

2024 HISTORY TRAIN

We will be using the Hollywood Beach and Royal Street cars with double bedrooms, and the Cimarron River with roomettes.

As with previous years, breakfast is included daily (even at the hotel) and most dinners. Lunches and one dinner will be on your own. Yes, there is a one-night hotel stay this year. Amtrak is requiring we overnight in NYC en route to Philadelphia and they do not allow passengers to stay on the cars in NYC.

I have not had a chance to get a full brochure together; below is our trip itinerary: (subject to change)

Thur, 9/5 - group departs Chicago Union Station at 555pm attached to The Cardinal (everyone will get their own way to Chicago. If via Amtrak, allow 4hr connection in case of delays.)

Fri, 9/6 - scheduled arrival in Washington DC 644pm

Sat, 9/7 - full day of touring in Gettysburg; after dinner the evening is free for an optional Night Illumination Tour.

Sun, 9/8 - free morning in DC; after lunch we depart for NYC and overnight at hotel located across the street from Penn Station. You'll need to bring just an overnight bag with you to the hotel.

Mon, 9/9 - NYC touring of 9/11 Museum then a cruise on the Hudson River to see the Statue of Liberty. We'll have a guide shows us a few more NYC sites before returning to the train station. We take an evening train for a late arrival to Philadelphia.

Tue, 9/10 - tour Valley Forge and Museum of American Revolution

Wed, 9/11 - morning tour to Independence Hall (Liberty Bell) and National Constitution Center. Scheduled departure from Philadelphia 1242pm traveling over rail fan's favorite "Horseshoe Curve" with a scheduled arrival in Pittsburgh 805pm.

Thur, 9/12 - full day of touring in Pittsburgh - Carrie Furnaces tour, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum, The Frick House and more. Depart Pittsburgh hooked to Amtrak's Capitol Limited; scheduled departure 1159pm.

Fri, 9/13 - scheduled arrival back in Chicago is 845am. Take Amtrak back to your departure location, again, allow several hours in case our return is delayed.

DOUBLES: Price per person, based on double occupancy is \$5960 + optional travel insurance. You will need to secure your own transportation to/from Chicago.

SINGLES: Roomette cost is an additional \$400; a total of \$6,360 + insurance.

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,900/person will secure your spot on the trip. Final payment is normally due May 5 but because we are rolling this trip out so late, I am going to move final payment to June 14.

A donation to WILL, PBS station, is included in the trip cost.

Just as we have done the past several years, to keep the cost of this trip down, only check payments (payable to Tour Group Planners) are accepted; no credit cards.