



2018NYtoParis Newsletter July 2017

Good Morning,

Summer has arrived and we continue to progress towards PARIS. We are under 365 days prior to departure, but who's counting. The route is 100% complete, but never fear, there will be minor changes as we make further progress into the planning process.

Timeline:

NYC to San Francisco	Jun 19 - Jul 6	- \$2,615 per person/double occupancy
Yokohama to Vladivostok	Jul 30 - Aug 11	- \$5,590 per person/double occupancy
Vladivostok to Paris	Aug 13 - Oct 25	- \$29,595 per person/double occupancy

(Pricing may vary by +/- 3%)

Below you will find the NYC to SF itinerary.

We will have a maximum number of 12 cars going from NYC to PARIS. Four are reserved for the 2011 participants, and they have until 1 December to make their intentions known. Two have already signed up.

For all (including those going from NYC to Oakland only), those fees must be paid by Jan 10, 2018 and are fully refundable until March 1, 2018.

Due dates for Asia/Europe legs will be determined and announced by [MIR](#) soon, and will also include a fully refundable period.

As stated in the last newsletter, we will have two manned booths at the [Hershey AACA Auto Show](#), Oct 4-7, 2017. Location #1, Chocolate Field C2H, located directly across from Hagerty and location #2, Orange BB, at the Society of Automotive Historians. If you have never attended Hershey, it is a one of a kind with thousands in attendance. We will have a car displayed in each booth, and if you would like to exhibit your around the world car please call me.

While at Hershey, we are planning a dinner for interested participants on Oct 5 (Thursday) at [Dafnos Italian](#), 1190 W. Chocolate Ave, Hummelstown, PA (less than 1 mi from Hershey Park). Participates from the 2011 World Race will be in attendance. This will be a very informative gathering. If you would like to be included, please call me.

Something we will continue to stress to everyone - This is your trip!!! If there is an event in your local area that might be of interest for us to attend, just let us know. More importantly, study the route and if there is something or someone (perhaps passing close to family) you want to see or do, please advise. Again, THIS IS YOUR TRIP!

Questions have been asked about the number of personnel in cars. Can you rotate people from time to time at various locations of the trip? Perhaps some want to do Japan, while others in your car might want to do Asia or Europe? Does same driver have to drive entire trip? First, we will all be winners when we arrive in Paris. We are recreating the original "Great Auto Race of 1908", difference is that we are not racing. We will be touring the original route in style and comfort, compared to George Schuster in 1908. If your car will seat four people, you can carry four who may leave/join at nearly any location. Anyone can drive, providing they received the proper driving permits upon entering the country. MIR will have a large window van for extra passengers if needed.

DRIVER'S LICENSE:

Drivers will be required to obtain an [International Drivers License](#) here in the US before leaving and I recommend all personnel obtain an International Drivers License, even if they do not plan to drive. Please do not let driving in a foreign country be a fearful thought, as it is a great experience.

Upon entering Japan, we will be issued a Japanese Driving Permit. The same will be required upon entering China. This is a simple event and time will be set aside to obtain these items. Actually, it is rather interesting as you get to see "behind the scenes" of the country and its people.

PERMITS/VISAS:

MIR Corp will provide assistance for obtaining documents required for entering each country; visas, permits, etc. Some of these documents you will have to request yourself, but MIR will provide assistance in these matters.

HOTELS:

MIR will make all of our hotel reservation in Asia and Europe, greatly simplifying that process.

PASSPORTS:

If you do not currently have a [passport](#), it is recommend you go to your local Post Office and start that process. It generally takes 6-8 weeks to process. Your passport should not expire until a minimum of two months pass your estimated return date to the US.

INSURANCE:

You will want to obtain International Vehicle Insurance from your insurance company. Between [Hagerty](#) and MIR Corp, they can provide all your car insurance needs; shipping, liability, collision, also travel and/or medical emergency evacuation (optional), etc. There will be particular coverage requirements depending on country, and those details will be available soon.

SHIPPING:

[COSDEL](#) International Shipping will be handling the shipping of our cars. At the appropriate time (approx. Jan 2018), they will provide each participant with required info. Each car will need a letter of inspection from your local mechanic on his shop's letterhead paper, stating that your car is properly operating, all safety items are in place and working. A simple process.

CARS:

My advice, "Keep It Simple". Know your car, know it's weak points and place a lot of thought into your spare parts need. During 2011, I broke and exhaust manifold header, purchased parts from Chinese auto parts store, repaired and that repair lasted until return home. Keep in mind, cars are driven in all countries we will travel thru, therefore parts stores and repair shops are available. Almost all cars require certain parts distinctive to that car. If those are possible wear or service items, they might be considered in your spare parts list. In 2011 we stopped at Ford Dealerships for servicing, flats, oil changes, etc. During one stop, I was asked to park my Model A in their show room, I think the entire city came by!

FUEL:

This was one of our biggest concerns in 2011. My Model A fuel bowl collected absolutely nothing, no dirt or water during the 12,000 miles. Octane levels are equal to or better than US fuels. Fuel stations will have a supply of oils, fuels, additives, lubricates of all kinds, drink, snacks, just like stations here in the US.

Included in this trip will be tours of museums, historical churches, manufacturing facilities, Red Square, and Car Clubs from the countries we pass through. There will be some surprises, just cannot tell you everything. If you have a particular interest, let me know. In 2011, we stopped at a Russian car club restoration facility and we will attempt to do same.

Remember, yours truly and Jeff Mahl travelled around the world in 2011. This time, we will be following the original 1908 route as close as possible. You may call me anytime with any question. No question is too simple or unimportant. The thought of traveling around the world may sound a bit daunting, but it is the ultimate "bucket list" experience. MIR has

been doing excursions in this part of the world for over 30 years and it will be a memorable one.

I ask you to consider coming to Hershey and attending our dinner set up for Oct 5, Thursday, 7 pm at Dafno's Italian. Doug Grimes (founder of [MIR](#)), 2011 participants and some special guests are making plans to be on hand to answer your questions. Please let me know of your intentions for seating arrangements.

New York to Oakland Itinerary

- Day 1 - Jun 19 - NYC
- Day 2 - Jun 20 - NYC to Buffalo (439 mi) and welcome party with [Great Race 2018](#)
- Day 3 - Jun 21 - Tour Buffalo, Niagara Falls
- Day 4 - Jun 22 - Drive to Springville, home of George Schuster/Museum and return to Buffalo for tour of [Buffalo Transportation Pierce-Arrow Museum](#) and dinner with Great Race 2018
- Day 5 - Jun 23 - Joint start with Great Race, they head for Halifax NS we depart Buffalo to Montpelier, OH (368 mi)
- Day 6 - Jun 24 - Montpelier to Rock Falls, IL (325 mi)
- Day 7 - Jun 25 - Rock Falls to Fremont, NE (409 mi) (Enjoy a Nebraska Steak at J's Steakhouse)
- Day 8 - Jun 26 - Fremont to Ogallala, NE (347 mi)
- Day 9 - Jun 27 - Ogallala to Cheyenne, WY (170 mi)
- Day 10 - Jun 28 - Cheyenne (dinner/program - [The Plains Hotel](#) w/city & Union Pacific RR)
- Day 11 - Jun 29 - Cheyenne to Evanston, WY (358 mi)
- Day 12 - Jun 30 - Evanston to Wendover, NV (313 mi)
- Day 13 - Jul 1 - Wendover to Tonopah, NV (268 mi) (stop at Twins Springs Ranch)
- Day 14 - Jul 2 - Tonopah to Reno, NV (257 mi) (dinner & tour [The National Automobile Museum](#))
- Day 15 - Jul 3 - Reno to Tonopah, NV (257 mi) (depart and return to Tonopah at your own pace)
- Day 16 - Jul 4 - Tonopah to Bakersfield, CA (355 mi) (HAPPY 4TH OF JULY)
- Day 17 - Jul 5 - Bakersfield to Oakland, CA (303 mi) (celebration dinner)
- Day 18 - Jul 6 - Prepare and drop off cars for shipping [Cosdel](#). Return home at your leisure.

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