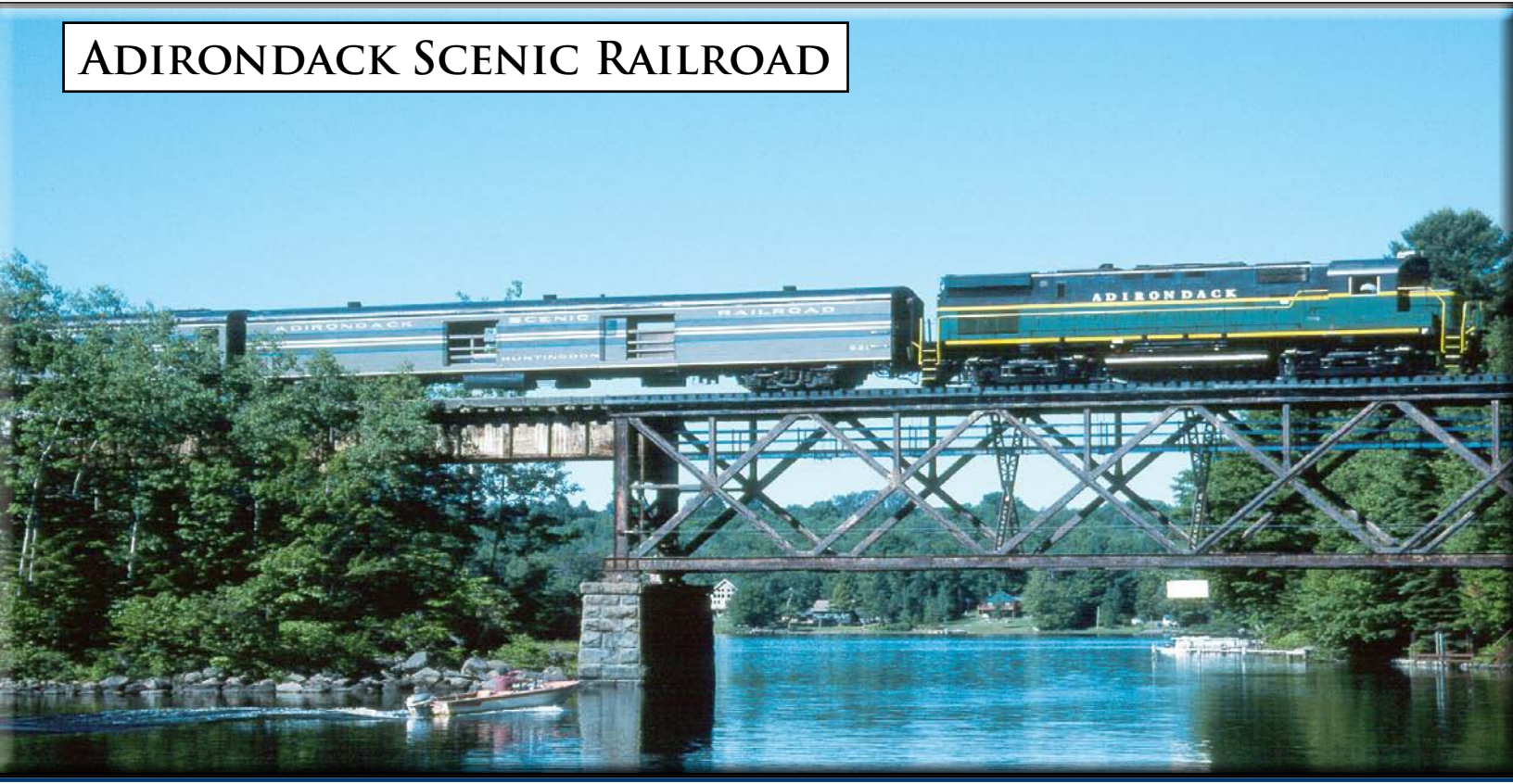


SCENIC TRAINS OF THE ADIRONDACKS

Saratoga and North Creek Railway • Fort Ticonderoga • Lake Placid • Saranac Lake • Adirondack Scenic Railroad • Lake Champlain

ADIRONDACK SCENIC RAILROAD



- Experience three of the most scenic railroads in **Adirondacks**.
- Encounter magnificent scenery on the **Saratoga & North Creek Railway's New York Express**.
- Visit **Fort Ticonderoga**, the place of America's first victory of the Revolution.
- Embark on one of the top 10 most scenic train trips in North America - **Amtrak's Adirondack** as it hugs the western shore of **Lake Champlain**.
- Enjoy a scenic wilderness ride aboard the **Adirondack Scenic Railroad** through forests, over rivers and streams, enjoying the hidden beauties of the Adirondacks.
- **Lake Placid**, home of the 1932 and 1980 U.S. Winter Olympics. Relive the Miracle on Ice of the 1980 Winter Games.
- A luncheon cruise on **Raquette Lake** aboard the W.W. Durant, built by Captain Dean, captures the ambiance of an opulent by-gone era Mark Twain dubbed The Gilded Age.

Days 1-2 Chicago to Albany
Day 3 Saratoga & North
Creek Railroad
Day 4 Fort Ticonderoga/
Plattsburgh

Day 5 Lake Placid/Saranac Lake
Day 6 Thendara/Utica/En Route
Day 7 En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

Sat., July 14 to Fri., July 20

TOUR PRICE:**Midwest****\$1,795 -8 Days**

Per person /double occupancy

Economy Class Tour: Roomette + \$475 p.p./d.o.
Bedroom + \$895 p.p./d.o.

\$2,150 Single Roomette +\$950

**FLY OPTION - Fly to Albany
return from Utica.****6 Days****Price: \$1,595 p.p./d.o.****Single \$1,950****America by Rail will be happy
to arrange your flights.****East****\$1,595 - 6 Days**

Per person /double occupancy

\$1,950 Single

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak and motorcoach.
- Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
- First class hotel accommodations for five nights.
- Eight meals (Midwest); five (East).
- Sightseeing tours and admission to all included activities.
- Baggage handling, taxes and tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

AMERICA BY RAIL WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION BY RAIL OR AIR.

Day 1: Depart Chicago

Midwest Scenic Trains of the Adirondacks members will meet in Chicago Union Station this evening in time to board the eastbound Lake Shore Limited. Departure is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. Eastern tour members will depart tomorrow for Albany. Relax in your comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. All dining car meals are included. You're free to explore the train. Go to the lounge car for snacks, sandwiches, and beverages.

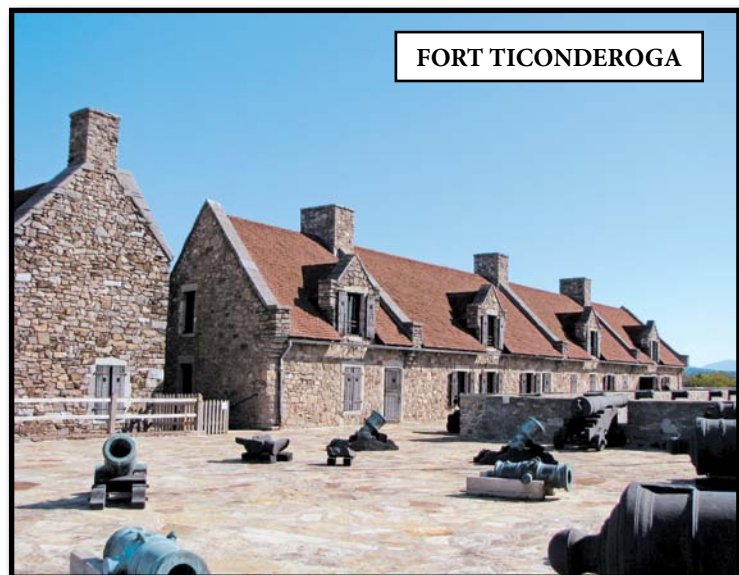
Day 2: En Route / Albany

Tour members from upper New York State will board the Lake Shore Limited, coach class, this morning. Our arrival into Albany is scheduled for 2:50 p.m. We'll transfer to the Hampton Inn Albany Downtown, our home for the night. **B* & L***

Day 3: Saratoga & North Creek Railroad

This morning we'll board a deluxe motorcoach and transfer to Saratoga Springs in time for the 10:00 departure of the Saratoga & North Creek Railway's New York Express. We'll encounter magnificent scenery as we roll in and out of dense forest and along the pristine water of the upper Hudson River. We'll pass several quaint towns and villages before reaching North Creek. Our arrival is scheduled for 12:19.

The North Creek Railroad Station is remembered by historians as the place where Theodore Roosevelt, who was on a hunting trip in the area, learned of the death of President McKinley and thus his succession to the presidency of the United States. The station is now a museum.

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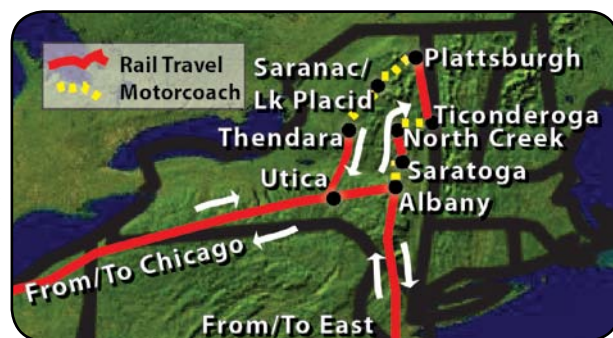
We'll have time to visit the museum as well as main street's many antique shops, country stores and restaurants.

This afternoon we'll board our motorcoach and transfer to Ticonderoga; our home for the evening is the Best Western Plus Ticonderoga. **CB**

Day 4: Fort Ticonderoga / Plattsburgh

This morning we'll visit Fort Ticonderoga. Located on the western shore of Lake Champlain, it was originally a French fort called Carillon and was seized by the British in the French and Indian War. The fort was later captured by Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys, along with Benedict Arnold in 1775. This was America's first victory of the Revolution.

We will be greeted by a costumed interpreter and given a brief historical introduction to the site. We will then be free to explore the museums, daily programs,



demonstrations, and exquisite gardens.

This afternoon we'll transfer to the Ticonderoga Amtrak Station and board the famous Adirondack. The Adirondack was named "One of the Top 10 Most Scenic Train Trips in North America" by Conde Nast Traveler. We'll experience the best of this scenery as the train hugs the western shore of Lake Champlain.

Our arrival into Plattsburgh is scheduled for 3:15 p.m. Our home for the night is the conveniently located La Quinta Inn. **B**

Day 5: Lake Placid / Saranac Lake

This morning we'll transfer to Saranac Lake for a scenic wilderness ride aboard the Adirondack Scenic Railroad to Lake Placid. The Lake Placid Station is home to the Lake Placid Historical Museum.

Following an "on-your-own" lunch we'll be joined by a local step-on guide. We'll visit the Lake Placid Winter Olympic Museum and Hall of Fame. We'll relive the Miracle on Ice of the 1980 Winter Games and learn how this little mountain village twice became the center of the winter sports world. The displays and exhibits will bring to life the memories



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and accounts of the 1932 and 1980 winter games.

Our home for the night is the Lake Placid Crowne Plaza Resort. **CB**

Day 6: Thendara / Utica / En Route

Today we'll stop for a luncheon cruise on Raquette Lake on our way to Thendara.

We'll board the southbound Adirondack Scenic Railroad for Utica and travel through forests, over rivers and streams, enjoying more of the hidden beauties of the Adirondacks.

Our arrival into Utica is scheduled for 6:45. Upon arrival we'll enjoy a farewell

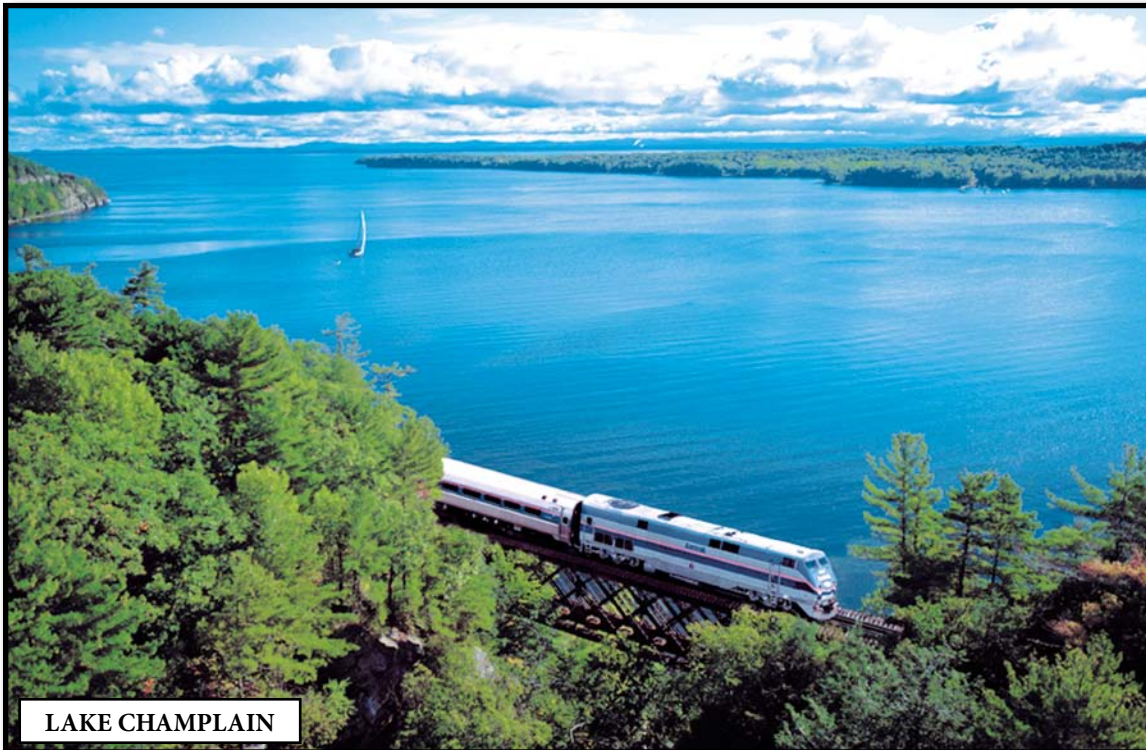
dinner. Eastern and Mid-Atlantic tour members will transfer to the nearby Radisson Hotel Utica Centre where they'll spend the last night of the tour. Midwest participants will board the Lake Shore Limited for Chicago and enjoy the same accommodations they enjoyed on the eastbound train. Upper New York travelers arrive home this evening. **B & D**

Day 7 : En Route to Home Destinations

Eastern and Mid-Atlantic travelers will transfer to Utica's Union Station in time for the 12:42 p.m. train for New York's Penn Station where they'll transfer to trains bound for home destinations.

Midwesterners will arrive into Chicago at 9:45 a.m. on the Lake Shore Limited. They'll continue on to home destinations throughout the morning and afternoon. **B***

***Midwest tour members only.**



LAKE CHAMPLAIN

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEALS

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.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

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

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 with bath. 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 supplemental 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.

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. Carry-on luggage 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), sight-seeing 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 to your America by Rail Tour Directors are an industry expectation. 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:

Any type of disability requiring special treatment must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitations those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

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 by the tour member 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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