

# all aboard!

Book a ticket on one of these family-friendly scenic train trips, then sit back and take in the historic views.



**1 DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD, CO** Sit in the open-air gondola for a ride through the Old West and Colorado Rockies along the Animas River. **Side tour:** Take a dip in Trimble Natural Hot Springs or visit nearby Animas Forks, a preserved ghost town. [durangotrain.com](http://durangotrain.com)

**2 WHITE PASS & YUKON ROUTE, AK** Engineers once built tunnels and high trestles to carry prospectors to the Yukon gold fields. Now the narrow-gauge route takes you through spectacular mountain scenery. **Side tour:** Get dropped off on a forest trail that ends at a glacier. [wpyr.com](http://wpyr.com)

**3 NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN, CA** The wine, the food, the scenery: Need we explain why you'll love this 36-mile route? Special trips offer kids' activities. **Side tour:** See Castello Di Amorosa, a family-friendly winery in a medieval-style castle, complete with a dungeon and a moat. [winetrain.com](http://winetrain.com)

**4 CASS SCENIC RAILROAD STATE PARK, WV** Once used to haul timber from the Appalachian Mountains, this steam train now climbs backwoods switchbacks with views of Monongahela National Forest. **Side tour:** Spend the night in Cass, a former lumber town with restored cottages. [www.cassrailroad.com](http://www.cassrailroad.com)

**5 MOUNT WASHINGTON COG RAILWAY, NH** Hold onto your seats as you head up a steep mountain on the world's first cog railway, which uses a gear that interlocks with the track. **Side tour:** Take a bike ride along carriage roads at Zealand Trails. [thecog.com](http://thecog.com)

**6 BLUE RIDGE SCENIC RAILWAY, GA** Start at a 1905 depot in Blue Ridge, then wind 26 miles through a river valley. Your layover is in the twin towns of McCaysville, Georgia, and Copperhill, Tennessee. Take a two-state selfie! **Side tour:** Rent tubes to float down the Toccoa River. [brscenic.com](http://brscenic.com)

**7 NORTH SHORE SCENIC RAILROAD, MN** This Lake Superior line hugs the shore after passing through downtown Duluth. A special music and pizza train has live entertainment and a pie for every passenger. **Side tour:** Visit the Lake Superior Railroad Museum. [northshorescenicrailroad.org](http://northshorescenicrailroad.org)

**8 TEXAS STATE RAILROAD** Steam locomotives run through the Piney Woods of East Texas between two historic depots. Themed trips include a teddy bear ride the first Friday in August and a pumpkin patch express in October. **Side tour:** See wildlife from your car at the Cherokee Trace Drive-Thru Safari. [texasstaterr.com](http://texasstaterr.com)

**9 STRASBURG RAILROAD, PA** America's oldest continuously running railroad still puffs through bucolic Pennsylvania Dutch country. Take the Pinball Pendolino train, and play a vintage machine on board. **Side tour:** Create your own ice cream flavor at the Turkey Hill Experience. [strasburgrailroad.com](http://strasburgrailroad.com)

**10 GRAND CANYON RAILWAY, AZ** This 65-mile trip leaving from Williams, Arizona, includes strolling musicians and ends just steps from the South Rim. **Side tour:** Plan a layover to experience the canyon. [thetrain.com](http://thetrain.com) ■

