



The Rail Excursion Management Co. announces the return and expansion of the Autumn Colors Express railroad excursion this October from Huntington and Charleston to Hinton, WV along the famed New River route

HUNTINGTON, WV 1/27/2020 The Rail Excursion Management Co., a national leader in railroad excursions and charters, today announces the second installment of the **Autumn Colors Express** (website: acewva.com) on October 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2020. The **Autumn Colors Express** continues the 50+ year tradition of transporting passengers on vintage railcars to Hinton's Railroad Days Festival, held the same weekend. This year there will be **four** days of train excursions, originating in downtown **Huntington, WV**, and for the second year in a row, stopping in **Charleston, WV** to pick up passengers.

The **Autumn Colors Express** consist will be comprised of 25-30 privately-owned vintage railcars, with meal service provided on board to every passenger, as part of their ticket price. The round-trip train ride will feature on-board entertainment and historic narration. Lunch is available from the many food vendors in Hinton. The train will lay over in Hinton for approximately three hours while guests enjoy the annual Hinton Railroad Days Festival.

Strong 2019 ticket sales indicate an increased demand for 2020's train, and Railexco has added a fourth day of **Autumn Colors Express** for 2020, with a train departing for Hinton on Thursday the 22nd of October.

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-West Virginia) "I am proud to see the announcement of the Autumn Colors Express 2020 and that this colorful tradition will continue this year. For more than 50 years, the New River Train has been at the heart of West Virginia's proud railroading history as the focal point of Railroad Days and I was proud to work with Amtrak to ensure these

traditions carry on with the Autumn Colors Express this year. I wish everyone a safe and fun ride for this fall's Autumn Colors Express and look forward to continuing this time honored tradition for years to come," **said Senator Manchin.**

Railexco CEO Adam Auxier: "We're so excited for the 2020 Autumn Colors Express, and with a fourth day added to the schedule, we are able to share this event, and the beauty of West Virginia, with even more people."

Hinton City Manager Cris Meadows: "Autumn Colors Express is one of the most important weekends of the year for the City of Hinton, the lovely fall colors and the flavor of the town is extraordinary. The Railroad Days Festival is the lifeblood of our little town, and ACE has pumped new energy into us at a time when we desperately needed it. We know the festival will continue to get bigger and better each year."

Summers County Tourism Director Rebecca Peterson: "We are extremely delighted that Autumn Colors Express will be returning in 2020. This excursion offers passengers the unique opportunity to view the New River Gorge from the comfort of vintage rail cars during the peak of the fall season; and it just doesn't get any better than that. We greatly appreciate Railexco for keeping this long standing tradition alive, and look forward to welcoming them back to the Hinton Historic District."

Huntington CVB President Tyson Compton: "As a Convention and Visitors Bureau, it is our job to bring folks to our area and connect them with all there is to see and do while here. But we could not do that without awesome partners like Autumn Colors Express. We heard only rave reviews from guests about their trip through West Virginia last year and expect the same results this year. We love working with these dedicated, professional folks."

A large part of the success of the **Autumn Colors Express** is Railexco's trusted nonprofit partners, of which there are four in 2020:

- The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Historical Society- cohs.org
- The Fort Wayne Rail Historical Society- fortwaynerailroad.org
- Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation- kentuckysteam.org
- Friends of the Milwaukee 261- 261.com

FWRHS Vice President, Kelly Lynch: The Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society provided key logistical support and train staff to last year's trips and loved the opportunity to bring its brand of hospitality and professionalism to the new Autumn Colors Express. We look forward to working with our sizable volunteer staff, Kentucky Steam, and Rail Excursion Management doing the very same in 2020.

KSHC Executive Director, Chris Campbell: Kentucky Steam is proud to again be involved with ACE and its mission to support rail tourism in Appalachia. Train trips through the historic corridor in West Virginia's New River give travelers a nostalgic glimpse to the glory days of American rail travel and the subsequent influx of attendees provides the region a welcomed economic boost.

Rail Excursion Management Co.'s staff have a combined decades of experience working in rail excursions, private railcar logistics, and rail charters. For more information, please contact Chief Marketing Officer Lou Capwell at 812-320-3596 or lou@railexco.com