

*A Complete Vacation Guide to*

# GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

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*Deep valleys, ancient forests, and alpine scenery are only part of what makes Montana's Glacier National Park so utterly incredible. Home to over 130 pristine named lakes, five National Historic Landmarks, and over 1 million acres that boast parts of two mountain ranges, over 1,000 species of plants, and hundreds of species of animals, Glacier National Park is a true explorer's paradise. After arriving to the park by rail, begin your explorations with a boat cruise of Two Medicine Valley. You'll leave feeling rejuvenated and inspired after discovering this natural gem.*



# GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

## Fast Facts

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### **LOCATION:**

Montana

### **TRAIN:**

Amtrak's Empire Builder

### **WHAT YOU'LL SEE:**

Onboard Amtrak's Empire Builder, you'll see some of the best of America's rugged wilderness as you travel along major portions of the Lewis and Clark trail, much of which is still only accessible by train. If you start the journey in Chicago, route highlights include passing through the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, the simple beauty of the plains of North Dakota, the vast expanse of the high desert and Big Sky country, the stunning Cascade Mountains and the spectacular Columbia River Gorge. West Glacier Station is just steps away from the park's entrance, and all the stunning glaciers, waterfalls and mountains the area is known for. The impressive, timbered Glacier Park Lodge sits to the left of the station and is a wonderful option for overnight stays at the park. Constructed from trees estimated to be over 600 years old, the lodge was built by the Great Northern Railway to promote rail travel and to attract tourists to this beautiful area. Nowadays, the park is one of the most popular stops in the entire Amtrak system.



*Our rail experts'  
favorite things about*

**GLACIER NATIONAL PARK**



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## THE TRAIN TAKES YOU TO THE PARK'S DOORSTEP

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Amtrak's Empire Builder route stops at East Glacier Park station in East Glacier Park Village, just steps from the park entrance. For decades, it's been a popular seasonal stop for the Empire Builder line, open from April to October and serving mostly visitors to Glacier National Park.

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## MOUNTAIN GOATS ARE A SYMBOL OF THE PARK

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If you're visiting Glacier National Park, it won't be long before you spot the agile mountain goat, perhaps hanging out on the edge of a steep mountain cliff. The official symbol of the park due to its prevalence and perseverance in the area, the hardy animal has made a name for itself, carefully watching visitors from a safe distance or foraging for food. Their special hooves allow them to easily climb a variety of terrain, from rock to ice, with ease.

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## 'JAMMERS' ARE THE TRANSPORTATION OF CHOICE

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Visitors to Glacier National Park can enjoy tours of the park in style in historic red buses called 'Jammers.' Originally introduced to U.S. National Parks in the 1930s in an effort to reduce car traffic, this distinctive fleet of coach cars was restored and modified in 2002, with a number converted to run on alternative fuel. Many repeat visitors to the park say their drive along Going-to-the-Sun Road in the vintage Jammer bus with the wind in their hair was the best part!

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## GOING-TO-THE-SUN ROAD IS AN AWARD WINNER

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One of the most iconic stretches of land of Glacier National Park is arguably Going-to-the-Sun Road, the 53 mile-long scenic drive that opened way back in 1933 and boasts some of the most breathtaking natural views in North America. The road is famous, too, having appeared in the opening credits of the classic horror film *The Shining*, and having received several distinctive honors, including being registered as a National Historic Landmark, a National Historic Place, and a Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. The road crosses the Continental Divide via Logan's Pass, which can accumulate up to 80 feet of snow in the winter.

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## THE PARK IS WATER LOVER'S DELIGHT

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There are a whopping 762 lakes in Glacier National Park, 131 of which are named. The largest lake in the park is Lake McDonald, at 9.4 miles long, 1.5 miles wide, and 464 feet deep. While Lake McDonald isn't considered a prime fishing lake, visitors flock to catch a sight of the many wild animals that live along its shore, including moose, black bears, and mule deer. The park is also home to 2,865 miles of streams, the longest of which is Upper McDonald Creek at 25.8 miles.

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## HISTORIC STRUCTURES ABOUND

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There are more than 350 structures within the boundaries of the park, including chalets, hotels, visitor centers, barracks, and more, all of which appear on the National Register of Historic Places.

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## PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE PLENTIFUL

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Plant and animal species thrive in Glacier National Park, with 71 species of mammals, 276 species of birds, and 1,990 total species of plants documented. Wildlife tours are popular among visitors, and sightings are frequent in the warmer spring and summer months.

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## MOUNTAINS AND MORE MOUNTAINS

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There are a total of 175 mountains in Glacier National Park, the tallest of which is Mt. Cleveland at 10,448 feet. Logan Pass, the highest point on the Going-to-the-Sun Road, located along the Continental Divide, comes in at 6,646 feet.

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## THE PARK IS HOME TO 26 GLACIERS, BUT THAT NUMBER IS SHRINKING

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Glacier National Park is home to 26 glaciers, down from approximately 150 in 1850. That number is expected to continue its rapid decline as climate changes shrink their size, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS). Of the existing glaciers, the largest is Harrison Glacier, at 1.6 million square meters.

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of Two Medicine Valley.*



**TWO MEDICINE  
VALLEY**



# GOING TO THE SUN ROAD

*Ride in one of the park's famous  
Red Jammer Buses along the  
Going to the Sun Road,  
and take in some of the best scenery  
in all of Montana.*



# *5 Reasons Why you should travel to Glacier National Park with* **AMTRAK VACATIONS**

## **1. Amtrak Trains Put You Right in the Heart Glacier National Park**

The biggest advantage of train travel? Your train will take you directly to centrally located train stations from city center to city center. That means when you arrive at Glacier National Park, you'll be just steps from The Glacier Park Lodge. If that's not convenience, we don't know what is.

## **2. The Journey is Part of the Experience**

When you travel on an Amtrak train, it's so much more than just getting to your destination as quickly as possible. From the moment you step onboard the train and make your way to your seat or room accommodations, you'll feel the difference. There's actually time to relax, have a meal, and reconnect with family, friends, and fellow passengers. And there's a unique opportunity to learn more about and connect with the land you're traveling through. As you pass great rivers, mountains, and vast desert landscapes, it's hard not to develop a new appreciation for our protected lands.

## **3. No Lines, No-Hassle, No Stress**

Simply board the train at one of the 500+ Amtrak stations across the country and you're on your way to Glacier National Park! No airport lines, no security checks, no frazzled, stressed-out passengers. Amtrak's generous luggage guidelines let you bring two carry-on bags and two personal items on board, and there's always the option to check two bags for free if need be. Imagine getting right to the heart of your destination relaxed, refreshed and ready to explore!

## **4. See Multiple Parks in one Trip**

With Amtrak Vacations, it's easy to take the national park train vacation of your dreams - whether it's spending more time at just Glacier National Park, or visiting up to 12 national parks in a single vacation! Check out the popular itineraries on the next few pages for examples of exciting multi-park train vacations.

## **5. Rail Expert Knowledge**

No rail trip is too complicated for us. In today's travel world, one size no longer fits all, especially when it comes to train vacations. We know rail; from the best routes to the best times ensuring you have the best vacation. We can take your wish list and turn it into an exciting, memorable trip. You can depart today or book your bucket-list trip up to 2 years in advance. We have you covered.





*Vacations featuring*  
**GLACIER NATIONAL PARK**



## GLACIER NATIONAL PARK GETAWAY

4 DAYS FROM \$1,059

- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- Big Sky Circle Tour of Glacier National Park\*
- Two Medicine Valley Boat Cruise of Glacier National Park\*\*
- 1 meal included (1 dinner)

\*Big Sky does not run until late-June

\*\*Two Medicine Valley Boat Cruise stops running early September



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# GLACIER NATIONAL PARK & SEATTLE FROM CHICAGO

7 DAYS FROM \$1,999

Chicago > Glacier National Park > Seattle



## PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Two Medicine Valley Boat Cruise of Glacier National Park
- Big Sky Circle Tour of Glacier National Park
- Seattle CityPASS® including:
  - Space Needle
  - Seattle Aquarium
  - Argosy Harbor Cruise
  - Museum of Pop Culture OR Woodland Park Zoo
  - Pacific Science Center OR Chihuly Garden and Glass Exhibit
- One-way Amtrak® in Coach accommodations from Chicago to Glacier National Park; Glacier National Park to Seattle; onboard the Empire Builder®
- 4 nights' hotel accommodations; 2 nights onboard Amtrak
- 1 meal included (1 dinner)

## DAY 1: CHICAGO TO GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Board Amtrak's Empire Builder today in Chicago for your comfortable and scenic overnight journey to Glacier National Park. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

## DAY 2: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Welcome to Glacier National Park! Upon arrival, check in at the Glacier Park Lodge for a two-night stay and begin to discover your gorgeous surroundings. (Overnight in Glacier National Park)

## DAY 3: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Today, discover Glacier National Park on the Big Sky Circle Tour. Drive over the breathtaking Maria's Pass. Stop at Goat Lick for some wildlife viewing. Venture along the Going-to-the-Sun Road, a windy-mountain thoroughfare that spans 50 miles through the park. Don't forget your camera today as the views are spectacular! (Overnight in Glacier National Park)

## DAY 4: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Today, you'll explore more of the serene sights of Glacier National Park on a scenic boat cruise of Two Medicine Valley. Enjoy a relaxing cruise while listening to the Blackfoot Indian folklore surrounding this gorgeous area. The Two Medicine Valley boat cruise will take your breath away! This evening, make your way to the train station adjacent to your hotel for the comfortable overnight journey to Seattle. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

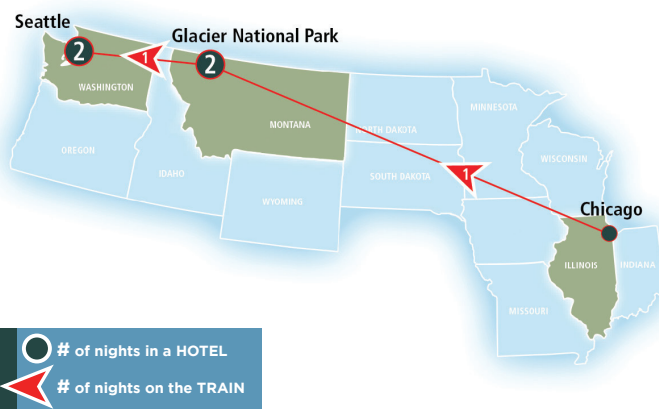
## DAY 5: SEATTLE

Welcome to Seattle! Upon arrival in the city, check in at your hotel for a two-night stay. Get to know the "Emerald City" with your Seattle CityPASS, giving you access to dozens of attractions including the Seattle Aquarium, the Museum of Pop Culture, Chihuly Garden and Glass, and more! Also, don't miss Pike Place Market, Seattle's Great Wheel and many more popular destinations while in the city. (Overnight in Seattle).

## DAY 6: SEATTLE

Continue exploring Seattle at your leisure today using your CityPASS. Discover the Space Needle, the most iconic structure in the city, and enjoy the stunning 360-degree views from the observation deck of snow-capped Mt. Rainier, the lights of downtown Seattle, and picturesque Elliott Bay. (Overnight in Seattle).

## DAY 7: YOUR JOURNEY ENDS IN SEATTLE



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# GRAND NATIONAL PARKS WITH YELLOWSTONE, YOSEMITE AND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

15 DAYS FROM \$5,999

Chicago > Salt Lake City > Yellowstone National Park >  
San Francisco > Yosemite National Park >  
Seattle > Glacier National Park > Chicago

## PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Sightseeing tour of Yellowstone's Lower Loop
- Dinner at The Roof Restaurant in Salt Lake City
- Sightseeing tour of Yosemite National Park
- Hop-on, hop-off sightseeing tour of San Francisco
- Admission to the Space Needle Observatory Deck
- Big Sky Circle Tour of Glacier National Park
- Two Medicine Valley Boat Cruise in Glacier National Park
- One-way Amtrak® in Coach accommodations on the California Zephyr®, Coast Starlight®, and Empire Builder®
- 10 nights' hotel accommodations; 5 nights' onboard Amtrak
- 4 meals included (1 dinner; 3 breakfasts)

## DAY 1: CHICAGO

Head over to Union Station in Chicago to board the California Zephyr train heading West. You are on your way to the national parks! (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

## DAY 2: SALT LAKE CITY

Keep your camera handy as your train makes its way west. This journey from Chicago takes you across the waving fields of grain that make up the Great Plains and through the soaring peaks of the Rocky Mountains. As you arrive to Salt Lake City, head to your hotel for the evening. (Overnight in Salt Lake City)

## DAY 3: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Awake this morning and continue on to Yellowstone. Your journey takes in some amazing mountain scenery along the way. (Overnight in West Yellowstone)



## DAY 4: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Today you will experience the majesty of Yellowstone, the world's first national park. Formed from the remains of an extinct super-volcano that exploded around 600,000 years ago, the park is a full of alpine lakes, flowing rivers, jagged peaks, expansive forests, hot springs and geysers. Your included tour allows you to experience all of this while stopping at a number of thrilling landmarks such as the world-famous geyser, Old Faithful. Keep your eyes open for the abundant wildlife that inhabit Yellowstone such as elk, bears, pronghorn, and even wolves! Yellowstone is an absolute wonder! (Overnight in West Yellowstone)

## DAY 5: OVERNIGHT ONBOARD AMTRAK

You are transported back to Salt Lake City today to board your train heading to the West Coast and Yosemite National Park. Enjoy dinner and spectacular views of the city at a popular restaurant before departing on the train in the evening. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

## DAY 6: SAN FRANCISCO

This evening you will arrive in San Francisco. Check into your hotel to relax or head out to enjoy dinner or some sights. The evening is yours. (Overnight in San Francisco)

## DAY 7: YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Today's trip to Yosemite National Park is one of the highlights of your journey. After being picked up from your hotel, you will ride through California's agricultural heartland. This is a relaxing trip through some very charming countryside. Your visit to Yosemite itself is a chance to experience all the park is famous for: rocky peaks such as El Capitan, abundant pine forest, a variety of wildlife, and more. This evening you return to San Francisco. (Overnight in San Francisco)

## DAY 8: OVERNIGHT ONBOARD AMTRAK

Today is yours to experience all San Francisco has to offer. Use your included hop-on, hop-off sightseeing pass to tour the city. Your knowledgeable guide will provide an excellent overview of the city pointing out key neighborhoods and points of interest while sharing facts about San Francisco and its history. Hop-off at sites that interest you to explore further areas like Pier 39, Chinatown, Union Square, Golden Gate Park and more. This evening you head out to Emeryville to meet the train and continue your journey through the national parks. (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

# GRAND NATIONAL PARKS WITH YELLOWSTONE, YOSEMITE AND THE GLACIER NATIONAL PARK CONT.



## DAY 9: SEATTLE

You spend today winding your way north through the picturesque northwest countryside. Traveling past rolling hills and mountains, over mighty rivers and waterways, and through verdant pine forest, the train journey north is both relaxing and provides a wealth of sightseeing opportunities. After arriving to Seattle, check in to your hotel for the evening. (Overnight in Seattle)

## DAY 10: OVERNIGHT ONBOARD AMTRAK

Take some time this morning to explore Seattle. Take in some amazing views of the Seattle area with your included admission to the Space Needle. In the afternoon, head over to King Street Station and board Amtrak's Empire Builder train as you depart for Glacier National Park! (Overnight onboard Amtrak)

## DAY 11: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

You will arrive this morning to Glacier National Park, one of the most beautiful spots in North America. After checking in to your hotel, the day is free to relax and enjoy the stunning scenery all around you. (Overnight in Glacier National Park)



## DAY 12-13: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast on day 12, you journey out to experience all the magnificent beauty Glacier National Park has to offer. Your tour guide will pick you up from the lodge and take you all through the area today. Travel along the winding mountain way known as Going-to-the-Sun Road. Take in amazing vantage points such as Logan Pass and Goat Lick. Your knowledgeable guide will provide you with not only great sights but also some fascinating information about the park landscape, its wildlife, as well as some background on the native people and folklore of the region. (Overnight in Glacier National Park) B

On day 13 your exploration of Glacier continues. You are picked up and transferred to Two Medicine Valley where you experience the park by boat cruise. The mountain lake is amazing and the spectacular views of pristine wilderness are all around you. Keep your eyes open for the abundant wildlife regularly spotted along the lake shore! (Overnight in Glacier National Park) B

## DAY 14: OVERNIGHT ONBOARD AMTRAK

After enjoying a final breakfast at Glacier Park Lodge, you will cross over to the train station and board the Empire Builder once more. The journey through the Rockies is a once in a lifetime passage through soaring mountain ridges and past countless examples of natural splendor. As the mountains change to foothills and then plains, you will be treated to a little bit of everything the American outdoors has to offer. (Overnight onboard Amtrak) B

## DAY 15: YOUR JOURNEY ENDS IN CHICAGO

*Featured Hotel*

# GLACIER PARK LODGE



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

You will be just 209 steps from the  
East Glacier Park Amtrak Station!



## AMENITIES

- Located approximately 209 steps from the East Glacier Park Amtrak Station
- Heated outdoor pool (Seasonal Late June - Late August)
- 9-hole golf course
- Native American Trading Post and Gift shop
- On-site restaurant and bar
- Lounge (with TV)
- Golden Memory™ pillows
- Energy Efficient lighting
- Recycle Bin
- Super Topper™ mattress cover
- Glacier guidebook
- Alarm clock
- Telephone
- Iron/Board (Upon Request)
- Fan (Upon Request)

## ADDRESS

Highway 2, East Glacier Park, Montana 59434

## HISTORY OF GLACIER PARK LODGE

Glacier Park Lodge was built over a century ago by the Great Northern Railway. The immense timbers that support the Lodge were around 500 to 800 years old when they were cut. There are a total of 60 timbers. They are 36 to 42 inches in diameter, 40 feet long, and all retain their bark. The timbers in the lobby are Douglas fir and the verandahs are supported by Cedars from Washington.

Situated on the Blackfeet Reservation, the hotel site was purchased from the Piegan, a tribe of the Blackfeet Nation. This site was in a settlement then known as Midvale. When the present railway depot was built in 1912, the area was renamed Glacier Park Station and then became known as East Glacier Park in 1950.

The section of the Lodge containing the lobby and dining room was built in 1912-1913 and opened to guests on June 15, 1913. The opening was a very joyful event. Hundreds of Blackfeet Indians erected their teepees on the grounds and some 600 invited guests attended the celebration.

Some tribal members had never been beyond the boundaries of the government reservation and they never ceased to wonder at the seemingly unlimited powers the "Great Spirit" had bestowed on the white man as the massive lodge took shape. The Blackfeet promptly named the new lodge "Omahkoyis" or "Big Tree Lodge".

Today, 161 guest rooms can accommodate over 500 people. Visitors can enjoy the Great Northern Dining Room, Empire Bar, Empire Cafe Espresso Stand, gift shop featuring local Blackfeet crafts, Red Bus Tours, an outdoor swimming pool, a nine-hole golf course, a nine-hole pitch 'n putt course, and Remedies Day Spa featuring massages and other relaxing treatments. All rooms are rustic yet comfortable accommodations with queen, double and/or twin beds, private bathrooms, direct-dial telephones. Family rooms have multiple beds. Bell service is available. Access to all rooms is via stairway only.

A limited number of ADA-accessible rooms are available and are booked based on space available. Only designated guide, service, and/or hearing companion animals are allowed in the Lodge.

## GENERAL

Check In: 4:00 PM

Check Out: 11:00 AM

Hotel is 100% non-smoking

Handicap accessible: Yes. Access to all rooms is via stairway only. However there are handicap rooms available on main floor upon request.

Pets not allowed

NOTE: In keeping with the era in which the lodge was built, televisions, elevators, air conditioning, and in-room coffeemakers are not available.



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