

TRAINS & PLANES OF THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY

"riding the rails" through the beauty of the National Park & Canal Corridor

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For thousands of years Indians utilized the Cuyahoga River and Valley as a "transportation corridor". In later times the Ohio and Erie Canal provided the early settlers a slow, but easy, way to move both people and bulk goods. In 1880 the first steam engine chugged its way down the new Valley Railroad, signaling an era of progress and prosperity for the residents of this area. The last freight train, operated by the Chessie System, ended its service during 1985. If you've been yearning to enjoy a relaxing passenger train excursion through some of the most enchanting Fall Foliage you've ever seen, you'll want to be sure that you sign up for this tour while seats are still available on the train that operates along the former Chessie tracks. It's a tour the entire family can enjoy as we travel south along the Canal Heritage Corridor and through the National Park "riding the rails".

Upon arriving at the Akron Northside Station we'll continue to the Akron-Canton Airport for a most interesting dining experience at a restaurant that's reminiscent of an Army/ Air Force headquarters during the war. The 356th Fighter Group was an actual airborne team that saw combat in the European Theater, completing 413 combat missions. You'll be dining in the officer's area where a special buffet has been prepared especially for you while planes are landing and taking off just outside the windows. New for 2012, we'll also be visiting the fascinating MAPS Museum and a candy company complete with samples. MAPS, short for the "Military Aviation Preservation Society", is where you will see ready-to-fly historic aircraft while hearing about their fascinating history. Many of these aircraft have been restored by the members of this organization that is located just west of the Akron-Canton Airport.

