



SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

KEYSTONE RAILROAD
DELIGHTS:
A PENNSYLVANIA
RAILROAD TOUR
with TRAINS MAGAZINE
October 11-20, 2019

CARPE DIEM



**Discover
Pennsylvania's
rich rail heritage
and beautiful
countryside
aboard steam,
diesel, trolleys
and more!**



Tour Highlights Include:

- **Private Charter- Middletown & Hummelstown's Milk & Honey Line**
- **Private Steam Charter-Everett RR**
- **Private Charter- West Chester RR**
- **Stourbridge Line Ride behind FP7 No. 9880**
- **Reading Blue Mtn & Northern RR Fall Foliage Special**
- **Steamtown National Historic Site**
- **Horseshoe Curve Photography**
- **Trolley Ride through the Laurel Line Tunnel**

Tour Itinerary

- **Day 1 October 11th**

If you are flying, arrive at the Philadelphia Airport and take the shuttle to the Doubletree by Hilton Philadelphia Airport Hotel. In the evening, we will travel by bus to the West Chester Railroad for our privately chartered welcome night dinner train.

- **Day 2 October 12th**

Following breakfast, we head to Strasburg where we'll explore the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Next, we take a ride on the Strasburg Rail Road and complete the visit with a shop tour. This evening we overnight in historic downtown Lancaster at the Lancaster Arts Hotel.

- **Day 3 October 13th**

Today we travel to Steam Into History in New Freedom to ride behind No. 17, an operating replica 4-4-0 built to an 1850's appearance. The route retraces a portion of Lincoln's journey by train to deliver the Gettysburg Address. Our visit will coincide with their Cowboy Weekend, including a train robbery and the chance to learn about life in that era. On our way to overnight in Harrisburg we will view Rockville Bridge, the world's longest stone arch masonry railroad viaduct and busy conduit for Norfolk Southern freights.

- **Day 4 October 14th**

This morning we'll enjoy a private chartered ride on the Middletown & Hummelstown's "Milk & Honey Line" in 1920's vintage DL&W coaches. Our scenic journey follows the Swatara Creek and will include photo runbys, street running, and historical narration. Afterward we'll make our way to Altoona for a two-night stay.

- **Day 5 October 15th**

Another private charter awaits us today as we ride behind the 2-6-0 steam locomotive No. 11 at the Everett Railroad.

Later, we'll head to the Railroader's Memorial Museum, one of the nation's best interpretive railroad museums, and one that tells the story of workers at the famous Juniata Shops of the mighty Pennsylvania Railroad. We will enjoy dinner in the museum.

- **Day 6 October 16th**

Visit Horseshoe Curve to view and photograph the passing Norfolk Southern trains on this busy mountain railroad that was once the heart of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

In the afternoon, we'll head to Scranton for a relaxing 3-night stay at the historic Radisson Lackawanna Station. This hotel is the 1908 neoclassical Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Station that was closed in 1970 and reopened as a hotel in 1983. It retains its original clocks, doors, fountains, stairs, and overall appearance.

- In Scranton (days 6 & 7), we'll spend our time at Steamtown National Historic Site where we'll take a guided tour of the archives, visit the Mattes Street Signal Tower, explore the locomotive shop, see a carpentry demonstration and more. We'll also visit the Electric City Trolley Museum for a tour of the shop and a chartered trolley ride through the Laurel Line Tunnel, the longest tunnel used by trolleys.

- **Day 8 October 18**

Today we visit the Honesdale Museum, home of The Stourbridge Lion replica, followed by a 50-mile scenic ride on the Stourbridge Line through the Northern Poconos, pulled by the FP7 No. 9880, a former Canadian Pacific unit, painted in Pennsylvania Railroad colors.

- **Day 9 October 19**

We depart Scranton and make our way to the Reading Blue Mountain & Northern's annual fall foliage special. An all day event, we'll take a train in the morning to historic Jim Thorpe where you'll have 3 hours to explore or take another train through the Lehigh Gorge. In the afternoon, we'll take a return ride on the RBM&N to Port Clinton and board our bus back to Philadelphia for our farewell dinner at the Doubletree by Hilton Philadelphia Airport Hotel.

- **Day 10 October 20**

Breakfast provided in the morning. The hotel provides a free airport shuttle, guests depart for home at their leisure.

Included in Tour Price

- 9 nights hotel stay
- All transportation and activities mentioned above
- Average 2 meals daily
- 10 Days Ground transportation starting and ending in Philadelphia



Not Included in Tour Price

- Airfare to Philadelphia
- Items of a personal nature
- Alcoholic beverages
- Additional meals or snacks
- Travel insurance is available for purchase

Total Cost of Tour

- Per person, based on double occupancy: \$4685
- Single Supplement*: \$624
- Per person deposit, due upon registration: \$500
- Full Payment Deadline:
- July 11th, 2019

*We have limited availability for single rooms. Room share opportunities may be available upon request.

Keystone Railroad Delights

Tour Hotels

Please see below for a list of hotels we will be staying at:

- **Philadelphia-Double Tree by Hilton - Philadelphia Airport Hotel**
- **Lancaster- Lancaster Arts Hotel**
- **Harrisburg-Holiday Inn & Suites**
- **Altoona-Hampton Inn & Suites**
- **Scranton-Radisson Lackawanna Station**

CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY:

Tour deposits are fully refundable* until 6 months before the tour start date (*Minus a \$25 per person service fee).

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

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