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# ROUTE ALL GUIDE

## The Coast Starlight

From snow-capped mountain peaks to Pacific Ocean vistas, discover the spectacular scenery, history and thriving cities that are uniquely the American West Coast.



Welcome aboard! Amtrak's Superliner, The Coast Starlight, will be making a 1,388 mile trip from Seattle, Washington to Los Angeles, California. Along this route you will travel up steep mountain ranges, down into rolling, green valleys, and along the beautiful, sandy shores of the Pacific Ocean. The scenery is breathtaking and the history is fascinating. So sit back, read all about it and enjoy your Coast Starlight tour.

This guide is written from north to south, noting how many minutes past the previous Amtrak station you can expect to see a particular sight, and whether you should look to your right or left. The first time reference tells you how far that point is from the next Amtrak station to the north, and the second time is how far it is from the next Amtrak stop to the south. If you're traveling north, just begin at Los Angeles, or your point of origin and read the entries in reverse order. However, when you're traveling north, remember to look left when we've indicated to look right and right when we've indicated to look left.

Note that all AMTRAK STATIONS are in capital letters to set them apart from towns and regions through which the Coast Starlight travels but doesn't stop. Use this guide along with an Amtrak timetable to determine station times. All times in this

SEATTLE King Street Station is only blocks away from the busy harbor and piers which make Seattle a gateway to the Orient and Alaska. The Space Needle built for the 1962 World's Fair, is north of downtown and can be seen as the train leaves the city. Adjacent to the station is the Kingdome, home of the Seattle Seahawks and Mariners

Boeing Field (7 Min./42 Min.) On the right is the home of the famous family of Boeing jetliners. This historic airport is still used for private aircraft and for Boeing test flights. The original red-bricked Boeing plant, now the Museum of Flight can be seen across the runway. Kent (16 Min./33 Min.) Long Acres Racetrack is on the left near Kent. Puyallup (40 Min./ 12 Min.) The town, pronounced "Pew-OWL-up" is named for an area Indian tribe. The train crosses the Puvallup Indian Reservation along the Puyallup

### Tacoma

TACOMA was called the "City of Destiny" because of the sawmills and lumber all along McCarver Street. Today, Tacoma remains a major seaport city. The large blue round building on the left is the Tacoma Dome, a convention cente Puget Sound Beyond the city, the train follows Commencement Bay in Puget Sound, to the right. The Olympic Mountains rise from the far side of the Sound and the Tacoma

Steilacoom (24 Min./17 Min.) A Pierce County Ferry terminal is on the right. It serves Anderson Island and McNeal Island also to the right, across Henderson Bay.

EAST OLYMPIA Just outside of town, the train crosses the Nesqually River. Nearby Olympia is the capital of Washington State. CENTRALIA was founded by a former slave from Virginia in 1875 The Skookumchuck River crosses

passes through the outskirts of Cen-

tralia, look beyond the ball fields on

through Centralia. As the train

the left toward the mountains to

view Mount St. Helens. Its 1980 vol-East of Portland Station, the train canic eruption sent ash in this direct crosses over the Willamette River via tion. The gravish ash can still be the Steel Bridge. As we leave Portland and enter the suburb of Mil-

Winlock (19 Min./28 Min.) Winlock Mt. Hood (11,235 ft.) on the left. ims to be the "Egg Capital of the World." On the right side of the train the town proudly displays a huge 'egg" as a monument to its egg pro

Castle Rock (35 Min./10 Min.) As the train crosses the Toutle River utside of Castle Rock, it also passes the distance reached by the devastating mudslide from the Mt. St. Helens eruption. The volcanic slide reached the Cowlitz River, on the right, nearly 40 miles away from the

KELSO/LONGVIEW is the "Smelt Capital of the World" because each year during January and February usands of the tiny silver fish wim up the Cowlitz River to spawn From here to Vancouver the train follows the Columbia River, to the right. Oregon is on the opposite shore. Until the War of 1812, the Columbia was the border between the U.S. and Canada.

The Trojan Nuclear Power Plant (7 Min./28 Min.) is on the right, across the Columbia River on the

Lake Vancouver (33 Min./5 Min.) The marshy bottom lands on the right side of the train are part of the banks of Lake Vancouver

**VANCOUVER** The Hudson Bay Company built Fort Vancouver in 1824 as a trading post. Locals like to refer to their city as "Vancouver USA" to distinguish it from the Canadian city of the same name. This is the Pacific Northwest. The train crosses two arms of the Columbia River and then crosses over the Willamette River which it then follows into Portland. Here the train crosses veen Washington and Oregon.

#### Porfland \*

PORTLAND, the beautiful "City of Roses," is Oregon's largest metropol itan area. Known for its parks, foun tains, gardens, jazz festivals and, of course, the Portland Rose Festival.

1850's. Just south of Aurora we pass through a region, known for the variety of berries grown here. Woodburn (53 Min./17 Min.) has waukie, we see Mt. St. Helens and

attracted both Hispanic and Russian Willamette University (68 Min./1 Min.) Just before we arrive in Salem the right, founded in 1842 by Jason

Llama Farm (17 Min./12 Min.) On

the right side of the train as we pass

etween the towns of Turner and

one time, llamas were bred for their

wool. Now, they are popular for use

ALBANY began as a small, but pros

perous river town in 1845. Today, it

Albany is known as a major supplier

of our nation's grass seed, and cov-

Tangent (10 Min./25 Min.) As we

travel through Tangent, named for

the 20 miles of straight track that

SAN LUIS OBISPO was founded as

Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa

n 1772. After experiencing several

fires in the thatched roofs of their

missions, it was here that Spanish

missionaries developed the tech-

nique to manufacture the red tiles

ission architecture. Today, the

study of architecture continues a

California Polytechnic State Unive

station. Amtrak Tours depart from

here to San Simeon, site of Hearst

Castle, the extravagant home of the

late newspaper magnate William

Pismo Beach (25 Min./110 Min.)

Pismo Beach is a popular resort

nous for its 23 miles of wide

beaches, sand dunes and its Pismo

Clams. As we pass behind Pismo

State Beach and Dunes you get a

the right side of the train

glimpse of the massive sand dunes

through the tall Eucalyptus trees on

Randolph Hearst.

sity which is located north of the

that became a distinctive feature of

is a lumber and agricultural center

in backpacking expeditions in the

nearby mountain wilderness.

Marion, you see a llama farm. At

Lee. It is the oldest university west Amtrak Fun Fact: 95% of the grass of the Mississippi River. seed raised in the U.S. is raised **SALEM** is the state capital and the second largest city in Oregon. On the right side of the train you will see a gold plated statue atop the state capitol building. The statue is that of a man holding an ax and represents the spirit of the people who developed the state of Oregon.

10 Min.) Just before we enter Eugene, you'll see the snow-capped peaks of the Three Sisters Mountains. They are on the left side, far to

gon. 80% of the mint oil in the U.S. is produced from the mint plan wn between Harrisburg and gene, Oregon. You will see fiel of mint plants along side the tracks. Three Sisters Mountains (25 Min./

runs through here, note the dome-

like buttes on the right. They were

formed by volcanic eruptions thou

sands of years ago. Marine fossils

buttes and mammoth and masto

have been found on the tops of the

don bones have been found at their

bases. On the left side of the train,

you see vast fields of grass seed

Salt Creek Canyon (80 Min./55 Min.) Here we get a spectacular view of the tracks above and below as the train climbs the Cascades.

this entire region.

right side of the train

also becomes rocky

Lookout Point Reservoir (30 Min./

135 Min.) You'll see Lookout Point

Reservoir and Dam on the left.

peaks of the Three Sisters in the

Westfir (55 Min./125 Min.) Just

north of Oakridge, we cross the

Look for the quaint, red covered

Oakridge (60 Min./120 Min.)-We

now begin our climb up "The Hill."

We will ascend 3,600 ft. in 44 miles

After crossing Salmon Creek, we fol

mette National Forest encompasses

low Salt Creek, on the right. Willa-

until we reach Cascade Summit.

north fork of the Willamette River

oridge which spans the river on the

Looking south along the reservoir

ou can see Diamond Peak (8,750

ft.) and looking to the left, the triple

Along this part of the route, take As we leave Eugene, we pass the note of the snowsheds. Snowsheds University campus on the right, and then cross the Willamette River. are concrete or wooden structures Springfield (6 Min./170 Min.) At this which support a roof over the railroad tracks. This protects the tracks point we will start our climb into the rom snow accumulation and ava-Cascade Mountains. From here on, lanches. Also along this route, notice note the changing landscape. You the waterfalls streaming down the will see many more trees, evermountainside. greens and shrubbery. The terrain

Willamette Pass (125 Min./40 Min.) We are now traveling through Willamette Pass. Note the ski trails of the Willamette Path Ski Resort. At this point, we also meet the head waters of the Willamette River. The tall, thin evergreens lining the track are Douglas Fir. North of the pass, you'll be able to see the tracks of our route far below.

Amtrak Fun Fact: There are 22 tun nels between Eugene, Oregon and the end of our crossing of the Cascade Mountains heading south.

Cascade Summit (140 Min./30 Min.) The large body of water you see on the left is Odell Lake. Don't miss the spectacular view of the snowcapped Maiden Peak (7,811 ft.) majestically overlooking the lake. We are now at an elevation of just over 4.800 ft.

\* Klamath Falls \*

ntrak Fun Fact: Mt. Scott was

ears ago. The remains of Mt.

National Park.

ed after Mt. Mazama (14,000

ma now form Crater Lake

Klamath Marsh South of Chemult,

for the next 40 miles. Notice the

brackish waters of the Williamson

River as we enter the canyon (30

Min./45 Min.) on the right. We will

follow the Williamson River for the

Upper Klamath Lake (60 Min./10

est fresh water lakes west of the

Rockies. The lake is 8 miles wide

see the snow-capped peak of Mt. McLaughlin (9,760 ft.).

and 40 miles long. On the right, we

Min.) On the right, is one of the larg-

we cross broad, flat Klamath Marsh

KLAMATH FALLS As we arrive in the Klamath Falls station, note the sawmills on the left side of the train The scent of freshly cut wood is often in the air. South of Klamath Falls, we'll see the Klamath River on

CHEMULT As we enter Chemult Station, Diamond Peak (8.750 ft.) is visible on the right. As we leave Chemult look to your right you see Mt. Thielsen (9,178 ft.), Mt. Scott (9,128 ft.) and Diamond Lake (5

Oregon/California State Line (16 Min./160 Min.) We cross the state line 20 miles south of Klamath Falls

Mt. Shasta Between Klamath Falls and Dunsmuir, Mt. Shasta (14,380 ft.) dominates the scenery. It is the largest mountain in the Cascade Range and is snow covered for mos of the year. Some of the most dramatic views of Mt. Shasta are had from the train on moonlit nights. During the night the train stops in

DUNSMUIR, REDDING, CHICO and

MACRAIN

\* Sacramenio

MARYSVILLE.

MARTINEZ is the home of the Mar tini, and the birthplace of baseball's Joe Dimaggio. Benicia, to the left across the bridge, was the capital of the state from 1853 to 1854 before the statehouse was moved to Sacramento. Martinez is the connecting point for Amtrak service to cities in the San Joaquin Valley.

San Pablo Bay and The Carquinez Strait (5 Min./10 Min.) This large shipping lane and recreational waterway is also home of the Mare Island Shipyard which can be seen

lack London Square & Village (9 Min./60 Min.) Just south of the station, the train crosses Jack London Square. It is located directly next to the wharf and was named after the American writer Jack London. He was famous for books such as the Call of the Wild and other stories of the frontier days. To the right, we

see Alameda Naval Base. Oakland Coliseum (19 Min./51 Min.) The large, circular structure is to our right. To the left, the BART rapid transit line follows our route once more.

Moffett Airfield (45 Min./20 Min.) Across the lower end of San Francisco Bay, we see Moffett Field Naval Air Station. Note the huge former blimp hangers in the background. A little further south, on the right we see the Great America theme park in Santa Clara. Santa Clara (63 Min./5 Min.) is an important industrial and fruit growing center, and the heart of the com-

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SAN JOSE was founded in 1777 as an agricultural settlement known as 'Pueblo de San Jose de Guadalupe in the name of Charles the Third of first state capital of the newly proclaimed Republic of California. This station is also the stop for local Cal-Train commute service to Peninsula cities and San Francisco.

puter industry's "Silicon Valley." Spain. In 1849. San Jose became the

> on the right. Watsonville Junction (70 Min./25 Min.) Watsonville was settled by Gold Rush prospectors who turned their attention to agriculture. Along

Spanish explorer Portola discovered

Castroville (85 Min./10 Min.) Wel-Amtrak Fun Fact: From Oak come to the "Artichoke Capital of the World." You see the bushy tops of low the same route of the old Sp the artichoke plants in the fields on the right side of the train. which means "The Royal Road." From 1769 to 1823, Franciscan I SALINAS is at the head of the Salinas Valley, known as the "Country's ero Serra founded a chain of Salad Bowl" because of the many ons and 4 mission cha varieties of vegetables grown here. It along this road from San Diego t was the boyhood home of Pulitzer na. Each was built to be o Prize winner, John Steinbeck. Stein day's horseback journey from the beck's childhood home has been next. Serra himself has come to b preserved and today is a museum known as the "Apostle of Califor-

Gilroy (48 Min./50 Min.) calls itself Salinas Valley As we leave Salinas the "Garlic Capital of the World." we pick up the Diablo Range on the Note the garlic plants along the left. San Benito Mountain (5.258 ft.) tracks. Every August, Gilroy hosts on the left is the highest point of the their annual Gilroy Garlic Festival. Diablo Range. On our right is the Pajaro Gap (60 Min./30 Min.) We Santa Lucia Range. We follow the are now crossing the Santa Cruz Salinas River Valley for the next one Mountains through the Pajaro Gay hundred miles. Pajaro Valley means "Valley of the Soledad (30 Min./147 Min.) Birds." We get a beautiful view of the

Founded in 1791 as a mission town left side of the train. While impris oned here, Black Panther leader Fldridge Cleaver wrote his famed book, Soul on Ice.

restaurant. Salinas is the closest sta-

tion to Monterey, 15 miles to the

San Miguel (101 Min./79 Min.) As we pass through this quaint town, you can see Mission San Miguel Arcangel, founded in 1771. This was one of Father Serra's original missions along El Camino Real. Look on the right for a two story adobe building adjoined by a long, arched

Amtrak Fun Fact: At Portland, we

attle to Portland. We travel on th

rom Portland to Los Angeles.

Willamette Valley We are now trav-

eling through the Willamette Valley

which continues for 145 miles to

Oregon City (29 Min./36 Min.) Founded in 1842, Oregon City was

the "End of the Oregon Trail" and

the original capital of Oregon Terri-

tory. Keep your eyes open for the

Oregon City. The huge Crown Zeller

bach pulp plant and log rafts along

the river are dramatic evidence of

Aurora (46 Min./24 Min.) We cross

the Pudding River and enter Aurora.

U.S., was settled by Germans in the

Aurora, the first commune in the

Oregon's lumber country.

erfalls as we ride through

the right

Eugene. The Cascade Mountains are

on the left and the Coast Range is on

Cuesta Pass (144 Min./10 Min.) Just south of Santa Margarita, we enter the Cuesta Pass. We will be climbing the mountains and getting a spectacular view of the San Lucia Mountains as we wind in and out of five tunnels high above the Los Osos Valley, U.S. Highway 101 climbs the opposite side. From the top of Cuesta Grade, we descend over 1.000 feet in the next 11 miles Below, you'll see our tracks into San Luis Obispo and the trestle over Stenner Creek

> now get a full view of the beautiful Pacific Ocean. We will be following the coastline for the next 104 miles o Ventura. Vandenberg Air Force Base (50 Min./56 Min.) For 30 minutes, as the train follows the Pacific Ocean. we cross right through the Strategic Air Command's Western Missile Test Range, the launch site for military iles and satellites. As our rout first approaches the Pacific from the north, we enter the base just below the Minuteman Missile area along the ocean and Minuteman Beach to the right. At Purisma Point (55 Min./80 Min.), we see the first of

Surf (62 Min./73 Min.) We cross the Santa Ynez River at Ocean Beach Park, Just below Surf, look for more launch pads on the right and, out to sea, the first of several off-shore oil

Amtrak Fun Fact: At Point Arguell ard Los Angeles. In spring and fall you may be able to spot migrat ing whales off the Point.

Eugene

**EUGENE** Lane County, in which

is also home of the University of

on the Amtrak system.

Eugene is located, is known as the

"Lumber Capital of the U.S." Eugene

Oregon. This is the westernmost city

Point Arguello (69 Min./66 Min.) On the right side of the train you see a lighthouse on the point. Today, an automatic beacon warns ships of the impending rocks. Over the years, Point Arguello has been the site of many shipwrecks. One of the most famous shipwrecks occurred here on September 8, 1923. The U.S. Navy's Destroyer Squadron 11 was steaming south at 20 knots when they encountered thick fog Believing they had passed Point Arguello, the squadron command ordered the turn into Santa Barbara Channel. Instead, seven of the destroyers were wrecked and 23 sailors died when they struck the rocks. It was one of the greatest

Just north of the Point, we cross on a high trestle over Jalama Beach Park at the southern boundary of Vandenberg Air Force Base, Point Concepcion comes into view. The ighthouse was built in 1855 and is still in use. The beaches below are popular with surfers, bathers and campers. The Santa Ynez Mountains come up to the left.

peacetime Naval disasters

Amtrak Fun Fact: To the right, you'l much as people. Grazing lands line the palisades high above the surf. Much of this spectacular, cliff-top view of the Pacific is unspo of large ranches in this area. It's a view you'll see only on Amtrak!

ish for "seagull." Look forward on the ocean side as the train curves toward a spectacular high trestle at the south. Here, we are following off-shore drilling platforms which pump oil from below the sea floor. Cabrillo discovered the Channel in

Channel and fired 17 rounds from his 140mm deck gun toward the oil

States in the past century.

Now you can get an idea just how

Cascade Summit, just 30 miles

high we are climbing into the Mountains. From McCredie Springs to

away, we will climb another 2,700

., starting with two hairpin turns

when we cross over Salt Creek into

along the Pacific coast. field, inflicting little damage. It was probably the only direct enemy attack on the continental United lished "The Oxnard Sugar Beet

plain at Camarillo and climb the and the Simi Hills are on our lef

with surfers. Highway 101 follows our route. Notice the seawall along the highway which protects the road and tracks from the surf.

Ventura (35 Min./10 Min.) One of the many stopping points for the

Cabrillo expedition in 1542, and site of San Buenaventura Mission on the

the four Oxnard brothers who estab Company." Channel Islands Harbor is a popular tourist attraction, as is the annual California Strawberry

SIMI VALLEY Turning east from Oxnard, we leave the broad coastal long, narrow Simi Valley. The Santa Susana Mountains are to the right,

could never have imagined "The Valley" as the burgeoning suburb it is today. The broad, flat valley between the Santa Monica Moun-

population equal to San Francisco. Van Nuys (51 Min./18 Min.) Van Nuvs Airport is the busy general aviation airfield on the right. After we pass under the San Diego Freeway the city of Van Nuys is visible to the

Hollywood-Burbank Airport (60 Min./10 Min.) This airport is home to the Lockheed aircraft company, The Lockheed plant is on the left,

Burbank (65 Min./5 Min.) The city of Burbank is to the left, but it is most famous for the movie and TV roduction studios lining the Santa Monica Mountains to the right. Bur bank is home to Disney Studios. Warner Brothers, Columbia, and NBC television studios, among

Amtrak Fun Fact: The Santa Monica ins themselves have been the setting for such productions as opter scenes from the

GLENDALE Built in 1924, its Spanish-Mediterranean design of concrete and stucco makes it unique. It has undergone restoratio by the Amtrak agent here. Just beyond the station, world famous Forest Lawn Memorial Park sits on the hill to the left. Here the train enters the City of Los Angeles

Los Angeles River (12 Min./4 Min.) lined Los Angeles River which is dry 350 days a year. Again, this has been the setting for countless TV shows and movies. As the train crosses over the river and under the Golden State and Pasadena Freeways, Elysian Park is to the right. Then, Dodger Stadium is seen high atop a hill on the right, and the city skyline comes into view.

#### ★ Los Angeles ★

LOS ANGELES El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora de la Reina de Los Angeles now known simply as Los Angeles was founded in 1781. The Los Angeles Union Passenger Terminal is a fitting blend of Spanish and Art Deco styles—reflecting both Los Angeles' earliest heritage and the great film tradition. Across from the station is Olvera Street, a colorful historic district that marks the site of the original village.

Here, Coast Starlight passenger transfer to trains to San Diego, the Southwest Chief to Albuquerque and Chicago, or the Sunset Limited to Phoenix, Texas and New Orleans. If you're detraining here, we thank you for riding Amtrak and hope you enjoyed your trip. If you're just beginning your journey, welcome aboard!

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SACRAMENTO is the capital of California. On the eastern end of Sacraacross the water. Across the strait on mento, the train crosses the the left of the Carquinez Bridge is American River. West of the station, the California Maritime Academy. the train passes the California State RICHMOND-This station is the Railroad Museum, on the right, and

**DAVIS** Agriculture and veterinary medicine are specialties studied at this campus of the University of Cal fornia. The 1913 Davis adobe-style train station on the right is an his-

The "Mothball Fleet" (3 Min./7 Min.) A fleet of ships has been mothballed in the Suisun Bay to the left of the train. These are mostly World War II ships, though some of mountain in the distance to the far right is Mt. Diablo. Here the train crosses the Carquinez Strait on the Martinez-Benicia Bridge at the mouth of the Suisun Bay.

Transit (BART) system, offering con nections to points throughout the region. BART trains can be seen on the left. Between Richmond and Oakland, look for the skyline of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge on the right across San Fran-

interchange with the Bay Area Rapid

Oakland

OAKLAND is the fourth largest city in California. The Port of Oakland boasts the largest containerized cargo terminal in the west.

For those of you detraining at Oal land and continuing on to San Fran cisco, you will make convenient Your bus will take you over the 81/2 mile long San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and into the heart of exciting San Francisco.

San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO is a thriving cos politan city famous for gour ning, exotic shopping, the Golde Sate Bridge and a beautiful climate located in the Trans-Bay Terminal on

Santa Clara Valley from San Jose to Gilrov, we will be traveling through the Santa Clara Valley. We see the Santa Cruz Mountain Range on the right side of the train. Mt. Hamilton (4,430 ft.) is visible on the left after we leave San Jose. We also follow the Diablo Range, to the left.

alinas River on our right. On our left we will see Pinnacles National Monument and the beginning of the Gabilan Range, Look for vinevards and a crop duster base and airfield (50 min./127 min.) on the left, jus before we enter the 1,305 ft. Rocky train tracks take note of the many strawberry fields, apple orchards, and lettuce patches. Nearby, the

King City (45 Min./130 Min.) King City was the site of one of the Span ish missions built in 1771. J. E. teinbeck, father of author John Steinbeck, was King City's first rail-

n just a few minutes we rejoin the

Min.) The train winds around two sweeping horseshoe curves which the railroad built to gain altitude climbing the pass. The fortress-like structure coming up on the right side of the train is the California Men's Colony, a state penitent Its most famous escapee was Dr. Timothy Leary.

Horseshoe Curves (166 Min./10

Amtrak Fun Fact: You'll get a good the Coast Starlight at speeds up to 80 mph. Each Superliner car is 85 feet long, over 16 feet high and

Space Shuttle Launch Pad (68 Min./67 Min.) The launch pad, SLC6, and the huge white, flag

bedecked support building on the left was built to be the home of the military's Space Shuttle program.

several launch pads, called Satellite Launch Centers (SLC) on the right and the Vandenberg airfield to the

Gaviota (99 Min./36 Min.) is Span-

Gaviota Pass. A little further south is Tajiguas Creek Trestle (103 Min./32 Min.). Refugio State Beach is just to the Santa Barbara Channel. In addition to ship traffic, you will also see Portugese explorer Juan Rodriguez

Ellwood Oil Field (123 Min./15 Min.) Beyond the grasshopper-like oil wells is a little known historic spot. On February 25, 1942, Captain Kozo Nishino surfaced the Japanese submarine I-17 in the Santa Barbara

ern end of our two hour journey

Sanía Barbara

SANTA BARBARA The area that is now Santa Barbara was discovered December 4, 1602 when Sebastian Vizcaino, a Spanish explorer, landed here on Saint Barbara Day. Mission Santa Barbara was established in 1786. Called "Queen of the Missions," it has remained in constant

and retirement community. atrak Fun Fact: The Moreton Bay g Tree, seen at the Santa Barbara ak Station, is said to be the est fig tree in the nation. Na ralia, it was planted in 1877 nd today its branches spread 160 eet. It is said that, at noon, more han 10,000 people can stand in its

use since its founding. Today, Santa

Andree Clark Bird Refuge (4 Min./ 40 Min.) The refuge forms around the lovely freshwater lagoon and gardens to the right. Adjoining is the Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens.

Imtrak Fun Fact: There are two para and Ventura where bathers sometimes forget to wear their suits ing else. Bates Beach (20 Min./21 Min.) is one. Keep your

The Channel Islands On a clear day you can spot these islands about 20 miles off shore. The largest and clos est is Santa Cruz Island. Several islands form Channel Islands National Park. Also, you'll see more drilling platforms in the Channel. As we rejoin the ocean, we'll pass Carpintera State Beach and Emma Woods State Beach, both popular

Ventura River (30 Min./14 Min.) As we cross the river, this is the south-

Min./70 Min.).

OXNARD was founded in 1897 by

Santa Susanna Mountains (36 Min./42 Min.) Our dramatic passage through Santa Susana Pass takes us through a series of three tunnels and

winding passes to the San Fernando Valley. Its rugged character, reminis cent of the wild west, brought many Hollywood productions to shoot in these hills. The "Lone Ranger" series and scenes from movies such as 'White Heat" and "North by North west" were shot here. Emerging from the mountains, the train enter Los Angeles County at Chatsworth San Fernando Valley When the Spanish founded Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana in 1797, they

tains, to the south, and the San Gabriel Mountains, to the north, has a land area equal to Chicago and a

just past the airfield.