

THE GORGEOUS MOHAWK VALLEY & CATSKILL MOUNTAINS Fine Dining, Canals and Riding the Rails

Wednesday - Friday October 10 - 12, 2012

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We have found the fall to be one of the most beautiful times of year to travel through the Catskill Mountains of New York State. We'll be traveling aboard the Delaware & Ulster Railroad while being served a specially-prepared meal. The rail line dates back to 1866 when it was advertised as "The Only All-Rail Route to the Catskill Mountains". We will even be stepping back in time during lunch at a former Baltimore & Ohio train depot.

Our accommodations for both evenings will be in Rome, which is in central New York. Our Inn is set on a lavishly landscaped 52-acre estate and features picturesque English architecture. At dinner time on the day of our arrival, we'll be traveling the short distance for dining at The Savoy, a landmark originally established in 1908. Bon Appetit!

This popular tour also includes the beauty of the Mohawk Valley as we enjoy a narrated excursion on the historic Erie Canal. We will be going through Lock 18 that lowers the boat to meet the Mohawk River. The lock has continued to work perfectly for over 100 years, utilizing the original equipment. The canal, as you'll learn, was the first route for settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains, shortening the trip across New York State from weeks to days. Since the cruise departs from Gems along the Mohawk, an upscale dining and shopping complex, our reps have set up dinner at their most popular dockside restaurant, The Waterfront Grille. It's a local culinary experience, one of two such meals on this tour, since we've scheduled a luncheon at the Wine & Culinary Center on the shores of the Canandaigua Lake. Six meals, in total, are included.



The tour also includes a brief visit to the Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion, a 40-room Queen Anne-style mansion completed in 1887. Originally built for a financier and the daughter of the New York State governor, it is most known for its signature floral design and landscaping that was created by hundreds of workers between 1902 and 1919. Enjoy the luxury, leisure and inclusions offered in this tour, new for 2012.