

# Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

## ELEGANCE ON THE RAILS, MOHAWK VALLEY & CATSKILL MOUNTAINS WED-FRI OCT 7 – 9, 2020

Departures, as applicable, from Westlake, Elyria, North Olmsted, Middleburg Heights, Independence, Beachwood, Willoughby, Ashtabula.



We will be traveling eastward with a visit midday in the Village of East Aurora. Founded in 1804, this was home to Millard Fillmore, before being elected President of the United States, and the Roycroft Movement, started by Elbert Hubbard and leading to the nation's interest in Arts & Crafts. We will be stopping for lunch and then visiting one of the few remaining "Five and Dime" stores in the country, with its wooden floors and bags of popcorn.

Dinner this first evening will be at a popular steakhouse where you will be able to select from the menu presented, ranging from various steaks, seafood and chicken. This is typical of the upgrades that you've come to expect from Great Day! Tours . . . we do like to serve our passengers the best! On this tour, however, you are certain to enjoy this meal, the dining experience on the train and the "special place" we will be dining on Wednesday. Six meals, in total, are included which is why this tour has been popular for so many years.

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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

This tour includes the beauty of the Mohawk Valley as we enjoy a narrated excursion on the historic Erie Canal. We will be going through Lock 18 that lowers the boat to meet the Mohawk River. The lock has continued to work perfectly for over 100 years, utilizing the original equipment. The canal, as you will learn, was the first route for settlements west of the Appalachian Mountains, shortening the trip across New York State from weeks to days. Since the cruise departs from Gems Along the Mohawk, a dining and shopping complex, our reps have set up dinner at a most popular dockside restaurant.

We'll be climbing aboard the Delaware & Ulster Railroad at the Arkville Station, to travel over a rail line that dates back to 1866 when it was advertised as "*The Only All-Rail Route to the Catskill Mountains*". During our scenic train ride, you'll be dining on your **pre-selected choice of: Stuffed Pork Loin, Tortellini Primavera or Chicken Marsala**. Please indicate your selection when booking your reservation; when booking online please indicate, in the "Note Box", your selections. We will be served these specially-prepared meals as we travel through one of the most picturesque mountain ranges, experiencing the "**Golden Age of Railroading**". In its heyday, the railroad ran from Kingston Point, on the Hudson River, through the heart of the Catskill Mountains, and connected with six other railroads. Although it was a relatively small railroad at the time, it was big in stature as it went through many of the favorite "hotspots", hauling passengers as well as freight including coal, stone, ice and wood products.



"Sonnenberg" is German for "sunny hill" and, on this tour, we will be traveling to Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion, a 40-room Queen Anne-style mansion completed in 1887. Originally built for a financier and the daughter of the New York State governor, it is best known for its



signature floral design and landscaping that was created by hundreds of workers between 1902 and 1919.

We have included a luncheon at a place that has impressed many of our previous guests and, since we've been in New York State's wine country, we'll be enjoying some wine with our meal. This All-American Tavern, operating since 1827, offers casual traditional

dining in the oldest restaurant in the region. You are sure to feel the hospitality that has been extended to each of our past groups here and that glass of wine that we've included. .

Six meals are included this year and we are proud to have been able to keep the prices almost identical for the past four years even with these "upgrades", meal-wise.

## **MOHAWK VALLEY & CATSKILL MOUNTAINS – OCTOBER 2020**

**Package includes 6 meals, train & canal cruise**

**\$664 per person in a double**

**\$654 per person in a triple**

**\$644 per person in a quad**

**\$741 per person in a single**

**Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept all major credit cards and checks.  
Tours can now be booked online, 24 hours a day with a credit card.**

