

AUTUMN EXPLORER

RIDE *DOVER HARBOR* AROUND VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sunday, October 5, 2025 to Sunday, October 12, 2025

RIDE A RARE 8-DAY PRIVATE TRAIN ADVENTURE:

The *Autumn Explorer* is an all-private car special train sponsored by the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners (AAPRCO) around Vermont and New Hampshire. This train will travel across scenic routes that are part of the **Vermont Railway System**. Much of the mileage will be covered in daylight so you aren't missing any of the **spectacular Autumn scenery**.

TRAVEL *DOVER HARBOR* IN PULLMAN STYLE:

Dover Harbor's authentic Pullman lounge is a stylish 1930s hotel lobby on wheels, including comfortable Pullman armchairs, sofas, brass lamps and mahogany dining tables. The 2-berth bedrooms are transcontinental travel at its best. Onboard meals are freshly prepared by our chef in our gleaming mid-car kitchen. All along the way, our white-jacketed steward will serve you meals, drinks, snacks while you enjoy the camaraderie of fellow travelers and the unparalleled view.

DCNRHS is providing extra value by including with your package tour fare your choice of the optional "extra cost" sightseeing excursions afforded the special train passengers at no additional cost to you; our reservations agent will contact you after you book for your specific tour option selections. Your package also includes en route meals onboard the train (shown as B, L, D) and also off train meals (shown as L* or D*) afforded the special train passengers as listed below. Please note, no meal service will be provided onboard the car at times when off-train meals are included.

NOTE: All passengers must be AAPRCO members to participate in this special train adventure. See "Conditions" on reverse.

AUTUMN EXPLORER SUMMARY TIMETABLE:

This is a summary timetable only. For the complete timetable and schedule of the various tour options of the trip, please see the [2025 AAPRCO Autumn Explorer VI](#) as posted on the AAPRCO website (www.aaprc.com).

Saturday, October 4: *Dover Harbor* passengers may board in the evening and spend the night. Car is parked overnight in **Albany-Rensselaer NY** Amtrak facility. No meals included.

Sunday, October 5: The adventure begins as the special train departs Albany-Rensselaer at 8:00AM to a sightseeing stop at **Rutland VT**, then on to **Burlington VT** by Lake Champlain at mid-afternoon. Meals included: B, L, D*; dinner is off train on the **Spirit of Ethan Allen Harvest Moon Dinner Cruise**.

Monday, October 6: **Shelburne Museum** tour morning through mid-afternoon; special train departs Shelburne Museum mid-afternoon to **Bellows Falls VT**. Meals included: B, D.

Tuesday, October 7: Sightseeing day in Bellows Falls, VT area with various tour options. Meals included: B, D*; dinner is off train at **Ciao Popolo Italian Restaurant** in Bellows Falls.

Wednesday, October 8: Depart Bellows Falls at 8:00AM for a trip along the **East and West Banks of the Connecticut River** with a mid-day stop in **White River Junction, VT**, before heading on to **St. Johnsbury VT**. Meals included: B, L; dinner is on your own off train in St. Johnsbury.

Thursday, October 9: Explore **St. Johnsbury, VT** on this day of sightseeing. Meals included: B, D*; dinner is off train at the **St. Johnsbury Distillery**.

Friday, October 10: The special train departs St. Johnsbury at 7:30AM to a mid-morning stop at **Orleans**; passengers may either book the **Jay Peak Resort Lunch/Mountaintop Tram excursion** or stay with the train for the rare mileage to Newport Yard. Meals included: B, L- if staying onboard train or L* off train if going on the Jay Peak excursion, D.

Saturday, October 11: The special train departs **Bellows Falls** at 7:30AM heading to a mid-afternoon arrival in **Burlington VT**. Meals included: B, L, D*; dinner is off train on another train-- the **Champlain Valley Dinner Train**.

Sunday, October 12: The *Autumn Explorer* makes a mid-day departure from Burlington VT heading back via Rutland to a 5:00PM arrival at **Albany-Rensselaer NY**. Meals included: B, L.



MEALS

Meals en route are included as noted in the itinerary above (B=Breakfast onboard, L=Lunch onboard, D=Dinner onboard; L*=Lunch off train and D*=Dinner off train).

ACCOMMODATIONS

All passengers may enjoy the comforts of *Dover Harbor's* lounge. Sleeping accommodations for passengers on this trip are *Dover Harbor's* classic Pullman bedrooms, which sleep two persons in an upper and lower berth. Each bedroom has its own washbasin and toilet. There is a shower available to all overnight passengers.

PER PERSON FARES

ROUND TRIP PACKAGE, October 5-12, 2025: Includes round trip travel on *Dover Harbor* from Albany-Rensselaer NY and return, classic Pullman bedroom accommodations overnight en route, and, meals (as listed), beverages, snacks and spirits aboard the car, and all optional special train activities.

Round Trip Package, per person, double occupancy

DCNRHS Member: \$6,249 Nonmember: \$6,549

PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 OF THIS FLIER FOR THE CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THIS TRIP.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!

Make your reservation and payment by **July 31, 2025** and deduct **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)** per person!

I'm ready to go! My reservation and payment are enclosed:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone ☐ day ☐ evening _____

Mobile Phone (during trip) _____

E-mail _____

PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ Check payable to **Washington DC Chapter, NRHS**
☐ Charge to my Visa/Mastercard
 Card No. _____
 Expiration Date ____ / ____ CID # (from back of card) _____
 Signature _____

_____ DCNRHS Member at \$ _____ = \$ _____
 # _____ Nonmember at \$ _____ = \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____

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PLEASE NOTE: DCNRHS is not responsible for delays to orders sent via U.S. Mail, and encourages booking reservations at www.dcnrhs.org via our secure online reservation system which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



1. The AAPRCO Autumn Explorer special train is being operated by the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners (AAPRCO). Passengers traveling on this special train trip must be members of AAPRCO. Please contact AAPRCO for membership information at www.aaprcoco.com.
2. Passengers may be required to sign liability releases on this trip. Making a reservation acknowledges passenger's consent to sign such releases if required.
3. Package fares include rail transportation from Albany-Rensselaer NY and return; double bedroom sleeping accommodations aboard *Dover Harbor*; and events and off train meals afforded the special train passengers; and, meals, snacks, beverages, wines and spirits while en route aboard the rail car only.
4. Fares presented are based upon tariffs and rates in effect at the time of publication. The operator reserves the right to adjust the fare to reflect any changes in special train costs.
5. Passengers must make their own arrangements for any meals, activities, gratuities, personal incidental charges, and ground transportation not included at the origin, en route stops or destination.
6. Operator has no control over transportation companies and other vendors providing services for this trip, thus it must be understood that changes can occur in the schedule, equipment, dates, routes and accommodations without notice.
7. No refund of payments will be made after **July 31, 2025**, other than by operator's cancellation of the trip or reselling of the space. A minimum number of spaces need to be sold for this trip to operate. In the unlikely event enough spaces are not sold, you will be notified by August 15, 2025 of the trip cancellation and your entire payment refunded without further obligation on our part.
9. Reservations are not transferable and may not be resold without the written consent of the operator.
10. Cancellation and refund requests must be made in writing.

11. Package fares are per person, double occupancy. Single reservations may be purchased at double occupancy fares; however, shared accommodations will be assigned at the discretion of the reservations agent. For guaranteed sole occupancy, the single supplement is equal to the applicable per person double occupancy fare. Please contact the reservations agent to book sole occupancy.
12. The Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS makes every effort to accommodate the physically challenged; however, *Dover Harbor* as a historic railroad car, is not wheelchair accessible. Operator requires those passengers requiring special assistance from others to travel with someone who is able to assist them. Also, the en route stops of the special train are not train stations and are not accessible. Please contact the reservations agent regarding your specific needs so arrangements may be made.
14. Passengers with special dietary needs must notify the reservations agent in writing at least two weeks in advance of the trip.
15. The operator suggests that passengers independently obtain trip cancellation insurance to cover cancellations resulting from personal emergencies, illness or other similar causes.
16. The General Conditions for tours, trips, excursions and events as published on the DCNRHS web site (www.dcnrhs.org) apply. By making a reservation, participants agree to be bound by both the General Conditions and these specific Conditions.



Questions? E-mail reservations@dcnrhs.org
or call 202-627-6978.