

# Bay Area Santa Trains Comparison

## *Napa Valley Santa Wine Train vs. Sacramento Polar Express*



### Napa Valley Santa Wine Train

### Sacramento Polar Express

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| The Waiting Area                                 | Inside room with <b>couch/seating</b> . <b>Photo booth</b> with train backdrop. Conductors seat that kids can climb on, drummer boy décor with Christmas trees, TVs with <b>Christmas movies</b> on. Bar for adults. | Semi-outdoors with <b>gorgeous trains</b> , gift shop, and holiday lights décor.   |
| Pre-Boarding Entertainment                       | Conductor speaking on the TV, who comes to life along with other <b>characters that sing and dance</b> . Kids can go up to the stage and watch while adults sit on the seating.                                      | Conductor <b>speaks on podium</b> while everyone <b>stands in line</b> according to the pre-purchased car categories (seating is first come first serve so people want to stay in line to get the best seats.) |
| Seating  | Escorted to your <b>assigned seats</b> . Spacious with plenty of space (table space) to put your food and drinks down.   | By car, but no seating assignments. <b>First come first serve</b> . Gingerbread car was pretty cramped. No tables.   |
| Where to sit for the best view of the North Pole | <b>Left side</b> of the train (facing the direction you are going)   | <b>Left side</b> of the train (facing the direction you are going)   |
| On Board Food/Drinks                             | <b>Snacks</b> for purchase, <b>wine and other beverages</b> for purchase. <b>Hot chocolate and cookies</b> everyone included.  | <b>Hot chocolate and cookies</b> for everyone.   |
| Bathroom on board?                               | <b>Yes</b>   | <b>No</b>  |
| Wine on board?                                   | <b>Yes</b> (and before the train)  | <b>No</b>  |
| Gifts from Santa                                 | <b>Teddy bear ornament</b> (the “jolly bear”)  | <b>Silver Bell</b>   |
| Entertainment on board                           | <b>Sing along</b> , character greeting, North Pole at the end, Santa greeting, <b>letters to Santa</b>   | <b>Sing along</b> , <b>story time</b> , North Pole, <b>elves juggling</b> , singing and dancing by <b>volunteer actors</b> playing characters from the Polar Express   |
| The North Pole                                   | Stay on the train to see <b>lighted display</b> .  | Stay on the train to see <b>lighted display</b> . Actors dancing and <b>Santa gets on board</b> the train after this stop.   |
| Characters                                       | Santa, <b>Jolly Bear</b> , <b>Fairy</b> , <b>Drummer Boy</b> , Conductor   | Santa, Chefs, Conductor, Elves, the homeless person ( <b>characters from Polar Express</b> )   |
| Total Ride Duration                              | <b>1.5 hours</b>   | <b>1 hour</b>  |