



### SAMPLE ITINERARIES:

The following trips have proved to be especially popular due to a combination of their en-route scenery, economy, and highly interesting destination cities. They involve day travel only and the car is parked overnight at each destination. Thus, if the car's sleeping capacity is exceeded, additional guests can be accommodated at local hotels. Cross-country "land cruises" are also very popular, and are usually limited to eight guests.

- ❖ 3-day round trips between New York and Boston, MA; Rutland, VT; Niagara Falls, NY; Washington, D. C.; Montreal, QC or Toronto, ON.
- ❖ New York to Montreal and Quebec City (5 days)
- ❖ New York to Montreal and Jonquierre or Seneterre, Que. (7 days)
- ❖ New York to Saratoga Springs and the racetrack. (1 day round trip—NYC 3 is detrained at Albany and parked while passengers continue to Saratoga by limo.)

### LOGISTICAL PLANNING:

The railroads need lead time to reserve space for NYC 3. They must make sure a train is not beyond its load limit, check whether switching is possible at requested stops, and whether parking is available at individual stations. Alternative trains or itineraries may be suggested and there may be trade-offs concerning when and if rear-most position on a train is available. VarChandra is well experienced at analyzing trip details and optimizing a trip from both an enjoyment and economic standpoint. Given the number of variables, we've learned that planning is the key to a successful trip, and VarChandra has a proven track record of doing it best!

### PERSONALIZED "DRUMHEAD":

A drumhead is the back-lit tailsign that shows the public the name of a famous train or car. NYC 3's official drumhead logo is the "Empire State Express", a New York Central train of worldwide fame that frequently carried NYC 3. However, we have disks that can be customized to meet your own needs and, after the journey, they will become your personal property for re-use, or perhaps for mounting in your home or office.



### WHAT DO OUR CLIENTS SAY?

Most say, "Thanks for a great trip!" Others wax poetic, such as this logbook entry after a journey through the Canadian Rockies: "The best trips create the best memories. To share the creation of those memories with long-time friends is like the frosting on a favorite dessert. But to enjoy the scenery of a great continent while consuming culinary masterpieces places this experience somewhere in the realm of dreams. And that sums up what the NYC # 3 is to me—a 'dream catcher.' To our wonderful crew—thanks for the dreams."



### IN SUMMARY:

Travel in a mostly forgotten style of elegance and glory is not only possible but is much less expensive than most people would imagine. It's also competitive with far less glamorous means of travel. Please enquire about how you can partake in this wonderful experience and enjoy both the grandeur of New York Central 3 and our personal style of hospitality. *Welcome aboard NYC 3!*

Sincerely yours,

Lovett Smith, President

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TRAVEL BY PRIVATE  
RAIL CAR  
"NEW YORK CENTRAL 3"  
UNMATCHED IN ELEGANCE  
AND STYLE







Dear Traveler in Search of the Golden Age,

**THE GLAMOUR IS NOT JUST A DREAM!**

You may think the scenes in this brochure are from the Golden Age of Rail Travel in the 1930's and 40's. But—as the clothes styles may indicate—they're not historical photos, movie props or images from a dream. They depict a typical trip that you, your friends or clients can take today! And, with good planning, for far less money than you'd expect.



**THE CONCEPT:**

We operate the Pullman Palace Car known as New York Central # 3 throughout the U. S. and Canada. Most trips are custom-designed, limited only by your imagination, time, and budget: they can range from dinner parties while parked on local sidings to



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weekend trips to nearby destinations to travel to the farthest points of North America's rail network. Service levels can range from inexpensive self-catering to gourmet chefs and tuxedoed wait personnel who cater to your every whim. Most charters involve travel on scheduled passenger trains where NYC 3 is attached, most often as the rear-most car. There, you can delight in the full range of NYC 3's luxurious accommodations. You can also use the car as a private hotel while parked in stations at some of the best downtown addresses in North America's greatest cities and, if the occasion warrants, NYC 3 can be combined with other private cars to expand total capacity.

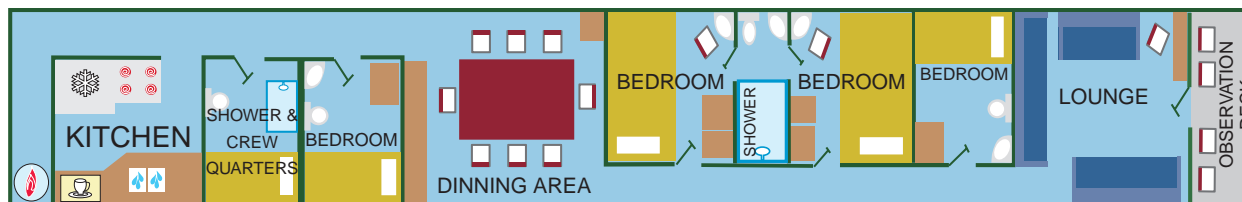
**ABOUT THE CAR:**

NYC 3 was built in 1928 for Harold Vanderbilt, the last Vanderbilt to run the New York Central Railroad. Maintained to 21st Century mechanical standards as well as to Vanderbilt standards of elegance, it consists of a brass-railed open rear platform, a solarium lounge, 4 staterooms, 4 toilets, 2 showers, dining room, crew quarters,

and a fully equipped kitchen. When chartered, it comes complete with linens, silver, and china and, naturally, it's fully equipped with entertainment facilities such as TV, VCR, and cassette and CD players with speakers in each room. The car's daytime capacity is approximately 20 passengers; nighttime capacity ranges from 6-12 people, depending on passenger mix. NYC 3 summers near New York City and winters in Bethel, CT. It is often available for inspection pre- and post-charters while passing through New York's Pennsylvania Station.

**YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A MILLIONAIRE TO TRAVEL LIKE ONE:**

Many wealthy clients and corporate planners already know private rail travel is a bargain compared to other luxury travel or personalized entertainment and marketing options. Per-person costs are reasonable, privacy is guaranteed, and guests have glowing memories that last a lifetime. But how do folks of moderate means experience this great adventure? The key is self-catering, cost-sharing, and short trips.



**CHARTER COSTS ~ THE OVERVIEW:**

Broadly speaking, total charter costs depend on:

- ❖ Starting and end points—Switching as well as parking fees are paid to the railroads. These vary by location and railroad.
- ❖ Trip length in miles—The railroads charge on a per-mile basis.
- ❖ Trip length in days—Car rental, parking and crew charges are paid on a daily basis.
- ❖ Level of service—Do you wish to self-cater or be pampered by professional food and wait personnel? To dine simply or lavishly?...This cost variable is entirely up to you and can be calculated only after your wishes are fully defined.

