

ALL ABOARD FOR SEATTLE 2011

Do you want to go to the Lions International Convention in July of next year? We're planning an Amtrak train trip from Chicago to Seattle and hope that you will join us.

We will leave three days prior to the first day of the convention from Union Station in Chicago at 2:15pm and arrive in Seattle at 10:25am on the first day of the Convention.

How much will it cost? The price of tickets from Amtrak is based on how early everyone buys their ticket. The best "guesstimate" right now is that a one way trip ticket per person would be as low as \$150.00 up to a max of \$668.00 for last minute travelers. "Roomettes" 2 beds, toilet & sink in room range from a low of \$216.00 up to \$648.00. BUT THERE ARE DISCOUNTS IF WE CAN PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF 20 TRAVELERS. 20% for a group of 20 or more, plus as we figure it, an additional 15% of the above discount for seniors over 62 years old. There is also a convention discount advertised of another 10% off the above discounts. So, it is possible that a one way per person fare could be reduced from \$150.00 down to \$92.00 plus your room rate.

Using the lowest rates possible with a "Roomette" would mean a round trip ticket for 2 seniors would start at \$616.00.

Besides "roomettes", there are also "Bedrooms" which include a vanity, toilet/shower and sink for a slightly higher rate.

One handicap room is available on every car.

The "Superliner Sleeper car" will sleep 2 adults and 2 children, but restrooms and showers are nearby to the rooms.

In order to obtain actual rates, we must first have the required number of passengers with tickets purchased to qualify for discounts. Tickets are refundable up to seven days prior to departure, but would be subject to a cancellation fee of 10% up to a maximum of \$100.00.

We will be traveling on Amtrak's Empire Builder from Chicago through Minneapolis and West along the Canadian border to Seattle. Three meals per day are included with your tickets.

You can access more information by going to Amtrak.com or call them at 1-800-AMTRAK-2. Request their vacation packet.

Right now, we're not asking you to book the trip, but rather are looking to find out how much interest there is to move forward with our plans. Remember that the key to the lowest fares is based on how early the trip is booked.

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