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2017 Pittsburgh Amtrak Countryside Adventures!

Pittsburgh is the gateway to many cities! Amtrak's train adventure to the **East** originates in Pittsburgh and departs at 7:30A.M. from the downtown station. It is a scenic drive through the Allegheny Mountains that takes us around the famous horseshoe curve. Our train adventures have included stopping in Harrisburg to tour our beautiful Capitol Building. If you haven't seen it, it is a must! There is more art here than one could imagine! The walls depict colorful paintings of our history, and bold influence of the Greek and Roman culture! Our adventures continue's by motor coach to Lancaster area to include a show at the Sight and Sound Theater or Gettysburg area to explore the Civil War History. Philadelphia is also a good tour with an added train ride.

The Capitol Limited passes through for a 4:30A.M. departure from Pittsburgh as it makes its way through the Allegheny Mountains of **Cumberland, Maryland, Harpers Ferry, Virginia and onto Union Station in Washington, D.C.** The same train returns back into Pittsburgh late evening for a midnight departure to **Chicago, Illinois.** We have experience both adventures several times and find train travel to be very comfortable with oversized reclining chairs twice as wide as a motor coach. The pitfall of traveling on the Capitol limited from Chicago to Pitts and Pitts to Wash D.C. is that freight trains rule areas of the tracks and cause passenger delays that make scheduled departures a bit unpredictable. Although, the experience and adventure is worth it! You have to be prepared to adjust with the times and go with the flow!

Our summer tours adventures will include "**the midnight train to Chicago**" Work all day and join us at the station for a night of sleep aboard the train arriving into Chicago at 8:00A.M. Our downtown hotel affords us a great location to the Millennium and Grant Park along beautiful Lake Michigan. This is a perfect summertime tour. The days are long, the lake breeze is beautiful and so is Chicago! A riverboat ride through town, a visit to the Sears Tower or a Trolley Ride around the city, makes this a memorable tour. They even have a beach at the end of the Magnificent Mile of shops! Roll up your pant legs and stroll in the sand, sip a drink and take it all in. Chicago is a lovely city with a lot of modern art and activities in the lake side Millennium Park. The Amtrak train departs back to Pittsburgh at approximately 6:30 each evening arriving in the city at 4:30A.M. (Just in time for work- but not recommended! I have tried it..and would take the day off if I had to do it again!)

AMTRAK TO ALTOONA can be done in a day tour and offers a chance to experience the Horseshoe Curve. We will depart at 7:30 aboard the train in Pittsburgh and travel the famous horseshoe curve to Altoona area. The opening of the Horseshoe Curve in 1854, revolutionized rail travel and cleared the way for western expansion. Visitors can ride the funicular up to the track, from the interpretive center. While in the area we will visit the Railroaders Memorial Museum, Boyer's Candy Co and Benzel's Pretzels and Oak Spring Winery.

If you have a group and would like a train adventure, we would love to create one, just for you!