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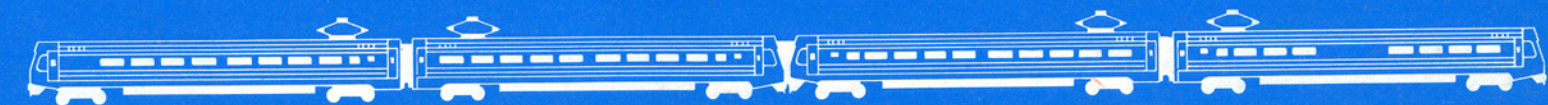


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The long and short of it.

Taking a long trip? Then take the train for a new kind of relaxation. Stretch out in a reserved leg-rest coach seat where you can watch America roll by in the daytime and sleep comfortably at night. You'll find up-to-date dining and lounge accommodations or, if you prefer, you may enjoy the special luxury of a private sleeping room.

As for that shorter trip — traveling by train means pure convenience. Traffic-clogged highways won't slow you down. Neither will the whims of weather. Just step aboard for a smooth, swift ride from city center to your destination.



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TRAVELING BY TRAIN. THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW.

Where does Amtrak go?

When you go from city to city by rail, chances are you take an Amtrak train. Because Amtrak operates virtually all intercity passenger trains coast to coast, offering travelers two basic types of accommodations: coach and first class.

Included in these two classifications are various types of cars with different seating arrangements as well as special cars for dining and relaxation. Your Amtrak timetable shows the types of cars scheduled to operate on many Amtrak trains. The purpose of this booklet is to describe and illustrate all these variations.

Coach accommodations.

Coach passengers ride in spacious double seats which can be adjusted for extra comfort. Most long-distance trains have coaches with reclining seats and leg-rests. There are also trains with Slumbercoaches. These are available to coach passengers for a small extra charge. Coach travelers going short distances, in most cases, need no reservations. Reclining leg-rest seats for most long-distance coach trips are reserved in advance.

First-class travel.

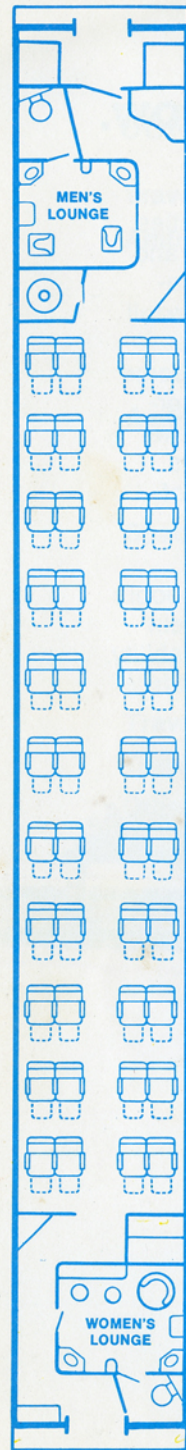
On day trains first-class seats mean deluxe armchairs in Parlor Car, while first-class night trains have Sleepers with single-berth Roomettes, two-berth Bedrooms and spacious Bedroom Suites. Accommodations in Parlor Cars and Sleepers are reserved in advance.

Features for today.

Amtrak trains have the features and facilities today's travelers look for. Cars are clean and air-conditioned with temperatures thermostatically controlled. And most trains have full diners, with some daytime trains offering snack-bar or counter-lounge service. In some areas there are trains with high-level observation dome cars that offer panoramic views of the passing scenes. Seats in these cars may not be reserved. They're for the use of all travelers.

All aboard.

For short-distance passengers — or for people who have a whole continent to cross — train travel means freedom, flexibility, dependability. And that's what an Amtrak trip is all about.



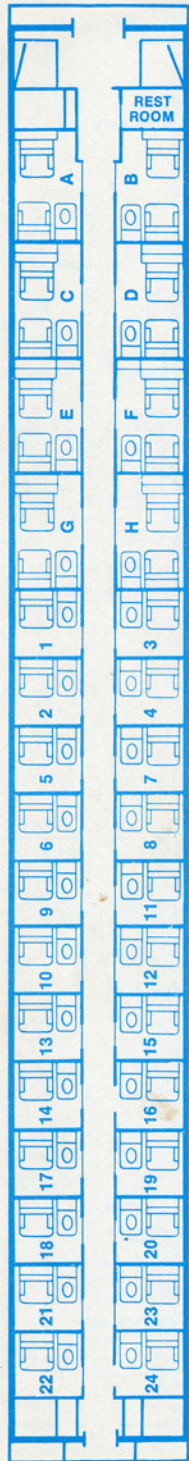
EXAMPLE OF LEG-REST COACH



AMTRAK FEATURES FOR LONG-DISTANCE TRAVEL.



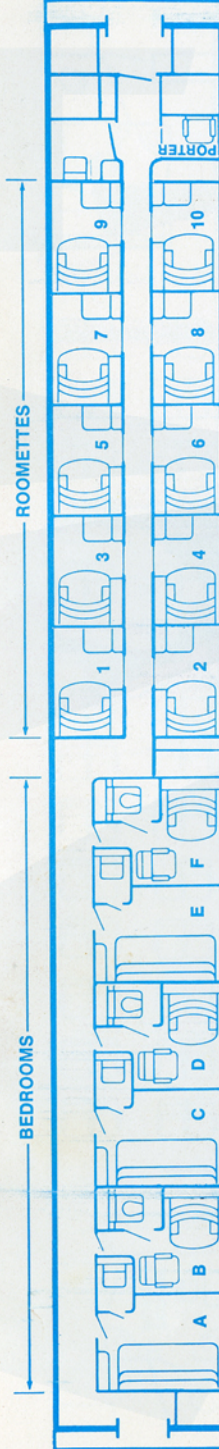
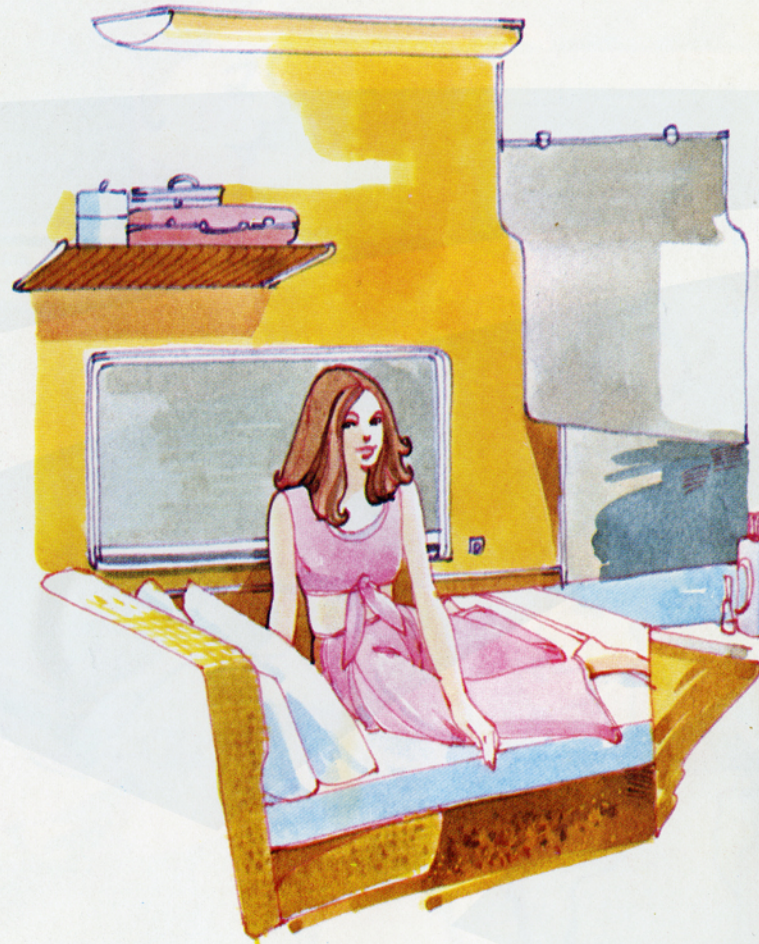
LEG-REST COACH offers deep-cushioned reclining seats with head-rests and adjustable leg-rests — generally available for long-distance overnight travel. The spacious interior of an Amtrak coach means extra area for stretching out — and wide aisles for moving around.



EXAMPLE OF SLUMBERCOACH



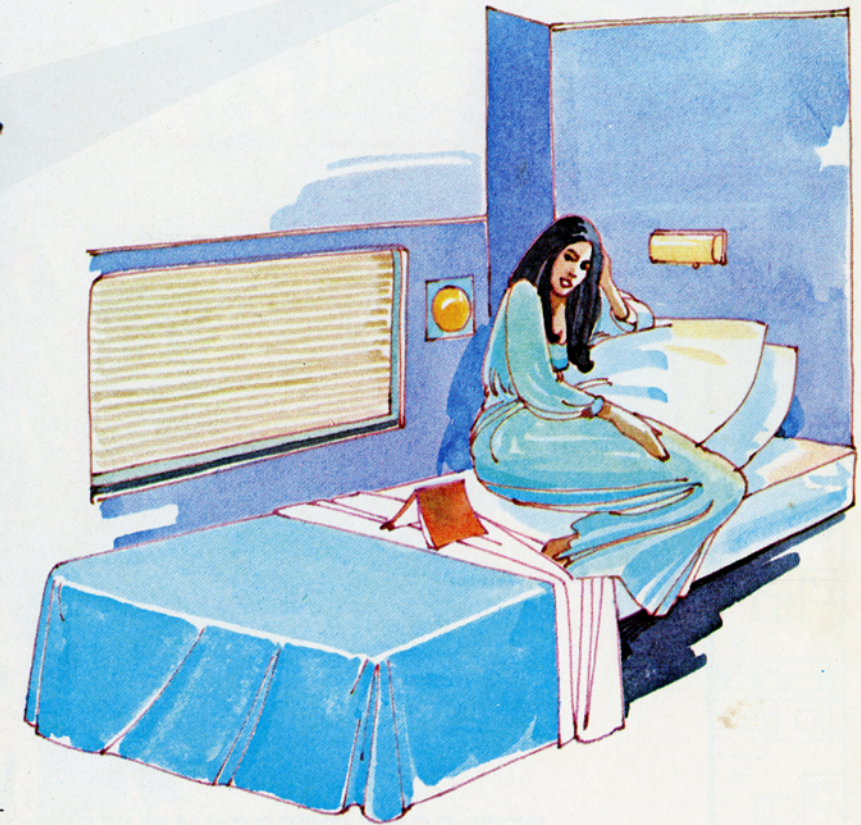
SLUMBERCOACH private rooms offer economy and ease with lounge seats that convert to comfortable beds. Each room contains private washstand and toilet facilities. Slumbercoach offers choice of single rooms with fold-away beds and double rooms with upper and lower beds. (Also called Siesta Coach, Sleepercoach, Budget Coach, Budget Room Coach, Coach-Sleeper.)

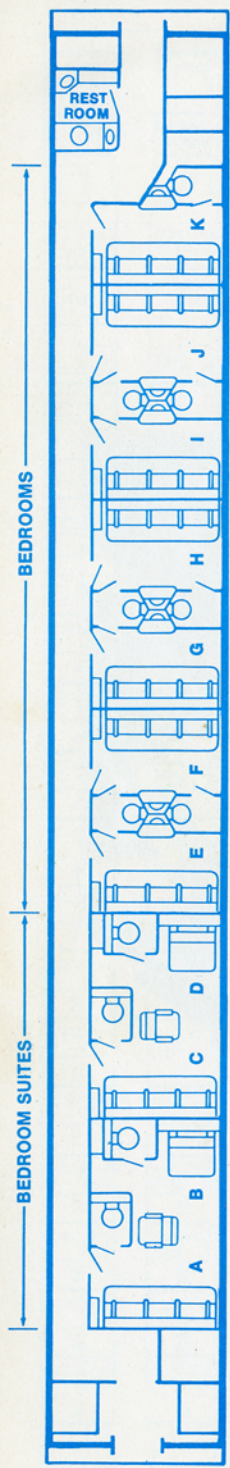


EXAMPLE OF SLEEPER



ROOMETTES mean extra luxury for individual travelers—spacious daytime privacy and restful night accommodations; personal toilet facilities; individual heat, light and air-conditioning controls.

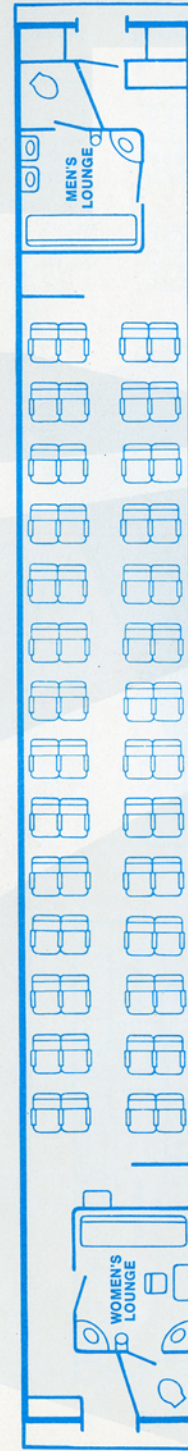




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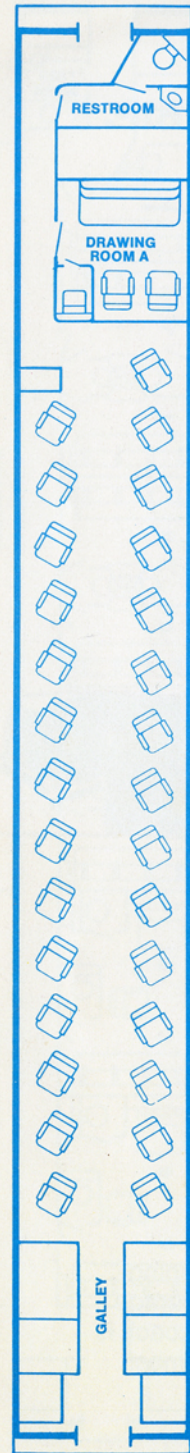
BEDROOMS/BEDROOM SUITES. Bedrooms provide sofa-like seating for one or two occupants and separate berths for sleeping; enclosed private facilities; individually controlled air-conditioning. (Also called Double Bedroom.) Bedroom Suites are two Bedrooms with the wall between removed. (Also called Double Bedroom Suite.)



EXAMPLE OF DAY COACH



DAY COACH adds extra ease with adjustable reclining seats and ample leg room — snack and beverage service available nearby. An Amtrak-style coach is the most convenient way to travel. And the most relaxing.



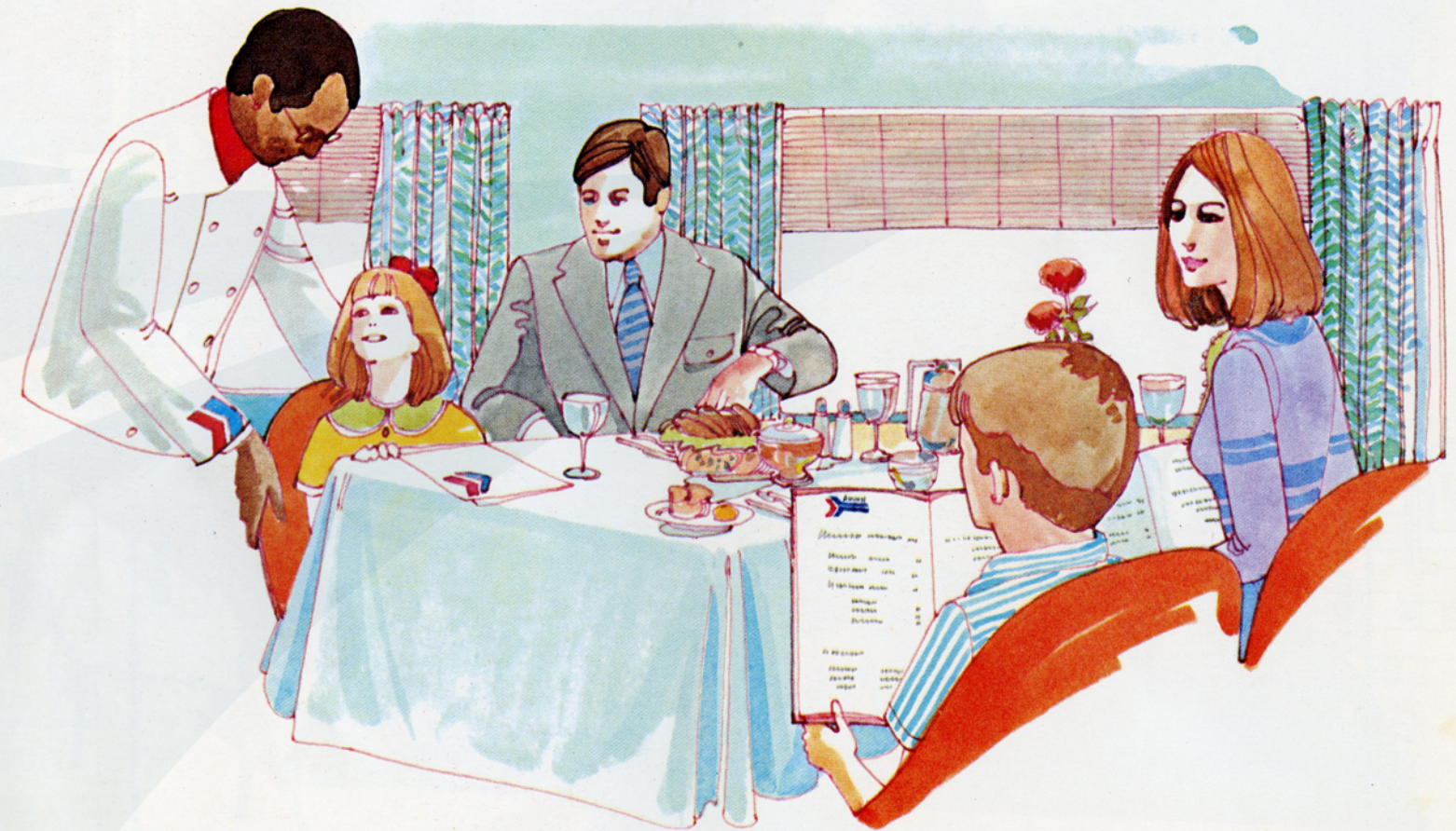
EXAMPLE OF PARLOR CAR



PARLOR CAR individual seating offers reclining easy chairs for deluxe travel. Some cars feature rotating seats and some have enclosed private rooms available. (Where not available, Roomettes or Bedrooms may often be reserved for first-class daytime use.) Parlor Cars with galleys provide passengers with convenient at-your-seat dining and beverage service.

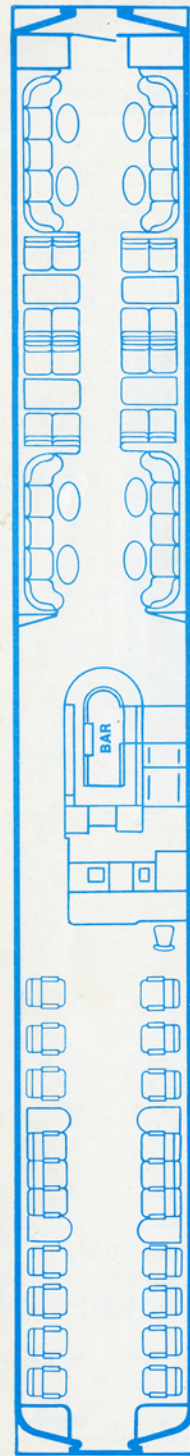


EXAMPLE OF DINING CAR



SPECIAL FEATURES ON AMTRAK TRAINS.

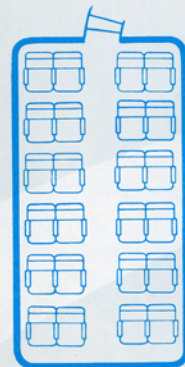
DINING CAR maintains the highest standards in food and service, with fine china and fresh linen. Menus offer a variety of selections, all expertly prepared and served with traditional courtesy and efficiency. Coach passengers are cordially invited.



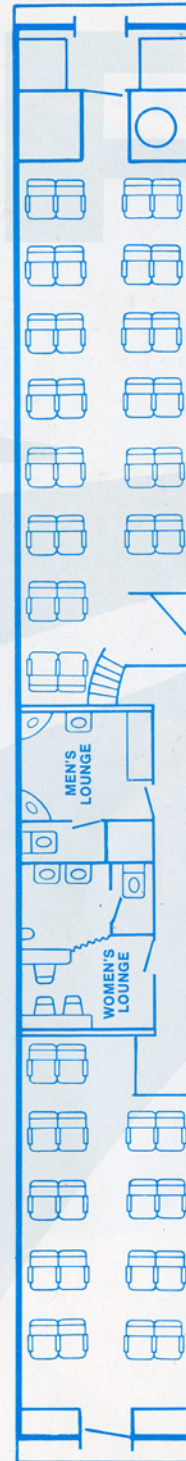
EXAMPLE OF TAVERN LOUNGE



TAVERN LOUNGE presents an informal atmosphere — for a relaxing drink, a snack and perhaps a game of cribbage or bingo. Movies and TV available in tavern lounge cars assigned to selected trains. For the use of coach passengers as well as first class.



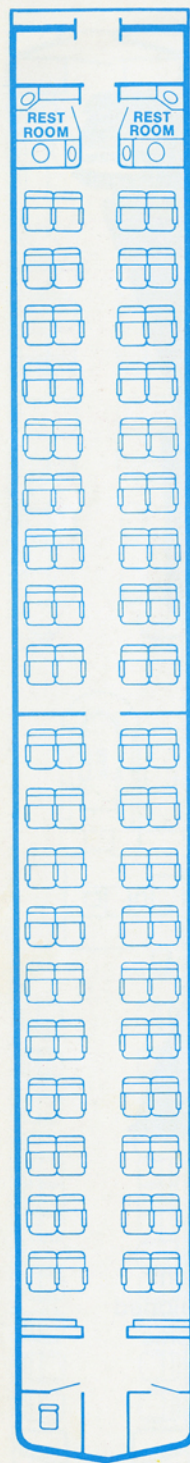
DOME COACH UPPER LEVEL



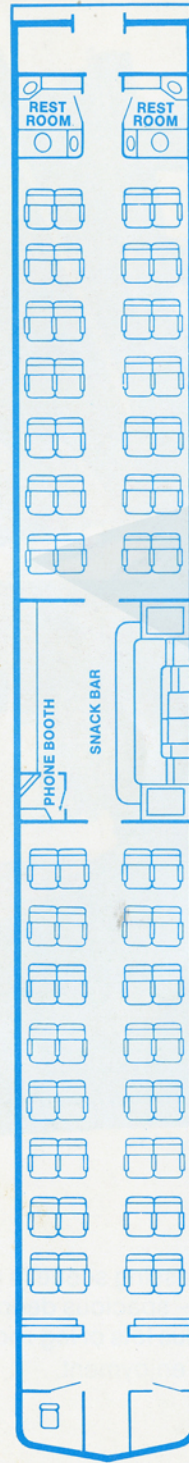
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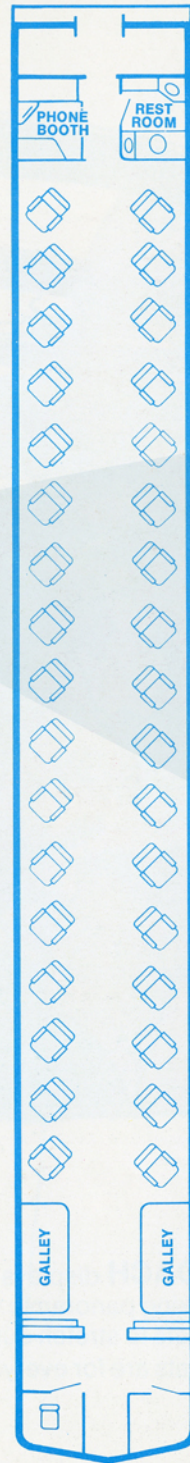
DOME COACH displays the passing scene in a breathtaking panoramic view — spacious deep-cushioned seats to stretch out in, plus lots of leg room. Dome seats are for everyone's enjoyment.



METROCOACH



METRO SNACK-BAR COACH



METROCLUB



METROLINER offers ultra-modern service — spacious seats in Metrocoach with food service available in Metro Snack-Bar Coach; and luxurious first-class Metroclub where there's individual at-your-seat dining and beverage service.

TRAVELING BY TRAIN. THE FUN OF IT.

Got places to go? Then take an Amtrak trip — an easy, unconfining journey where everything's enjoyable. From the services and facilities on board to all the sights and scenes that you pass by. But what makes a train trip even more appealing is that it's a simple, uncomplicated style of travel. And with a few basic tips on train know-how you can travel like an expert first time out.

Luggage lowdown.

Because trains are exceptionally roomy, passengers may travel with their baggage close at hand. In coach there's storage area above the seats. Private rooms too have space for baggage, with extra storage area at the end of the car. In many stations, carts are provided so that passengers may move their bags easily to and from trains. And most large stations have redcap service at a small charge. Where stations offer baggage checking (see your timetable), passengers simply check their bags at the counter and reclaim them at their final destination for a small one-time service charge.

Notes for coach travelers.

Many times passengers boarding coaches find that, when their tickets are examined, they are directed to other cars. This is to keep long-distance and local passengers in separate cars. For example, on an overnight trip the lights in "through cars" can be dimmed at bedtime, since no passengers will be leaving or entering until morning. Also, different coaches may be destined for different places. So it's important that passengers be in the right cars.

Reserved room routine.

If you've reserved a private room, at boarding time look for your car's number in the window nearest the car entrance. In metropolitan stations your ticket may be taken at a special desk before you step aboard and you will be given a private room receipt. On most day-time trains space is checked at the gate but tickets are not taken until later.

Open areas on board.

On most trains, both first-class and coach passengers may use all of the train's dining and lounge facilities. Some trains also provide special coach meals and lounge service. If you're in doubt about on-board service, just ask any member of the Amtrak crew.

The art of on-board eating.

When you enter the dining car, you will be greeted by a member of the dining car staff who will seat you. He will then hand you a menu along with an order blank and pencil so that you may write down your selections. (Waiters on trains generally do not take verbal orders.) Menus usually offer a selection of complete breakfasts, lunches or dinners and some a-la-carte dishes. Often you will find specialties of the particular area you're traveling in. Ordering your meal is quite simple, although the choice of which tasty item to select might not be as easy.

Most dining cars offer children's portions at reduced prices. Some even have a special "children's menu." If you'd like one of the regular menu selections varied to fit a specific diet need — for example, with or without gravy, potatoes, sugar, salt, etc. — don't hesitate to make the request. And if you're traveling in a private room and would prefer having your meal served there, this can be done for an extra charge.

On many trains, budget food service is available in coffee-shop cars or snack cars. And some trains provide sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks and candy bars at coach seats.

Beverage briefing.

Most trains have a wide selection of alcoholic beverages available — unless serving liquor is prohibited by the laws of the state the train is passing through. Liquor is generally served in individual bottles — exact miniatures of the regular bottle of the brand ordered. Each bottle (except wine) contains one drink and is opened by the waiter in the presence of the passenger.

Children.

Children of all ages take to trains. For no other type of travel provides so much freedom and comfort. If you're traveling in a private room, caring for small fry is especially convenient, with all necessary facilities close at hand.

Pets.

Private room passengers may keep their dogs or cats with them, if they wish.

Dogs may be walked at regular stops along the way. A seeing-eye dog is free to go anywhere in the train his blind master goes. Otherwise, dogs and cats (or birds or other pets) may travel in the baggage car provided they're in suitable containers.

Rates and refunds.

You can find out what your train trip will cost by checking the Sample Fare section of the Amtrak timetable or consulting a ticket agent. Be sure to take advantage of Family Fares and other special discounts between many points. Check your Amtrak agent for full details.

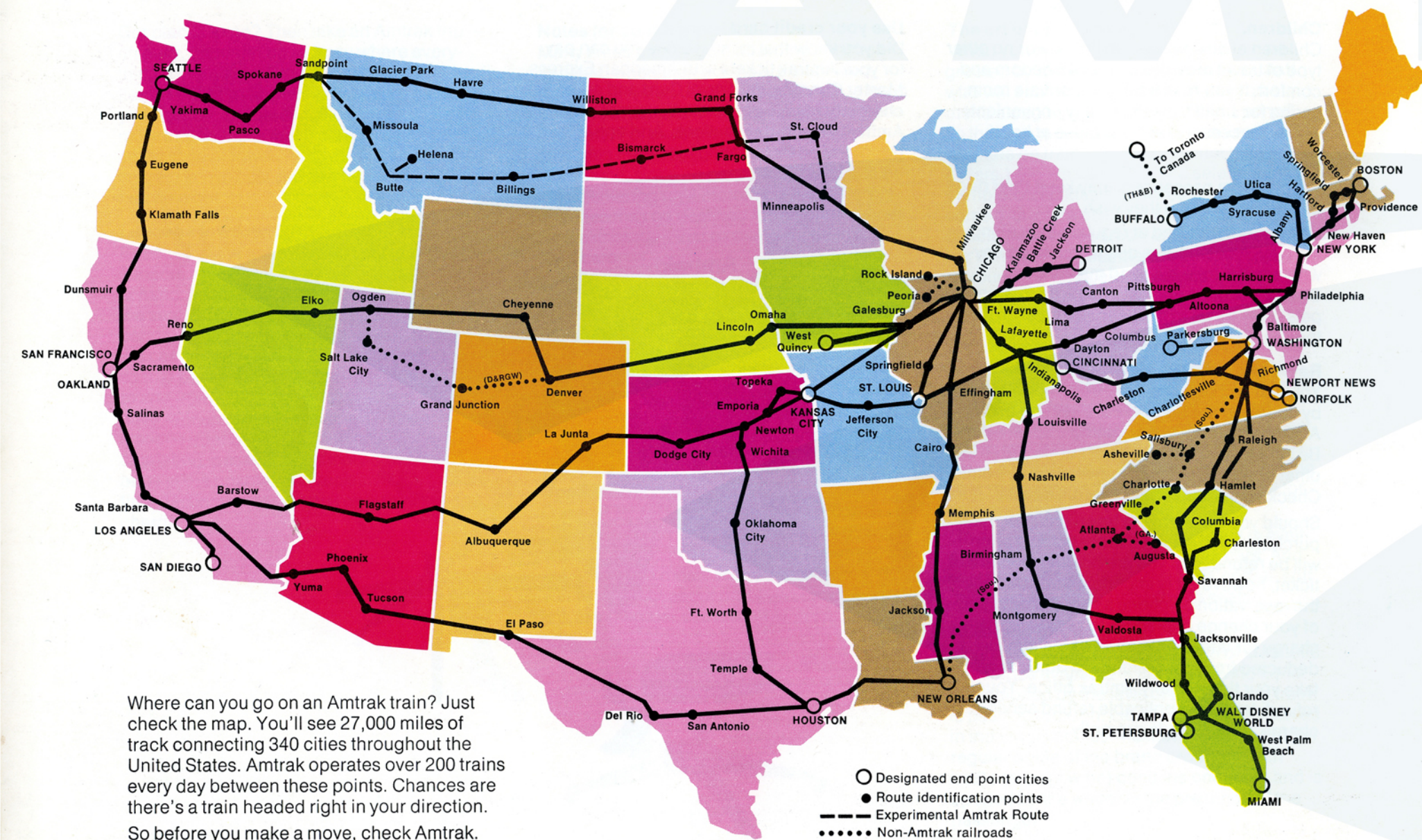
Should you be unable to travel after you have purchased your tickets, the purchase price will be refunded. If you are holding a reserved ticket, however, it is important that you cancel the reservation by phone as soon as you know of your change of plans — to avoid a penalty charge for late cancellation which may be deducted from your refund. To obtain a refund, take your ticket to any Amtrak office. Your refund, less any applicable refund service charge, will be made promptly.

Use your credit card.

Did you know that in most cities you can pay for your Amtrak tickets with American Express, Master Charge, Rail Travel Card and other charge cards? Just one more example of Amtrak's up-to-date outlook. And one more good reason for traveling by train.



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Where can you go on an Amtrak train? Just check the map. You'll see 27,000 miles of track connecting 340 cities throughout the United States. Amtrak operates over 200 trains every day between these points. Chances are there's a train headed right in your direction. So before you make a move, check Amtrak.

- Designated end point cities
- Route identification points
- Experimental Amtrak Route
- Non-Amtrak railroads



HI-LEVEL COACH — reclining stretch-out seats and windows with sweeping views — a setting of quiet relaxation — restrooms within easy reach on lower level.



RECREATION CAR — an on-board fun spot offering movies, TV, bingo, cribbage and other entertainment to make the miles fly by.



LUNCH COUNTER CAR — tasty light meals and excellent beverage service in a casual, relaxed setting — passengers may return to their seats with their selections, if they wish.



COFFEE SHOP CAR — delicious thrifty meals and snacks in an informal dining atmosphere — varied selections and prompt, courteous service.

OTHER TYPES OF AMTRAK CARS.

The specialty cars described on this page may often be included on regularly scheduled trains.



OBSERVATION CAR — a lounging area with rear-window view — a drawing-room decor perfect for before-dinner drinks and friendly gatherings.



DOMELONGUE CAR — living-room-like comfort plus a grandstand view of the countryside — a place to relax, chat, enjoy a refreshing drink — may be combined with lounge, coach parlor or meal service. (Also called Vista Dome, Astra Dome, Great Dome.)



HI-LEVEL DINING CAR — spacious dining rooms with magnificent views and quiet atmosphere — a menu of delicious choices, expertly served.



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