

TAKE THE TRAIN TO THE NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION IN SPOKANE, WA



JUNE 24 THRU JULY 2, 2012

Here's an enjoyable way to travel to the 61st National Square Dance Convention in Spokane, WA. Take the Amtrak Empire Builder. The Empire Builder starts its journey in Chicago, IL and travels through Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana on its way to our stop in Spokane. Below is the information you will need to book your trip.

The best time to leave is Sunday June 24, 2012. The Empire Builder leaves Chicago, IL at 2:15 PM on June 24. The train will leave St. Paul, MN at 11:15 PM on June 24. The trip takes about 28 hours and we will get into Spokane about 2:00 AM on Tuesday June 26, 2012. We will then have Tuesday and Wednesday to relax or take one of the tours offered by the convention. The convention runs Thursday June 28-Saturday June 30. The return trip starts at about 1:00 AM on Sunday July 1, 2012 and returns to Minneapolis about 7:00 AM on Monday July 2, 2012.

Since we could not reserve tickets in advance (due to the different boarding cities) here's what you can do. You can order the train tickets on-line by going to <http://amtrak.com> or call them at 1-800-872-7245. If you are 62 years old or older they will give you a discount of 15%. If you are an AAA member you can get a discount of 10%. The discounts are for the base fare only. They also offer sleeping quarters for an additional cost. Food is available on the train.

In Spokane we have a block of 30 rooms at the Red Lion at the Park Hotel which is two blocks from the convention center. The hotel will be picking us up at the train station and will be taking us back there. The cost for the hotel is \$135.00 per night plus tax. To get into the block you need to be registered for the convention. On the registration form, just put in Brian's name and phone number under the block housing section. And then you need to send Brian and Debbie your name, address and phone number. Sometime after January 2, 2012 the hotel will contact you for your credit card information.

We hope you will join us for this fun trip. We are planning to dance at the stations that have a longer stop time. Contact Brian or Debbie at 952-884-3997 or by email at brian@callerbrian.com with any questions. Or you can check for updates on Brian's web site: <http://callerbrian.com>