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Amtrak *Adirondack* Train Resumes Today Between New York City and Montreal

In partnership with New York State Department of Transportation and VIA Rail Canada

NEW YORK – Amtrak, in conjunction with VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail), New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and other federal agencies, is resuming train service between New York City and Montreal via the *Adirondack* train today, Monday, April 3. This milestone marks the return of all Amtrak and VIA Rail cross border service between the United States and Canada for the first time since 2020 and aligns with the growing demand of train travel in both countries.

"The return of the *Adirondack* promotes one of many rail initiatives benefiting and connecting American and Canadian travelers and residents," said <u>Amtrak President Roger Harris</u>. "We are proud to partner with NYSDOT and VIA Rail and thank Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and Congresswoman Stefanik for championing the Adirondack's return, as well as their shared commitment with Amtrak to bring more trains to more places and more people as we enter a new era of rail."

"VIA Rail is excited to collaborate with AMTRAK to offer the return of this popular service for our customers on both sides of the border," said Rita Toporowski, VIA Rail's Chief Customer Officer. "The return of the *Adirondack* for the first time since 2020 is another indication that Canadians and Americans are excited to travel again, and increasingly choosing to do so by train. We welcome our customers back and are happy to provide them connections through Montreal to all our VIA Rail trains serving Canadian communities from coast to coast."

"The cultural riches and natural beauty along the *Adirondack* train route amount to an experience that is unlike anything else in the world, and it highlights the importance of this service - making it easy and fun for travelers to be able to enjoy the unique treasures of the Empire State," said New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez. "We are pleased to work with our partners at Amtrak on the reopening of this vital connection between New York City and Montreal, and commend them for their ongoing commitment to providing reliable, safe passenger rail service to the beautiful destinations across New York State and beyond."



Northbound *Adirondack* trains will depart Moynihan Train Hall at New York Penn Station (NYP) at 8:41 a.m. and arrive in Canada's Gare Centrale/Central Station in Montreal at 8:16 p.m., with southbound *Adirondack* trains departing Montreal at 11:10 a.m. and arriving at NYP at 10:15 p.m. Additional popular destinations on the *Adirondack* include Albany-Rensselaer, Poughkeepsie, Saratoga Springs and Schenectady, NY.

New York State and Montreal travelers and visitors can expect the same amenities onboard the *Adirondack* as they do on most Amtrak trains, including free Wi-Fi, the freedom to use phones and electronic devices at all times (no "airplane mode"), the ability to travel with small pets within the US, a café car, large spacious seats with ample leg room and no middle seat.

In addition to the standard entry documentation requirements, the Canadian and United States Governments have <u>several additional requirements</u> customers must follow for entry into Canada and the United States.

For more information about the *Adirondack* route, click <u>here</u>.

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