) - **\$186 Total**

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Depart **Redding Station** to Seattle Tuesday, 7/21/20

Value Fare (description below) **One way** to Seattle - **\$45.15 / Round Trip - \$90.30**, or my choice

- **Round trip**, Value Fare to Seattle (\$45.15) +, return Business Class Fare (description below) from Seattle (\$124.85) - **\$170 Total**

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Depart **Dunsmuir Station** to Seattle Tuesday, 7/21/20

Value Fare (description below) **One way** to Seattle - **\$42 / Round Trip - \$84**, or my choice

- **Round trip**, Value Fare to Seattle (\$42) +, return Business Class Fare (description below) from Seattle (\$116) - **\$158 Total**

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If someone departing from the Sacramento Station, and someone departing from the Redding Station, and someone departing from the Dunsmuir Station is able to step up and organize the group ticket purchase for a station, below is how I am handling the Chico Station buy.

I will make a purchase for a group of 6 (or more) **departing from the Chico Station**, with the Value Fare, One Way to Seattle. I realize some of our group will be flying back, so only One Way Fare would be purchased for them. Because I'd like to upgrade to Business Class Fare coming back, I will additionally purchase the return trip tickets for a group of 4 (or more) on Business Class Fare at the same time and again, more than four great; the more we have the better the cost and fun. If we get a group of 6 or more together who want to take Value Fare Round Trip, and not 3 people to join me in business class, I'll forgo the luxury. Either way,

- I need to receive your payment by November 22nd (or make arrangements with me) as that's when I'd like to purchase our tickets to ensure we are together in the upper level, at the best rate.
- Perhaps your club treasurer can write one check to me for your group, and individuals can reimburse their club (some clubs may have their travel paid for by the club anyway).

- Along with your payment, you need to provide me with the name on your ID you'll be traveling with.
- Let me know if you're a senior.
- Send payment (checks payable to) and note in Memo/Notes portion:
 - **Lisa Fitzgerald**, RE: Train, 1353 Filbert Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Here's how it works. We would take the total amount of the ticket purchase, and divide by the number of tickets:

- Passenger 1 – full price
- Passenger 2 – 15% off full price
- Passenger 3 – 60% off full price
- Passenger 4 – 70% off full price
- Passenger 5 – 70% off full price
- Passenger 6 – 70% off full price

Guide to Fares

We have selected the following fares for our size/rate as this is where we get the most value, and both have "No Change Fees" in case someone pays, and needs to find a replacement. Once the tickets are purchased, our Soroptimist group will not issue refunds.

Value Fare (to Seattle July 21st or Sacramento departs July 20)

Value Fares are available on all Amtrak routes... Like Saver Fares, the availability of Value Fares is limited. While reserved coach seating is available on our long distance routes and many trains that travel short/medium distance routes, the train cars are different depending on where a train travels, so some of the amenities are different as well. Accessible seating for passengers with mobility impairments is available on all trains.

Short/medium-distance trains offer reserved coach seating featuring wide, comfortable reclining seats with ample legroom for your comfort. You'll find a fold-down tray, individual reading light and 120v electric outlets right at your seat. Reserved coach seats on single-level/Viewliner trains and bi-level Superliner trains that travel on long distance routes have all these amenities, but let you stretch out even more, with extra legroom, foot rests, leg rests, and even curtains at your seat. Famous for the bi-level sleeping cars, the Superliner trains also offer coach seats on both levels. While most passengers ride in the upper level for a panoramic view of the passing scenery, the lower level coach seats provide the convenience of well-appointed restrooms within the car. Advance reservations (by train, not by individual seat) are required.

Business Fares (from Seattle July 26th)

Coast Starlight Business Class Seat

With spacious, comfortable seats, you can fold down your extra-large tray table, plug in to an at-seat power outlet and get to work. When you need to take a break, just recline, stretch out your legs and relax. For passengers who use wheeled mobility devices, there's space to park and remain in your device during the trip (lockdown devices are not available). Business Class seats are in a separate car that's typically located near the front of the train or other location that reduces the amount of foot traffic up and down the aisle.

Extra Perks to Enhance Your Journey

Upgrade to Business Class on the Coast Starlight for a small fee and receive a complimentary bottle of water and an onboard credit to redeem toward the purchase of a meal, snack or beverage in the Dining Car or Lounge. You'll also receive complimentary access to the Metropolitan Lounge in Los Angeles and Portland. Don't forget — Amtrak Guest Rewards members earn a 25% point bonus for traveling in Business Class.

Business Class offers an affordable, enhanced travel experience on many of our trains across the country. While the specific features vary by train, many include extra legroom and complimentary non-alcoholic drinks. All Business Class seats are located in a dedicated car or section of the train. And to make it even more rewarding, Amtrak Guest Rewards members earn a 25% qualifying point bonus for Business Class travel.

We're going to make this a true A Grand West Coast Train Adventure and hope you'll join in the fun. It has been suggested we plan a Murder Mystery..I'm thinking Murder on the Starlight Express...

Please run this in your club's Eblast, newsletter and announce at club. Do contact me for more information, or to let me know you're planning to take the train, departing from Chico's Station.

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