

Feb. 6, 2013

Dear Alice,

Many thanks for your note of January. Very glad you're planning to go to "Chicago" in May. Here are "my" dates:

Tues. May 7th: arrive via Amtrak from Boston, if on time at 9:11 a.m., if late, who can knee with Amtrak? So the first "safe" day to meet would be Wed. May 8th. I'll be ~~there~~ ~~at~~ no hotel booked yet, so must let you know later as to where I can be phoned. I'll be in the area till I go to Seattle the following Tuesday [May 14th]. So "safe" days for meeting would be May 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. However, May 10th + 11th (Fri. + Sat.) I have a class reunion. ~~But~~ on Fri. the 10th, nothing till mid/late afternoon, so Fri. morning O.K. On Sat. the 11th, things start at 11:30 a.m. (through evening dinner), so not much time otherwise. If you are there more than one day, I hope we can meet more than once! After Seattle, I'll be back for a quick turn-around, ~~between~~ ^{May 22nd + 23rd} (then off to see a friend if all goes well), & (back) again Mon. May 27 till departure Tues. May 28th (± 9:30 p.m.) for the East Coast. So, May 8-13 (incl.) would be best. By the way, if you know someone who'd like to join me going to the East Coast on Tues. p.m. May 28th (arrival May 29th) via Amtrak, let me know! (It could be you, but any nice lady who had the time + is interested would be welcome). Normally I ride coach when there's just 1 overnight but as an exception this time Chicago → NY I've already booked a roomette [thus a "lady" necessary]. Since I can't get all my boxes to the boat on just 1 (my own) ticket, so am hoping to find someone to join me [for the whole trip including the boat to England + someone wishes!] at least to NY [For boxes, ~~no~~ ^{amount of boxes/suitcases} on boat needed, since not limited].

For Chicago → NY, the easiest would be someone who lives either near Chicago or nearby to make it a simple one round trip (financially the best for me, too, since I should be the one to basically cover the cost). I might also use Amtrak's shipping service (this independent of having a ticket) along with my own permitted number of pieces... that might work out! I want to end paying for storage - especially since very little would be left should I not be able to take everything! We'll see! One way or another all will be OK.

As I look out the window, it's snowing again - quite heavily!

So - I hope you now can get a plane ticket for a good price for dates that would be at my time in the Chicago area. I'm looking forward to a real nice get-together! Love,
In great haste! Pleyll's