

VERMONT

NEW ENGLAND FALL FOLIAGE

Trapp Family Lodge • Billings Farm • Stowe • Shelburne Museum •
Winnepesaukee, Conway and Mt. Washington Scenic Railroads

Visit the **Norman Rockwell Museum of Vermont** with a large collection of original Norman Rockwell art, including beloved paintings from *The Saturday Evening Post*, *The Four Freedoms* and the best in the field of American illustration.

Tour **Hildene**, summer house of Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln.

The **Billings Farm**, a modern, working dairy farm and a museum of Vermont farm life in the 1890s.

The **Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad** hugs its namesake lake's shoreline for many miles. Enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings en route.

Days 1-2 Miami to Rutland
Day 3 Vermont
Day 4 Vermont / New Hampshire
Day 5 North Conway

Experience New England's brilliant color at its peak from the all-glass **Vistadome** car of the **Conway Scenic Railroad**.

Spend two nights at the world famous **Trapp Family Lodge** in Stowe.

Climb to the summit of the Northeast's highest mountain on the **Mt. Washington Cog Railway**.

The charming village of **Stowe** is featured on many postcards of New England.

There are 37 historic structures from throughout New England dismantled and moved to the **Shelburne Museum**.

Day 6 Mt. Washington / Stowe
Day 7 Vermont Sightseeing
Day 8 En Route to Albany
Days 9-10 En Route to Miami

TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Mon., Oct. 9 to Wed., Oct. 18

TOUR PRICE:

All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

\$3,195 - 10 Days

Upgrades: Roomette + \$595
Bedroom + \$1,095

SINGLE \$4,095

Upgrade: Roomette + \$1,190

Fly Option

Begins / Ends Albany

\$2,695 - 8 Days

SINGLE \$3,595

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights. Air is not included in above price.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak and deluxe motorcoach.
- Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for seven nights.
- Meals: 18 (depending on time of boarding/disembarking)
- Extensive sightseeing. Admissions to all included attractions.
- Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

Join the tour en route:

Hollywood 8:34 am, Ft. Lauderdale 8:50 am, Deerfield Beach 9:08 am, Delray Beach 9:22 am, West Palm Beach 9:47 am, Sebring 11:23 am, Winter Haven 12:07 pm, Kissimmee 12:56 pm, Orlando 1:35 pm, Winter Park 1:52 pm, DeLand 2:39 pm, Palatka 3:29 pm, Jacksonville 5:07 pm, Jesup 6:29 pm, Savannah 7:31 pm, Yemassee 8:20 pm, Charleston 9:17 pm, Kingstree, 10:11pm, Florence 11:12 pm, Fayetteville 12:37 am

Day 1: Depart Miami

New England Fall Foliage tour members will meet their Tour Director at the Miami Amtrak Station and board the Silver Meteor for the 8:10 a.m. departure for New York Penn Station. Others will join the tour en route (see schedule below). Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Viewliner Roomettes and Bedrooms are available for an additional cost. Lunch and dinner will be included on the train today. **L* & D***

Day 2: En Route / Rutland

Enjoy breakfast on the train this morning. Arrival into New York Penn Station is scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

You will have time for an “on-your-own” lunch in the station prior to our boarding the Empire Service Train #283 for Albany.

Relax in your comfortable coach seat. Arrival in Albany is scheduled for 3:45 p.m.

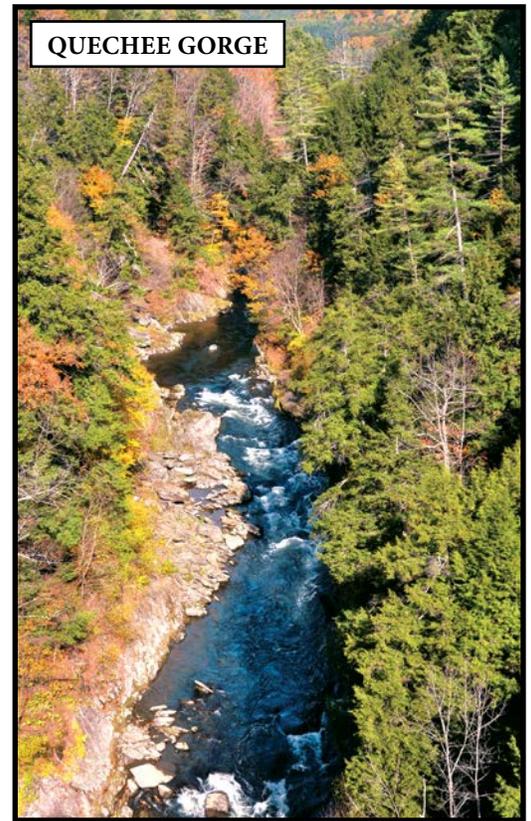
Upon arrival we'll board our deluxe motorcoach and travel north 100 miles to Rutland, a southern Vermont city of 16,000. On our way to Rutland, we'll visit the Bennington Battle Monument. The Monument is the tallest structure in Vermont, soaring 300 feet above Old Bennington.

Your hotel for the next two nights is the Holiday Inn Rutland/Killington. There are dinner options within walking distance. **B**

Day 3: Vermont

Following an included breakfast we'll visit the Norman Rockwell Museum of Vermont. The museum presents a collection of original Norman Rockwell art including paintings from The Saturday Evening Post, The Four Freedoms and the best in the field of American illustration.

Marble is one of Vermont's major natural resources. It is shipped all over the world. Proctor



is the home of the Vermont Marble Exhibit. One of the largest displays of its kind in the country, it illustrates the origin, quarrying and finishing of marble. You can watch a sculptor at work and visit a sculpture gallery. Displays include marble from Vermont and around the world.

Following an “on-your-own” lunch in Rutland, you'll visit Hildene, one of the state's major attractions. Hildene was the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln and home to his descendants until 1975. The 24-room Georgian Revival Mansion is filled with original furnishings and personal family memorabilia, surrounded by formal gardens.



*Depending on time of boarding.

You'll return to your hotel in Rutland for a second night. The Tour Director will host a Welcome Dinner tonight. **B & D**

Day 4: Vermont / New Hampshire

Following breakfast we'll board our comfortable motorcoach and continue the New England discovery program. First on the schedule is the Vermont Country Store in Weston. This nationally known "mercantile" features practical items that you may not find anywhere else.

Continue to the Billings Farm and Museum to see both a modern, working dairy farm and a museum of Vermont farm life in the 1890s. The museum is housed in four reconstructed barns.

Following an "on-your-own" lunch, you'll continue to Quechee Gorge. Vermont's "Little Grand Canyon" lies west of Quechee. The bridge that spans the gorge 162 feet above the Ottauquechee River provides a great view of this natural spectacle. We will have time for photos.

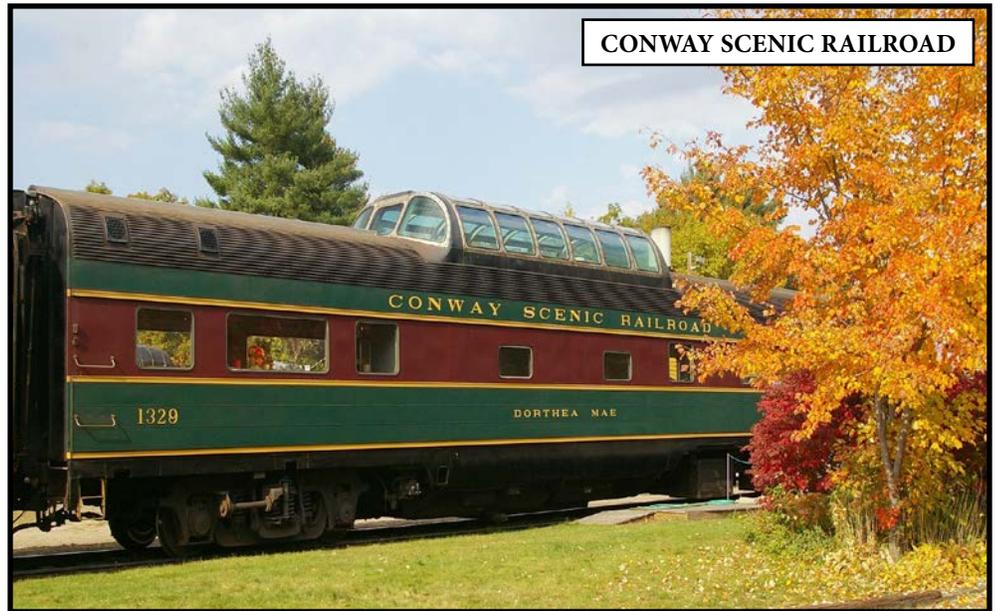
You'll arrive in Meredith and depart on the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad excursion train for a two-hour round trip to Lakeport. The train hugs the picturesque shoreline of Lake Winnepesaukee, the state's loveliest and largest lake. Enjoy a full-course turkey dinner with all the trimmings on the trip.

Our home for next two nights is the Hampton Inn North Conway. **B & D**

Day 5: North Conway

A Continental breakfast is included this morning. Today we're traveling on the Conway Scenic Railroad through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Eastern U.S.

On the Notch train you travel through awesome Crawford Notch past sheer bluffs, steep ravines, cascading brooks, panoramic mountain vistas and across the famed Frankenstein Trestle and Willey Brook Bridge. The destination is Crawford Depot. You'll enjoy first-class seating. Live commentary includes history and folklore of the railroad era as well as points of interest. A boxed lunch will be served (included). An on-board snack bar offers sandwiches, snacks and beverages. We will return to our North Conway hotel. **CB & L**



Day 6: Mt. Washington

Another high point of our fabulous New England Fall Foliage vacation will be the trip on the Mt. Washington Cog Railway to the summit of the highest mountain in the Northeast U.S. Ride up Mt. Washington on the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway has been an exciting and unforgettable experience for well over a century. The ever-changing surroundings, the magnificent views, the sights and sounds of unique steam locomotives in action and some of the steepest railway tracks in existence, combine to place it among the best of the world's great railway journeys. Some days the view from the summit of Mt. Washington spans four states, Quebec and the Atlantic Ocean, limited only by the curvature of the earth.

We'll stop for an "on-your-own" lunch following our Mt. Washington excursion and continue through spectacular scenery about 120 miles to picturesque Stowe, Vermont. The village of Stowe is featured on many postcards of New England.

The world-class Trapp Family Lodge is a high point of this tour. You'll spend the next two nights basking in the beauty of this magnificent Austrian-inspired lodge. The complex is exquisitely managed by the descendants of the "Sound of Music" family. Located atop the highest point of land in the area, your view of the breathtaking changing colors is endless. An exquisite three-course-dinner experience and two Vermont country breakfasts are included. **CB & D**

Day 7: Vermont

A full day of northern Vermont discovery begins at 8:30 a.m. when we board the motorcoach to travel the short distance to the Vermont Teddy Bear Company for a glimpse of the step-by-step creative process required to make these jointed teddy bears.

We will then travel to the town of Shelburne where we'll visit one of Vermont's major attractions, the Shelburne Museum. There are 37 historic structures, many of them dismantled and moved there from various parts of New England, reconstructed and restored. Other attractions include a railroad depot, private car and locomotive, a two-lane covered bridge with a footpath, a round barn and a hand-crafted model circus parade more than 500 feet long. The side-wheeler steamboat Ticonderoga was hauled two miles over land from Lake Champlain to its landlocked berth at the museum.

The collections of Americana displayed include folk art, dolls, toys, quilts, rugs, pewter, coaches, carriages and wagons as well as fire fighting, hunting and agricultural equipment.

The Electra Havemeyer Webb Memorial houses European furnishings, sculpture and paintings by Edgar Degas, Francisco Goya, Edouard Manet, Claude Monet and Rembrandt, as well as works by American Artist Mary Cassatt. Formal gardens, ornamental trees and shrubs, roses and lilacs adorn the grounds. An "on-your-own" lunch is available.

You're free this evening to enjoy an "on-your-own" dinner in the hotel or another fine Stowe restaurant. **B**

Day 8: En Route

Breakfast is included in our hotel. This morning we'll visit the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory in Waterbury. We'll enjoy a 30-minute guided tour, watch a seven-minute film and pay a visit to FlavoRoom to sample the newest offerings.

We will continue on to our final Vermont attraction, the Waterbury Center where our travelers will visit the Cold Hollow Cider Mill. You'll see cider made the old fashion way.

An "on-your-own" lunch stop will be made in Bristol. Following lunch, you continue south through Green Mountain scenery to Albany.

Our home for the evening is the Hampton Inn & Suites Albany Downtown. **B**

Day 9: En Route

A Continental breakfast is included at the hotel this morning. We will transfer to the Albany train station for the 10:05 a.m. departure of Amtrak Empire Service Train #280.

Relax in your comfortable coach seat. Arrival into New York Penn Station is scheduled for 12:45 p.m.



You will have time for an "on-your-own" lunch in Penn Station prior to boarding the Silver Meteor for the 3:15 p.m. departure.

You will have the same accommodations as on your north bound trip.

Dinner is included this evening. **CB & D**

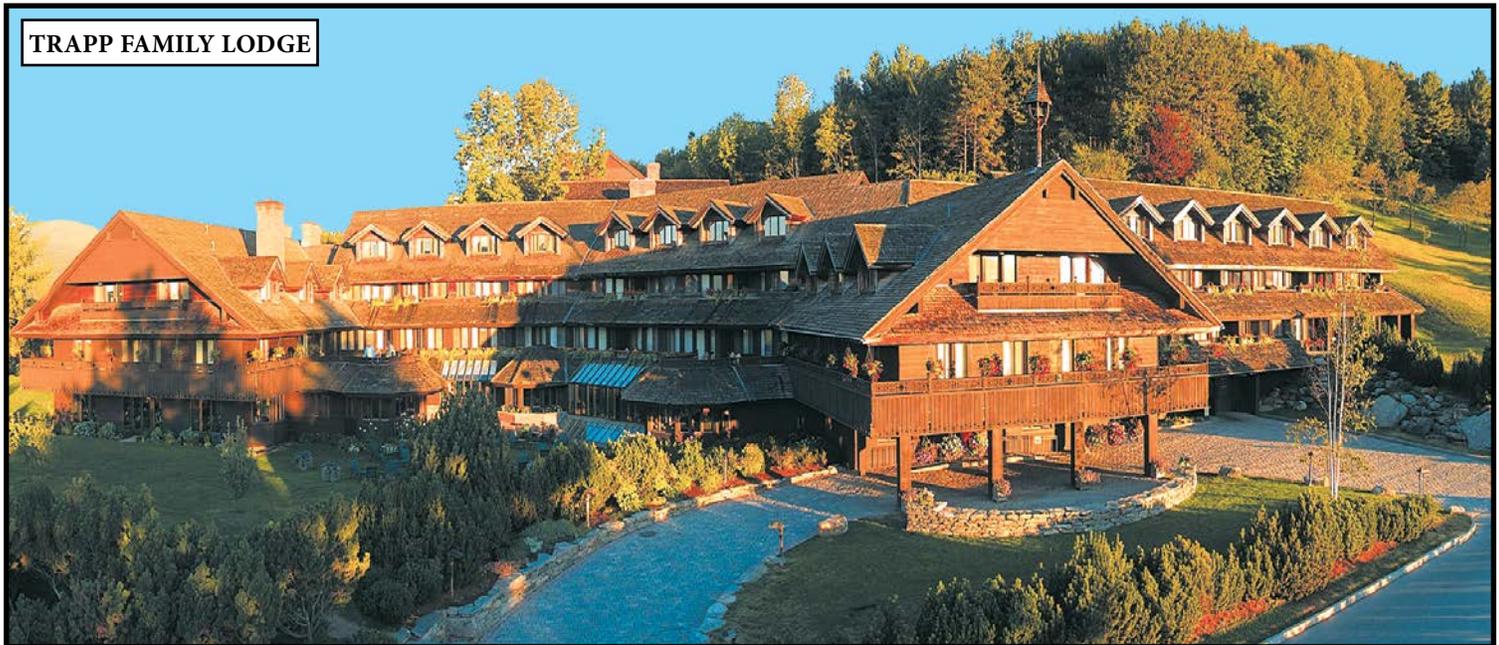
Day 10: En Route / Miami

We'll be rolling south down the Florida peninsula today. You'll be amazed at the

large cattle ranches, citrus groves, and other attractions our train will pass by.

We will arrive at local Amtrak stations throughout the day. Our final destination, Miami is scheduled for 6:39 p.m. **B, L* & D***

*Depending on time of disembarking.



GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$200 per person (\$500 for cruise), of which \$100 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise). If payments are not received by the due date(s) specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Cruises: If reservation is made after final payment due date, prevailing rates and availability apply.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise), \$100 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 75 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply (90 days for cruise):

- 76-90 days prior to departure: (cruise only)
20% of total tour cost.
- 46-75 days prior to departure:
25% of total tour cost.
- 15-45 days prior to departure:
50% of total tour cost.
- 14 days or less prior to departure through duration of the tour: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades.

Refunds will be made approximately 30 days after the conclusion of the tour.

Payment / cancellation exceptions are noted on tours.

All pricing is per person/double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

Rail transportation over the tour route and motorcoach, van, or other modes of transportation where specified in the tour.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

All tours except those categorized as Coach Class include private Roomette on Amtrak overnight trains and Bedrooms (double occupancy) or Roomettes (single occupancy) on VIA Rail Canada overnight trains. Bedrooms on Amtrak are available at an additional cost. Reclining coach seats are included on U.S. and Canadian trains used only during the daytime except for those categorized as Coach Class. Coach Class tours include reclining coach seats with leg rests on Amtrak trains. Meals on the trains are included for those traveling Coach Class on the North American tours as indicated in the itinerary.

CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Cruise tours include inside staterooms (double occupancy) on cruise ships. Upgraded staterooms may be available at an additional cost.

HOTELS

Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room. Two-bedded rooms are provided in most instances. However, sometimes their availability is limited. If a two-bedded room is required, please notify America by Rail at time of registration.

America by Rail reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in any tour description, when necessary. Every effort is made to have hotel rooms available for occupancy upon arrival. There may be instances when rooms are not available until later.

SINGLE ROOMS

Single rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes on a single basis are available at a single cost.

SIGHTSEEING/ADMISSIONS

Sightseeing, as outlined in the itineraries, will be provided by motorcoaches in most instances. Admission fees are included as specified. Sightseeing tour arrangements may be altered if required.

MEALS

All included meals are listed in the tour itinerary. Persons requiring a special diet must inform America by Rail at the time of registration. Not all restaurants/trains will be able to honor special requests. Due to events beyond our control, trains are sometimes delayed and supplies may become limited. If you have special dietary requirements, please

make sure you have a sufficient supply of nourishment to meet your dietary needs.

In the itineraries, the meals are listed at the end of each day using CB for Continental breakfast, B for breakfast, L for lunch, and D for dinner.

BAGGAGE

For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and portage of one suitcase per person is included at overnight stopovers. On most tours the one suitcase per person is handled by America by Rail and is checked through to the next destination. An overnight bag is used while en route. America by Rail is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage or for any lost, stolen or destroyed item. Specified transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.

TOUR DIRECTORS

Services of a qualified America by Rail Tour Director are included for all matters pertaining to the tour. Tour Directors will meet all tour members at the origination city.

TIPS AND TAXES

All gratuities to hotel staff (except to chambermaids), sightseeing guides, and drivers are included. Gratuities for sleeping car attendants and meals aboard the train are included. Gratuities for meals specified in the tour itinerary are included on escorted portions of the tour. Gratuities for cruise ship stateroom stewards and dining waitstaff are included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Transportation and tips between your home city and the official origination city; charges for excess baggage; health, accident or baggage insurance; tips to chambermaids and for personal services; items of a personal nature such as laundry; meals, except those specified as included; gratuities for special services; charges for room service, and alcoholic beverages with included meals.

Gratuities for the America by Rail Tour Directors are at your discretion; \$3-\$10 per person per day is the industry standard. They should be extended on an individual basis, not as a group.

RAIL SCHEDULES:

The routing and features described in tour descriptions may be altered to adjust to rail schedules in effect at the time of the tour. America by Rail reserves the right to substitute motorcoach or air travel for unavailable rail schedules, misconnections, delays or other causes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS :

A valid passport will be required for any trip crossing international borders. i.e. into or out of the United States. At time of reservation we will need your date of birth; gender, passport number, passport expiration date and issuing country.

HEALTH, MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL:

America by Rail will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. Any type of disability requiring special provisions must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. America by Rail is not required to provide participants with personal devices, such as wheelchairs or individually prescribed devices such as prescription eyeglasses, or to provide services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting or dressing. Accordingly, all participants are responsible to participate without assistance of the America by Rail Tour Director or other attendant. Tour Directors are prohibited from providing physical assistance or accommodations (beyond normal civil courtesies, such as holding doors open for passing). It is recommended that participants requiring assistance, including those requiring the use of a mobility device, be accompanied by a travel companion who will be responsible to provide required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

Those travelling with oxygen are required to advise America by Rail at least two weeks prior to departure. Amtrak requires all equipment, including oxygen concentrators,

must be able to operate a minimum of four hours without available onboard electrical power (in the event of a power disruption onboard). Oxygen equipment must be Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) listed. The total weight of all tanks may not exceed 120 lbs. Within this limit, no more than 2 tanks 50 lb each, or no more than 6 tanks 20 lbs each

SMOKING:

Smoking is not permitted on America by Rail motorcoaches. Those who smoke may do so at any of the frequent stops we make. All Amtrak and VIA Rail trains are entirely smoke-free. If time is available at station stops, it will be announced by the conductor. Cruise ships policies vary from line to line, but all have designated areas to accommodate smokers.

PLEASE NOTE:

America by Rail reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or retain any individuals as members of the tour. The acceptance of any service provided as part of an America by Rail tour, or any ticket or voucher, shall be deemed to be acceptance of and consent to these conditions.

All rates published herein are in U.S. dollars and based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on the printing date of the tour brochure.

Prices and arrangements are subject to change without notice.

No persons, other than a representative of America by Rail, authorized by a document in writing, may vary, add or waive any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions.

A \$50 per person fee will be assessed for each itinerary alteration requested after final arrangements are confirmed.

It is our company policy to issue a tour roster to all tour participants containing all tour participants' names and addresses. If you do not want your address included, you must let us know at time of reservation.

Times, schedules, entertainment and activities are subject to change without notice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FUEL SUPPLEMENT:

Please be advised America by Rail reserves the right to apply a fuel supplement for all guests should the price of oil warrant it.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE:

America by Rail acts only in the capacity as an agent for the owners and contractors providing means of transportation, hotel or other services. All tour services, tickets and vouchers are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation, hotel or other services are offered or provided. America by Rail shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever, for any loss, injury or damage from acts of God, sickness, theft, weather, strikes, war, or quarantine however caused or arising.

America by Rail reserves the right to cancel a tour in the event tour participation does not meet minimum requirements.

America by Rail shall not be obligated to honor any booking resulting from, nor shall be responsible or liable whatsoever in connection with, misprints or errors of any kind, whether in brochures, advertisements, on the Internet, during the booking process or otherwise, that result in traveler being undercharged for the tour. America by Rail reserves the right, prior to departure, to collect the correct fare or cancel the booking and refund any payment made by traveler.

AMTRAK STATEMENT:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is not to be held responsible for any act, omissions, or event during the time passengers are not on board their trains or conveyance. The passenger contract in use of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. All conditions are subject to the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

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