

TEXAS EAGLE

WELCOME ABOARD. You are traveling on board the **Texas Eagle**, an Amtrak® Superliner® train. While on board, you will be experiencing the utmost comfort and service in train travel as you journey through Abe Lincoln's Illinois, across the mighty Mississippi through the Missouri Ozarks.

All of us at Amtrak are delighted 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 your friendly on-board service staff.

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

Movies and other videos, in the Sightseer Lounge Car. A Children's Hour for the little ones that provide both parents and children a special time on board.

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!

Games are also on the agenda in the Dining Car. Just listen for the announcements and join in the fun.

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 **Texas Eagle**.

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.

Private Sleeping Accommodations with your own Sleeping Car Attendant will provide you with true First Class Service. Your Attendant will prepare your room for daytime or nighttime travel, 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, and also have a private restroom and shower. 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 Texan flair. A crew member will contact you if 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 Cars on the **Texas Eagle** allow you to view the spectacular scenery along the route through panoramic windows on the upper level of car. The lower level Cafe offers light dining, sandwiches, snacks and beverages. First-run movies are available in the upper level of the Lounge Car.



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WHEN THE TEXAS EAGLE spreads its wings, vacations take off! The Texas Eagle takes you to the unique attractions and big-city excitement of Chicago, St. Louis and Dallas-Fort Worth...

the new casinos of Bossier City and Shreveport (conveniently accessible from Marshall and Longview)... the down-home country entertainment of Austin... San Antonio, home to the contemporary pleasures of Paseo del Rio (the River Walk) ancient walls of the Alamo... and more.

It's a 1,300 mile journey from the grain belt to the sun belt, from the fertile fields of Illinois to the oil fields of Texas. And it features the comfort of Amtrak® Superliner® cars, with a variety of First Class Sleeping Accommodations.

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 right or left. The first time reference tells you how far that point is from the station to the north, and the second time, how far it is to the south.

CHICAGO Look to your left for a dramatic view of the towering city skyline. The Sears and Hancock Towers are among the many magnificent structures you can see. Continuing south, you'll cross the Chicago River, famous as "the river that flows backwards" because of its westward course away from Lake Michigan. Engineers reversed its flow in the early 1900's in an attempt to prevent pollution of the lake.

JOLIET Named for French explorer Louis Joliet. The large castle-like native stone building to the left of the station is a high school.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL Lincoln's "Last Speech" was delivered here, and Pullman's "Pioneer," the most luxurious

sleeping car then devised, was developed here. When Lincoln was assassinated, Pullman offered the free use of this car to Mrs. Lincoln for the presidential funeral train. She accepted, and paved the way for Pullman's name to become synonymous with railroad sleeping cars.

LINCOLN The only city named for Lincoln before his election as President. A statue of a watermelon slice to the train's left at the south end of the Lincoln depot, commemorates Abraham Lincoln's christening of the town at this spot, using the juice of a watermelon taken from a nearby cart.

SPRINGFIELD

Reminders of Lincoln are everywhere: the only house he ever owned; the parlor where he was married; the office where he practiced law; and the tomb on the northern edge of town where he, his wife and three of their children are buried.

CARLINVILLE The Macoupin County Courthouse is on the left. When Standard Oil operated a coal mine here, miners lived in company-owned Sears & Roebuck mail-order houses. When the mines closed, the houses were offered for sale at \$500 each, with no takers.

ALTON was the scene of the seventh and last of the Lincoln-Douglas debates in 1858.

The Gateway Arch (36 Min./2 Min.) Tallest monument in the nation at 630 ft. At the base of the Arch, the Old Cathedral is St. Louis' earliest church, over 150 years old.

ST. LOUIS The transfer of the Louisiana Territory to the U.S. was made here in 1804, the same year Lewis and Clark launched their famous trek westward. By 1817, the first steamboat arrived, and with it a nearly endless stream of pioneers heading for the Santa Fe,

California and Oregon Trails. St. Louis' Forest Park was the site of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition, which introduced the world to ice cream cones and hot dogs.

(6 Min./3:40 Min.) The Anheuser-Busch sign to our right, boasting flapping eagle's wings and thousands of lights is a reminder that St. Louis is home of the country's largest brewery and of the Budweiser Clydesdales.

Mississippi River (33 Min./3:20 Min.)

Mark Twain National Forest (2 Min./1:30 Min.) is popular both with those who enjoy wildlife and the sporting life. The forest has about 175 species of birds, 50 species of mammals and 70 species of amphibians and reptiles.

LITTLE ROCK Sometimes called the "City of Roses," Little Rock has survived the notoriety it achieved in the early days of school desegregation to become known as a city of warm hospitality. Just west of the station, the State Capitol building is again seen on the left. Little Rock is the Amtrak station for Hot Springs National Park, one of the first sites in the U.S. set aside for conservation (1832).

TEXARKANA, ARK/TEX When we stop, if you are in front of the train, you're in Texas. If you're in the back, you're still in Arkansas. The state line bisects the center of the platform. "Twice As Nice" declares the city that has two of nearly everything: two mayors, two police departments, etc.—but a single Federal Post Office straddling the state line.

MARSHALL became one of the largest and wealthiest cities in the state when Texas seceded from the Union in 1861. Riding tack and ammunition were produced for the Confederate army. After the fall of Vicksburg, Marshall became the Western Capital of the Confederacy and it also served as the wartime capital for Missouri's exiled governor.

LONGVIEW, where 4 million barrels of Schlitz and Stroh's beer are brewed each year, was the site, in 1931, of one of the world's great oil field discoveries. Longview also boasts the second largest hot air balloon race in the United States.

TO HOUSTON

If you are traveling to Houston, Longview is your thruway motorcoach connection.

MINEOLA The "Best Little Town in Texas." Experience the tranquility of the many unique Bed-and-Breakfast Inns. Browse the varied antique and craft shops that line this Main Street USA town. Fish in any of the four record-breaking lakes. Or, just sit back and do nothing at all.

DALLAS The view of the skyline from the train is excellent. To the left of the station, the 540-ft. mirrored tower of the Hyatt Regency reflects a fascinating abstraction of the train and skyline.

Deeley Plaza

(1 Min./55 Min.) The red brick Texas School Book Depository is directly below on our right. It was from one of the depository's arched windows that Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Handley (44 Min./20 Min.) Lee Harvey Oswald is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, to our right.

FORT WORTH No longer the brawling "Cow Town" it once was, Fort Worth is still considered "the most Texan of Texas Cities."

MCGREGOR An Amtrak stop for Waco, 17 miles to the east, and the location of Baylor University and the Ft. Fisher Ranger Museum.

TEMPLE Named for a Santa Fe surveyor, Temple is a town the railroads built. Nearby Killeen is home of Fort Hood, the world's largest military installation with over 40,000 people on base.

AUSTIN Before it was a state capital, Austin (then named Waterloo) was the national capital of the Republic of Texas. Texas University at Austin is the state's largest with over 50,000 students and is the home of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library.

SAN MARCOS is the home of Southwest Texas State University, alma mater of President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

SAN ANTONIO Ringed by Spanish missions, San Antonio's Alamo was the site of a bloody battle that became the rallying cry in Texas' war for independence from Mexico. Spanish colonial architectural touches grace much of San Antonio, especially along the beautiful Paseo del Rio (River Walk) that follows the winding river through the heart of downtown. San Antonio's newest attraction, Fiesta Texas, is a unique, bigger than life musical celebration that will enchant guests of all ages. The continuation from San Antonio to Los Angeles is via the Sunset Limited.

COLLEGE STATION-BRYAN is famous as the home of Texas A&M University's "Aggies." The train travels through the heart of "Aggieland" with

to space travel as home of NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center.

The first word spoken by man from the Moon was "Houston." Houston is also served by the Amtrak Sunset Limited, our Superliner train between New Orleans, Phoenix and Los Angeles.

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 200 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. Kodak® film and disposable cameras are available for purchase in the Lounge Car.

A heartland journey from the Windy City to the wide-open excitement of the Lone Star State.

