

New York State Fair in a Day via Amtrak

Monday, August 31, 2026 Cost Per Person: \$149

Dear Way To Go Traveler,

This is a day-trip that will be done by Amtrak the entire day as our source of transportation. Since it was suggested to me by my late good friend, Bob Kothe—I'm nicknaming the train ride "**The Bob Kothe Special**" to the State Fair.

Itinerary Fine Points for a day at the State Fair:

7:15am – Check in with Jerry Waldkoetter, Tour Escort for the Day, at the Buffalo-Depew Train Station at 55 Dick Road, Depew, NY 14043 – inside the depot.

7:30am – Jerry will move to the departure platform by the train tracks. Everyone in the group moves with Jerry to the platform.

7:39am – Arrival time of Train 284 (it started the day in Niagara Falls) and departs immediately after loading all passengers for Syracuse and the New York State Fair. There will be one group ticket (Jerry has it) and all Way To Go Tour's clients will be on one Passenger Car. Train Fare is included in the price.

9:49am – Our train is scheduled to arrive in Syracuse – **ON THE GROUNDS OF THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR.** Please make note of your surroundings when leaving the depot because this is the depot we will be leaving from at 6:59pm for Buffalo-Depew station. The depot is actually on the site of the State Fair and you can see the State Fair from the train – it is right there. You will receive a Map of the Fair grounds and activities for the day as you enter the Fair grounds. You may be subject to inspection of carry-in parcels and possibly metal detectors.

RETURN TO BUFFALO

3:39pm – Be at the Syracuse train station depot one half hour at 3:39pm before Departure – Jerry will check you in. Once again, there is just one ticket for the whole group and since this train is coming out of New York City – our group might be in two passenger cars according to Amtrak Group Sales.

4:09pm – Train leaves Syracuse for Buffalo.

6:40pm – Arrive at Buffalo-Depew Station at 55 Dick Road.

End of Day-trip – have someone pick you up or park your vehicle for the day at the Train Station.

There is NO Fair admission cost required of persons age 65 and older to the State Fair. For participants younger than 65, please add \$10 to the Cost Per Person – total \$159.

All meals for the day are on your own. There is a Dining Car on our Amtrak train for the AM. I will find out if a Dining Car is open in the evening for the Buffalo-Depew return. No Special Programs have yet to be scheduled for the Grand Stand. Basically, you are on your own for the day with your friends and for the cost of any special programs or events,

If the Fair Board does begin charging seniors over 65 an entrance fee, Way To Go Tours will have to add that to the price of this day-trip. (Since I am writing this itinerary before basic information is out regarding persons 65 and over.)

Jerry will share his cell-phone number the morning of the tour.

Send check to: Way To Go Tours, 580 Ward Rd., North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

Questions: Call Jerry or Kathy at 716-693-0793. www.thewaytogotours.com ~ THANK YOU!

