

california rails

departs **sunday 12 october 2008**

for 8 days



Enjoy watching and photographing busy heavy freights with multiple loco power in scenic locations such as the climb through Cajon Pass and the remarkable Tehachapi Loop all under the warm Californian sun.

Sunday 12 October:

Lunch time direct flight from London Heathrow to Los Angeles, continue by road to Fullerton just an hour away for overnight stay.

Monday 13 October:

Spend a few hours at the pleasant Fullerton station. 28 Metrolink trains daily, Amtrak's "Southwest Chief" and "Surfliners" and up to 90 BNSF freights heading in and out of the Los Angeles ports and Long Beach, plus local freight in charge of older equipment some still lettered in Sante Fe blue/yellow make this one on the busiest places in the Los Angeles area. The station has a café right on the platform (no need to miss those trains!) and a steak house across the road. Later in the afternoon visit the Orange Empire Museum (entry free) for a look at their collection of trams, interurbans, diesels and steam. Continue to San Bernardino for three nights stay

Tuesday/Wednesday 14/15 October:

Two full days on Cajon Pass. Three tracks, two BNSF one UP, climb from San Bernardino over the pass, we shall cover all the photo locations – old Cajon station, Sullivans Curve, Mormon Rocks, the "Garden" and at the Summit.

Thursday 16 October:

We take a look at the exit tracks from the huge Colton Yard in San Bernardino then freights and Metrolink at the station before driving to Daggett Junction near Barstow. Totally different scenery here out in the flat desert with the trains moving fast over a particularly busy section where UP and BNSF share tracks. Later in the day head to Tehachapi for three nights stay at a hotel across the road from the tracks.

Friday/Saturday 17/18 October:

Two full days on the very steeply graded Tehachapi Pass – one of the most impressive locations to watch and photograph freight including the horseshoe curve at Caliente, the tunnels, Bealville, the famous spiral itself and in the Mojave Desert. Rear end and mid-train helpers are often seen on this line.

Sunday 19 October:

A leisurely drive calling in at Los Angeles Union station before departing on the late afternoon flight to London Heathrow arriving the following morning.

The Tour Cost Includes:

- Flights from London Heathrow to Los Angeles and return
- Seven nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- All road transportation in a 15-seat passenger van
- Services of a Railtours tour manager throughout

TOUR COST:	£995.00
Single room supplement:	£195.00
"Land only" cost (joining/leaving at Los Angeles)	£525.00
Insurance:	£50.00
Deposit:	£150.00 per person

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