Join the CHARLTON SENIOR CENTER for a train ride aboard the...





Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Il aboard! Our ride through history begins at the beautiful Victorian Thomaston Station, an historic landmark in the upper Naugatuck Valley. We'll board the vintage train coach and prepare to see a side of the Naugatuck Valley that cannot be seen from a car. Affectionately known as the "Naugy", the train ride along the Naugatuck River hugs the river's edge, passing through state forest lands and the beautiful hills of New England. This is contrasted by the industrial heritage of Waterbury's brass mills, where thousands of men and women toiled daily in the "Brass City." Our journey includes a view from the spectacular Thomaston Dam, the only railroad in North America that crosses the face of a dam.

Our train ride ends at Fascia's for a **Chocolate Experience** and **Tour**. This fun, friendly learning experience features an introduction to the history of chocolate and how it gets from Bean-to-Bar and Bar-to-Box. We'll learn how Fascia's handcrafts their products using time-honored methods and recipes and perhaps even learn their most treasured secrets. The fun really begins when we actually

make our own chocolate bar using a variety of toppings. A behind-the-scenes look into the factory via remote controlled camera completes the experience. Fascia's is a family owned and operated business which has produced gourmet chocolate since 1964.

We'll dine at San Marino's Ristorante Italiano. Serving the Waterbury area for over 30 years, the recently renovated restaurant offers casual Italian dining with delicious food in a friendly and warm atmosphere. Our menu features a choice of:

Eggplant Parmigiana, Chicken Marsala or Filet of Sole and includes Garden Salad * Vegetables * Family Style Pasta Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Pitchers of Soda

Before heading home, we'll stop at Rogers Orchards, a Connecticut landmark dating to 1809 representing eight generations of family fruit growing. Rogers Orchards farm store offers many varieties of apples as well as peaches, nectarines and pears along with Connecticut grown corn, tomatoes and other vegetables in season. The bakery features a wide variety of fruit pies, apple cider donuts, cakes and cookies as well as local honey, maple syrup, and their own jams and jellies.

\$86 per person (includes all taxes and grutuities)

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7:30AM DEPART ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH LOT / 5:30PM Approximate Return

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