

# Amtrak Rail Pass

## Early Plans

This summer, I plan to use the Amtrak Rail Pass to travel for 1 month. This blog will contain my plans for the journey, and my thoughts on each day's experiences.

The following map gives an overview of the approximate Amtrak routes across the U.S. Chicago is the center of the rail network.

## Amtrak Long-Distance Passenger Rail Network

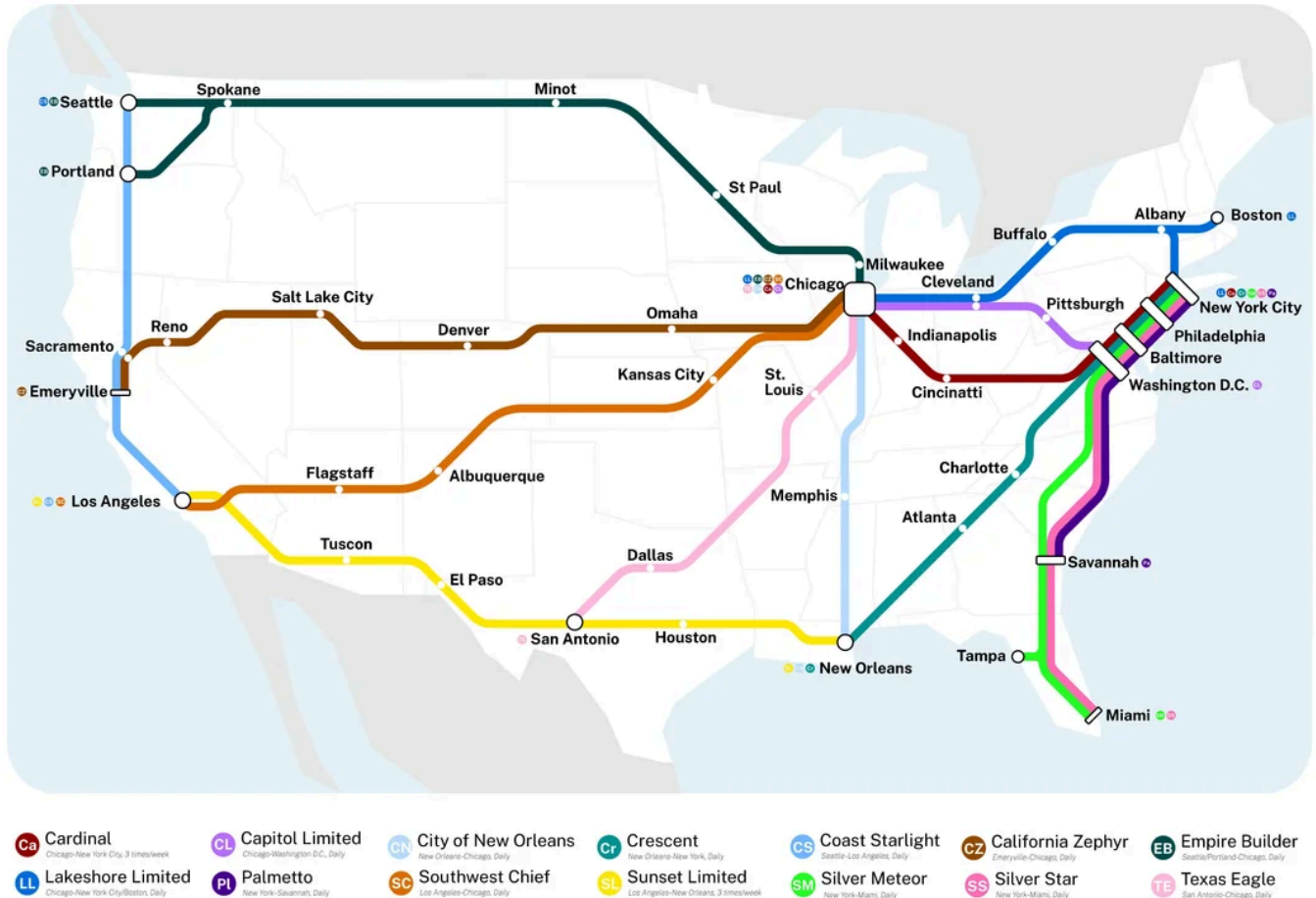


Figure 1: Amtrak Route Map [1]

## Itinerary

Currently, the itinerary of cities is

- Dallas -> Chicago (Texas Eagle)
- Chicago -> Seattle (Empire Builder)
- Seattle -> Sacramento (Coast Starlight)
- Sacramento -> Los Angeles (Coast Starlight)
- Los Angeles -> Emeryville (Coast Starlight)
- Emeryville -> Chicago (California Zephyr)
- Chicago -> Boston (Lakeshore Limited)
- Boston -> New York City (Lakeshore Limited)
- New York City -> Philadelphia (Flixbus, no rail pass)
- Philadelphia -> Washington D.C. (Northeast Regional, no rail pass)
- Washington D.C. -> Chicago (Cardinal)
- Chicago -> Dallas (Texas Eagle)

## **Packing List**

- Hiking Bag
- Water Bottle
- Laptop/Charger
- 3 Pairs Jeans
- Sewing Kit
- Phone/Charger

## **Bibliography**

- [1] caliberal, “A map I made showing the Amtrak long-distance routes.” 2023.