

Groups who travel Amtrak get person-to-person treatment.

When your group travels Amtrak, you can expect the very best service — in our stations and on board our trains. Our approach to group travel is not to look at a group as a bunch of people who have to be transported from one point to another. Instead, we treat you like a group of individuals who deserve individual service. So expect person-to-person treatment from our field representatives, conductors, porters, — everyone associated with Amtrak.



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Group travel by train?

When you've got the questions, Amtrak has the answers.



Q1. Our group's been on dozens of outings. We never traveled by train before. Why should we start now?

ANSWER. Because Amtrak offers the best value for your group travel dollar. Any public carrier can transport large numbers of people. But no one compares to Amtrak for

satisfying the needs of people who travel in groups — civic, social, fraternal, church, youth, or any other types of groups. When you combine our economy and convenience with our comfort and unique group travel capabilities, Amtrak is better equipped to accommodate groups than any other public carrier.



Amtrak can take your group almost anywhere in the U.S.A. We serve most major U.S. cities and offer you more than 475 destinations to choose from. In short, Amtrak goes to all the places and attractions that interest your group, no matter what your interests may be.



Q2. That's a new outlook. Specifically, what can train travel offer us that other kinds of travel can't?



ANSWER. Amtrak enables you to do the two things group members like to do most — stay together as a group the entire time you're with Amtrak, and socialize. For instance, some of our coach cars are equipped with seats that face each other. You can chat in pairs, or make it a foursome.

Q3. Are the seats comfortable?

ANSWER. You bet. They offer lots of leg room, and they're reclining, too.



Q4. Sounds good. What else have you got?

ANSWER. Lots of room, for one thing. We know your group members will enjoy our spacious snack cars and bar lounges, where they can hold an impromptu meeting over drinks or snacks.



Q5. Can we get more than just a snack aboard your trains?

ANSWER. In many cases you'll be able to order complete meals. Many Amtrak trains are equipped with restaurant-style dining cars, so your group members will be able to dine leisurely.



Q6. How easy is it to get a whole group of people with a lot of luggage to board an Amtrak train?

ANSWER. It's really quite effortless. Amtrak station service personnel are alerted at least ten days before your group reaches an Amtrak station, so they can meet you and offer assistance. In many cases, you'll be able to store your carry-on luggage on board, in our overhead racks. Or your baggage will be checked through to your destination by our station service personnel.

Q7. What are your stations like?

ANSWER. We have comfortable, modern stations in the major cities we serve. And, for your convenience, we're making improvements in many of our present stations. What's more, we're currently building new stations in many localities.



Q8. Is there shuttle transportation to and from your stations?

ANSWER. There are numerous limousine services and tour operators who specialize in shuttle transportation. Amtrak will put you in touch with a reliable organization, so that you may make your arrangements directly. Or you can ask a travel agent to arrange shuttle transportation for you.

Q9. Will you make hotel reservations for us?

ANSWER. Most of our group travelers prefer to have a travel agent make their hotel reservations. If your group is not accustomed to dealing with a specific travel agent, Amtrak would be happy to recommend a reliable one near you.

Q10. Okay, we've heard about Amtrak comfort and convenience, but what about the cost?

ANSWER. Group travel with Amtrak is surprisingly low in cost. Groups of 15 or more persons save at least 25 per cent on regular round-trip coach fare, and 15 per cent on regular one-way fare. All children ages 2 to 11, who are in a group, travel for one-half Amtrak's adult group fare. Additional provisions for tour escorts are available under certain conditions.

Q11. Do your group rates apply to travel on all Amtrak trains?

ANSWER. Our group rates always apply to travel on all of our conventional trains and our new Amfleet trains. Group rate tickets do not apply to Amtrak Metroliners.

Q12. What's the minimum number of people needed to get the group rate?

ANSWER. It can be as few as 15 adults.

Q13. Great! Is there any limit to the number of people we can take along?

ANSWER. The more the merrier. In fact, if there are enough people in your group to fill an entire Amtrak coach car (the number of persons varies, depending on car size), the whole car is yours. It's like having your own private railroad.

Q14. Are there any time restrictions on group travel with Amtrak?

ANSWER. Amtrak encourages group travel at most times, except during peak holiday periods.

Q15. How far in advance do we have to plan our trip?

ANSWER. Group reservations should be made as far in advance as possible. By reserving far in advance, you stand a better chance of getting the accommodations you want. Simply determine your group's eligibility and confirm your reservations with an authorized Amtrak Travel Agent or directly with Amtrak. A 10 per cent deposit is all that is required to confirm your reservations. Just remember... your tickets must be paid for in full and in your possession no later than 15 days before departure.

Q16. What do you offer in the way of group package tours?

ANSWER. We offer a wide range of tours in conjunction with our tour operators. What's more, many of our tours can be tailored to fit a specific group's requirements. Your authorized Amtrak Travel Agent or Amtrak personnel will fill you in on the group "tour packages" available in your area.

Q17. This all sounds great. How do we find out more about group travel with Amtrak?

ANSWER. If you have any questions regarding group travel — rates, ticketing, planning the trip — you can get the answers any one of three convenient ways: contact your travel agent. Or phone the toll-free 800 number for Amtrak reservations and information listed in your telephone directory and ask for the "Group Desk." Or speak with your Amtrak Field Representative at the Amtrak Sales Office nearest you.

Q18. How do we contact our Amtrak representative?

ANSWER. Just fill in and mail out this coupon and your Amtrak representative will contact you.



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955 L'Enfant Plaza North S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024
Attn.: Group Sales Department

I'd like to learn more about group travel with Amtrak. Please have an Amtrak Field Representative contact me immediately.

Name _____ (print)

Title _____

Name of group _____

Group address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

My travel agent is _____

(OR) I obtained this folder from:

City Ticket Office Station Ticket Office

Reservation Bureau Amtrak Sales Dept. Representative

On Board Train Other _____