

With this little leaflet we would like to say hello and to tell you something about the train, its route and its many services.

The *Golden State*, one of the nation's finest streamliners, is the constant choice of experienced travelers who, year after year, use it to follow the sun to Southern Arizona and Southern California ranches and resorts. We think you will like its fine accommodations and good service.

The diesel-powered *Golden State* streaks across the continent over the Rock Island-Southern Pacific Golden State Route. It follows the low-altitude transcontinental route through the Midwest and Southwest along the Longhorn Trail of the pioneers, thus providing direct mainline service between Chicago, Kansas City, El Paso, Douglas, Bisbee, Tucson, Phoenix, Palm Springs and Los Angeles.

On the back of this leaflet we have listed some of the train facilities which are provided for your comfort and enjoyment. Inside is a brief description of points of interest along the way.

We wish you a most pleasant journey.

Your Train . . .

STREAMLINED CHAIR CARS

THE RECLINING CHAIR in which you are now seated is adjustable to any angle you wish. Try it! It also has a leg rest. The seat and back are of foam rubber, specially designed to offer you the utmost in comfort.

THE PORTER in your car is most anxious to help you. His job is to make you as comfortable as possible during your journey and care for your luggage.

PILLOWS will be provided by the chair car porter without charge. (Lights are dimmed for a good night's sleep.)

PICTURE WINDOWS in your car are extra wide for an unobstructed view of the scenery. They have an outer pane of plate glass and an inner pane of safety glass.

WASHROOMS are large and commodious with comfortable chairs where you can lounge and enjoy a smoke. You'll find large mirrors, plenty of hot water, soap and towels for your convenience.

COFFEE SHOP-LOUNGE

WHERE DO WE EAT? The *Golden State* features a Coffee Shop Lounge Car designed especially for the use of Chair Car passengers. The Coffee Shop serves delicious meals at moderate prices. Drop in for a complete meal or a between-meal snack. If you prefer to eat in the diner, it is situated further to the rear of the train.

WHERE DO WE RELAX? The Lounge section of the Coffee Shop-Lounge Car provides pleasant accommodations where you may read, play cards or just sit back and enjoy life. There's a complete beverage service, too.

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**ROCK ISLAND
SOUTHERN PACIFIC**

**Welcome aboard
the Streamlined**

**Golden
State**





• CHICAGO, Golden State's eastern terminal.



• SOUTHERN ARIZONA desert winter resort.



• CALIFORNIA is famous for its beaches.

YOUR ROUTE ON THE Golden State...

Passengers traveling westbound on the "Golden State" should read down in the normal fashion. If traveling eastbound, please start at the lower right and read up.

CHICAGO, nation's second largest city and eastern terminal for the Rock Island-Southern Pacific *Golden State*. Forty different railroad lines converge here.

ENGLEWOOD, Chicago's South Side residential district. Here transcontinental passengers may make close train connections to and from the East without entering Chicago proper.

BUREAU is a picturesque town in the hills. It is the junction through which high speed trains link Chicago and Peoria. The old Illinois-Mississippi Canal may be seen from the train windows.

MOLINE. The first steel plow was made here. The manufacture of agricultural implements is still one of the major industries in this area.

ROCK ISLAND is chiefly a manufacturing center for farm equipment. The "Island" part is located in the Mississippi River and has been a military arsenal since long before the Civil War.

DAVENPORT, Iowa's third largest city, is the home of the largest sheet aluminum plant in the world. It is situated in the hills and is a city of fine homes, churches and schools.

MUSCATINE is the Pearl Button Capital of the world. Two of the largest millwork plants in the Mid-West are also numbered among its industries.

ALLERTON is situated almost on the Iowa-Missouri border and is the junction point with the through route to Des Moines and St. Paul-Minneapolis.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS is a mineral water center and an all year resort with splendid hotels and accommodations. Nearby is the old Jesse James farm.

KANSAS CITY is the trading and supply center for the West and Southwest. The many rail lines

converging here handle an almost inexhaustible "river of food" to the mills and markets in every direction.

TOPEKA, the capital of Kansas, is a manufacturing center as well as a charming residential city. It caters to the grain and livestock trade which pours into the city in a steady stream.

HERINGTON is the junction point with the line to Oklahoma and Texas points over which operate the *Twin Star Rocket* and the *Oklahoma Rocket*.

HUTCHINSON, located on the Arkansas River, is a major salt-producing city and is said to be the largest hard wheat terminal in the world. Surrounding the city are many oil pools.

PRATT is a typical southern Kansas town surrounded by level prairies of black loam over which wave limitless fields of golden grain.

LIBERAL is a center for livestock, grain elevators, mills and oil companies. It was the boyhood home of Glenn L. Martin, manufacturer of the famous Martin Bomber.

DALHART, the largest town on the northern side of the Panhandle country, is an important marketing, cattle shipping and educational center. In this area was once located the XIT ranch, one of the largest in the world.

TUCUMCARI is the point where the Rock Island Lines join with the Southern Pacific to form the transcontinental Golden State Route. It is a center for shipping cattle.

CARRIZOZO derives its name from the Spanish word "Carrizo" a reed grass. The town is the seat of Lincoln County and a supply center and shipping point.

ALAMOGORDO or "big cottonwood trees", is a trading and recreational center. Today the area near Alamogordo and Carrizozo is probably most famous as the birthplace of the world's first atomic bomb.

EL PASO is the largest border city on our southern frontier and one of the principal gateways to old Mexico. El Paso is also the gateway to Carlsbad Caverns National Park, largest known caverns in the world.

DOUGLAS is the hub of a mining district which supports a large copper smelter seen from the train. It is the western gateway to Chiricahua National Monument, the Wonderland of Rocks.

BISBEE JUNCTION is the connecting point for Bisbee, located in one of the most famous copper mining districts of the country. Regular bus service is provided between Bisbee and the station.

TUCSON, well known for its many guest ranches and resorts, is almost entirely surrounded by mountains. It is the second largest city in the state and home of the University of Arizona.

COOLIDGE is the center of a rapidly developing agricultural area. Two and a half miles west is the Casa Grande National Monument which contains the ruins of prehistoric dwellings.

CHANDLER is in the irrigated area of the Salt River Valley of Arizona. Agriculture and associated enterprises are the town's principal sources of revenue.

PHOENIX is Arizona's capital city and metropolis of the fertile Salt River Valley. It is the center of an extensive and widely known resort region which annually entertains thousands of tourists and vacationists from other parts of the country.

YUMA is located on the east bank of the Colorado River, dividing line between Arizona and California. Ruins of the Old Territorial Prison of frontier days may be seen from the train.

NILAND is Southern Pacific's gateway to the fabulous Imperial Valley. Just west of the town lies the vast Salton Sea. Prehistoric in origin, this body of water is unique in that it is actually some 244 feet below sea level.

INDIO is the center of a rich date-bearing region at the north end of Coachella Valley, an area which not so long ago was a complete desert. A fine date orchard may be seen from the train about a mile from the depot.

PALM SPRINGS station serves California's most famous desert winter resort, lying 6 miles to the southeast. Sheltered by towering Mt. San Jacinto, Palm Springs has a winter climate that is unsurpassed.

COLTON is an industrial town surrounded by orange groves. It has a plant for the icing of railroad refrigerator cars and a large cement works which can be seen west of the city.

POMONA, meaning "Goddess of Fruit", is in the midst of California's Orange Belt and is the site of the annual Los Angeles County Fair, one of the largest in the country.

ALHAMBRA is the gateway to the fertile and industrious San Gabriel Valley area and to Pasadena, home of the annual New Year's Day Tournament of Roses and Rose Bowl football game.

LOS ANGELES is the nation's fourth largest city. A half hour from downtown is Hollywood, movie radio and television capital of the world. Nearby is the Pacific Ocean with its miles of sandy beaches.

