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“GREAT DOME” CAR ON AMTRAK *HIAWATHA SERVICE* AND *LINCOLN SERVICE* TRAINS FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK Various trains set for the special railcar Nov. 25-Dec. 1

CHICAGO – Passengers riding Amtrak trains between Chicago and Milwaukee or St. Louis will have an opportunity this Thanksgiving Week to view the change of seasons when the historic “Great Dome” rail car is part of selected Amtrak [Hiawatha Service](#) and [Lincoln Service](#) trains from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1.

With its partners at the state transportation departments in Illinois and Wisconsin, Amtrak is providing additional opportunities to ride in the special railcar due to the public response to previously announced trips this month to and from Quincy, Ill.



The car features an upper level with windows on all sides to provide passengers with panoramic views of the changing colors of the trees, farmers in their fields and the picturesque communities along the routes in the Amtrak Chicago Hub Service.

The railcar is planned to operate on these trains and these dates:

Nov. 25 & 27: *Hiawatha Service* Trains 329, 332, 333, 336, 337, 340 & 341

Nov. 26 & 28: *Hiawatha Service* Trains 330, 331, 334, 335, 338, 339 & 342

Nov. 29 and 30: *Lincoln Service* Trains 303 & 306

Dec. 1: *Hiawatha Service* Trains 331, 334, 335, 338, 339 & 342

While there is no additional charge for riding the Amtrak trains during this period and seating in the Great Dome car is unreserved, the Thanksgiving season is the busiest for Amtrak travel and trains often sell-out. Reservations are required for the *Lincoln Service* trains.

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About the “Great Dome” Car

The only remaining dome car in Amtrak service, car number 10031, is a Great Dome car previously used on the Chicago-Seattle *Empire Builder* when the train was operated by the Great Northern Railway and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad (later the Burlington Northern Railroad). It was built in 1955 by the Budd Company for the Great Northern and carried the name “Ocean View,” car number 1391. It was conveyed to Amtrak in 1971,

with this car first being given the number 9361. It was renovated in 1985, renumbered 9300, and used in daily service on the Amtrak *Auto Train* to and from the Washington, D.C., and Orlando, Fla., areas through 1994. It was further refurbished in 1999, renumbered to 10031, and has been used in Amtrak services including the *Pacific Surfliners* and other charters and excursions. The “Ocean View” name has been restored to the car, which has a dome section that runs its full length, a rare feature, even when dome cars were more numerous on the nation’s railroads. In addition, it was re-painted in honor of the Amtrak 40th Anniversary in 2011 and wears equal red, white and blue stripes, symbolic of Amtrak being America’s Railroad®. Amtrak reserves the right to make equipment substitutions, if needed.

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