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New 2018 “Take Amtrak to Solvang” Offer Nets Savings & Specials at Hotels, Restaurants, Wine-Tasting, Museums and Activities



CAPTION: Amtrak Thruway Bus service connects Solvang “California’s Denmark” six times daily to points south including Santa Barbara & Los Angeles as well as points north including San Luis Obispo.

Solvang, California, USA—Known as California’s Denmark, Solvang is 125 miles north of Los Angeles and 300 miles south of San Francisco and served via Amtrak Thruway Bus service connecting to trains from Los Angeles and Santa Barbara as well as San Luis Obispo six times daily (3 northbound, 3 southbound). The Amtrak bus stop is located in the heart of the village at Solvang Park, 1630 Mission Drive—within easy strolling distance to 16 hotels, 35 restaurants, 22 wine-tasting rooms, 150 boutique shops, 5 authentic Danish bakeries, 6 museums and many more activities.

Solvang Conference & Visitors Bureau Executive Director Tracy Farhad reveals, “Just show your current Amtrak train/bus ticket to Solvang at participating businesses and you’ll enjoy rewards for taking a vacation from your car. It’s so easy to be car free in Solvang year-round and enjoy our warm, Scandinavian hospitality with no passport required!”

Here are the current participating Solvang businesses in the 2018 “Take Amtrak to Solvang & Show Your Ticket for Specials” offer, valid now through December 31, 2018. First, with your current Amtrak ticket to Solvang in hand, visit the Solvang Visitor Center, 1639 Copenhagen Drive, open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily (behind the Solvang Park bus stop picture above) for FREE 2018 Destination Guide, maps, savings coupons and gift of audio ear buds—perfect for enjoying the new **Solvang Heritage Walking Tour App**—download now at www.solvangusa.com/experience-solvang-mobile-app/

Be sure to check back often at www.solvangusa.com/getting-to-solvang/car-free-solvang/ since more “Take Amtrak to Solvang” offers are being added frequently to this list: **Atterdag Inn; Elverhoj Museum of Danish History & Art; Grapeline Wine Tours; Hamlet Inn; Holiday Inn Express; Home Connection; Ingeborg’s Danish Chocolates; King Frederik Inn; Segway Tours of Solvang; Solvang Antiques; Solvang Restaurant; The Good Life Cellar; Wandering Dog Wine Bar; Wheel Fun Rentals and Wildling Museum of Art & Nature.**

How to Visit Solvang via Amtrak

An Amtrak ticket to Solvang MUST include a combo train and bus ride (no bus-only tickets are offered). For example, take an Amtrak train from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara, then Amtrak Thruway bus to Solvang. (*Schedule as of 4/2/18; subject to change, always check in advance*)

- Northbound Amtrak Buses from Santa Barbara train station to Solvang (Monday-Friday) arrive at: 7:45 am, 4:05pm, and 10:45pm
- Northbound Amtrak Buses from Santa Barbara train station to Solvang (Saturday & Sunday) arrive at: 11:20am, 4:05pm, and 10:45pm
- Southbound Amtrak Buses from San Luis Obispo to Solvang; then to Santa Barbara/LA (Monday-Sunday) arrive at: 5:15am, 11:25am, 2:50pm

Amtrak ticketing and schedule details at 1-800-USA-RAIL or www.amtrak.com or www.pacificsurfliner.com

More About How to Get to Solvang and Get Around Car Free (*All area codes are 805*)

AIRPORTS & CONNECTIONS: **Santa Ynez Airport** (IZA) for private aircraft with general aviation services. (900 Airport Rd., Santa Ynez, 688-8390). Full-service public facilities are **Santa Barbara Municipal Airport** (SBA) 30 miles south with 30+ commercial flights daily (967-7111), **Santa Maria Public Airport** (SMX) 35 miles north (922-1726) and **Los Angeles International Airport** (LAX) 125 miles south.

BICYCLE RENTALS/SERVICE: **Dr. J's Bicycle Shop** (688-6263); **Wheel Fun Rentals** (688-0091).

BUS: Regularly scheduled mini-bus routes by **Santa Ynez Valley Transit** (688-5452). **COLT Wine Country Express** (736-7666) and **The Breeze Bus** (1-800-417-2137)—call for schedules.

EV CAR CHARGING STATIONS: Open 24/7/365 at Vets Hall Lot (1745 Mission Dr.); Parking Lot 1 (1576 Mission Dr.) & Parking Lot 3 (482 Alisal Rd.).

PARKING: IF YOU DO DRIVE, FREE PARKING is available for all vehicles everywhere throughout Solvang—so park and enjoy the strolling on foot, bike or Segway! Designated **free tour bus parking** is behind the Solvang Post Office (430 Alisal Rd.) and **daytime free RV parking** at Solvang Veterans Memorial Hall (1745 Mission Dr.).

TAXIS & TOURING: 24/7 on-call taxi services as well as guided tours of Solvang and surrounding area are available via bicycle, limo, jeep, van or horse.

For additional information about lodging, dining and attractions year-round in Solvang, visit www.SolvangUSA.com

Note: Hi-res JPG Solvang images are available upon request from laura@mariahmarketing.com

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