

# 10TH ANNUAL HISTORY TRAIN 2022

## To Boston, Salem, Plymouth & Kennebunkport



Hollywood Beach vintage rail car (lounge shown)



Mayflower II restored for the 400th Anniversary of Pilgrims' landing

### Keith's Rail Way

**9 Days October 27-November 4, 2022**

**From \$5244\***

• Unique rail journey custom itinerary • Amtrak's Lake Shore Limited • Private restored rail cars: Fine dining, Premium beverages and snacks, Sleeping accommodations • Chicago: Pullman Neighborhood & Monument • Boston: Freedom Trail, The Old North Church, Faneuil Hall, Old Town Trolley, Boston Tea Party Ships Museum • Plymouth: Grist Mill, Plymouth Rock, Mayflower II, Plimoth Plantation • Salem: House of Seven Gables, the Witch House, Salem Maritime National Historic Site • Kennebunkport: Seashore Trolley Museum

**J**OIN US for our 10th annual history-themed private rail journey aboard restored train cars built between 1948 and 1956. Our private cars include the Hollywood Beach with 5 double bedrooms and a solarium lounge and the Cimarron River with 4 double bedrooms and 12 roomettes. We travel east to Boston with sightseeing in Salem, Plymouth and Kennebunkport. Our train cars are hooked to Amtrak's Lake Shore Limited then unhooked and parked at Boston's South Station. Space is limited on this sell-out tour, don't delay in reserving your room!



## Itinerary

### Day 1 Thursday: Central Illinois-Chicago-Board Train-Departure

Depart from Decatur and Urbana by motor coach for Chicago. We spend the day at Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood. This 4,000-acre tract adjacent to Lake Calumet, 13 miles south of Chicago, was purchased in 1879 by George Pullman for the first planned model industrial community. The community included over 1,000 company-owned homes, a church, school, library, bank and more.

We allow time for dinner on your own before boarding our train. Those meeting in Chicago, join us in the Metropolitan Lounge at 8:30 P.M. Our private rail cars hooked to Amtrak train #48, the Lake Shore Limited, is scheduled to depart at 9:30 P.M.

### Day 2 Friday: Train En Route-Boston

As we travel east, we enjoy the first of many delicious meals prepared fresh onboard. Our route travels along the south shore of Lake Michigan, continuing past the Mohawk River, and the Erie Canal, following a famous Native American Highway. Celebrate the golden age of rail service onboard our private train. Relax in your private room or the lounge and watch as America passes by. Our train is split in Albany, we then continue into Massachusetts with an 8:01 P.M. scheduled arrival at Boston's South Station. (B, L, D)

### Day 3 Saturday: Boston

This morning we stay in Boston for a full day of local guided sightseeing. We will hit all the top sights like The Old North Church, the Old State House, USS Constitution and more. Enjoy time for lunch on your own at Faneuil Hall then continue on to the Bunker Hill

*Cimarron River has most of the sleepers*



Monument, Granary Burying Grounds and the Soldiers & Sailors Monument. (B, D)

### Day 4 Sunday: Boston-Plymouth

We depart Boston heading southeast to Plymouth. First, we visit the water-powered Grist Mill from 1636 (pictured at right) where you can purchase some souvenir cornmeal ground there. Our next stop is the Mayflower II, a replica of the original Mayflower ship that was recently renovated for the 400th anniversary of its voyage. Enjoy time in historic Plymouth for lunch and shopping. Then on to Plimoth Plantation, a living history museum where the costumed interpreters answer questions and discuss their lives and viewpoints from that time. There will be demonstrations on cooking, farming and making pottery. (B, D)



### Day 5 Monday: Boston-Salem

After breakfast we visit the coast where Tuna fishing and lobstering is at the forefront of the economy. The railway incidentally arrived in Marblehead in 1871, now a posh and upscale residential area; this was also the birthplace of the Continental Navy. At infamous Salem, the site of the 1692 Witch Trials, our guided sightseeing includes the cemetery and Judge's Chambers also known as the Witch House, the only structure still standing associated with the trials. Then we continue to the House of Seven Gables made famous by Nathaniel Hawthorne's gothic novel of the same name featuring the struggle of Hepzibah Pyncheon and family. Enjoy a tour of this mansion built in 1668 by merchant ship-owner, John Turner. Our last stop is at the waterfront, the Salem Maritime National Historic Site which consists of 12 historic structures and one replica tall-ship. (B)

*The House of Seven Gables, Salem*





*Plimoth is a replica of the 17th century village*

**Day 8 Thursday: Boston-Train En Route**

This morning we walk a few blocks to the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, getting in before they open to the general public. Our fully guided tour with an 18th Century host leads you through an interactive colonial town meeting and gives you the opportunity to “dump the tea”. Returning to the train station, our train departs Boston at 12:50 P.M. hooked to the

Lake Shore Limited, train #49. As we head back towards Chicago, we have time to mingle with our travel companions and discuss our favorite parts of the trip. (B, D)

**Day 9 Friday: Train Arrival-Chicago-Central Illinois**

Our train is scheduled to arrive Chicago at 9:50 A.M. We say our farewell to the train crew who worked hard for us this trip. Our private motor coach waits to return us back to Central Illinois with special memories of our rail journey through history. (B)

Included meals are noted each day with the initials for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

**Day 6 Tuesday: Boston-Kennebunk-Kennebunkport**

Today we journey north to Maine’s charming villages of Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. Our step-on guide will show us around these quaint towns. We will drive by mansions, former sea captains home and the Bush compound while enjoying the views along Ocean Avenue, considered one of the most scenic drives. You will have free time for lunch and shopping downtown Kennebunkport. Next we visit the Seashore Trolley Museum with the largest electric railway collection and enjoy a ride on the Atlantic Shore Line Railway. We make a stop for dinner before returning to our rail cars for the evening. (B, D)

**Day 7 Wednesday: Boston**

You have the full day free to enjoy Boston as you wish, including an Old Town Trolley “hop on & off” pass. Return to our cars for dinner onboard or enjoy the local cuisine. (B, D)

*Boston Tea Party Ships Museum*



**What’s Included:** • Round trip motor coach transportation from Central Illinois • Rail transportation • Premium snacks and beverages • Motor coach transportation • Guided sightseeing • Admissions • Old Town Trolley Boston • 15 Meals: 8 Breakfasts 1 Lunch 6 Dinners • Sleeper accommodations • Led by ‘rail buff’, Joe Luka

**Accommodations:** (8) total number of nights  
 Private Train Car (1) Sleeping berth, en route Lake Shore Limited  
 Private Train Car (6) Sleeping berth, Boston station  
 Private Train Car (1) Sleeping berth, en route Lake Shore Limited

**What’s Not Included:** • Travel insurance • Crew tips (\$180) & guide tips • Unlisted meals • Free time activities • Possible fuel surcharges

\*All prices are per person, based on occupancy, double: \$5244, single (roomette): \$5694. • Document required for US Citizens is government-issued photo ID. • This trip is non-refundable; we suggest purchasing travel insurance to cover cancellations for medical reasons. Insurance coverage is AIG/Travel Guard’s Vacations and Cruises Plan at a cost of 7.2% to cover cancellation charges, for coverage details see the webpage [tourgroupplanners.com/insurance](http://tourgroupplanners.com/insurance). Other terms at [tourgroupplanners.com/terms](http://tourgroupplanners.com/terms) incorporated by reference. • Price and details are subject to change. Acct#20908t

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Seashore Trolley Museum

Join us from • Decatur • Urbana • Chicago. Tour Coordinator is Becky [becky@tourgroupplanners.com](mailto:becky@tourgroupplanners.com); call 217 422-5002. Mail a check for \$1500 per-person deposit (sorry, no credit cards accepted) to **Tour Group Planners**, 363 S Main St Suite 307, Decatur IL 62523



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**Physical Requirements:** This trip requires being able to get on and off the train daily with minimum assistance. There will be a fair amount of walking each day. If it becomes difficult for you to keep up with the group, a wheelchair or other assistance will be required and you must have a travel companion to help you.

| Code | Type                            | Double   | Single    |
|------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| UL   | Standard Bedroom, upper & lower | \$ 5,244 | \$ 10,124 |
| RM   | Roomette                        | N/A      | \$ 5,694  |

Kennebunkport Maine





## About our Vintage Train Cars

### Hollywood Beach (pictured above)

Features (pictured above)

Five double bedrooms, shower, buffet kitchen for beverage and full meal service, Sun Lounge with space for dining. Diesel generator, retention toilets, TV/CD/DVD/VCR, stereo. We have the largest windows of any solarium car on the rails! There are 2 full-height end windows and a full view end door for panoramic viewing.

History

Built at Pullman in 1956 as HOLLYWOOD BEACH for service on Seaboard Air Line's New York-Florida Silver Meteor. Later owned by Seaboard Coast Line and renamed SUN RAY. Sold to Amtrak in 1971 and sold again in 1989. Acquired by current owner Keith R. White in 2016. In 2017 the car emerged from a 9-month heavy overhaul with the interior being refurbished to its former splendor.



### Cimarron River

Features

The car has been renovated with modern heating, electrical and air conditioning systems while retaining the charm and ambience of 1940's railroad travel. It sleeps 20 people-1 person in each of 12 roomettes and 2 people in each of 4 bedrooms, which have two bunk beds. The beds all fold into the walls to provide comfortable seating during the day. Each compartment has a fold away sink. There is a shower and six retention toilets. A small galley/bar service area is at one end. The car is certified and

inspected to run on Amtrak trains and has its own 30KW diesel generator for trips off the Amtrak system.

History

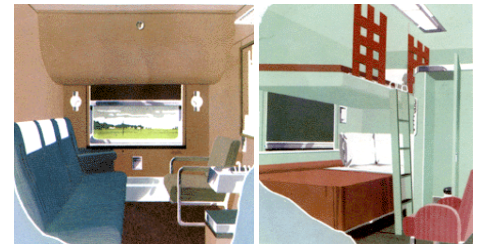
CIMARRON RIVER (original #1466) was built by Pullman Standard in 1948 as a 14 roomette-4 double bedroom sleeper for the Frisco Railway's streamlined "Meteor". The "Meteor" ran from St. Louis Union Station to Oklahoma and had through sleepers to Chicago, New York and Washington. The sleepers were all named for rivers along the train's route.

The Frisco substantially reduced their passenger system 1965 and the CIMARRON RIVER and other sleepers were sold to the Canadian National Railway. The Canadian National rebuilt the car, removed the stainless steel fluted siding and renamed the car RAINBOW FALLS. The interior configuration was not changed. VIA Rail Canada assumed ownership of the car in the late 1970's and repainted it blue. In 1981, VIA discontinued many trains and RAINBOW FALLS was surplus to their needs. In June 1983, two brothers, Andy and Tony Marchiando, bought the car from VIA. The car was returned home to St. Louis and renovation work began. Two roomettes have been set aside for storage and use of a second toilet. The car has a shared shower. The exterior is now repainted in the original colors and lettering. The first trip of the renovated CIMARRON RIVER was in October 1986. Since then, the car has traveled over 500,000 miles, in 48 states, and behind a variety of diesel, steam and electric locomotives. It has traveled north to Canada's Northwest Territories, to the southern border of Mexico and into Guatemala-the extreme north and south ends of the continuous standard gauge North American rail network. Meteor Rail, Inc. owns and operates the car.

## Sleeping Accommodations

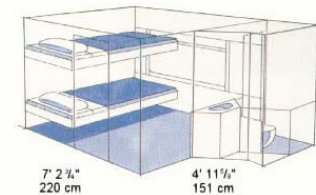
In addition to seat(s) in your compartment, there is seating in the lounge car. Each car has a shower for car occupants to share.

## Double Bedroom



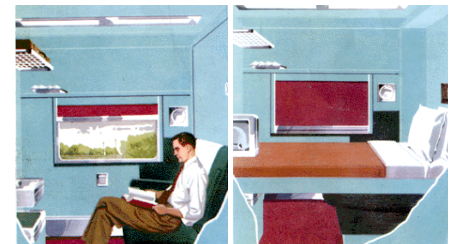
Two double bedrooms may be converted to a quad bedroom by removing the partition and used for a party of 3 or 4 people.

Double bedroom with upper and lower twin berths.

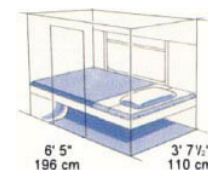


By day, there is a couch or lounging chairs and fold-down table. By night, the upper berth is lowered and the couch (or chairs, used by day) converts to a lower berth. Each bedroom has a separate room for facilities (sink and toilet), accessible from your bedroom.

## Roomette



Roomette is for one person. Single occupancy of a double bedroom is available at a higher cost.



Roomettes have a door for privacy. By day you have a seat and fold-down table. By night, the berth takes up the whole roomette. There is a fold-down sink in the room but no toilet. There are two shared toilets in the car.

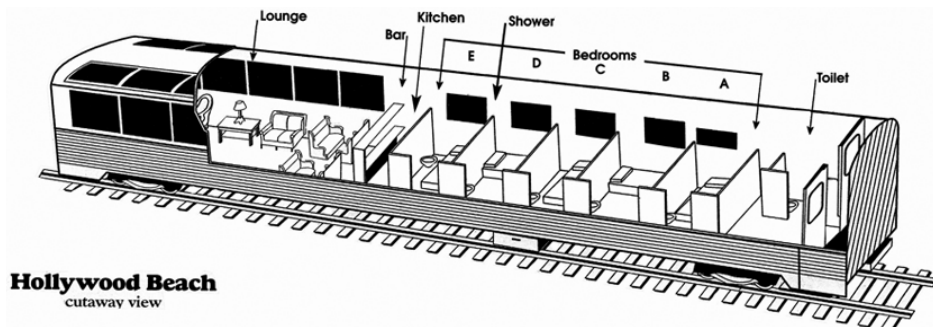
*Diagram and pictures are for a general indication. Accommodations vary in configuration. While completely refurbished and modern features added, a key goal of the restoration is to maintain the 1950s look and feel.*



Above: USS Constitution

Below: Salem's Witch House

Double bedroom by day, above; by night, below



**Hollywood Beach**  
cutaway view

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Accommodations:  Rommette (single)  Double Bedroom (1 tvlr)  Double Bedroom (2 tvlrs)  
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Join group in:  Decatur,  Urbana,  Chicago Union Station

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