Strasburg Location Project

Montage of Strasburg Train Film Footage and historical stills.

LEGENDS APPEARS OVER THE FOOTAGE

"THE STRASBURG RAIL ROAD"

Shots of beautiful farmland, train passing through.

"A BEAUTIFUL LOCATION"

Tighter shots of the locomotives and cars

"WORKING PERIOD LOCOMOTIVES AND CARS"

Shot of RAILROAD EXPERTS gathered around an engine blueprint in Office.

EXPERT RAILROAD CONSULTANTS

More footage of the Strasburg Rail Road

THE STRASBURG RAIL ROAD IS YOUR COMPLETE PRODUCTION RESOURCE

1 EXT. STRASBURG TRAIN STATION -- MORNING

HOST steps off the passenger car.

The Strasburg Rail Road locomotive rolls through the station, steam blowing, the whistle shrieking. The steam engine clears frame, as does the tender. As the train slows, the first passenger car comes to a stop in front of camera, and the

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HOST

Welcome to the Strasburg Rail Road, the oldest continuously operating rail road in all of North America. The rail road is a very successful tourism destination here in Lancaster County, PA, but we're much more than that. In this short tape, we're going to try to show you all that the Strasburg Rail Road has to offer production companies.

The CAMERA PANS as The Host walks, the steam engine in the background. As she mentions the various film and TV projects, we see quick shots of the posters and/or the opening titles of the movies.

HOST (CONT'D)

Whether you know it or not, you've seen our handiwork, our trains or (MORE)

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HOST (CONT'D)

our beautiful Lancaster County location in such projects as "Hello Dolly," "The Wild Wild West," "Thomas and the Magic Rail Road," "the PBS Movable Feast," Absolute ads, and much more.

Various shots of the below as she talks about them (graveyard shot, freight car shots, dining car, flash blueprints, etc.).

HOST (CONT'D)

The Strasburg Rail Road travels through the most beautiful Amish farmland in the world. We have authentic, museum quality, working, turn of the century steam locomotives, freight cars, dining cars, private cars, a working snow plow, and one of the largest fleet of standard gauge, wooden passenger cars in the world. We have world class repair and fabrication shops, an extensive library of blueprints and historical documents, and a staff of talented, knowledgeable consultants for every conceivable project.

TITLE CARD: LOCATION

Film footage of the Strasburg Rail Road going through Amish Farmland (across field, train passing field, etc.).

HOST (V.O.) (CONT'D)

The Strasburg Rail Road is one of the best ways to see pristine Amish farms, farms that have changed little for three centuries. The four mile length of track, stretching from Strasburg to Leaman Place, passes through fourteen Amish farms, and includes some of the most breathtaking views of Lancaster County.

(We need to shoot these breathtaking views)

2 EXT. PICNIC GROVE -- DAY

The Host gets off the train, picnic basket in hand.

HOST

Trackside, we have a beautiful picnic grove, right in the middle of the (MORE)

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HOST (CONT'D)

most beautiful farmland on the face of the earth.

She sets down a blanket for her picnic. We PAN over to the train leaving, revealing farmland.

3 INT. PASSENGER CAR -- DAY

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The Host walking down a non-moving passenger car.

HOST

We have both open and enclosed passenger cars, meticulously restored by our expert shops, and freight equipment as well. These cars, authentic in every detail, down to the coal stoves in the corners, come to us in various stages of neglect, and...

INSET Shot of car changing from stripped to completed.

HOST (V.O.) (CONT'D)

... We restore them to their glory.

4 INT. PASSENGER CAR -- CONTINUOUS

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The Host has gotten to the end of the passenger car.

HOST

The Strasburg Rail Road is really a rolling museum, with equipment you can't find anywhere else.

5 INT. DINING CAR -- DAY

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The Host walking through the non-moving dining car, with people eating (dressed in period costume)

HOST

The Strasburg Rail Road equipment is restored to the period from 1890 to 1920, thus making it possible for the trains to "stand in" for equipment from 1890 to 1950...and present day of course.

PAN of the dining car.

HOST (CONT'D)

Whether you are filming a period piece, a contemporary story, a TV (MORE)

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HOST (CONT'D)

commercial or a print ad, we've got the perfect locations, like this working, authentic dining car...

6 INT. PARADISE CAR -- CONTINUOUS

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The Host is now walking through the Paradise private car.

HOST

...And this luxury private car.

7 EXT. STRASBURG TRAIN STATION -- DAY

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The Host is standing at the train station, next to the ticket window.

HOST

This authentic railroad station, circa 1890, comes complete with ticket window, waiting room and telegraph office.

The Strasburg Train pulls into the station, steaming, bell ringing.

8 EXT. PICNIC GROVE -- DAY

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The Host walks along the track, the beautiful countryside behind her.

HOST

Or perhaps you need farmland that hasn't changed for centuries...

Various footage of the beautiful countryside

HOST (CONT'D)

We have it all here, at the Strasburg Rail Road.

FABRICATION

Stills of the shops, along with video footage (more to be shot)

HOST (V.O.) (CONT'D)

The Strasburg Rail Road has one of the world's finest rail road engineering shops, able to fabricate just about anything. It might be building Thomas the Tank Engine...

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Video footage of the current Thomas build (to be shot), along with footage of Thomas the Tank events.

HOST (CONT'D)

...An engine for the "Wild, Wild West"...

Footage of the engine from "Wild, Wild West"

HOST (CONT'D)

...Cars repainted for "Thomas and the Magic Railroad"...

Footage of Thomas cars.

HOST (CONT'D)

....Or cars for "Hello Dolly"

Footage from "Hello Dolly."

HOST (CONT'D)

Our engineers and craftsman can do it all.

Video footage of unfinished car dissolving into finished car.

TITLE CARD: TRAINS AND EQUIPMENT

9 EXT. STRASBURG TRAIN STATION -- DAY

The Host is standing in front of one of the Strasburg steam locomotives, which is hitched to a passenger car train.

HOST

Here at the Strasburg Rail Road, we own and operate four different, original equipment steam engines. #89, #31, #90 and #475.

Footage of the different trains as they are mentioned.

The Host walks past the passenger cars.

HOST (CONT'D)

We have a complete collection of meticulously restored passenger cars, the dining car you saw before, several private cars, freight cars, track cars, and some rail road exotica.

Footage of the snow plow, the diesel engine, the LO&S car, and more. (Some to be shot)

10 EXT. SHOPS -- CONTINUOUS

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The Host walks along the Strasburg promenade, passing and indicating the various shops.

HOST

We have a variety of shops here at the rail road, ranging from toys to gifts. There are snack places, and a restaurant. All this can be dressed to suit your production.

11 EXT. STRASBURG STATION AREA -- CONTINUOUS

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The Host walks along the train.

HOST

There are no permits required in Pennsylvania, sales tax is waived for film production, great crews and talent can be found in the area, and the Pennsylvania Film Office will bend over backwards to help productions coming to the state.

INSET SHOT OF THE VILLAGE OF STRASBURG

HOST (V.O.) (CONT'D)

There are some great locations nearby, like the picturesque village of Strasburg, covered bridges, farm markets and much more.

12 EXT. STRASBURG STATION AREA -- CONTINUOUS

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The Host stops next to a camera set up, with a CREW moving around, getting ready for a shot. An ASSISTANT DIRECTOR in the b.g. holds up a slate, ready to shoot.

HOST

Here at the Strasburg Rail Road, we've worked with Hollywood for more than thirty years. We know what you need, and we're media friendly. We'll help you secure locations, find crew members, and do whatever it takes to get the job done, all within your budget. Come find Paradise on the Strasburg Rail Road.

Train coming across people, turning them into old time, sepia people--use this somewhere else.

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12 CONTINUED:

End with shot of the Strasburg train coming straight at camera.

LEGEND APPEARS:

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HOST (V.O.) (CONT'D)
For those of you wanting more visuals,
we've edited together the 35mm footage
we shot here, at the rail road.
What follows is more of the trains
and locations of the Strasburg Rail
Road. Enjoy!

Montage of film footage follows, set to music.

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