



## **RAILROAD ENGINEER: THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE**

**Guaranteed Departure**

**OCTOBER 14-18, 2017**

**YOU DRIVE THE TRAIN  
YOUR Hand On The Throttle  
YOU Ring The Bell  
YOU Blow The Whistle  
YOU Throw the Track Switches  
What Are Your Waiting For?**

## **YOU ARE THE RAILROAD ENGINEER!**

### **The Ultimate Experience!**

Pull down the brim of your engineer's cap, climb into the engineer's seat, receive personal instructions from your mentor Engineer, as YOU take the controls of real railroad locomotives. Feel the heat of the coal-banked fire and watch the steam fill the sky from behind the throttle of a historic 19th century locomotive. At the controls of the diesel locomotive, the sounds of steel-on-steel ring out as you ride the rails of America's best preserved short-line railroad. With two toots of the whistle, bell ringing and cylinder cocks open, You Begin Your Engineer Experience.

The Nevada Northern was featured on a recent episode of "Big Bang Theory" and is featured on History Channel's smash hit "American Restoration." It draws visitors from around the world who travel to witness and photograph these iron jewels from the golden era of railroading in all their gear-grinding glory.

This isn't a museum where ropes separate you from the exhibits, this is an experience that surrounds you with the sights and sounds of America's rich railroad history. You'll go behind the scenes of the rail yard and the Nevada Northern shops where the original tools still keep these behemoths running the rails. This in-depth railroad experience also includes operating speeder cars, giving hand signals and throwing the track switches.

You'll complete your Nevada adventure as you enjoy a guided tour of the historic mining/railroad towns of Ely and McGill.

If you would like to punch a ticket for these guaranteed departure dates, we welcome you to contact us and climb aboard for the ULTIMATE RAILROAD ENGINEER EXPERIENCE.

Day 1: Arrive in Las Vegas by 2:00 p.m. You will be met at the airport and taken to Windmill Ridge in Alamo for the evening. You will meet your guides and engineer partners at an informational dinner to go over details of your Ultimate Experience. Overnight at the Windmill Ridge or similar. (D)

*Not recommended for those with mobility or medical difficulties. You must be able to climb in and out of locomotives without assistance; will do considerable walking in rail yard on uneven surface and may experience high temperatures inside locomotives. Please check with Leisure West Tours if you have questions regarding your ability to do any portion of this experience. Participants must possess valid drivers' license and must read Nevada Northern Railway Train Service Rule Book which you will be provided and pass an open-book exam based on it.*

Day 2: We'll travel to Ely where your railroad engineer experience awaits. Enroute we will travel through amazing Nevada scenery with a stop at Cathedral Gorge State Park and then lunch. After checking into the hotel in Ely, we'll do some sightseeing around town. You'll spend the night at the Prospector Hotel or similar. (B, L)

Day 3: This morning it's time to arrive at the Depot and review the rules of the railroad in preparation for the open book exam you'll be required to pass to qualify for the engineer experience at the Nevada Northern Railway. We'll divide into groups which will allow some railroaders to take part in the Ultimate Experience in the morning, and the second group can participate in the Ultimate Experience that afternoon. Everyone who qualifies will have the opportunity to drive either a steam or diesel locomotive. The other part of the day will be spent in the rail yards, on speeder cards or touring historic rail/mining towns of Ely, McGill, and the surrounding area. You'll spend the night at the Prospector Hotel or similar. (B, L)

Day 4: Today, we'll continue the Ultimate Experience. If you were behind the controls of a steam train the previous day, you'll have the chance to drive the diesel today. If you drove the diesel on the previous day, you'll be in the engineer's seat of the steam locomotive today. The remainder of the day will be spent in the rail yards, on speeder cards or visiting historic McGill and Ely. Dinner is included tonight. You will overnight at the Prospector Hotel or similar. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Transportation to Las Vegas Airport for the return trip home from your Ultimate Experience. Please make flight reservations to depart Las Vegas after 3:30 p.m. (B)

Price include: Transportation from Las Vegas to Ely and return to Las Vegas, four nights hotel accommodations, meals as indicated above. The Railroad Experience includes operating steam and diesel locomotives, throwing switches in the rail yard and operating speeder cars, admission to sightseeing attractions, and Tour Director to keep things moving. Does not include transportation from home city to Las Vegas or return. *Not recommended for those with mobility or medical difficulties. Participants must be able to climb in and out of the locomotives without assistance; considerable walking in rail yard on uneven surfaces; may experience high temperatures inside locomotives. Please check with Leisure West Tours if you have questions regarding your ability to do any portion of this rail experience. Participants must possess valid driver's license and must read Nevada Northern Railway Train Service Rule Book and must pass an open-book exam based on it.* A deposit of \$500 is required with registration. Deposit is nonrefundable 45 days prior to departure. Final payment is due no later than 45 days prior to departure. No refunds 45 days prior to departure. Optional Travel protection insurance is available and is highly recommended.

Per person double occupancy \$1,995

Single occupancy \$2,495

Companion rates without Rail Experience also available. Call for information.

- YOU Be The Engineer & Operate A Real Coal-Fired Steam Locomotive
- YOU Operate A Diesel Locomotive
- YOU Drive A Railroad Speeder Car
- Behind the Scenes Tour Of The Railroad Yard Including All Of The Shops
- YOU Throw the Track Switches
- Guided Tours Of Historic Rail/Mining Towns of Ely And McGill

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