

The Forging of America's Railroads and the Steel that Drove It

Itinerary

Day 1 - The Birthplace of American Railroad

Your journey begins in Baltimore, where America's railroad story first took shape. Tour the mansion of B&O Railroad President John Work Garrett before traveling to York, Pennsylvania. Settle into your hotel and meet fellow travelers at a delightful Welcome Dinner.

Day 2 - Rails, Forts & American History

Step into railroad history at the renowned B&O Railroad Museum and ride aboard the One Mile Express along the nation's first commercial railroad line. After lunch, explore historic Fort McHenry, birthplace of "The Star-Spangled Banner," before enjoying dinner included.

Day 3 - Gettysburg by Rail

Experience the powerful story of Gettysburg with visits to the Museum and Cyclorama before boarding the historic Gettysburg Railroad for a scenic excursion through the countryside. Later, tour the famed battlefield with an expert guide and enjoy dinner accompanied by a special, guest appearance from President Abraham Lincoln.

Day 4 - Industry & Scenic Railways

Discover York's rich manufacturing heritage at the Agricultural and Industrial Museum before boarding the Northern Central Railway for a scenic rail journey + lunch included. Continue through mountain landscapes to Altoona, one of America's legendary railroad towns.

Day 5 - Horseshoe Curve & the Railroaders' City

Explore Altoona's railroad legacy before traveling to Johnstown for a ride aboard the famous Incline Plane and a private luncheon overlooking the city. Board Amtrak for a journey through the Alleghenies, including a pass by the world-famous Horseshoe Curve before arriving in Pittsburgh.

Day 6 - Steel City Stories

Today reveals the industry that helped build America. Explore the fascinating Carrie Blast Furnaces and learn how Pittsburgh became the steel capital of the world. Enjoy lunch in a beautifully restored train station, cruise Pittsburgh's rivers, & visit the elegant Frick estate. Conclude the day with a delicious dinner.

Day 7 - Pittsburgh Through the Ages

Dive deeper into Pittsburgh's remarkable history at the Heinz History Center before embarking on a guided rooftop tour showcasing the city's iconic skyline, industrial landmarks, and stunning architecture. Celebrate your journey with a memorable Farewell Dinner at one of Pittsburgh's historic dining destinations.

Day 8 - A Mansion Like No Other

Before departing for home, explore the extraordinary Bayernhof Museum, Pittsburgh's most unusual mansion, filled with fascinating collections & hidden surprises. Depart with memories of the railroads, industries, and innovators that helped forge America.

Journey through the heart of America's industrial heritage as you follow the rails that connected a nation and discover the steel industry that fueled its growth.

From historic locomotives and scenic train rides to Gettysburg, Horseshoe Curve, Pittsburgh's mighty steel mills, and fascinating museums, this unforgettable adventure brings America's railroad and industrial story to life.

Highlights

- John Work Garrett Mansion
- B&O Railroad Museum
- One Mile Express
- Fort McHenry
- Baltimore Guided Tour
- Gettysburg Museum & Cyclorama
- Gettysburg Battlefield Tour
- Agriculture & Industrial Museum
- Northern Scenic Railway
- Altoona Railroad Memorial Museum
- Incline Plane
- Amtrak & Horseshoe Bend
- Rivers of Steel Tour
- Carrie Blast Furnaces Historic Site
- The Frick Museum
- Clayton House
- Heinz History Center
- Antique Skyscraper: Rooftops & Views Guided Tour
- The Bayernhof Museum

Inclusions

- 7 nights' accommodations
- 7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- Admissions and Guide Services
- Taxes & Hotel Fees