

# Pacific Limited 1995 Itinerary

*The Pacific Limited Group has announced its 1995 excursion itinerary with trips through the Feather River Canyon and the Pacific Northwest.*

## Feather River Canyon

The first trips of the 1995 season will be 2 excursions on the UP through the Feather River Canyon pulled by the rebuilt E9's. These trips are being run as a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society, Mountain Valley Unit, and are cosponsored by Pacific Limited.

Saturday, April 29, 1995: Called the "Scenic Limited," this trip will operate from Oroville to Westwood and return via the Feather River Canyon to Keddle, then north on the "Inside Gateway" or "Highline" to Westwood. The train will stop at Westwood for one and a half to two hours to allow passengers to tour the town or enjoy a barbecue lunch (price yet to be determined). Departure from the Depot Restaurant, the ex-WP Oroville Depot, will be at 8:15 AM with the return at approximately 8:00 PM.

Sunday, April 30, 1995: Called the "Feather River Express," this trip will operate from Oroville to Blairsden and return. Again, a one and a half to two hour stop will be made at Blairsden where arrangements are being made for a barbecue lunch for all passengers (price to be determined). Departure from Oroville will be at 8:15 AM, with return at approximately 8:00 PM.

Both trains will have 14 cars, with 3 classes of service. Deluxe class is limited to 47 seats in the observation/dome lounge car. Free coffee, soft drinks, pastry, and snacks will be available all day for deluxe class. Fares for deluxe class are \$199 for the Westwood trip, and \$194 for the Blairsden trip.

Dome coach class has 129 seats in 5 dome cars, which provide a much better view of the dramatic scenery. Fares are \$169 for the Westwood trip and \$164 for the Blairsden trip.

Coach class has 405 seats in long distance configuration coach seats or in straight-backed dining car seats. Fares are \$139 for the Westwood trip and \$129 for the Blairsden trip.

The train also has an open door baggage car, and most cars have Dutch doors in the vestibules, for fresh air viewing. In addition, there is a concession car where souvenirs, soft drinks, T-Shirts, film and light snacks are sold.

Oroville is at the foot of the Feather River Canyon, about 60 miles north of Sacramento (milepost 205 on the WP).

Tickets can be purchased by check or credit card. Checks should be made out to American Cancer Society, 2889 Cohasset Road #6, Chico, CA 95926, or by telephone at (916) 342-5871 (fax or phone). Tickets are also available from Pacific Limited Group, P. O. Box 27081,

Salt Lake City, UT 84127-0081 or phone (801) 355-5871.

## City of Portland

In September and October of 1995, Pacific Limited Group will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Streamliner "City of Portland" by operating an excursion train, powered by UP Challenger 3985, from Denver, CO to Portland, OR with side trips to Bend, OR, Spokane, WA, Bonners Ferry, ID, and Butte, MT. This memorable trip will feature much of the scenic splendor of the Pacific Northwest, including:

- The Granger cut-off (Granger, WY to McCammon, ID), which has not seen passenger service in 20 years.
- The Blue Mountains of Oregon.
- A ride along the Snake River, crossing it on the 3900 foot long Joso Bridge.
- Spokane to Bonners Ferry, ID in the Kootenai country.
- The Columbia River Gorge.
- A dramatically scenic trip to Bend, OR along the Deschutes River.
- Rare mileage on UP's Montana Division (Pocatello, ID to Silver Bow, MT near Butte).

The following schedule has been set:

Friday, September 15, 1995, Depart Denver, CO to Laramie, WY.

Saturday, September 16, Layover in Laramie.

Sunday, September 17, Laramie, WY to Rock Springs, WY.

Monday, September 18, Rock Springs, WY to Pocatello, ID via the Granger cut-off (bypasses Ogden/SLC).

Tuesday, September 19, Pocatello, ID to Boise, ID.

Wednesday, September 20, Layover in Boise.

Thursday, September 21, Boise, ID to La Grande, OR.

Friday, September 22, La Grande, OR to Wallula, WA.

Saturday, September 23, Wallula, WA to Spokane, WA via UP's freight only "Washy Line."

Sunday, September 24, The E9's will take over from 3985 for a round trip on the ex-Spokane International Line from Spokane, WA to Bonners Ferry, ID and return.

Monday, September 25, Layover in Spokane.

Tuesday, September 26, Spokane, WA to Wallula, WA.

Wednesday, September 27, Wallula, WA to Portland, OR.

Thursday/Friday, September 28-29, Layover in Portland.

Saturday, September 30, Portland, OR to Bend, OR behind the E9's.

Sunday, October 1, Bend, OR to Portland, OR with E9's.

Monday, October 2, Portland, OR to Hinkle, OR behind 3985.

Tuesday, October 3, Hinkle, OR to Baker City, OR.

Wednesday, October 4, Baker City, OR to Boise, ID.

Thursday, October 5, Layover in Boise ID.

Friday, October 6, Boise, ID to Pocatello, ID.

Saturday, October 7, Pocatello, ID to Silver Bow, (Butte) MT behind the E9's.

Sunday, October 8, Silver Bow, (Butte) MT to Pocatello, ID with E9's.

The 1995 Pacific Limited Group excursion program will conclude in Pocatello, ID where bus connections to Salt Lake City, UT will be available on Oct. 8 and 9. The motive power and excursion train will be deadheaded by UP from Pocatello, ID to Cheyenne, WY and Council Bluffs, IA.

There are a multitude of ticket packages available for these trips, from single-day segments to multi-day segments to the entire trip westbound and/or eastbound (Denver-Portland westbound, including Bonners Ferry & Bend trips, \$1449 coach, \$1799 dome; Portland-Salt Lake City eastbound, including Silver Bow trip, \$649 coach, \$799 dome.)

Ticket fares do not include the cost of overnight accommodations. Bus connections will be furnished to various local motels where required at no additional charge.

Tickets for both the Feather River trips and the "City of Portland" excursion in the Pacific Northwest went on sale October 1, 1994. Tickets may be ordered from Pacific Limited Group, P. O. Box 27081, Salt Lake City, UT 84127-0081. Additional information and credit card orders can be placed by telephone to (801) 355-5871. If you get the answering machine, someone will return your call within 24 hours on weekdays or within 48 hours on weekends.

For those wishing to volunteer as car hosts, more information will be provided at a later date. I will continue to be the Pacific Limited Group representative for the FRRS, and as such, please direct any inquiries or requests for information concerning Pacific Limited excursions to me. There has been too much misinformation & confusion about excursion trips getting out, and often I find the source has been an FRRS member, however well-intentioned he or she may be.

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