



# Fall Foliage Rail Tour Along The Hudson River

*Featuring HICKORY CREEK  
from The 20<sup>TH</sup> Century Limited*



**TOURS  
1A & 1B  
Begin Tour in  
New York, NY  
Return to  
New York, NY  
OCT. 15-19  
2023**



**TOUR  
1C  
Add on an  
Acela Train Trip  
And Overnight  
In Washington, DC  
OCT. 19-20  
2023**

**OR NEW YORK CENTRAL PARLOR-LOUNGE #43**

## **Destination: Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA**

*Norman Rockwell Painting left: Grandpa And Me Burning Leaves*

*Norman Rockwell Painting Center: Stockbridge Main St. at Holiday Time*

*Photo Right: Red Lion Inn Entrance in Autumn*





**LATEST UPDATE: AVAILABLE SPACE, BASIC ITINERARY**



## AVAILABLE SPACE

**TOUR A : PREMIUM CLASS IN HICKORY CREEK 6 SPACES AT THIS WRITING.** Back in February when this tour was announced, this tour class became almost sold out within 24 hours. A few weeks later a group of 4 needed to cancel due to personal reasons. **IN ORDER FOR THIS TOUR THESE 4 SPACES MUST BE SOLD OUT, SO IF YOU HAVE STRONG FEELINGS TO JOIN THE TRIP, PLEASE RESERVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Refer to page 4 for itinerary and quality of PREMIUM service. Refer to PAGE 12 for fares and payment.

**TOUR B: DELUXE CLASS IN NEW YORK CENTRAL PARLOR #43 14 SPACES AT THIS WRITING.** This car and level of service will be added when the TOUR A 4 spaces are reserved. IF passengers are strongly interested in TOUR B, a waiting list will be created and travelers will be called immediately when the 4 TOUR A spaces are sold. Please take steps to get on the Tour B list to reserve space. Please refer to PAGE 5 for more details about Parlor #43. Also see PAGE 12 for fares and ways to make payments

**BOTH TOURS A & B :** The quality of each tour will be the SAME except on the railcars. Hotel rooms, meals as noted in each tour itinerary will be the SAME. Near OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>, an email ( OR mailing via USPS if you don't get email) of instructions and credentials will be sent to you. Between receipt of this message and October 5<sup>th</sup>, please call with any questions or assistance you may have. Mike @ 630.542.3607 ( 10AM-9 PM DAILY) Use that number to TEXT as well.

**TOUR C:** This tour is an opportunity to ride the U.S's fastest train, Amtrak Acela from New York to Washington, D.C. Please refer to PAGE 10 or itinerary details, and PAGE 12 for fares. IF you add on this trip you should plan to arrange a light or Amtrak from Washington, D.C. Space IS available at this update.





**TOUR 'A' & 'B' ITINERARY**  
**BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
**ENDING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**



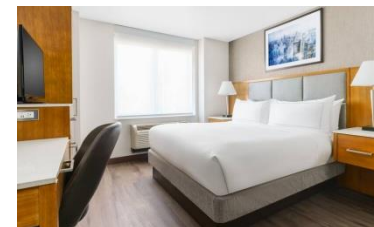
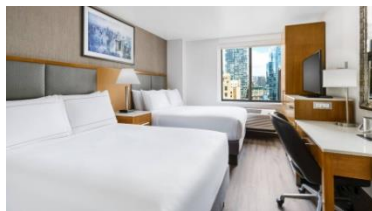
**DAY 1A&1B, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**



***Travelers arrive in New York City, NY to begin the Zephyr Route Tour. Travelers arrange air or rail travel and transfer on their own. Images show two of many airline choices which serve LaGuardia Airport, the closest to the Hilton Double Tree-Chelsea in Manhattan. Travelers arriving by AMTRAK\* train at Penn Station will walk 2 blocks to the Hilton Double Tree – Chelsea in Manhattan. Check-in should be before 6PM. Your Tour Manager, Mike Abernethy, will greet all tour members in the lobby area at 6:30PM for a tour briefing. Travelers should make on your own dinner reservations nearby the hotel for after 7PM. Plan to rise early for breakfast and check-out by 9:00 AM to walk 2 blocks to Penn Station .***

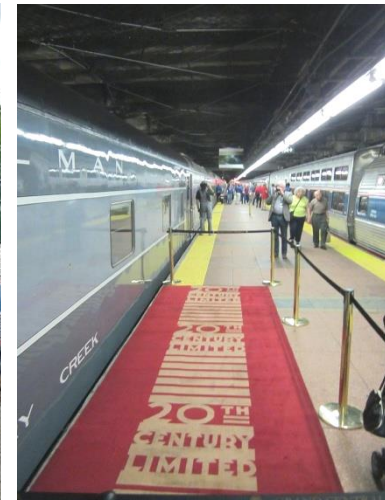
***•If travelers are using long-distance AMTRAK train service, it is recommended to arrive in NYC on Saturday October, 14<sup>th</sup> due to probable train lateness. Passengers should make their own hotel reservations at the Hilton Double Tree-Chelsea for Saturday evening.***

***Double tree hotel-Chelsea in New York City, NY***





**DAY 2A & B, MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023**  
***New York – Albany, NY – Sockbridge, MA***



***Experience the thrill of getting ‘the red-carpet-treatment’ as you board HICKORY CREEK, former observation lounge Of the iconic 20<sup>th</sup> Century Limited. Each evening during the years of operation, the red carpet was rolled out to signify this was a very special train . Now that event happens for you today. Settle aboard in seats and restored surroundings which demonstrate the best of the streamline era between the late 1940’s to the early 1960’s . Be pampered with snacks and beverages, followed by a true dining car lunch while gliding along The Hudson River en route Albany, NY***



**OBSERVATION LOUNGE**



**20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY BOARDING. CIRCA 1940’S**



**TABLE SET FOR DINING CAR SERVICE**

***FALL FOLIAGE RAIL TOUR ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER  
ABOARD RESTORED NEW YORK CENTRAL PARLOR LOUNGE #43  
TOUR B***



***If Premium Class HICKORY CREEK is sold out at the time of booking, or if travelers choose to Reserve in the Parlor-Lounge, this rail tour will be high quality. Very comfortable lounge chairs will be provided, plus dining tables will give the atmosphere of dining car service. A delectable lunch will be served going north to Albany. Returning to New York a dinner is planned. Those who Travel aboard #43 will still enjoy the same quality of services and amenities described beyond the train trip.***



***Parlor-#43 and Hickory Creek Returning to New York***

***DAY 2A&B (CONT.) MONDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>***  
***Albany, NY to Stockbridge, MA***



***Examples of single bed (above)  
And double bed (below) rooms.***



***The Red Lion Inn surrounded by fall foliage***



***Elegant dining room of the  
Red Lion Inn***



***Transfer by motorcoach for a 1.5 hours ride  
through the Berkshire Mountains to Stockbridge,  
MA. Hopefully nature will put on a color display  
before reaching The Red Lion Inn. Two nights  
lodging in this restored and renowned lodge.  
It is centered to easily walk to Norman Rockwell's  
Museum and quaint shops. Breakfast is included  
each morning. Lunch and dinner are on your own.***



***[www.redlioninn.com](http://www.redlioninn.com)***

**DAY 3A&B, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Full Day And Evening in Stockbridge**



**Youngster traveling alone  
pays for his dining car lunch**



**Norman Rockwell Museum entrance where  
many art pieces can be seen**



**Rockwell's well known triple self-portrait**



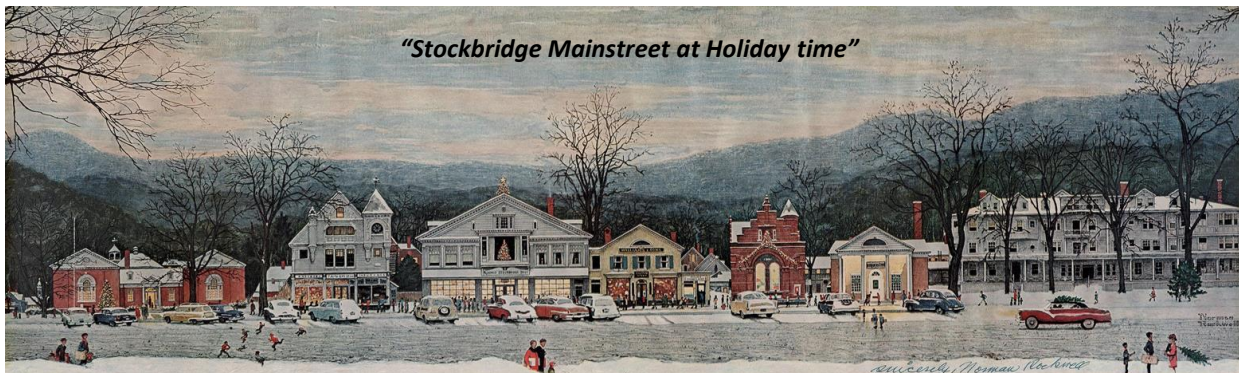
**Many Rockwell magazine covers  
are on display**



**Lingering to view "Freedom From Want" artwork**



**Rockwell working on his  
Stockbridge Mainstreet art piece**



**"Stockbridge Mainstreet at Holiday time"**



***DAY 4A&B, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>***  
***Stockbridge to Albany to New York***



***After a leisure breakfast and time to do a last round of shopping Stockbridge's Mainstreet, the group leaves for Albany to reboard Hickory Creek and Parlor #43. A delicious early dinner will be served en route as the train skirts the banks of the Hudson River. At dusk the New York City skyline appears before arrival at Penn Station. Walk the short 2 blocks to again check in at the Hilton Double Tree-Chelsea for overnight lodging.***





***DAY 5, THURSDAY. OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
End of Tour '1A' and '1B'***



***A breakfast is included . Please check the hours of service with your Tour Manager, Mike, or as you check in with the front desk the night before.***

***Some travelers will be leaving the tour group or staying in New York on their own. IF remaining in New York, travelers should make their own reservations and plans at their own expense. IF travelers are returning home, make their own reservations and plans including transportation to LaGuardia or other New York area airport.***

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***BEGIN TOUR "C"  
DAY 1C, THURSDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
New York Morning Tour  
Afternoon Amtrak Acela Trainride  
Arrive Washington, D.C  
Overnight at Washington, DC Hilton Garden Inn***



***(CONTINUE SCROLLING TO NEXT PAGE FOR TOUR "C")***

# ***TOUR 'C', DAY 1, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>***

***Begin the tour and day with a Short tour of New York's Manhattan. Then in mid-Afternoon board Amtrak's Acela For a swift Business Class ride to Washington, DC***



***Arrive in early evening in spectacular Washington, DC Union Station, then Transfer to the Hilton Garden Inn, close to Union Station for an overnight stay.***



***ABOVE: Amtrak Business Class seating and interior for the Acela trip to Washington, DC***

***CENTER: Exterior of Acela train.***



***ABOVE: Magnificent Restored ceiling above Union Station's gates concourse***  
***BELOW: Famous monuments Of Washington, DC***



*Hilton Garden Inn-Washington for overnight stay in Washington  
LEFT : Kingsize Bedroom – CENTER: Entrance to Hotel – RIGHT: 2 Queensize Bedroom*

## ***TOUR ‘C’, DAY 2, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>***

***Morning Grayline Tour of Washington, DC Highlights***

***Tour “B” ends at Conclusion of Grayline Tour***

***Some travelers in the group may choose to stay in Washington, DC . These travelers are responsible to make additional Hotel and transportation home on their own. This hotel is very centrally located to many major points of interest. There are other ‘brand’ hotels in the area, so it may be worthwhile to compare room rates to get the best rate.***

***For those travelers going home immediately after the city Grayline Tour, Washington Reagan Airport is about 15 minutes via taxi When making return reservations, remember to allow enough time to get through TSA checkpoint to make your departure time.***

***Travelers leaving for home via AMTRAK will find Washington Union Station close by where the city tour ends. This station is a very pleasant place to wait for your train. There are ample places within or surrounding the station for a bite to eat.***

***SEE NEXT PAGE FOR TOUR FARES AND WHAT IS INCLUDED***

# ***FARES FOR TOURS 1A, 1B, 1C AND RESERVATIONS STEPS***

## ***Tour 1A***

**\$2,800.00**

**NEW YORK – STOCKBRIDGE  
ABOARD HICKORY CREEK**

- \*1 NIGHT AT NY DOUBLE TREE HOTEL**
- \*1 BREAKFAST AT NY HOTEL**
- \*HICKORY CREEK PREMIUM SERVICE  
SNACKS, LUNCH, BEVERAGES**
- \*MOTORCOACH TRANSFER ALBANY  
TO STOCKBRIDGE**
- \*2 NIGHTS AT RED LION INN**
- \*2 BREAKFASTS AT RED LION INN**
- \*ENTRANCE TO ROCKWELL MUSEUM**
- \*MOTORCOACH TRANSFER  
STOCKBRIDGE TO ALBANY**
- \*HICKORY CREEK PREMIUM SERVICE  
BEVERAGES, APPETIZERS, EARLY  
DINNER , DESSERT EN ROUTE  
TO NEW YORK**
- \*1 NIGHT AT NY DOUBLE TREE HOTEL**
- \*1 BREAKFAST AT HOTEL**

## ***Tour 1B***

**\$2,300.00**

**NEW YORK – STOCKBRIDGE  
ABOARD PARLOR NYC #43**

- \*1 NIGHT AT NY DOUBLE TREE HOTEL**
- \*1 BREAKFAST AT NY HOTEL**
- \*NYC PARLOR #43 SERVICE  
SNACKS BEVERAGES, LUNCH**
- \*MOTORCOACH TRANSFER ALBANY  
TO STOCKBRIDGE**
- \*2 NIGHTS AT RED LION INN**
- \*2 BREAKFASTS AT RED LION INN**
- \*ENTRANCE TO ROCKWELL MUSEUM**
- \*MOTOR COACH TRANSFER  
STOCKBRIDGE TO ALBANY**
- \*NYC PARLOR #43 SERVICE  
APPETIZERS, BEVERAGES, DINNER,  
DESSERT EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK**
- \*1 NIGHT AT NY DOUBLE TREE HOTEL**
- \*1 BREAKFAST AT HOTEL**

## ***Tour 1C***

**\$850.00**

**NEW YORK - WASHINGTON  
ABOARD AMTRAK ACELA**

- \*1 MORNING NYC GRAYLINE TOUR**
- \*MID-AFTERNOON ACELA TRAIN RIDE**
- \*1 NIGHT AT HILTON GARDEN INN**
- \*1 BREAKFAST AT HOTEL**
- \*MORNING WASHINGTON, DC  
GRAYLINE TOUR**



## ***Reservations***

**Please Follow These Directions to Make Reservations and Payments**

**STEP 1: CHOOSE THE TOUR NUMBER YOU WISH TO PURCHASE**

**STEP 2: DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO ADD ON NEW YORK –WASHINGTON TOUR 1C**

**STEP3: CALL 630.542.3607 (9AM-9PM DAILY) , MIKE ABERNETHY TOUR DIRECTOR WILL HANDLE YOUR RESERVATIONS**

**STEP 4: YOU WILL BE SENT A DEPOSIT INVOICE VIA E-Mail 'WIX' WHICH SHOULD BE PAID WITHIN 5 DAYS OR RESERVATIONS WILL CANCEL. WIX WILL SEND YOU RECEIPT OF PAYMENT AND YOUR BALANCE DUE**

**STEP 5: YOUR BALANCE DUE WILL BE 30 DAYS BEFORE START OF THE TOUR (SEP 15) . WIX WILL EMAIL YOU A BALANCE DUE INVOICE REMINDER AROUND SEP 10.**

**STEP 6: ZEPHYR ROUTE (MIKE) WILL EMAIL YOU A DETAILED ITINERARY AND INSTRUCTIONS NEAR OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.**