In time the Southern Pacific's Sunset Route earned near mythical status thanks to its beauty and the chance to travel via one of the world's great rail vacations. The route was, of course, the popular Sunset Limited, considered one of the railroad's most prominent on its entire system.

Sunset Limited: The Southern Pacific Railroad and the Development of the American West, 1850-1930. The only major U.S. railroad to lay track in 29 of the 50 states, the Southern Pacific was among the first to offer the exclusive overnight service that marked America's industrial growth. It also acquired a reputation, especially in California, as a railroad that people loved to hate.

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The Sunset Limited was the premiere SP train on the Sunset Route— and probably on the whole SP system — and the Argonaut needed fifty hours between New Orleans and Los Angeles, while after 1950 the Sunset Limited needed forty-two.


Southern Pacific's Golden State meets the Sunset Limited through the southwest. This video takes the viewer on a journey with Southern Pacific's Golden State and Sunset Limited through the southwest. "Audubon" Diner, "French Quarter" Lounge and "Pride of Texas" Hamburger-Grill Lounge cars. The definitive source for this subject would be The Sunset Limited published by the Southern Pacific Historical & Research Association. This book is available in hardcover and paperback. It is a massive and compelling reinterpretation of the mighty Southern Pacific Railroad during its late nineteenth and early twentieth century glory days. It offers a massive and compelling reinterpretation of the mighty Southern Pacific Railroad during its late nineteenth and early twentieth century glory days.