

Private Varnish to Washington Independence Day

July 1- 6, 2015

Round-trip from Chicago or St. Louis to Washington D.C.

(June 30 – July 7 start/end St. Louis)



PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transportation by Private Rail Car: Chicago-Washington, D.C.-Chicago (optional start/end St. Louis)
- Attentive, on-board services staff
- All-day premium beverages, snacks
- 2 Nights En route Private Sleeping Car Room
- 3 Nights Private Sleeping Car Room parked at Union Station
- 7 Private Dining Car Meals – 5 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners
- 3 Leisure days for Washington, D.C. sights, Independence Day
- Trolley Tours unlimited on/off circulator bus pass, July 3 and 5

Day 1 – Depart Chicago behind the *Capitol Limited* -

Meet your distinguished traveling companions and attentive on-board staff late this afternoon at Chicago Union Station to be ushered aboard our private rail cars. Once upon a time, all railroad car bodies were constructed of wood. To protect them from the elements, wooden passenger cars were heavily varnished, not just painted like freight cars. For the wealthy in those days before corporate jets and tinted-window limos, owning a private railroad car was a necessity for travel in privacy and comfort. Even after the varnished wood vanished, railroad workers called those cars “Private Varnish.” Our PV cars this evening are

coupled to Amtrak’s eastbound *Capitol Limited* inaccessible to other passengers. Your luggage is delivered to your private room for the next five nights. As the train pulls out, join the “Bon Voyage” party with premium beverages and hors d’oeuvres in the lounge car. While you unwind, the on-board chef is all wound up in the galley preparing your dinner. Enjoy twilight vistas of northern Indiana along with your leisurely meal. At Elkhart station, look out the right side of the train to see the rolling stock collection of the National New York Central Museum. It includes the lightning stripe liveried NYC #4085. That E8 diesel led the last eastbound *20th Century Limited* from LaSalle St. Station on Dec. 2, 1967. (D)

Day 2 – Pittsburgh, Sand Patch, Harpers Ferry, Washington.

If you are awake early, you see the Pittsburgh skyline and two of its three rivers. The aromas of fresh coffee and sizzling bacon permeate the diner as you enter for breakfast. The train winds along the Monongahela River up toward the 2,000-foot crest of the Alleghenies at Sand Patch Tunnel east of Meyersdale. Watch out the right side of the train for the many steeples of downtown Cumberland, MD. Coming down the Potomac River shores, look out the right for the white cupola of the reconstructed John Brown’s Fort in the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. There on Oct. 18, 1859 John Brown and his small band of abolitionists were captured. He was later hanged for trying to seize the Harpers Ferry Arsenal and ignite a slave rebellion. Also out the right side, watch for remnants of the



Union Station, your "home" during our stay



Scaffold-covered Capitol dome during renovation

old Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. From Rockville, MD, the train parallels the Washington Metro through Beltway suburbs to Union Station. This masterpiece of the Beaux Arts era welcomed its first train in 1907. The *Capitol Limited* and *Cardinal* are not its only connections to Chicago. It was designed by Daniel H. Burnham, fresh off the triumph of the 1893 World's Columbian Exhibition, "the White City." At the front entrance, look up to the six giant statues by Louis Saint-Gaudens, "The Progress of Railroading." One is Ceres, Goddess of Agriculture. In her Chicago incarnation, she is a faceless, 30-foot, Art Deco aluminum statue atop the Board of Trade. Look for her on the skyline when we return. Washington Union Station has survived both a runaway train that collapsed the boarding area floor on January 15, 1953, and a shameful stint as the National Visitors Center in 1976. It is now fully restored and re-purposed as a dining and shopping destination. Look up to the 26 marble centurions still standing guard over the great hall with its 96 foot high, arched ceiling. A new boarding area serves passengers of Amtrak plus commuters of the Virginia Railway Express and Maryland's MARC. Just last year, the parking deck first floor was converted into Washington's intercity bus terminal. On mid-afternoon arrival, your Fourth of July Washington holiday time is on your own. While you have dinner on your own in the station or elsewhere, our PV cars are moved to another station track and parked for the weekend. Your nights are there, back in your private room of our PV. (B)

Days 3 – See D.C. - After breakfast in our private dining car, the day is yours for exploring the Nation's Capital. Union Station is five blocks from the Capitol Building with its scaffold-covered dome. Use your included Trolley Tours pass for unlimited on/off rides around its circular route. Railfans enjoy the "America on the Move" room of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History where you also find the Ft. McHenry flag and the Ruby Slippers. When the mails moved by rails, the Washington Main Post Office was built beside Union Station. It now houses the National Postal Museum, complete with a Railway Post Office car. The Smithsonian has 19 buildings plus the National Zoo. For day trip adventure beyond the Beltway, take the Metro subway across the Potomac to explore and shop historic Alexandria, VA. Or, buy a ticket up to Baltimore, MD, and see the B & O Railroad Museum (a Smithsonian affiliate). For something different, buy a ticket at the seven-year-old stadium, have a hot dog and see the Washington Nationals play the Giants this evening, or tomorrow morning at 11. For rest or refreshments, our lounge car is available to you anytime until late evening. (B)



Union Station Washington DC



A few of the many Washington sites to visit.



National Independence Day Parade

Day 4 – Happy 239th Birthday America! – Today, Washington abounds with Fourth of July activities. Celebrants of all ages pour in from long distances and stay all day. But you start your day already there, at Union Station, and with breakfast in a private dining car! The National Independence Day Parade steps off at 11:45. Get to Constitution Ave. long before that for a spot to see the passing floats, marching bands and military units. Use one of the secure access points to enter the National Mall for the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival and evening events. The Festival presents cooking, dancing, crafts and fashions brought here by many immigrants to our nation. Early this evening see and hear that National Symphony Orchestra concert “A Capitol Fourth” live and in person from the Capitol west lawn. It’s free! At the finale “1812 Overture,” the National Park Service presents a 17-minute fireworks show, launched from sites around the Mall. Unforgettable! Or avoid the crowds entirely and watch from the top of the station parking deck. While others take hours to get home, your “home on steel wheels” awaits at Union Station. (B)



“A Capitol Fourth” concert from the Capitol west lawn

Day 5 – Departure Day – After last night’s fireworks and crowds, the calm of a Capital Sunday morning greets you following breakfast in the diner. Rest up in your room, or use your Trolley Tours pass to reach a church of your choice for services. Join new friends for a Sunday dinner, or see one last museum. Just be back at Union Station by mid-afternoon. Our private cars have been moved and coupled onto Amtrak’s westbound *Capitol Limited*.

Our chef has been busy preparing dinner. It is served by our attentive staff as you roll through Maryland suburbs and back up the Potomac River valley. Watch out the right side for the historic, old stone station at Point of Rocks, MD. After bursting from a tunnel onto the bridge, you see Harpers Ferry on the left. At the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers, and on important rail lines, the town changed hands eight times during the Civil War. From here, the train rides the route of the old Baltimore & Ohio Railroad around mountains, through tunnels and past small towns to reach the night lights of Pittsburgh. (B,D)



Dinner as you roll through Maryland.

Day 6 – Arrive Chicago – Be up early for one last breakfast in our diner. Arrival at Chicago Union Station is scheduled for mid-morning. Our trip is done, but your memories of a PV trip to the Washington, D.C. Independence Day will last the rest of your life. (B)

Note: As this trip involves considerable walking and standing, sensible, closed-toe shoes are advised. Also, check the weather forecast and take rain gear if appropriate.



Sleeping car, City of Angeles - The former New York Central Laurel Stream is a 6 double bedroom/buffet/lounge built by Budd Co in 1949.



Double Bedroom - Daytime



Roomette - Daytime

**TRIP 15-G
6 Days: July 1 - 6, 2015**

**\$2,299/pp Double Occupancy in Double Bedroom
\$3,899/pp Single Occupancy in Double Bedroom**

\$1,899 Single Occupancy in Roomette

\$3,899/pp Double Occupancy in Suite

Two double bedrooms en-suited, one lower berth
in each bedroom

St. Louis Boarding – add \$100 to prices above

Deposit of \$750 per person

\$9,999 – 1 or 2 people in Dome Car Master Suite
(lower level of dome car, one queen bed)

Travel Protection is available for this trip.

Please call the office for a quote.

312-829-4500

Final Payment Due: June 1

20th Century Railroad Club

Order Form

P.O. Box 247
Arlington Heights, IL 60006
Phone: 312-829-4500
www.20thcentury.org

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➤ FULL names of ALL persons in your party (or, if you're rooming with another single, name him/her):

Number of travelers age 62 and over _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____
REQUIRED so we can contact you quickly with questions and/or itinerary changes

Email _____

ACCOMODATIONS	PERSON(S)	PER PERSON	TOTAL
Number traveling DOUBLE occupancy in double bedroom	x	\$2,299.00 =	
Number traveling SINGLE occupancy in roomette	x	\$1,899.00 =	
Number traveling SINGLE occupancy in double bedroom	x	\$3,899.00 =	
Number traveling DOUBLE occupancy in Suite	x	\$3,899.00 =	
(Two double bedrooms ensued)			
St Louis Boarding	x	\$100.00	

Optional Trip Protection – Call our office at 312-829-4500		
	TOTAL	=

Required deposit of \$750 per person	x	\$750.00 =
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Dome car Master Suite with full bath & queen size bed for 1 or 2 persons		\$9,999.00 =
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>>> Final Payment Due June 1 <<<

PAYMENT METHOD: ___ Check ___ Money Order ___ MasterCard ___ VISA ___ Discover
— make check or money order payable to "TCRC"—

Account No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder's signature x _____

MAIL ORDER TO: Trip 15-G • 20th Century Railroad Club • PO Box 247 • Arlington Heights, IL 60006

We will mail trip information on June 16th

NOTICE: Your trip order is subject to the "General Information, Terms and Conditions" attached.

Travel Protection Plan

SCHEDULE OF COVERAGES & SERVICES

Plan Benefits	Maximum Coverage Per Person
Underwritten by Stonebridge Casualty Insurance Company	
Trip Cancellation	Up to 100% of Insured Trip Cost
Trip Interruption	Up to 150% of Insured Trip Cost
Trip Delay	\$1,000
Missed Connection for Cruises Only	\$1,000
Baggage & Personal Effects	\$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$250
Emergency Medical Expenses	\$50,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation	\$250,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Travel Assistance & Concierge Services**	Included

**Travel Assistance & Concierge Services are provided by Traveler's designated providers.

ELIGIBILITY & EFFECTIVE DATES

Who Is Eligible For Coverage

A person who has arranged to take a Covered Trip, completes the enrollment form and pays the required plan payment.

When Coverage Begins

All coverages (except Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation and Post-Departure Trip Interruption) will take effect on the later of 1) the date the plan payment and enrollment form has been received; 2) the date and time you start your Covered Trip; or 3) 12:01 A.M. Standard Time on the Scheduled Departure Date of your Covered Trip.

Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation coverage will take effect at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time on the day after the date your plan payment and enrollment form is received. Post-Departure Trip Interruption coverage will take effect on the Scheduled Departure Date of your Covered Trip if the required plan payment and any necessary enrollment form is received.

When Coverage Ends

Your coverage automatically ends on the earlier of:

1. the date the Covered Trip is completed;
2. the Scheduled Return Date;
3. cancellation of the Covered Trip covered by the plan;
4. your arrival at the return destination on a round-trip, or the destination on a one-way trip.

All coverages under the plan will be extended if your entire Covered Trip is covered by the plan and your return is delayed by unavoidable circumstances beyond your control.

If coverage is extended for the above reasons, coverage will end on the earlier of the date you reach your originally scheduled return destination or seven (7) days after the Scheduled Return Date.

For a quote and more information, please call the 20th Century Railroad Club office at 312-829-4500

General Information, Terms and Conditions

ORDERING: Please mail your orders to us, on the original form mailed to you, or the one you printed from the PDF file on our Web site.

CHANGES: To avoid misunderstandings, requests for changes to any tour reservation must be made in writing, mailed to "Trip Manager," PO Box 247, Arlington Heights IL 60006-0247.

PRICES & DEPOSITS: All tours are priced per person as based on double occupancy of one hotel room, if applicable.

A tour price includes: All common carrier transportation, admissions and meals listed in the itinerary as being included, (CB=continental breakfast, B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner), hotel accommodations, luggage handling for one suitcase, services of a tour escort, and all taxes for included features. Tips for tour guides and drivers are standard industry practice and are encouraged.

Tour prices and/or departure dates are subject to change at any time. Fuel surcharges added by common carriers, taxes added by governments, or other fees not included at time of printing will be added to the final balance as they are imposed, unless final payment has already been received.

All travel booked through 20th Century is priced at special group fares. No additional discounts of any kind are applicable, except for children ages 2–15, via Amtrak,

If you're looking for a roommate, write us a note, and we'll notify you if anyone else is looking.

A deposit per person (amount specified on trip order form) is due with a completed reservation form, unless stated otherwise. Final payment is due upon the date specified on the trip order form.

If you pay by MasterCard, VISA, or Discover please enter all 16 digits of your account number, and the expiration date, and your signature. We may call you for the three-digit security code on the back of your card. We'll mail a receipt to you.

Trip documents, including instructions, baggage tags, etc., will arrive by mail 10 to 12 days before departure.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE: Items of a personal nature, meals and admissions not listed in the itinerary, and customary gratuities for the tour escort and motorcoach driver. Guidelines for gratuities are provided with tour tickets.

ENTRY INTO CANADA or OUTSIDE of the UNITED STATES: A passport, or passport card, valid six months after tour return date, is required for all tour travelers going to/from Canada. For application information, call 877-487-2778, or visit www.travel.state.gov/passport. Give yourself enough time before departure!

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you choose to cancel your trip reservation, you must notify 20th Century Railroad Club in writing — either by mail (Trip Manager, PO Box 247, Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0247). or by email (trips@20thcentury.org). Your cancellation will be effective on the postmark date of your letter or the date of your email.

REFUNDS: Each trip description page has a "final payment due" date and on the trip order form. If you cancel before the due date, 20th Century will retain \$25.00 per person and refund your remaining collected balance. Some trips may charge a higher cancellation fee.

If you cancel after the final payment date, there will be no refund.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip insurance, available on selected trips. Please call our office at 312-829-4500 for details.

LUGGAGE: Each trip member is allowed one large suitcase (weighing less than 50 pounds) and one small carry-on bag that fits in the overhead rack. Please attach the supplied baggage tag before departure. The 20th Century Railroad Club does not assume any liability for loss of or damage to your luggage or any other personal property.

SMOKING: Unless you specify otherwise on your order form, all hotel rooms are non-smoking. Every effort will be made to reserve a smoking room if you so request, however most facilities are entirely non-smoking. Smoking is not allowed on board any train, plane or motorcoach.

SLEEPING CARS: Sleeping accommodations aboard Amtrak trains are an extra cost option, priced separately going and returning. All Amtrak rooms accommodate one or two persons (in upper and lower berths) and are priced per room. Meals in the diner are included in the cost of an Amtrak sleeping accommodation.

DELUXE MOTORCOACH: Many of our trips include travel on a deluxe motorcoach, in addition to train(s) or plane(s). A deluxe motorcoach is a large, comfortable, restroom-equipped bus designed to transport travelers and their luggage over long distances — it is not a city transit bus or a school bus.

MOBILITY: All of our trips involve some degree of walking and stair-climbing. If your mobility is limited in any way, please consult us before you reserve space.

CONDITIONS: The 20th Century Railroad Club reserves the right to decline to accept or to retain any person as a passenger on any of our trips. We reserve the right to alter a published itinerary if conditions beyond our control require such alterations.

We also reserve the right to cancel a trip prior to departure, in which case your entire payment to us will be refunded without further obligation on our part.

Some of the trips in this Catalog are arranged through professional tour operators which are in turn booking agents for various travel vendors. No liability shall be incurred by 20th Century Railroad Club, its agents or tour operators because of personal injury or sickness, death, loss of or damage to property, delay, inconvenience or other irregularity experienced by trip members.

What You Need To Know about traveling with "The Century"

WHAT WE ARE... If you enjoy trains and travel, we have a lot to offer you! The 20th Century Railroad Club is an educational and historical organization (incorporated not-for-profit) dedicated to promoting the advantages — and celebrating the history — of travel by rail.

WHAT WE DO... Since 1971, the 20th Century Railroad Club has specialized in planning unique rail-oriented trips for its members, their guests and the public. Most of our trips include at least one ride on a train or trolley.

In recent years, 20th Century has teamed up with tour providers for some of our trips, to offer superbly structured tours all around the U.S., with professional escorts.

Some of our trips are loosely-structured to allow our passengers to choose exactly how and where they will spend their time at a destination, In such cases we will provide information on available destination options.

You should think of traveling with “the Century” as an adventure — a unique experience that may not be entirely predictable, but is nearly always much more fun than you'd have on your own! WHO CAN GO? YOU CAN! Unless a trip is marked “for Club members only,” anyone may travel with us. Of course, our members receive advance notice of all our trips in our monthly newsletter, THE FAST MAIL, and are always first in line for the limited space available. If you're not yet a member, we invite you to sample our public trips and our members meetings before deciding to join our Club.

TYPES OF TRIPS... We offer five categories.

First are One-Day Adventures by various modes.

Second are Getaway trips: These are two to four-day trips via Amtrak and/or other carriers. They usually span weekends and are open to the public.

Third are “Vacations with the Century”: These special five- to ten-day trips, which are open to the public, are the most elaborate we offer. While the ideas come from our Trip Committee, all travel and lodging arrangements are made by a professional tour operator with special expertise in group travel by rail and other carriers. These vacation packages are among the finest available to the train-oriented traveler, and are designed to offer the highest value for your travel dollar.

Fourth are chartered trains, which are open to the public and usually travel to destinations not accessible by regularly scheduled service.

Fifth, we may offer trips available only to our members. Other trips may not be listed in this Catalog, and instead will be advertised in our monthly newsletter for members, THE FAST MAIL, or posted to our website.

Sixth are Private Varnish (PV) tours. What are they? Travel on special or historic railcars, rebuilt and upgraded to ride the rails in wood paneled luxury, complete with first class accommodations. Vista domes, observation cars, and meals cooked on board fit for royalty. Best of all, upon reaching your destination city the train itself is your hotel, centrally located for touring. Our PV train sets are quite possibly the finest rail passenger cars to ride American rails. Absolute elegance! We have taken the service, and rail cars of the past and upgraded everything to today's far higher standards ... for you!

WHY WE DO IT: There is still a special magic to traveling by train. It's a chance to travel in comfort and style; to slow down, settle back, watch the scenery and enjoy a journey the carefree, car-free way.

As Agatha Christie wrote, “Trains are wonderful... To travel by train is to see nature and human beings, towns and churches and rivers...in fact, to see life.”

So, come on along for a ride on the railroad — it's the most civilized form of land transportation.