

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK, BLACK HILLS

## 8 Day Rail/Motorcoach Tour

Sept. 14-21

**\$1489 Double**  
**\$1459 Triple**  
**\$1739 Single**

Amtrak Coach Seat\* Chicago-Granby, CO,  
Denver-Chicago  
Rocky Mountain National Park  
Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Monuments  
Custer State Park Jeep Ride  
Badlands National Park  
Black Hills Central Railroad  
10 Meals, Earn \$40 "TravIchecks"



*\$300 per person deposit due at booking. Final payment due July 24 after which cancellation fees apply.*

**Days 1-2: California Zephyr, Rocky Mountain National Park.** Pickup at home delivers you to Chicago Union Station for the mid-afternoon departure of Amtrak's westbound Superliner train *California Zephyr*. Relax in your reclining coach seat\* for the 22-hour ride to Granby, CO. Dinner is on your own in the diner or the Sightseer Lounge. At Granby, board our motorcoach and head for lunch at the Grand Lake Lodge. Into Rocky Mountain National Park we cross the continental divide at 10,758-foot Milner Pass on Trail Ridge Road. Descend through aspen forests and flowered valleys to Estes Park, CO, for dinner and the night. (L,D)

**Day 3: Black Hills, Deadwood.** Leaving the Rockies, we drive through Cheyenne, WY, on the way to the Black Hills of South Dakota. In Deadwood, SD, unpack for three nights at the Gulches of Fun Comfort Inn. After dinner there's time for an optional visit to their casino. (B,D)

**Day 4: Black Hills Central Railroad, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial.** Today, discover the places and faces that make the Black Hills famous, starting with a ride from Hill City to Keystone on the Black Hills Central Railroad. See Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt on Mt. Rushmore, then the emerging monumental carving of Chief Crazy Horse. Explore Deadwood attractions or casinos on your own this evening. (CB)

**Day 5: Deadwood.** Meet the legendary Wild West as we tour Deadwood to see Main St, where gunfighters and claim jumpers mixed it up, and Moriah Cemetery (Boot Hill) where they ended up. We also visit the Black Hills Mining Museum. (CB)

**Day 6: Badlands National Park, Wall Drug.** Discover the fascinating geology of the Badlands as we drive its colorful canyons and saw-edged spires. Outside the park we stop at the famous Wall Drug in Wall, SD. At Custer State Park, board jeeps to tour the large buffalo herd then settle into the Game Lodge for dinner and the night. (CB,D)

**Days 7-8: California Zephyr.** After a leisurely morning at the Custer State Park Game Lodge, we return to Denver in time for dinner. Amtrak's eastbound *California Zephyr* leaves later this evening, returning to Union Station the next afternoon for transfers home. (B,D)

\* Private sleeping car rooms are offered at additional cost and include meals on Amtrak. Call Mid-America for details.

# NEW ENGLAND AUTUMN

## 8 Day Air/Motorcoach Tour

Oct. 13-20

**\$2489 Double**  
**\$2449 Triple**  
**\$2999 Single**

Fly Chicago-Boston-Chicago  
New Hampshire White Mountains  
Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise  
5 Excursion Train Rides  
Mystic Seaport Village, Museum  
Plymouth Rock, *Mayflower II*  
Mt. Washington Cog Railway Museum  
12 Meals, Earn \$40 "TravIchecks"

*\$300. per person deposit due at booking. Final payment due Aug. 11 after which cancellation fees apply.*

**Day 1: Boston.** Home transfers take us to the airport for a flight to Boston. Tour America's most historic city seeing downtown and Freedom Trail sights. Dinner and overnight are in the Boston area. (D)

**Days 2-3: Lake Winnepesaukee, White Mountains, Cafe Lafayette Dinner Train, North Conway Scenic Railroad, Castle In The Clouds.** Following breakfast we depart for Lake Winnepesaukee and a cruise aboard the *M.S. Mt. Washington*. Disembark at Wolfboro, NH, for free time then a visit to Castle In The Clouds with its magnificent mountain vistas. Unpack for two nights at North Conway, NH. Next morning, board *The Notch Train* and ride from Conway to Crawford Notch in the White Mountains. See the Mt. Washington Hotel and visit the Mt. Washington Cog Railway Museum. At North Woodstock, board the *Cafe Lafayette* dinner train for a five-course meal served in the elegance of restored vintage dining cars rolling through the White Mountains. (2CB,D)

**Days 4-5: Green Mountains, Berkshires, Berkshire Scenic Railway, Norman Rockwell Museum, Quechee Gorge.** After breakfast we enter Vermont's Green Mountains. Calvin Coolidge, our 30th President, was from Vermont and we visit his birthplace before free time in historic Woodstock with its covered bridges and village green. We make a photo stop at Quechee Gorge, before reaching our overnight accommodations at the Hartness House. Next day we board the Berkshire Scenic Railway for an excursion to historic Stockbridge, MA. Here we have free time and a visit to the Norman Rockwell Museum before heading to our hotel. (2CB,D)

**Days 6-8: Essex Steam Train, Connecticut River Cruise, Mystic Seaport, Cape Cod, Plymouth Rock, Mayflower II.** Enjoy breakfast each morning as we travel the Connecticut Coast. At Essex, CT, we take a train and boat round trip, going up along the Connecticut River on the Essex Steam Train, then sailing back downriver on the three-deck *Becky Thatcher*. Stroll in a re-created New England whaling town at Mystic Seaport. After overnighting in Mystic, we continue to Newport, RI, to visit one of the "summer cottages" from the 1890's when the area was a summer resort for millionaires. We reach our hotel at Hyannis, MA, after lunch. Next morning we see the replica *Mayflower II* and visit Plymouth Rock where Pilgrims came ashore in 1620. We return to the airport for our flight to Chicago and waiting transfers home. (3CB,L,D)

