

Amtrak Pacific Surfliner Adds Extra Capacity and Special Service Ahead of San Diego Comic-Con

Additional seats will accommodate an increase in passengers traveling by train to the international convention

ORANGE, Calif., July 14, 2022 -- [Pacific Surfliner](#) trains are expected to see a surge of travelers heading to San Diego for Comic-Con International, returning July 21-24 after a two-year hiatus. Extra equipment and one additional round-trip will increase capacity by approximately 6,000 seats on the Pacific Surfliner over the four-day period.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Comic-Con International would draw more than 130,000 people to San Diego annually. The event was cancelled in 2020 and scaled back for 2021, but is returning with a full schedule of events for 2022, including workshops, panels, film screenings, and competitions. Trains traveling between Los Angeles and San Diego are expected to be busy as fans of comic books and pop culture, industry professionals, and cosplayers ride the Pacific Surfliner to the convention. The train is a popular travel option to Comic-Con since the train stops in the downtown area, not far from festivities.

Customers interested in traveling on the convention dates are encouraged to [plan ahead and book early](#). Extra seating will be added to select trains to increase capacity. In addition, two special trains will operate July 21-24 with the following schedule:

- Train 568 will depart Los Angeles at 9:10 a.m. and arrive in San Diego at 12:04 p.m., making all stops in between
- Train 589 will depart San Diego at 6:01 p.m. and arrive in Los Angeles at 9:26 p.m., making all stops in between

Passengers are encouraged to follow safety measures and important public health orders in place. This includes washing hands, using sanitizer often and staying home if they are feeling sick. Face coverings are not required onboard Pacific Surfliner trains, however, anyone needing or choosing to wear one is encouraged to do so. Masks are still required in Los Angeles County train stations.

Tips for Traveling by Train to Comic-Con

Enjoy flexibility with unreserved coach tickets: Unreserved coach tickets allow customers to ride any Pacific Surfliner train from the origin station to the destination station listed on the ticket. This provides flexibility to take a different train than the one selected in the booking process. Because Unreserved Coach seats are available to boarding passengers on a first-come, first-served basis, trains can occasionally become crowded.

Upgrade the experience with Business Class: Customers receive a guaranteed seat, as well as complimentary snack and drink, priority boarding in San Diego, and bonus Amtrak Guest Rewards points. The number of Business Class seats on each train is limited, so it's best to book early.

Follow [@PacSurfliners](#) on Twitter: Stay updated with real-time alerts regarding which trains are expected to be busy. With an Unreserved Coach ticket, customers can choose to take an earlier or later train at no charge if the one they were planning to take is expected to be crowded.

***CORRECTION:** An earlier version of this release stated that 160,000 people travel to San Diego for Comic-Con International. The number has been corrected to 130,000.*

About the Amtrak® Pacific Surfliner®

The Pacific Surfliner travels along a 351-mile coastal rail route through San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, serving 27 stations. It is the busiest state-supported intercity passenger rail route in the United States. To learn more and plan a trip, visit [pacificsurfliner.com](#).

About the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

The Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor Agency is a joint powers authority composed of rail owners, operators and planning agencies along the entire LOSSAN rail corridor. In addition to working to improve passenger rail ridership, revenue, on-time performance, operational flexibility, and safety, the LOSSAN Agency assumed management responsibility for the Pacific Surfliner service in July 2015, following the execution of an interagency transfer agreement with the state of California. For more information, visit [Lossan.org](#).



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