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Do You Believe? THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride Returns to Galveston Railroad Museum! November 13 – December 23, 2026

Tickets Available Summer 2026

GALVESTON, TX – The Galveston Railroad Museum announces the return of THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride! The popular experience has become a holiday tradition enjoyed by all ages. This immersive family-oriented experience has hosted over more than 2 million riders at 54 locations in the US, Canada, and the UK, and the Galveston Railroad Museum production, recipient of the Polar Bell Award, is ranked among the top 3 in the nation! Popular dates and times fill quickly, so it is advised to purchase seats early. Tickets will be available online at www.GalvestonRrmuseum.org July 1 – 10 for museum members, and general ticket sales open July 11.

Engaging and interactive, guests gather in the 1932 Union Station Train Depot prior to departure on the Polar Express to enjoy a delightful one act play prelude presented by the cast of ETC (East End Theater). The show features live entertainment and introduces the book's characters prior to the call for boarding.

All Aboard! The adventure comes to life when the train departs for a round-trip journey to the North Pole led by a cast of talented actors. Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, passengers will relive the magic of the classic story as they are whisked away on THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride for a one-hour trip to meet Santa. Yes, the train really moves! On board, the conductor will work his way through the coach and punch golden tickets before hot chocolate and a delicious cookie are served by dancing chefs. Passengers then read along with the classic children's book, *The Polar Express*, by Chris Van Allsburg. Santa and his helpers are on board to greet passengers, and each guest is given the first gift of Christmas. During the ride, passengers enjoy lively onboard entertainment – just like in the film! Each guest will take home a keepsake sleigh bell and souvenir golden ticket in addition to the wonderful memories made on this magical trip. Just like the kids in the book, families are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the ride!

Upon arrival to the depot, passengers disembark to meet dancing elves, visit with Santa, and enjoy photo opportunities at the festively decorated North Pole. It's all fun, all smiles.

Light snacks, sweets, and refreshments are available. Exact dates, times, and fares are available by visiting www.GalvestonRRMuseum.org. Ticket prices range from \$40 to \$135 depending on the car, date, and time of the ride. Guests are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to departure. The train departs on schedule.

About THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride

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About THE POLAR EXPRESS Book

THE POLAR EXPRESS film is based on Chris Van Allsburg's classic Christmas picture book, which tells the story of a boy who takes a magical Christmas Eve train ride to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa. First published by the Houghton Mifflin Company in 1985, *The Polar Express* became an instant family favorite and has sold more than 12 million copies worldwide. In 1986 it won the prestigious Caldecott Medal for Illustration.

About Warner Bros. Consumer Products

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About Rail Events Inc.

Rail Events Inc. is the industry leader in rail-related special events management. In 2019, the company licensed events that hosted over 1.4 million guests at 54 partner railroads in the US, Canada, and the UK. Rail Events Inc. and Rail Events Productions are wholly owned subsidiaries of American Heritage Railways, which is the premier operator of heritage railroads in the United States.



The Galveston Railroad Museum located at 2602 Santa Fe Place, Galveston Island, is dedicated to the restoration, observation, and re-use of its historic facilities and equipment for the development of educational and interactive programs, which support railroading and transportation initiatives serving our regional community. Become a member today and enjoy museum access, newsletter, special events year-round, and the opportunity to enjoy early bird ticket purchase for The Polar Express annually. All Aboard!!

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