



**SARATOGA & NORTH CREEK RAILWAY**

**AUTUMN IN THE ADIRONDACKS**

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



Experience three of the most scenic railroads in **Adirondacks**.

Encounter magnificent scenery on the **Saratoga & North Creek Railway**.

Embark on one of the top 10 most scenic train trips in the world - **Amtrak's Adirondack** as it hugs the western shore of **Lake Champlain**.

Enjoy a wilderness ride aboard the **Adirondack Scenic Railroad** through forests, over rivers and streams, enjoying the hidden beauties of the Adirondacks.

Visit **Fort Ticonderoga**, the place of America's first victory of the Revolution.

Tour **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, 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 Railway  
 Day 4 ..... Fort Ticonderoga /  
 Amtrak's Adirondack /  
 Lake Placid

Day 5 ..... Lake Placid /  
 Olympic Park  
 Day 6 ..... Raquette Lake /  
 Adirondack Scenic  
 Railroad  
 Day 7 ..... En Route to Chicago



# TOUR DATE(S):

2017

Sat., Sept. 30 to Fri., Oct. 6

# TOUR PRICE:

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

## MIDWEST

Begins / Ends Chicago

**\$1,995 - 7 Days**

Upgrades: Roomette + \$445  
Bedroom + \$895

**SINGLE \$2,395**

Upgrade: Roomette + \$890

## EAST & FLY OPTION

Begins Albany / Ends Utica

**\$1,795 - 5 Days**

**SINGLE \$2,195**

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 (Midwest).
- First-class hotel accommodations for four nights.
- Meals: 11 Midwest\*, seven East.
- Extensive sightseeing. Admissions to all included attractions.
- Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

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

### Day 1: Depart Chicago

**A**utumn in the Adirondacks West and Midwest tour members will meet in Chicago Union Station. At 8:00 p.m. we'll board the Lake Shore Limited. Departure is scheduled for 9:30 p.m.

Relax in your comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest. Viewliner Roomettes or Bedrooms are available at an additional cost.

You're free to explore the train. Go to the lounge car for snacks, sandwiches and beverages.

East tour members will travel independently to Albany, New York.

### Day 2: En Route / Albany

The Lake Shore Limited will pass through Toledo, Cleveland and Erie early this morning. Tour members from upper New York State will board this morning. Arrival into Albany is scheduled for 2:50 p.m.

We will transfer to the Hampton Inn & Suites Albany Downtown, our home for the night where we will meet our East travelers. **B\* & L\***

### Day 3: Saratoga & North Creek Railway

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. 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. You can enjoy an "on-your-own" lunch aboard the train or at one of the restaurants in North Creek. Our arrival is scheduled for 12:12 p.m.

The North Creek Railway Station is remembered by historians as the place where Vice President 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.

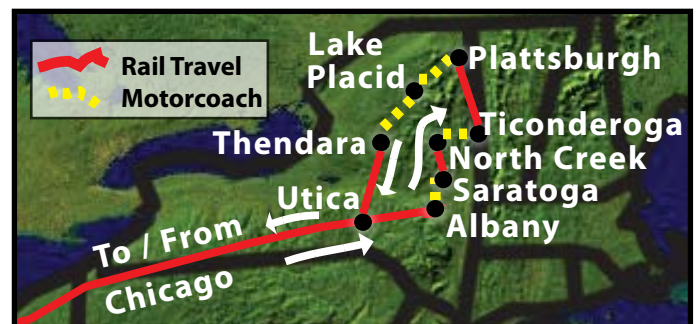
The museum complex also includes the restored freight house and engine house that are currently occupied by the railroad, a sand tower and a ninety-foot turntable.

This afternoon we'll board our motorcoach and transfer to the Best Western Plus Ticonderoga, our home for the night.

A Welcome Dinner will be held at the hotel. **CB & D**

### Day 4: Fort Ticonderoga / Plattsburgh

Following a Continental breakfast in our hotel, we'll board our motorcoach for 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.



\*Midwest tour members only.



Following the cruise we will continue to Thendara. En route we will stop at Old Forge. You will have time for shopping and exploring.

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

Our arrival into Utica is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Upon arrival we'll enjoy a Farewell dinner.

Midwest tour members will board the Lake Shore Limited and enjoy the same accommodations and amenities as on their eastbound trip.

Eastern and Mid-Atlantic tour members will stay overnight and head home tomorrow. **CB, L & D\***

### Day 7: En Route to Home Destinations

West and Midwest tour members will enjoy an early breakfast prior to their arrival 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\***

Eastern and Mid-Atlantic travelers will transfer to Utica's Union Station in time for the 10:51 a.m. train for New York's Penn Station where they'll transfer to trains bound for home destinations.

**\*Midwest tour members only.**

*"THE TOUR WAS WONDERFUL. THE SCENERY WAS AWESOME. I COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR ANYTHING BETTER."*

KIM Z. DAVIS, IL

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.

There will be time for an "on-your-own" lunch at the fort.

This afternoon we'll transfer to the Ticonderoga Amtrak Station and board the famous Adirondack. This has been nominated by National Geographic Traveler Magazine as one of the world's ten best rail trips. 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 3:22 p.m. We'll board our deluxe motorcoach and enjoy the scenic drive to Lake Placid. Our home for the next two nights is the Hampton Inn Lake Placid.

You'll enjoy an included dinner tonight at our hotel. **CB & D**

### Day 5: Lake Placid

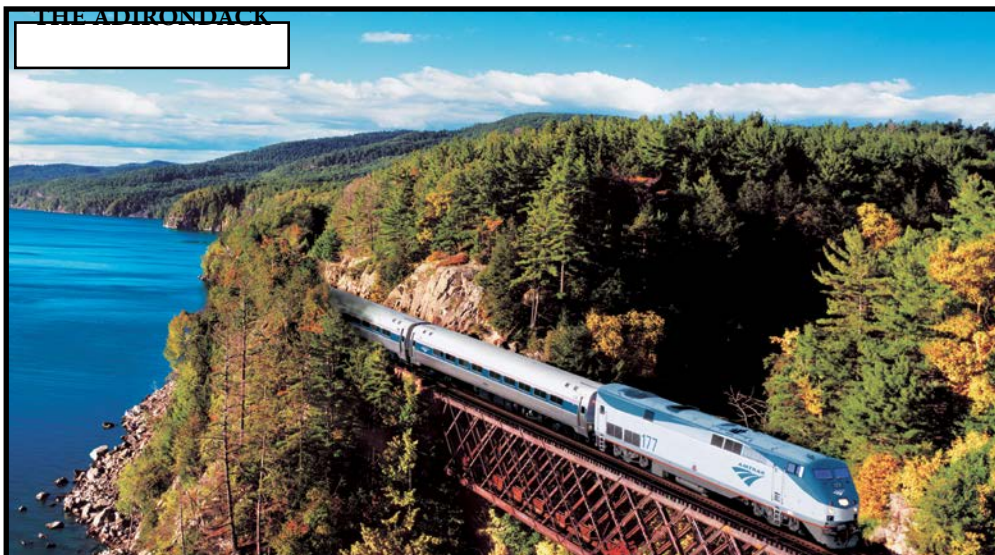
This morning we'll board our motorcoach for a sightseeing tour of this beautiful area. We'll visit the Lake Placid Winter Olympic Museum and Hall of Fame. This little mountain village twice became the center of the winter sports world, once in 1932 and again in 1980.

An "on-your-own" lunch stop will be made.

This afternoon you are free to explore this beautiful area. **CB**

### Day 6: Thendara / Utica / En Route

Following a Continental breakfast we'll board our motorcoach and travel to Raquette Lake where we will enjoy an included lunch cruise.





# GENERAL INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

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

## TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

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

- 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.

### 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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