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### **The Vermont Agency of Transportation Salutes Amtrak for 50 Years of Service**

*Celebrate by experiencing the fun and convenience  
of train travel aboard the Vermonter and Ethan Allen*

Barre, Vt. – Cheers to 50 years! Amtrak is celebrating 50 years as America’s Railroad and the Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) is proud to be a valued state partner supporting the Vermonter and Ethan Allen services. Since 1971, Amtrak has made passenger rail service accessible to communities across America, connecting friends and families here in Vermont and across the country to the places they want to go.

#### **There’s a lot to celebrate, and a lot to look forward to.**

Rediscover the joys of traveling by rail again. The Vermonter and Ethan Allen services will be restored beginning on July 19, 2021. The Vermonter provides service from St. Albans to points south, including New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. The Ethan Allen Express currently runs from Rutland to New York City, including stops in Saratoga Springs and Albany and with connecting service to Washington, D.C. This service will be extended north to Middlebury, Vergennes, and Burlington in 2022. More information is on the [AOT website](#). Visit [Amtrak.com](http://Amtrak.com) for route and station availability.

#### **Create Your Own Adventure**

Enjoy a travel experience that only travel by rail can offer. Enjoy picturesque views from oversized windows, no middle seats, free WiFi\*, contactless booking and ticketing, and more. You’ll arrive at your destination refreshed and ready to go. Take in Vermont’s scenic vistas and charming New England villages and downtowns bursting with arts, culture, and history. Experience the Green Mountain State’s renowned recreational opportunities including world class ski resorts, mountain bike and cycling networks, and vast hiking trails.

#### **Celebratory Fares Available for a Limited Time**

Amtrak’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary fares are worth celebrating! Book your trip between April 28 and May 5, 2021, for travel between June 2 and November 13, 2021, and save up to 50% off with a maximum fare of \$50, per segment, on available coach class on most routes across the country, as well as Acela Business class in the Northeast. Check out the sale fares at [amtrak.com/50th-anniversary-sale](http://amtrak.com/50th-anniversary-sale) for complete rules, and keep an eye out for upcoming Vermonter and Ethan Allen promotions.

### **Celebrate Online**

Take a virtual visit and check out the specially-created website, [amtrak.com/50th-anniversary](https://amtrak.com/50th-anniversary), to learn about Amtrak's rich history and promising future. Explore Amtrak through the decades, discover 50 reasons (and more!) to travel and learn about future initiatives. Check back often as the anniversary celebration will continue throughout the year.

### **Sound the Horn**

Be on the listen as Amtrak launches its #SoundTheHorn campaign, a tribute to the essential workers on the front lines of this public health crisis, including transportation workers. On Saturday, May 1, 2021, at 5 p.m. ET every Amtrak train in service around the country, along with several thousand trains and buses running in service nationwide, will sound their horns in solidarity with partner agencies.

### **Your Safety Is Our Priority**

Amtrak continues to set a new standard of travel with enhanced safety and cleaning measures. For more information, follow Amtrak on [social media](#), [sign up](#) for Amtrak Guest Rewards, and visit [Amtrak.com/coronavirus](https://Amtrak.com/coronavirus) to stay updated on the latest news and important information on services. Before traveling on Amtrak, please review state advisories or restrictions that may be in place for travel to your destination. Learn more about [state-specific travel restrictions](#).

\*Available on select trains and stations.