



## **2024 Travel Logistics Recommendations**

### **Tour event dates: Sunday, September the 22nd – Saturday, September the 28th**

Please note when planning your travel, this year's Tour des Trees is a point-to-point route. Beginning in Stamford, CT and concluding in Providence, RI.

### **Pre & Post Tour Lodging (Stamford)**

We will kick off the Tour from the [Stamford Marriott Hotel](#).

- Our group rate is \$189+ taxes & fees per night.
- You may reserve pre-Tour rooms by:
  - Using the link [TourdesTrees](#)
  - Calling Julianne Juergens (203) 977-1289 or emailing Dipika Behera ([dbehera@stamfordmarriott.com](mailto:dbehera@stamfordmarriott.com)), please make sure to reference the Tour des Trees room block when making your reservations to ensure you receive our group rate.
  - **Please note this courtesy block is only valid through September the 14th.**

### **Post Tour Lodging (Providence)**

The Tour will end in Provident at the [Providence Downtown Marriott](#).

- The rate they are offering for Saturday night is \$319+ taxes & fees per night.
- You may reserve post-Tour Saturday night rooms by using the link [PMDTTourdesTrees](#)
  - **Please note this courtesy block is only valid through September the 16th.**

### **Flying To and From the Tour**

Since this year's Tour des Trees is a point-to-point event, I would strongly recommend that you fly into the [Westchester County Airport](#) (HPN) and out of the [TF Green International Airport](#) (PVD).

Another alternative would be to fly into the [Newark Liberty International Airport](#) (EWR) and take [Amtrak](#) to Stamford.

### **Driving To and From the Tour**

We will be kicking off the Tour this year at the [Stamford Marriott Hotel](#). The address is 243 Tresser Blvd, Stamford, CT 06901.

- The hotel has waived guest self-park fees for our stay and will allow us to park there for free through Saturday, September the 28th.

If you do decide to drive to the start of the Tour this year, there are a couple options for getting yourselves back to Stamford from Providence:

1. Please note, we will offer space in our support caravan to shuttle riders back to Stamford, but will have a limited space.
  - Please let Jonathan ([jcain@treefund.org](mailto:jcain@treefund.org)) or Paul ([pwoodbba@gmail.com](mailto:pwoodbba@gmail.com)) know of your intentions to drive to Stamford and your desire to take the support shuttle back on Saturday Sept the 28th. When we determine our available space to shuttle riders back, those who have expressed a desire to join us will be assigned a seat on a first come basis and will be notified by Paul or Jonathan.
2. You may also take [Amtrak](#) from Providence to Stamford.
  - You may park your car at the [Providence Marriott](#) using the code BIKE. After you park locate a parking sign and scan the QR code on the sign and follow the steps on the website. You will be prompted for a the promo code.
    - The cost for parking at the hotel is \$15/day

### **Amtrak To and From the Tour**

Another option for those who live in the Northeast and like rail travel, is Amtrak's [Northeast Regional](#). Both Stamford and Providence are stops along this route. As an added [bonus](#), on many of the trains you can carry on an unpacked bike for a minimum fee.

### **Getting Your Bike to and from the Tour**

- Now that most airlines no longer penalize cyclists for flying with their bike, this is the most cost effective way to get you bike to the hotel. Of course you'll be subjected to airline security's notorious mishandling of our precious cargo, so be sure and pack it carefully. Removing the rear derailleur and brake rotors will minimize the opportunities for these critical components to be damaged.
- I recommended using [Bike Flights](#) to ship your bike. It is simple and very cost effective. I know that we've had a few of issues with Bike Flights, but I still think they are the best option for shipping bikes.
- Here are a few [videos](#) on best practices for packing your bike.
- Time your shipment to arrive at the [Stamford Marriott Hotel](#) between September the 18th and the 20th.
- Make sure that your bike box has your name and the Tour des Trees clearly identified.
- After the Tour you can ship you bike from either the [Stamford](#) or [Providence](#) Marriott's.
- Please make sure you have a preprinted paid UPS label to affix to your bike box.