

Pacific Railroad Society

presents



Big Dome to the Bay

Excursion 538

January 16, 17, 18, 2010

- Ride in Amtrak's ex-GN full-length dome car behind the *Coast Starlight***
- Experience the authentic ex-UP Pullman, *National Forum***
- Re-live the age of steam on a special Niles Canyon Railway train**
- Follow the route of Southern Pacific's legendary *Coast Daylight***
- Share a three-day holiday weekend full of history, fun and trains**

Leave your auto behind and join Pacific Railroad Society, Inc., for a three-day all rail adventure into California's past. We'll be using Amtrak's full length dome lounge to get the best view of the Coast between Los Angeles and Oakland's Jack London Square. We'll leave at 10:15 am from Los Angeles Union Station with a narration of historic spots along the way. A buffet dinner under the stars will be served in the evening.

After a restful night at the Inn at Jack London Square and a breakfast in their full service restaurant, we'll catch an Amtrak train to Niles where the Pacific Locomotive Association will have a vintage steam train ready for us to board. Our trip back into history will be topped off by lunch and a tour of the museum grounds. Then, it's back on the train to Jack London Square for some free time.

On Monday, we'll climb aboard our private cars for a continental breakfast and a relaxing trip back to Los Angeles. Lunch and a light dinner are included, and our arrival in Los Angeles is scheduled for 8:45 pm.

Total cost of this three-day adventure including hotel:

Per person, double occupancy

\$549.00



Trip Features Our group will have exclusive use of Amtrak's last remaining full-length dome car for a breathtaking view of the California coast. This "Big Dome" ex-GN Empire Builder full-length lounge car was built in 1955 to provide the Great Northern's passengers with a panoramic view of the countryside. Each of our passengers will have free access to unreserved lounge car seats in the full-length dome car and in the open section area of 1956-built Pullman sleeper, the *National Forum*. Snacks and soft drinks will be provided in the downstairs lounge. Narration will explain points of railroad history along the way.

Experienced excursion staff PRS is an educational organization staffed exclusively by volunteers. PRS has been operating excursions since its founding in 1936, and each of your excursion hosts has extensive experience in railroad travel and has been especially chosen to help make our experience as informative and enjoyable as possible.

Steam-powered passenger train On Sunday, we will be the guests of the Pacific Locomotive Association at their Niles Canyon Railway. After arriving on the Amtrak *Capitol* from Oakland, we will board our steam-powered excursion train to traverse the historic transcontinental Southern Pacific right-of-way between Niles and Sunol. Time will be allowed for lunch and for exploring the extensive collection of rolling stock at the museum, explained by our PLA hosts.

Accommodations Excursion participants will spend two nights, double occupancy, at the Inn at Jack London Square, within walking distance of the Oakland Train station.

Meals Your ticket entitles you to snacks and soft drinks while aboard the excursion cars: a sandwich lunch and buffet dinner on the way up Saturday; full breakfast at the hotel on Sunday morning; lunch at the Niles Canyon Railway; a continental breakfast, lunch, and light dinner served onboard the excursion cars coming home. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at your own cost from the Amtrak staff onboard the dome car.

Luggage Suitcases will be checked in the baggage car. Due to limited space on our exclusive cars, PRS excursion participants are asked to only bring immediate needs, like wallets, medicine, and cameras into the cars with them.

Not included Your dinner on Sunday night; transportation to wherever in the Bay Area you wish to go on Sunday night; tips to the Amtrak staff; parking at Union Station; beer, wine, other alcoholic beverages, which will be available for purchase from Amtrak; all items of a personal nature.

Optional add-ons: Parlor car service Enjoy your own private refuge and porter service onboard the *National Forum*, the former Union Pacific Pullman car which is lovingly and authentically preserved as part of the PRS historic collection. For an additional "accommodation charge" of \$100, occupy a roomette, appropriate for one passenger; for \$200, you'll have a bedroom, with room for one to three passengers.

Single occupancy rooms Single occupancy rooms at the hotel are available for an additional \$209.

Ticket Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

Street _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone number (____) _____ e-mail _____

I hereby reserve _____ places on the BIG DOME TO THE BAY excursion at \$549 apiece. Total: _____

Additional options: Add \$100 for a roomette, or \$200 for a bedroom _____

Single occupancy supplement for the two nights in the hotel: \$209 _____

(A deposit of \$100 will hold your reservation until October 1, 2009, when the entire amount is due). Tickets are refundable until December 15, 2009, at which time refunds will be made only if we can fill your space from the waiting list. The entire deposit amount will be refunded to you if the trip is cancelled by PRS or Amtrak.

Please enclose your check to PACIFIC RAILROAD SOCIETY, INC., and send to:

Pacific Railroad Society—Excursions
210 W. Bonita Avenue
San Dimas CA 91773

Or use your VISA or MasterCard. Card number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ expiration date _____

Make sure your stated name and address above are the same as the name and address where you receive your credit card billing.

Signature: _____

If you have questions, please contact us on the internet at prsexcursions@live.com, or leave a message at (626) 570-0033. One of our volunteer ticket agents will call you back as soon as they become available. We look forward to seeing you on this rare journey back into California's history!