

When the circus comes to town

Planned routes of the Ringling Brothers Blue Unit and Red Unit trains in 2017

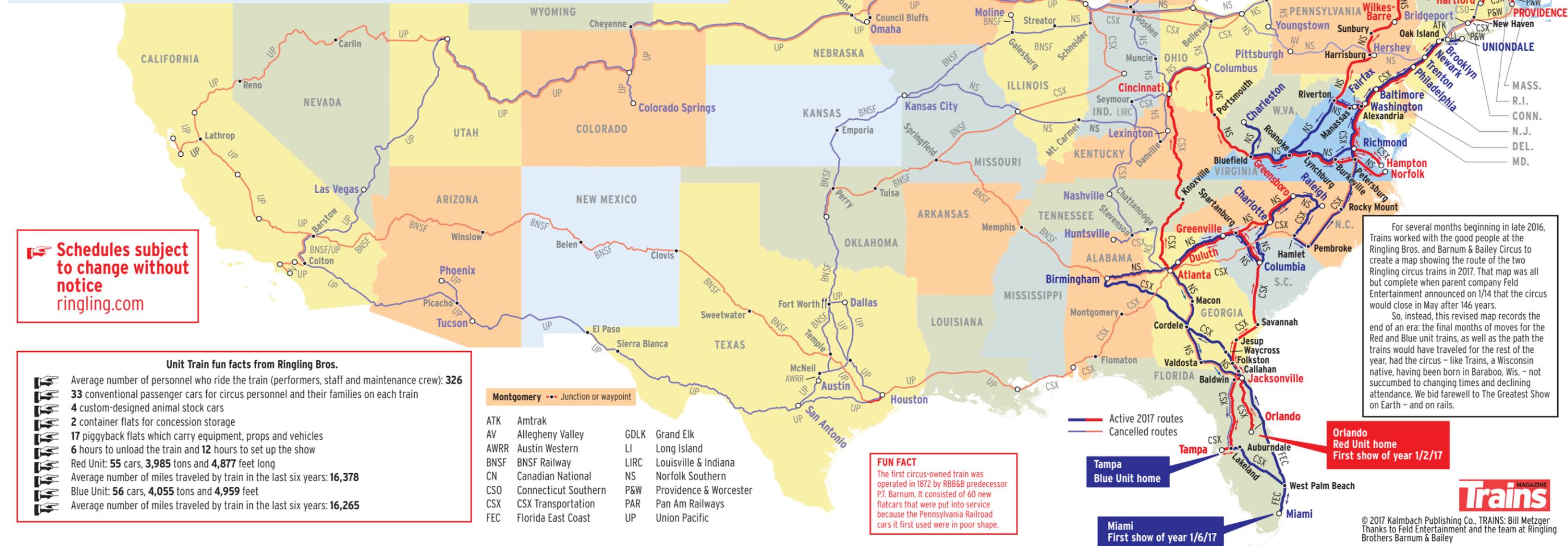
City	Opening and closing dates		Miles (1)	Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Blue Unit "Out of this World"	City	Opening and closing dates		Miles (1)
Tampa					Houston	7/7/17	7/23/17	
Miami	1/6/17	1/15/17	260	Dallas	7/26/17	8/6/17		
Birmingham, Ala.	1/19/17	1/22/17	825	Austin, Texas	8/9/17	8/13/17		
Columbia, S.C.	1/26/17	1/29/17	440	San Antonio	8/16/17	8/20/17		
Charlotte, N.C.	2/1/17	2/5/17	115	Moline, Ill.	8/24/17	8/27/17		
Raleigh, N.C.	2/9/17	2/12/17	174	Lexington, Ky.	9/8/17	9/10/17		
Philadelphia	2/16/17	2/20/17	441	Kansas City, Mo.	9/13/17	9/17/17		
Brooklyn, N.Y.	2/23/17	3/3/17	78	Grand Rapids, Mich.	9/20/17	9/24/17		
Newark, N.J.	3/8/17	3/12/17	0	Columbus, Ohio	9/27/17	10/1/17		
Trenton, N.J.	3/17/17	3/19/17	51	Albany, N.Y.	10/4/17	10/8/17		
Richmond, Va.	3/23/17	3/26/17	573	Boston	10/11/17	10/15/17		
Washington, D.C.	3/30/17	4/2/17	109	Bridgeport, Conn.	10/18/17	10/22/17		
Fairfax, Va.	4/7/17	4/16/17	0	Rochester, N.Y.	10/25/17	10/29/17		
Baltimore	4/20/17	4/30/17	36	Pittsburgh	11/1/17	11/5/17		
Charleston, W.V.	5/4/17	5/7/17	486	Auburn Hills, Mich.	11/8/17	11/12/17		
Uniondale, N.Y.	5/12/17	5/21/17	740	Detroit	11/15/17	11/19/17		
Hershey, Pa.	5/25/17	5/29/17		Youngstown, Ohio	11/22/17	11/26/17		
Omaha, Neb.	6/2/17	6/4/17		Nashville, Tenn.	11/29/17	12/3/17		
Colorado Springs	6/8/17	6/11/17		Huntsville, Ala.	12/6/17	12/10/17		
Las Vegas	6/15/17	6/18/17		Huntsville, Ala.	12/13/17	12/17/17		
Phoenix	6/21/17	6/25/17		Tampa, Fla.	12/20/17	12/31/17		
Tucson, Ariz.	6/28/17	7/2/17						

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Blue Unit "Out of this World"

Note
(1) Mileage between venues; routes subject to change; mileages approximate

City	Opening and closing dates		Miles (3)	Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Red Unit "Circus Extreme"	City	Opening and closing dates	
Orlando, Fla. (1)	12/19/16	1/8/17			Los Angeles	7/5/17	7/9/17
Orlando, Fla. (2)	1/12/17	1/16/17	0	Ontario, Calif.	7/14/17	7/18/17	
Jacksonville, Fla.	1/19/17	1/22/17	144	Anaheim, Calif.	7/21/17	7/30/17	
Tampa	1/25/17	1/29/17	210	Fresno, Calif.	8/3/17	8/6/17	
Greenville, S.C.	2/2/17	2/5/17	607	Oakland, Calif.	8/10/17	8/14/17	
Greensboro, N.C.	2/8/17	2/12/17	199	San Jose, Calif.	8/16/17	8/21/17	
Atlanta	2/15/17	2/20/17	323	Bakersfield, Calif.	9/7/17	9/10/17	
Duluth, Ga.	2/23/17	3/5/17	0 (4)	Sacramento, Calif.	9/14/17	9/17/17	
Cincinnati	3/10/17	3/19/17	472	Salt Lake City	9/21/17	9/25/17	
Norfolk, Va.	3/23/17	3/26/17	669	Denver	9/28/17	10/15/17	
Hampton, Va.	3/29/17	4/2/17	138	Cleveland	10/18/17	10/22/17	
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	4/5/17	4/9/17	380	Toledo, Ohio	10/26/17	10/29/17	
Worcester, Mass.	4/14/17	4/16/17	270	Rosemont, Ill.	11/1/17	11/2/17	
Manchester, N.H.	4/21/17	4/23/17	74	Chicago	11/15/17	11/26/17	
Hartford, Conn.	4/27/17	4/30/17	160	Indianapolis	11/30/17	12/3/17	
Providence, R.I.	5/4/17	5/7/17	111	St. Louis	12/7/17	12/10/17	
Mobile, Ala.	5/10/17	6/18/17		Oklahoma City	12/14/17	12/17/17	
New Orleans	6/21/17	6/25/17		Orlando, Fla.	12/20/17		

Notes
(1) Central Florida Fair
(2) Amway Center
(3) Mileage between venues; routes subject to change; mileages approximate
(4) Train remains in place while circus changes venues



Schedules subject to change without notice
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Unit Train fun facts from Ringling Bros.

- Average number of personnel who ride the train (performers, staff and maintenance crew): **326**
- 33** conventional passenger cars for circus personnel and their families on each train
- 4** custom-designed animal stock cars
- 2** container flats for concession storage
- 17** piggyback flats which carry equipment, props and vehicles
- 6** hours to unload the train and **12** hours to set up the show
- Red Unit: **55** cars, **3,985** tons and **4,877** feet long
- Average number of miles traveled by train in the last six years: **16,378**
- Blue Unit: **56** cars, **4,055** tons and **4,959** feet
- Average number of miles traveled by train in the last six years: **16,265**

Montgomery —•— Junction or waypoint

ATK Amtrak	DLK Grand Elk
AV Allegheny Valley	LI Long Island
AWRR Austin Western	LIRC Louisville & Indiana
BNSF BNSF Railway	NS Norfolk Southern
CN Canadian National	P&W Providence & Worcester
CSO Connecticut Southern	PAR Pan Am Railways
CSX CSX Transportation	UP Union Pacific
FEC Florida East Coast	

FUN FACT
The first circus-owned train was operated in 1872 by RBB&B predecessor P.T. Barnum. It consisted of 60 new flatcars that were put into service because the Pennsylvania Railroad cars it first used were in poor shape.

For several months beginning in late 2016, Trains worked with the good people at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus to create a map showing the route of the two Ringling circus trains in 2017. That map was all but complete when parent company Feld Entertainment announced on 1/14 that the circus would close in May after 146 years. So, instead, this revised map records the end of an era: the final months of moves for the Red and Blue unit trains, as well as the path the trains would have traveled for the rest of the year, had the circus - like Trains, a Wisconsin native, having been born in Baraboo, Wis. - not succumbed to changing times and declining attendance. We bid farewell to The Greatest Show on Earth - and on rails.



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