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Amtrak Launching the *Floridian*, with Daily Service Between Chicago and Miami

Two iconic routes combine to create a new travel experience

WASHINGTON – Amtrak customers can now purchase tickets on the *Floridian*, a new temporary route offering a direct round-trip between Chicago and Miami with intermediate stops in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., Jacksonville, Orlando, and Tampa that will take customers to these cities in comfort and style. This train combines the routes of the *Capitol Limited* and *Silver Star* for a limited time and makes its inaugural trip on Sunday, Nov. 10.

"The *Floridian* offers customers an exceptional and sustainable journey to great destinations between Chicago and Miami, providing the amenities and delicious food our guests enjoy when traveling with us," Amtrak Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer <u>Eliot Hamlisch</u> said.

Customers traveling in <u>Coach Class</u> enjoy wide, reclining seats with ample legroom, no middle seat, and windows to enjoy the scenery. For extra comfort and additional privacy, customers can upgrade to a First Class private room. For an additional fee, a limited number of dining car meals are also available for Coach Class customers.

First Class private room options include a <u>Roomette</u>—featuring two reclining seats that transform into upper and lower beds by night and shower access—or a <u>Bedroom</u> offering twice the space of a Roomette and an in-room restroom and shower. The private rooms have large bilevel windows, a sink and a dedicated attendant who provides turndown service, assists with meals, helps with luggage and shares great stories of life on the rails.

All customers in private rooms receive complimentary <u>lounge access</u> at major stations and priority boarding.

The *Floridian* will offer <u>Traditional Dining</u> service in the Dining Car, a complimentary amenity for customers traveling in First Class private rooms. This popular service, experienced in a dining car with bi-level windows, will feature several enhancements, including chef-prepared meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner; table service with glassware, cutlery and linen tablecloths; vegetarian and vegan menu options; selections for children and a complimentary alcoholic drink with dinner. The menu offers several customer favorites, including:

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- Amtrak Signature Railroad French Toast, Three Egg Omelet for breakfast;
- Artisan Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Natural Angus Burger, Vegan Chili Bowl for lunch;
- Amtrak Signature Flat Iron Steak, Atlantic Salmon, Rigatoni Bolognese for dinner.

<u>Café service</u>, also featuring a newly updated menu, will be available onboard for all customers, offering a variety of meals, snacks and beverages for sale.

Amtrak is temporarily combining the <u>Capitol Limited</u> and <u>Silver Star</u> trains to create the <u>Floridian</u> due to the upcoming <u>East River Tunnel Rehabilitation Project</u> in New York. During this project, one tunnel tube will be closed at a time, minimizing service impacts, maximizing construction access and modernizing the tunnel infrastructure to serve customers for another 100 years.

"Our members have had a long-standing dream of restoring a one-seat ride from the Midwest to Florida, and we're thrilled that a new generation of American passengers will be able to experience this service for themselves," said <u>Jim Mathews</u>, President & CEO of the Rail Passengers Association. "This move will free up badly needed equipment while taking pressure off Northeast Corridor infrastructure during the renovation of the ERT Project. Rail Passengers applauds Amtrak for this innovative solution to keeping passengers moving during critical state of good repair work. We believe riders will flock to this new service."

The *Floridian* (Trains 40 & 41) will operate on a similar schedule and make the current stops of the *Capitol Limited* (Trains 29 & 30) between Chicago and Washington, D.C., and the *Silver Star* (Trains 91 & 92) between Miami and Washington, D.C. The *Silver Meteor* (Trains 97 & 98) continues to operate daily between New York and Miami.

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