



Amtrak *Heartland Flyer* and Guthrie Partner For Round-Trips To Territorial Christmas Celebration

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Visitors to historic downtown Guthrie, Oklahoma, will step back into the Victorian era during the annual Territorial Christmas Celebration and the Amtrak *Heartland Flyer* train will extend its regular operations to provide round-trip service to the town during one weekend.

From November 23 to December 23 the town transforms from the 21st century to the 19th century and visitors can enjoy Territorial Christmas events, including candlelight trolley rides, carolers, theater productions and concerts, and more than 60 decorated store windows depicting Victorian Guthrie.

On the evenings of December 10, 11 and 12, the northbound *Heartland Flyer* (Train 822) will depart Fort Worth, Texas, on its normal schedule and continue north to Guthrie after stopping in Oklahoma City. On the mornings of December 11, 12 and 13, the southbound *Heartland Flyer* (Train 821) will originate in Guthrie and stop in Oklahoma City, before operating normally through central Oklahoma and into Texas. Arriving Amtrak passengers will be greeted with music and residents dressed in period attire. Transportation between the historic Guthrie train depot and nearby inns and hotels can be arranged.

The special event train is added to this year's celebration through a partnership between Amtrak and the Guthrie Chamber of Commerce, together with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and BNSF Railway.

The additional fare for the Oklahoma City to Guthrie portion is \$7 each way, making the fare as low as \$27 each way between Fort Worth and Guthrie, \$20 each way from Ardmore, Okla., to Guthrie and \$9 each way from Norman, Okla., to Guthrie (schedule attached). Visit Amtrak.com for additional information or to book your trip.

The Amtrak *Heartland Flyer* celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. The daily service operates with funding from ODOT, the Texas Department of Transportation and support by the Heartland Flyer Coalition, representing the communities along the 206-mile route.

About Amtrak

As the nation's intercity passenger rail operator, Amtrak connects America in safer, greener and healthier ways. Last fiscal year (FY 2009), the railroad carried 27.2 million passengers, making it the second-best year in the company's history. With 21,000-route miles in 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces, Amtrak operates more than 300 trains each day - at speeds up to 150 mph - to more than 500 destinations. Amtrak also is the operator of choice for state-supported corridor services in 15 states and for four commuter rail agencies. Visit Amtrak.com or call 800-USA-RAIL for schedules, fares and more information.

About Oklahoma Department of Transportation

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About Guthrie

Born of the Land Run in 1889, Guthrie became a city of over 10,000 people in a single day. Built to Victorian elegance, the magnificent architecture of Oklahoma's first State Capital still stands today as a National Historic Landmark. For more information about the Territorial Christmas Celebration please contact the Guthrie Chamber of Commerce at (405) 282-1947; (800) 299-1889 or visit www.guthrieok.com.

Amtrak *Heartland Flyer* northbound (Train 822) December 10, 11 & 12, 2009

5:25 p.m.	Depart Fort Worth
6:42 p.m.	Depart Gainesville
7:23 p.m.	Depart Ardmore
8:12 p.m.	Depart Pauls Valley
8:38 p.m.	Depart Purcell
8:55 p.m.	Depart Norman
9:39 p.m.	Depart Oklahoma City
10:55 p.m.	Arrive Guthrie, OK

Amtrak *Heartland Flyer* southbound (Train 821) December 11, 12 & 13, 2009

7:15 a.m.	Depart Guthrie
8:25 a.m.	Depart Oklahoma City
8:49 a.m.	Depart Norman
9:06 a.m.	Depart Purcell
9:31 a.m.	Depart Pauls Valley
10:23 a.m.	Depart Ardmore
11:05 p.m.	Depart Gainesville
12:39 p.m.	Arrive Fort Worth

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