

PIONEER

WELCOME ABOARD. You are traveling on board the **Pioneer**, an Amtrak® Superliner® train between Seattle and Chicago. While on board, you will be experiencing the utmost comfort and service in train travel and witnessing breathtaking scenery including the Rockies and Blue Mountains, the snow-capped volcanoes and breathtaking Columbia River Gorge of the Northwest, and the exciting golden sunsets of the West.

All of us at Amtrak are proud to have you aboard today, and want to ensure your trip is everything you want it to be in train travel. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of our friendly on-board service staff.

THE FUN STARTS HERE. There is a lot to see and do aboard the **Pioneer**, from relaxing, socializing with family and friends, or enjoying a wonderful meal. Please listen for announcements of the specific times and locations of these activities, and most of all—have fun!

Movies* and other videos are shown in the Sightseer Lounge Car. During summer months, features for children will also be shown.

Hospitality Hour* will start your travels off right. We invite you to join fellow passengers in the Lounge Car for specialty drinks with a regional flavor and complimentary snacks. Play some cards, make new friends, enjoy time with your family. Let the Lounge Car be your place for games, conversation and good times!

Stretch Your Legs. The **Pioneer** stops in Denver so the train can be serviced and refueled. This is your opportunity to do some sightseeing in Denver. Please return to the station platform area well in advance of the scheduled train departure time.

*Available between Chicago and Denver only.

MEET THE CREW

The Conductor is in charge of all crew members aboard and is responsible for the collection of tickets and the safe operation of the train. The Chief supervises the on-board service people and is responsible for the service you receive while you are on the **Pioneer**.

ON-BOARD ACCOMMODATIONS THAT PAMPER AND PLEASE

Roomy Coach Seats with a Coach Attendant ensure that you are comfortable and well taken care of during your travels. Please keep in mind that seats are assigned for the duration of the trip. If you wish to change seats, consult your Attendant first. Please do not re-seat yourself.

First Class Service is provided to you by your Sleeping Car Attendant. Your Attendant will prepare your room for daytime or nighttime use, provide wake-up service and bring your morning paper and beverages to your room. Meals and other amenities are included with your First Class accommodations. Individual speakers bring you recorded music (Channels 2 and 3) and train announcements (Channels 1 and 2)*. The channel selector is located near the reading light in your room.

Private Sleeping Accommodations are available based on your needs. Deluxe Rooms can accommodate two adults and have a private restroom and shower. Family Rooms can accommodate up to two adults and three children. Economy Rooms can accommodate one or two people. Ample public restrooms and showers are conveniently located in the lower level of the Sleeping Car. Sleeping Accommodations may be purchased on board from the Conductor (subject to availability).

Dining Car Service offers a delicious dining experience that is truly pleasing to the palate with its unique regional flair. A crew member will contact you if dinner reservations are necessary. Major credit cards are accepted. Sorry, smoking is not allowed in the Dining Car.

Meal Service for in-room dining is available to First Class passengers if desired. Please make arrangements with your Attendant in advance. Station arrival times during meal service may delay in-room dining. This delay is due to the necessity to assist passengers boarding and de-boarding the train.

Sightseer Lounge Car* on the **Pioneer** allows you to view the spectacular scenery along the route through the panoramic windows on the upper level of the car. The lower level Cafe offers light dining. Sandwiches, snacks and beverages, in addition to various sundry items, can be purchased. The Lounge Car also features first-run movies, a Hospitality Hour with specialty drinks, and complimentary snacks during the evening.

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THE PIONEER follows the Oregon Trail across the high plains of Wyoming, down the Snake River Valley into Oregon. And for today's explorers, the **Pioneer** leads the way to spectacular vacations in the great American West. The trainside scenery is spectacular—elk and

CENTRALIA As the train passes through the outskirts of Centralia, look beyond the ball fields on the left toward the mountains to view Mt. St. Helens. Its 1980 volcanic eruption sent ash in this direction, and it can still be seen in the countryside.

VANCOUVER The Hudson Bay Company built Ft. Vancouver in 1824 as a trading post. This is the oldest continuous settlement in the Pacific Northwest.

Columbia River Gorge The spectacular scenery along the Columbia River includes unusual rock formations, waterfalls, hydroelectric dams, large bridges and monuments. The Columbia River is the border between Washington State and Oregon, on the opposite shore.

PORTLAND, the beautiful "City of Roses," is Oregon's only metropolitan area.

Known for its parks, fountains and gardens, Portland also features several jazz festivals and, of course, the Portland Rose Festival.

Bridal Veil (30 Min./42 Min.) is on the right, next to the Lewis and Clark State Park. An array of waterfalls covers the mountainside like a white veil.

Beacon Rock (42 Min./35 Min.) is an 800-foot sheer wall monolith to the left of the train. It is the largest rock of its kind in the United States.

Bonneville Dam (46 Min./30 Min.) was built in 1938, and is one of the largest of all the Columbia River hydroelectric projects.

Cascade Mountains (1:10 Min./5 Min.) to the left resemble an American

Indian on his back. A logging flume on the Washington State side was the last active lumber waterway in use in America.

HOOD RIVER The Hood, the Columbia and the White Salmon Rivers meet at this point. The towns of White Salmon and Bingen, across the Columbia, are served by the Amtrak **Empire Builder** route, which can be seen along the opposite bank of the river.

DALLES DAM (19 Min./1:16 Min.) One of the ten most powerful hydroelectric generators in the world.

Maryhill Museum of Art is a mansion on a ledge about halfway up the mountain of the Washington side.

Stonehenge Replica (20 Min./1:14 Min.) Across the Columbia River on the Washington side is a sculpture built by Sam Hill, son-in-law of railroad tycoon Jim Hill. Located on a ledge halfway up the mountain, it is a memorial to soldiers killed in World War I, a cement replica of England's Stonehenge.

John Day Dam (24 Min./1:10 Min.) Electric power for the Northwest is generated by this dam, one of many hydroelectric plants along the Columbia River.

POCATELLO East of Pocatello, the train follows the famous Oregon Trail through the Blue Mountains.

BAKER CITY became a boom town in 1861, when gold was discovered nearby.

Note: At Farewell Bend, change your watch between Mountain and Pacific time; one hour later if going east, one hour earlier if going west.

BOISE This is the capital of Idaho.

SHOSHONE is near Sun Valley, a winter resort.

OGDEN At the Ogden station, passengers may transfer to connecting motorcoach service to Salt Lake City, 35 miles south.

SALT LAKE CITY The wide streets of Salt Lake City lead downtown to Mormon monuments including Temple Square, the Seagull Monument, the six towers of the Mormon Temple, which are visible from the station, and the Beehive House. The headquarters for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is located here as well as a world renowned genealogical research facility.

LARAMIE is a town with a colorful past. Jack McCall was arrested in Laramie on August 30, 1876 for shooting Wild Bill Hickock in the back of the head in a Deadwood, SD saloon. One year later, Jesse James was lodged in the Laramie jail as a suspect in a nearby stagecoach holdup.

WEST CHEYENNE-BORIE This is the location of the Amtrak station for Cheyenne, capital of Wyoming, and passengers may transfer to connecting motorcoach service. Cheyenne's main attractions in 1867 were quick money and cheap liquor. Described as "Hell on Wheels," the town was home to professional gunmen, soldiers, promoters, trainmen, gamblers and confidence men.

DENVER It was not until the Russell party found gold in paying quantities in Cherry Creek in 1857 that Denver was born. With "Pike's Peak or Bust" painted on their wagons, 100,000 emigrants had crossed the plains to Denver by the end of 1859. Denver is the connecting station where the **Pioneer** joins the **California Zephyr**

from San Francisco and the **Desert Wind** from Los Angeles.

During the night, the train stops at **FT. MORGAN**.

Note: East of the Colorado/Nebraska State Line (45 Min./1:10 Min.) change your watch between Mountain and Central time; one hour later if going east, one hour earlier if going west.

OMAHA was a Missouri River crossing for westbound pioneers. President Gerald Ford, Henry Fonda, Fred Astaire, Marlon Brando and Malcolm X were born here.

Missouri River (25 Min./87 Min.) In the 1800s, steamboats plied the Missouri all the way from Omaha to St. Louis, where it flows into the Mississippi. Crossing the Missouri, the train also crosses between Nebraska and Iowa.

BURLINGTON In 1887, George Westinghouse developed the air brake on West Burlington Hill.

Mississippi River (2 Min./45 Min.) The river is the state line between Iowa, the "Land Beyond," and Illinois.

GALESBURG Popcorn was invented in Galesburg by Olmstead Ferris. This was also the home of Carl Sandburg, writer and historian. Abe Lincoln and Stephen Douglas debated here at Knox College in the building with the copper spire to the left of the train. This was also a key station in the Underground Railroad of the Civil War.

CHICAGO is the crossroad of American manufacturing and distribution, and an important hub of the nation's railroads. The Sears Tower dominates the massive skyline along with the "Gold Coast" highrises along Lake Michigan. As the train backs into

Chicago's Union Station, it parallels the Chicago River on the left, its flow reversed in an engineering triumph in 1880. Another engineering triumph is the modern Amtrak yards and maintenance facility, which is the home of the **Pioneer**. The train ends its 2,422-mile run in historic Union Station. Built in 1926, the station serves over 40 Amtrak trains and 160 commuter trains each weekday.

SCENIC PHOTO TIPS

Scenic Spots: Your train passes many beautiful and interesting sights. The "camera" symbol on your Route Guide Map marks the best spots, so have your camera ready!

Outside Shots: Medium-speed films (ASA 64 or higher) are recommended for shooting scenery through the train windows. If your shutter speed is adjustable and light conditions permit, set it at a higher speed (1/125 or 1/250 sec.) for the clearest results. Hold your lens close to the window to eliminate glare and reflections.

Inside Shots: Flash is recommended. To avoid glare and reflections, do not point the flash directly at the windows.

Blaze a trail of beauty from the high plains of Wyoming to the magnificent Cascade Mountains.

