

# 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	
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					

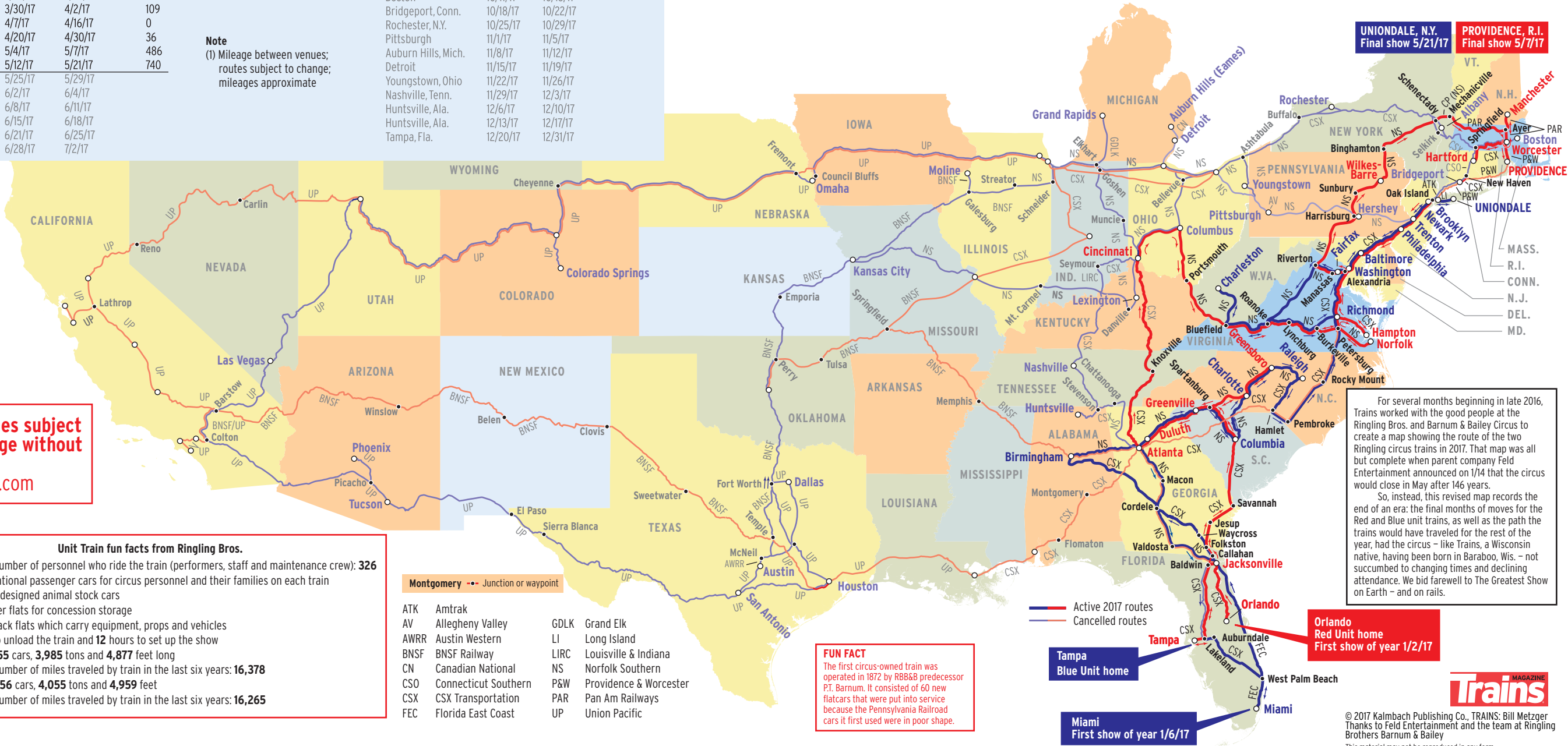
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and Barnum & Bailey  
Blue Unit  
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Note  
(1) Mileage between venues;  
routes subject to change;  
mileages approximate

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	8/27/17
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	11/12/17
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	

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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**

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ATK	Amtrak	GDLK	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.

Orlando  
Red Unit home  
First show of year 1/2/17

Tampa  
Blue Unit home

Miami  
First show of year 1/6/17

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