



## About Pullman Rail Journeys

- Pullman Rail Journeys began in 2011 with the intention of restoring the sophistication and elegant comfort of rail travel using the service standards set forth by the Pullman Sleeping Car Company in the late 19th century through the mid 20th century when travelers' expectations were high and those expectations were met.
- Pullman has the largest fleet of Pullman cars in various stages of restoration totaling about 70
- Routes between Chicago and New Orleans are available to rail travelers with additional and special routes planned to come into service over the next few years.
- In addition to providing the sleeping car service, Pullman Rail Journeys offers guests exciting packages that include hotels and entertainment in both destination cities.
- Exceptional dining is one of the tenets of Pullman service and our on-board Executive Chef, Dan Traynor, has done extensive research incorporating dishes once available on Pullman dining cars and has developed an inspired menu that is updated for modern palates.
- A variety of sleeping accommodations are available to travelers ranging from suites with full-sized beds and private restrooms with toilet, sink and shower to traditional railroad upper and lower berths.
- Pullman on-board service operates under the notion that "the kitchen is never closed and the call button is always on" - meaning that the unfettered availability of our impeccable service is our number one priority.
- Visit [www.TravelPullman.com](http://www.TravelPullman.com) to learn more about rates and accommodations or call 800-978-5563 or travel industry professionals may dial 888-973-5564 or click the "Industry Parters" link on our website to register.



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## **Restoring an American Icon**

*The story of the faithful restoration of a Pullman Rail Car*

Pullman Standard. The name is synonymous with elegance, refinement and luxury, and represents the pinnacle of customer service in the late 19th century and early decades of the 20th. After service ended Pullman cars were sold to different lines and to private owners, traveling all across the country logging many miles and were beginning to show their age.

Return to the present day where the dream of Edwin E. Ellis, President of Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC, began to revive that high standard of excellence, but how? Slowly and selectively, Pullman cars were purchased amassing a group that rivaled any privately-owned passenger car collection in existence. Each car had traveled its own trails, developed its own personality and, all assembled, have quite the story to tell. They were bought to work together, but first they needed to return to the same quality of their original design. Come along and hear how one car made that transformation.

Our story begins back in 1956 when an eleven double bedroom sleeper car named the Tallahassee was built by Pullman Standard. It was promptly put to work for Seaboard Air Line, an unusually named railroad, accommodating overnight passengers in classic Pullman comfort. Later, the car moved to Seaboard Coast Line and the sleeper was in service between northeastern cities - primarily New York - to major points on both coasts of Florida including the cities of Miami and Tampa. During the slower summer season in Florida, the Tallahassee traveled west to spend time on the California Zephyr line between Chicago and San Francisco.

The Tallahassee was acquired by Amtrak in 1971, and then eight years later it was sold to a succession of private owners, and at one time was renamed the Blue Bonnet. The car was owned for almost a decade by American Orient Express and logged over 700,000 miles. Aged by over a half century of use, the car was eventually purchased by Iowa Pacific Holdings in 2010 where the restoration team in Alamosa, Colorado worked diligently to return the car to its full potential meeting high Pullman standards.

In June of 2012, the interior hardware, sofas and chairs were all taken out and every inch was sanded down and repainted in historical Pullman colors. The walls were returned to their original sand color and the doors were painted coral on one side and teal on the other. The white brass locks, which are a combination of brass and nickel, were all hand buffed to their original shine. Every sofa and chair was reupholstered in custom-ordered fabrics that matched the original color and texture, but met new FRA standards (sorry, no mohair allowed). Modern air conditioning, wiring and a conversion of a general toilet to a shower space were the only changes to the faithful restoration.

Four and a half months later the car was restored to its former glory, renamed the Baton Rouge and brought to Chicago for Pullman Rail Journeys. Come ride this piece of living history, hear the many miles traveled in its lifetime with each click of the track and see why it was a treasure worth restoring and adding to the collection.



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## **How Great Food Comes from a Small Kitchen**

*Sit Down with Chef Dan Traynor*

Challenges abound in any restaurant kitchen, but the unique trials of cooking on a railcar are something few chefs must face. One of the pinnacles of Pullman standards of service is the impeccable food options available to guests. Taking great time and care to not only recreate dishes served aboard Pullman dining cars in the early 20th century, but to adapt them for modern tastes was a special project for Chef Traynor and is now a labor of love.

### **How big is your railcar kitchen compared to a restaurant kitchen?**

Compared to some of the kitchens I've worked in, it's 1/20 of the size. But I'm still surprised at what we can pull off in such a small space.

### **What has to be left out due to space considerations?**

We have pretty much all the standard equipment you'd find in a commercial kitchen, some of it on a much smaller scale though. The biggest challenge is refrigeration space; on most cars, there's little more than a standard home refrigerator.

### **Is it harder working in a compact kitchen or working aboard a moving train?**

You actually learn to be rather efficient in such a small space. When you go back to a restaurant, you sometimes feel spoiled. The movement does take some getting used to, but after a few burns and cuts, you adjust.

### **How do you define the Pullman dining experience?**

Classic American comfort foods executed for modern tastes.

### **How do you select the menus that are in keeping with the high standards of the Pullman name with these limitations?**

The equipment we are currently using is not that different from what was once used. Looking back at old railroad recipes, you realize how much of our modern cuisine was built on this foundation.

### **Is it difficult to design menus that hearken to the sophisticated golden age of rail travel yet satisfy modern palates?**

There are definitely challenges. When a recipe calls for American cheese or a packet of pudding mix, you have to figure out how to keep with the idea of the recipe while updating for the modern palate.

### **Do the departure towns of Chicago and New Orleans influence the menus?**

Yes and no. We take a lot of our recipes from the Illinois Central, which ran the City of New Orleans. However, when you have two great food towns like Chicago and New Orleans, it's hard not to let it influence the food a little, even if it's just in how you source your ingredients.

### **What made you want to take on this unique challenge?**

There's something about working on trains that really sings to me. When you're going 80 mph and you are the chef, sous chef, dishwasher, prep cook, line cook and dishwasher, you really have to have everything; you are focused on that meal service. Also, this is the kind of work atmosphere that isn't for everyone and doesn't lend itself well to people who just do this for the time being. I work with people that are passionate about service and hospitality, and their intensity is just amplified by the fact that we do it in a steel box at 80 mph.



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**FULLY RESTORED PULLMAN CARS, AUTHENTIC PULLMAN SERVICE FEATURED IN NEW GLAMOROUS, FIRST-CLASS RAIL TRAVEL ADVENTURE**

*Owner Of Largest Number of Original Pullman Rail Cars Launches Classic American Rail Journey Experience*

CHICAGO – Pullman Sleeping Car Company, LLC, announced today the launch of the Pullman Rail Journeys, a first-class, standalone rail experience in artfully and fully restored Pullman Rail Cars, on a scheduled basis between Chicago and New Orleans via the Illinois Central line, The Mainline of Mid America. A pre-inaugural journey departs Union Station in Chicago on Monday, October 29, 2012 and four inaugural departures are scheduled beginning Friday, November 2, 2012.

The parent company to Pullman Sleeping Car Company, Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC (IPH), is owner of the largest number of original Pullman cars in the world, with approximately 70 cars in various stages of restoration and service use out of only 500 known Pullman Rail Cars, and has provided the cars to launch this rail journey. The Pullman Rail Journeys are reminiscent of the all-Pullman Panama Limited, and seeks to provide the same authentic experience of luxurious travel and the finest service.

“Pullman rail cars and service are an iconic piece of American history that evoke memories of an era when the essence of rail travel was the journey itself, not just transportation to be endured en route to a destination,” said Ed Ellis, president of Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC, the parent company of the Pullman Sleeping Car Company, LLC. “Backed by Iowa Pacific Holding’s hundreds of collective years in rail industry management and a deep knowledge of the ideal train experience, Pullman Rail Journeys revives the first-class, overnight rail experience and offers discerning rail aficionados a truly unparalleled opportunity to experience the Pullman quality of travel in the USA.” Pullman Rail Journeys provides rail transportation of a bygone time in distinguished Pullman cars restored to original splendor with modern enhancements to accommodate today’s traveler. Each Pullman rail car conveys a unique personality and pedigree, allowing guests to enjoy a different taste of the iconic era with each Journey.

“Pullman Rail Journeys deliver the romance of the rails where guests can unplug from hectic lifestyles and enjoy a leisure travel experience that begins from the moment they reserve travel,” said Angela Arias, vice president of sales, marketing and public affairs, Pullman Sleeping Car Company, LLC. “While onboard, passengers’ stress melts away as they get lost in the views of the American countryside, and they relax and submit to the comfort and salve offered by the rhythmic soothing of the train.”

Pullman Rail Journeys is an independently-owned operator of first-class passenger service on both the Amtrak scheduled network and in private train and charter service. Regularly scheduled service operates from a Chicago base, with an initial rail consist of Chicago to New Orleans, at a travel time of approximately 19 hours. Pullman Sleeping Car Company, LLC (PSSC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC (IPH), a Chicago-based railroad holding company whose management team has hundreds of years collectively in the rail industry and holds an in-depth understanding of the ideal train experience.

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## **LARGEST PULLMAN CAR RESTORATION UNDERTAKING**

Pullman Rail Journeys are appropriately based out of Chicago, home to the original Pullman Company that, at its peak in the 1930's, was an empire for building and operating a fleet of the nation's finest passenger rail cars. There are 500 known Pullman Rail Cars in North America, of which 200 are heavyweights and 300 are lightweights. Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC (IPH) currently owns 70 Pullman Rail Cars, located around the country, rescued from freight yards and backyards all over America, including Alaska. Six Pullman Rail Cars have been pulled from Iowa Pacific Holdings' collection to be restored for the initial journey, with other distinguished cars waiting in the wings to be restored and added through expanded offerings.

The Pullman Rail Journey consist includes recycled, heavyweight cars as well as lightweight cars dating back to a 1917 round end sleeper-observation that was originally a coach built by the Pullman Company. Each car was carefully brought back to service and underwent painstakingly detailed restoration to be as historically accurate as possible including recreations of textiles, bedding, plates, utensils and company uniforms. Costs for restoration of each of these cars ranged from \$750,000 to \$1.2 million per car, depending on the degree of restoration required.

## **AUTHENTIC PULLMAN EXPERIENCE, CONTEMPORARY FIRST-CLASS STANDARDS**

Credited with the creation of the first modern, comfortable sleeping car for rail travel in 1858, the Pullman name is synonymous with impeccable service and accommodations. While maintaining period appearance, mechanical improvements and contemporary upgrades were made to Pullman Rail Journeys cars to meet current standards and to maximize guest comfort throughout every moment of a traveler's journey.

### **Signature Service Standards**

- Smoother ride: Wheels, undercarriage and suspensions will be replaced with parts manufactured specifically for the heavyweight Pullman cars to provide an efficient, smoother ride.
- Convenience and comfort: Air-conditioning, power outlets and wireless Internet access add convenience and comfort for guests.
- Quality accommodations: Sleeping accommodations have been upgraded with fine bedding and linens. Showers have been added and additional private baths included in select cars.

### **Engaging Social Hubs**

Whether enjoying the formality of a meal in the Dome Dining Car or the casual atmosphere of the Club Car, dining areas have been thoughtfully designed to be engaging, social hubs featuring an unexpected, culinary experience exceeding Pullman standard fare. "Unlike other travel, rail travel provides an opportunity to socialize, meet and engage with new people, while receiving pampered service; an unmatched experience in 21st-Century travel," said David W. Duncan, general manager, Pullman Sleeping Car Company, LLC.

### **Iconic Pullman Service**

The Pullman Rail Journeys' training program for staff addresses the same detail of signature service standards as the original Pullman Company service training – from how to make a Pullman berth, to attending call buttons for porter service, to shining guests' shoes each night and laying them ready at their door for waking. As an added touch of present-day service, guests also receive access to exclusive partnership benefits from hoteliers, theaters, retailers, and restaurants in disembarkation cities. "All Pullman employees will live by the service standards of the original Pullman Company training manual, a document and culture highly regarded as foundational and timeless in delivering client experience excellence," said David W. Duncan.

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## **ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL UPSWING**

As the first cities in the Pullman Rail Journeys series, Chicago and New Orleans are expected to realize positive impact from:

- Materials purchases: Restoration materials, local grocery and uniform purchases; USA made when possible.
- Real estate investment: 14,000 square feet of space leased for the Pullman Rail Journeys' commissary in Chicago, with a five year contract and options to renew.
- Job creation: Approximately 20 fulltime operations employees including conductors, porters, waiters and engineers. Approximately eight fulltime employees for reservations and management functions.
- Incremental tourism revenue: Expected for lodging, transportation, dining, retail, entertainment in disembarkation cities.
- Recycling: Restoration of original cars and the use of original Pullman parts when possible.
- Additionally, several key trends in travel point to a positive economic outlook for Pullman Rail Journeys:
- The travel industry has recovered more than half of the jobs lost during the recession, a pace which exceeds the rest of the economy by 34 percent. Demand for service workers validates current demand and points to future growth.
- Foreign visitors to the U.S. were up 13.5 percent through the first 11 months of 2012, and New Orleans holds significant shares of international market travel.
- US domestic leisure travel is expected to increase +3.0% in 2012 and +4.3% in 2013.

“Pullman Rail Journeys are standalone, world-class rail experiences with no comparisons in train travel today. As Pullman Rail Journeys expands to include additional rail consists, we expect incremental economic and environmental impact in each of our disembarkation cities, as well as nationally, as we contribute to the growth of domestic and international tourism,” said David W. Duncan.

### **ABOUT PULLMAN RAIL JOURNEYS & PULLMAN SLEEPING CAR COMPANY, LLC:**

Pullman Rail Journeys are a collection of American rail experiences from the Pullman Sleeping Car Company, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC. Pullman Sleeping Car Company was created in November of 2011 and is headquartered in Chicago. In November 2012, The Pullman Rail Journeys begins operating regularly scheduled first-class train experiences between Chicago and New Orleans. For more information visit [www.travelpullman.com](http://www.travelpullman.com).

### **ABOUT IOWA PACIFIC HOLDINGS, LLC:**

Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC is a Chicago-based railroad holding company for a series of passenger and freight railroads in the United States and England. With a focus on acquisitions and turn-around, IPH operates three excursion trains in the United States: Rio Grande Scenic Railroad in Alamosa, Colorado; The Mount Hood Railroad in Hood River, Oregon and the Saratoga & North Creek Railway in Saratoga Springs, New York. IPH also operates exclusive, chartered trains through High Iron Travel, providing passengers an experience described by train enthusiasts as “rare mileage.” Iowa Pacific Holdings also is the largest operator of seasonal Polar Express rail experiences operating in the USA and England, with seven Polar Express events scheduled in 2012.

IPH management is a diverse group, collectively with hundreds of years of rail-industry experience. IPH managers have backgrounds with class I railroads, short-lines, Amtrak, railroad supply, intermodal, trucking companies, transloading, car repair and much more. With such wide-ranging expertise, IPH is uniquely capable of devising creative solutions to transportation problems.

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## GLAMOR THAT MOVES YOU – RIDE IN GATSBY STYLE ON PULLMAN RAIL JOURNEYS

*Pullman Rail Journeys Invokes The Great Gatsby to Offer Travelers an Elegant Getaway for Less!*

**(May 15, 2013 – Chicago, IL)** – Pullman Rail Journeys is using its chic, Art Deco restoration of vintage Pullman sleeping cars to align with the classic novel and release of the major motion picture, *The Great Gatsby*. Guests will receive 25% off rail fare if booked before May 30th for travel by December 31, 2013.

“The restoration of the Pullman sleeping cars was carefully orchestrated to evoke the style and elegance of the mid 20th century,” says David Duncan, General Manager of Pullman Rail Journeys. “With the excitement brewing over the release of this movie, we’d like people to see first-hand what it was like to travel during this time.”

Guests looking to take advantage of this offer will be extended a 25% discount on Pullman Rail Journeys fares which include: overnight sleeping accommodations to and from either Chicago or New Orleans, fine food and beverages including spirits and the impeccable on-board services of Pullman. Our knowledgeable Pullman sales staff can also assist in hotel accommodations, activities and dining in either destination city. For more information on this offer, please visit [The Great Gatsby offer page](#) on our website.

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## PULLMAN RAIL JOURNEYS GIVES YOUNG TRAVELERS A BREAK

*“Half Pint – Half Price” Promotion Announced - Allows Kids to Ride at Half Price*

(May 15, 2013 – Chicago, IL) – Pullman Rail Journeys has announced a very special offer to the youngest of rail travel enthusiasts; kids twelve and under ride for half the adult fare. Many adults wax poetic about their zeal for trains as children, so this is the chance to give kids the truly memorable train experiences they treasure.

“There is such a fascination with trains among children starting at a young age,” stated David Duncan, General Manager of Pullman Rail Journeys. “But until now, kids have never had the opportunity to travel by train the way Pullman provided decades ago. We are aiming to change that.”

Accommodations available range from master suites with private bathrooms to traditional rail upper and lower berth sleeping arrangements. Spacious lounge areas allow families to gather and watch the passing landscape as they did in the past, as well as sign on to a private Wi-Fi network as an updated feature of Pullman on-board service.

Adults taking advantage of this opportunity will be extended half-priced child fare on sleeping arrangement of equal or lesser value for kids 12 and under. All fares include fine food and beverages (plus spirits for those 21 and over), overnight sleeping accommodations and impeccable Pullman on-board service. Pullman Rail Journeys sales agents can also assist with activities and hotels in destination cities making for a truly full service experience.

For more information about this offer, please visit:  
<https://www.travelpullman.com/halfpint-halfprice.aspx>

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## About Premier Rail Collection

- The Premier Rail Collection (PRC) was introduced in 2013 to provide one voice to present to consumers and the travel industry on behalf of the quickly growing portfolio of passenger railroads acquired by Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC - a Chicago-based railroad holding company with both freight and passenger services.
- PRC seeks to elevate the image of and set the standard for the revival of the Golden Age of rail travel by focusing on unique train experiences and unmatched on-board service.
- PRC represents the following railroads: Mount Hood Railroad (Hood River, OR); Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway (Santa Cruz, CA); Rio Grande Scenic Railroad (Alamosa/LaVeta, CO); Texas State Railroad (Rusk/Palestine, TX), Pullman Rail Journeys (Chicago/New Orleans, LA); Saratoga & North Creek Railway (Saratoga Springs, NY); Cape Cod Central Railroad (Hyannis, MA)
- Also represented by PRC are two entities that provide special rail services; Key Holidays operates the Reno Fun Train and Snow Train and provides exciting Amtrak packages to premier destinations, and High Iron Travel which provides private rail car leasing and organizes unique and rare rail excursions for true train enthusiasts.
- Consumers and travel industry professionals can visit us online at [www.PremierRails.com](http://www.PremierRails.com)



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**IOWA PACIFIC HOLDINGS, LLC GIVES ITS PASSENGER DIVISION A NEW FACE**  
***Premier Rail Collection Entrusted with the Revival of the Golden Age of Rail Journeys!***

**(Chicago – May 21, 2013)** – Recognizing the exponential growth and potential of its passenger rail portfolio, Iowa Pacific Holdings (IPH) has moved the entirety of its passenger holdings under one overarching brand. Premier Rail Collection (PRC) is a group of uniquely individual passenger railroads across the nation, inviting modern travelers to experience the revival of the golden age of rail journeys.

“I am so honored to introduce the Premier Rail Collection to the travel landscape,” says Angela Arias, Vice President of Sales and Marketing. “As the largest private operator of passenger railroads in the world, we are uniquely positioned to offer rail travelers a best-in-class travel experience and establish Premier Rail Collection as the standard of impeccable service.”

***Under the PRC umbrella are the following passenger rail operations:***

The Mount Hood Railroad – Hood River, OR: [www.MtHoodRR.com](http://www.MtHoodRR.com)

Key Holidays – Oakland, CA: [www.KeyHolidays.com](http://www.KeyHolidays.com)

Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railway – Santa Cruz, CA – [www.santacruzrailway.com](http://www.santacruzrailway.com)

Rio Grande Scenic Railroad – Alamosa, CO – [www.ColoradoTrain.com](http://www.ColoradoTrain.com)

Texas State Railroad – Rusk & Palestine, TX – [www.TexasStateRR.com](http://www.TexasStateRR.com)

Pullman Rail Journeys – Chicago, IL/ New Orleans, LA – [www.TravelPullman.com](http://www.TravelPullman.com)

High Iron Travel – Chicago, IL – [www.HighIronTravel.com](http://www.HighIronTravel.com)

Saratoga & North Creek Railway – Saratoga Springs, NY – [www.SNCRR.com](http://www.SNCRR.com)

Cape Cod Central Railroad – Hyannis, MA – [www.CapeRail.com](http://www.CapeRail.com)

PRC is also the nation’s largest operator of specially-themed and holiday rail events.

Travel Industry Professionals looking to partner with PRC can visit the website for the Business Development Team contact information and sales territories: [www.PremierRail.com](http://www.PremierRail.com)

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## PREMIER RAIL COLLECTION BRINGS HOLIDAY MAGIC TO THE RAILS

*Largest Operator of Polar Express and Holiday Themed Train Rides Has High Ambitions for Special Events*

(Chicago – May 21, 2013) – Premier Rail Collection (PRC), the nation’s largest group of privately owned passenger rail lines, continues to surprise and delight passengers throughout the holiday season as the world’s largest operator of the Polar Express Train Ride and other holiday themed excursions. PRC is setting the standard for high-quality, affordable Holiday entertainment for families.

“Bringing the theater experience aboard a train gives us a very unique advantage when it comes to Holiday entertainment,” says Debra Goodman, Director of Special Events for Premier Rail Collection. “We are able to provide an interactive, lively show for families that may be looking for something a little more thrilling to share with each other to create lasting memories.”

The Polar Express Train Ride brings passengers to the North Pole and back on a one-hour journey reenacting the iconic book and movie. Santa visits each child, handing them the first gift of the season, the legendary silver bell that can only be heard by those who truly believe in the magic of Christmas. The Polar Express is available at the following locations:

Mount Hood Railroad, Hood River, OR – [www.OregonPolarExpressRide.com](http://www.OregonPolarExpressRide.com)

Texas State Railroad, Rusk, TX – [www.EastTexasPolarExpressRide.com](http://www.EastTexasPolarExpressRide.com)

West Texas & Lubbock Railroad, Lubbock, TX – [www.WestTexasPolarExpressRide.com](http://www.WestTexasPolarExpressRide.com)

Saratoga & North Creek Railway, Saratoga Springs, NY – [www.SaratogaPolarExpressRide.com](http://www.SaratogaPolarExpressRide.com)

Cape Cod Central Railroad, Hyannis, MA – [www.CapeCodPolarExpressRide.com](http://www.CapeCodPolarExpressRide.com)

PRC also produces exciting and festive original holiday events that focus on a classic family train ride. The Train to Christmas Town and the North Pole Express. The Train to Christmas Town, based on a book of the same name written for this production, follows a young girl’s yearly journey on a train and her personal journey to rediscover the meaning of family, friends and Christmas. The Train to Christmas Town is available at the Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway. The North Pole Express is a lively and engaging trip to the North Pole on which guests can take part in readings of holiday book, carol singing and delicious, sweet treats. The North Pole Express can be boarded at the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad.

Travel Industry Professionals looking to learn more about any of our Polar Express Train Rides or other holiday trains can visit the websites of the individual railroads or go to [www.PremierRailEvents.com](http://www.PremierRailEvents.com) for more information. Special blocks of seats are available to Travel Industry Professional in limited quantities for the Polar Express and special rates are available for the Train to Christmas Town and North Pole Express.

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**The Mount Hood Railroad** - *Hood River, OR*

Located just one hour east of Portland, the Mount Hood Railroad offers a variety of train ride options to visitors of the Hood River Valley. Relaxing scenic excursion rides through fertile orchards, exciting murder mystery dinner trains with gourmet meals, Sunday brunch trains and family-friendly Western train robberies make Mt. Hood Railroad a great reason to get away. Special events are available throughout the year and the Polar Express Train Ride delights the young and young at heart during the holiday season.

[www.MtHoodRR.com](http://www.MtHoodRR.com)

**Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railway** – *Santa Cruz, CA*

Just a short drive from the busy Silicon Valley, the Santa Cruz & Monterey Bay Railway operates the Train to Christmas Town during the holiday season with inaugural operations of a scenic dinner train planned to depart in 2014.

[www.SantaCruzRailway.com](http://www.SantaCruzRailway.com)

**Rio Grande Scenic Railroad** – *Alamosa/LaVeta, CO*

In the quiet San Luis Valley of the Southern Rockies lies Alamosa – a historic railroad town now home to the Rio Grande Scenic Railroad. Wind its way through the Spanish Peaks, the train takes passengers through scenic mountain vistas where wildlife abounds and featuring the wide open skies iconic of the American West. Guests can choose to stop at the top of LaVeta Pass at Fir Station – a mountain clearing specially outfitted with a box car stage operated by wind and solar energy on which great Western music performers regale audiences with folksy tales and tunes.

[www.ColoradoTrain.com](http://www.ColoradoTrain.com)

**Texas State Railroad** – *Rusk/Palestine, TX*

Honored as the “Official Railroad of the State of Texas”, this Western gem takes passengers through the scenic Piney Woods of East Texas on historic rail cars pulled by a charming restored steam engine. The rail line is also flanked by full service campgrounds operated by the railroad. Special events are available throughout the year and the Polar Express is offered during the Holiday season.

[www.TexasStateRR.com](http://www.TexasStateRR.com)

**High Iron Travel** – *Chicago, IL*

Rare mileage – this is what High Iron Travel specializes in. It is a term used to describe traveling in passenger rail cars on track that is normally reserved for freight only. While these excursions appeal to only the most seasoned and enthusiastic rail fans, High Iron also conducts specially themed rail trips in private rail cars designed to heighten the experience of traveling by rail by offering exceptional on-board dining and on-of-a-kind packages.

[www.HighIronTravel.com](http://www.HighIronTravel.com)

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**Pullman Rail Journeys** – *Chicago, IL / New Orleans, LA*

Pullman Rail Journeys aims to return passengers to a time when rail travel was the height of sophistication. With the largest privately owned collection of authentic Pullman cars in various stages of restoration, Pullman Rail Journeys has faithfully and artfully returned many to their original splendor. The focus is on service and providing the guest with exceptional rail travel experiences through all the senses.

[www.travelpullman.com](http://www.travelpullman.com).

**Saratoga & North Creek Railway** – *Saratoga Springs, NY*

Winding its way along a 52 mile stretch of the Hudson River, the Saratoga & North Creek Railway takes passengers away from busy city life to the charming Adirondack town of North Creek. This hamlet was once a destination for Teddy Roosevelt and is rich in culture and friendly, small-town appeal. On-board dining is a specialty at the SNCRR as a classically trained chef prepared incredible meals to order and an attentive wait staff serves in an authentic mid-century Dome Car complete with arching glass windows to truly appreciate the passing First Wilderness scenery.

[www.SNCRR.com](http://www.SNCRR.com)

**Cape Cod Central Railroad** – *Hyannis, MA*

Cape Cod is a relaxing getaway for many in busy urban areas of the Northeast. The Cape Cod Central Railroad specializes in showing travelers the hidden beauty of the Cape that is only accessible by train. Choose from relaxing scenic rides, elegant dinner trains, family-friendly lunch and brunch trains or one of the many special events available throughout the year.

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