

Hudson Valley Explorer

Weekend Dining Car Train Journeys

New York City to: **Lake George** or **Saratoga Springs** or **Vermont**

2011 Season: June 11-12, 25-26; July 9-10, 23-24; August 6-7, 20-21

September 10-11, 17-18, 24-25; October 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23

November 19-20, 26-27

It's a fantastic weekend escape through the Hudson River Valley and into the Catskills. Join us for a delightful outing complete with majestic sightseeing, fine dining and fun entertainment. Leave the train to overnight/explore at your choice of one destination: Saratoga Springs or Lake George or Vermont.

Travel in comfort free from crowds and traffic hassles aboard our exclusive 1950's streamlined-era Pullman Dining Car "Epicurus". Relax as you wind along the mighty Hudson River for over 300 miles roundtrip. Enjoy awesome views of the Hudson River Valley you'll never see from any highway. Sights include West Point, Bannerman's Castle, Storm King Mountain, Bear Mountain, Hudson Highlands, stately mansions, massive bridges, and a myriad of picturesque sailboats, barges, tugboats and lighthouses. Never lose your sense of place as our large GPS monitors continuously pinpoint location of the beautiful surroundings. Experience first-hand the greatness of the Hudson that has inspired so many artists, poets and writers.

Dining aboard the Epicurus is always a special event as our chef prepares savory meals for your dining pleasure. Each day a traditional five-course "dinner in the diner" is served restaurant-style complimented by fine china and snow white linens. Choose onboard from a Meat, Seafood or Pasta entree. Soothing music/entertainment enhances your experience.

LAKE GEORGE: Within walking distance of the village you can visit Fort William Henry where a crucial French & Indian War battle occurred....Splash away the heat at the Million Dollar Beach or in your hotel pool....Browse the boutiques....thrill to great nightlife....or catch a breeze aboard an open horse-drawn carriage. Of course no trip to Lake George is complete without a scenic cruise on the authentic Minne-Ha-Ha Paddlewheel Steamboat.

SARATOGA SPRINGS: "Perfect from Start to Finish" Saratoga boasts dozens of famous mineral springs, spouting geysers, soothing spas, The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, art galleries, great golf courses, a classic automobile museum, boutiques, fine dining, gaming, thoroughbred racing, an antique carousel as well as peaceful places to stroll, bike and swim. History comes to life at Saratoga National Park...site of the turning point of the American Revolution.

VERMONT: On an included backcountry coach tour you'll experience an eclectic mix of the old and the new as you call-on scenic highlights of the wide valley between the Green Mountains and the Taconics. This personalized tour may include stops at Maple Sugar Houses, Covered Bridges, Dairy Farms and Scenic Hilltops/Gorges. Alternately you may wish to stroll the historic downtown including the Chaffee Art Center or visit the thrilling Pico Adventure Center. Overnight in a cozy hotel or a traditional B & B.

