

CALGARY STAMPEDE AND CANADIAN ROCKIES

Calgary Stampede • Banff • Lake Louise • Icefields Parkway



CALGARY STAMPEDE



A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR

- There are a lot of exciting things to do during your three days at the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth. The **Calgary Stampede** marks its **100TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2012**.
- The **GMC Rangeland Derby** and **Grandstand Shows** as well as one of the world's all-time greatest rodeos are the two highlight events. You'll have a day-and-a-half free time to check out the **Western Oasis**, the colorful **Indian Village**, the **Bell Midway Circus** and hundreds of other events and activities.
- Tour the **Banff** area and take a gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain for a fabulous view.
- Travel on the **Icefields Parkway**, North America's most scenic highway.
- Visit scenic **Lake Louise** and its famous Chateau.

Days 1-2..... Chicago to Lethbridge
Day 3..... Banff
Day 4..... Columbia Icefield
Day 5..... En Route/
Calgary Stampede

Day 6..... Calgary Stampede
Day 7..... Calgary Stampede/
Lethbridge
Days 8-9 En Route to Chicago

CB CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
 B BREAKFAST
 L LUNCH
 D DINNER

TOUR DATE(S):

Sun., July 8 to Mon., July 16

TOUR PRICE:

\$2,495 - 9 Days

Per person /double occupancy

Economy Class Tour: Roomette + \$595 p.p./d.o.
 Bedroom + \$1,195 p.p./d.o.

\$3,090 Single Roomette +\$1,190

FLY OPTION - Fly to Lethbridge, return from Calgary.

7 Days

Price: \$1,995 p.p./d.o.

Single \$2,590

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by rail departing from and returning to Chicago.
- Reclining coach seat with leg rest on Amtrak for two nights.
- First-class hotel accommodations for six nights.
- 12 meals.
- Extensive sightseeing including admissions to Calgary Stampede, Sulphur Mountain Gondola and the Glacier Snocoach.
- Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
- Services of a professional America by Rail Tour Director.

AMERICA BY RAIL WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION TO CHICAGO AND BACK BY RAIL OR AIR.

Day 1: Depart Chicago

All Calgary Stampede and Canadian Rockies tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station. Early this afternoon we will board Amtrak's Empire Builder for the 1475-mile journey across five states to Shelby, Montana. Relax in your comfortable reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes or Bedrooms are available at an additional cost. All dining car meals are included.

After settling in you may want to go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car for spectacular viewing.

Enjoy a full-course dinner in the diner tonight. We briefly stop in Minneapolis-St. Paul around 10:30 p.m. **D**

Day 2: Lethbridge

During the day we will roll across the remote flatlands of North Dakota and eastern Montana. Late this afternoon we'll arrive in Shelby, Montana. A boxed dinner will be provided on the train prior to our arrival. The deluxe motorcoach that will transport us throughout the Canadian Rockies will be waiting for us. Our first night in Western Canada will be spent at the Lethbridge Comfort Inn. **B, L & D**

Day 3: Banff

After a Continental breakfast (included) we will board our motorcoach and head northwest for Banff. The awesome Canadian Rockies will soon begin to dominate the horizon.

Upon arrival in Banff early this afternoon, we will embark on a Discover Banff tour. The highlight of the tour will be the gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain for a spectacular view. Our home for the next two nights will be the attractive Banff Aspen Lodge. Numerous dinner options are nearby. **CB**

Day 4: Columbia Icefield

Today our travelers will experience the Icefields Parkway, North



SULPHUR MOUNTAIN

America's most scenic highway. We'll visit the Columbia Icefield. A ride out onto the Athabasca Glacier in a specialized Snocoach will be a highlight of the tour.

Frequent photo stops will be made. Another high point will be the visit to Lake Louise and its famous Chateau. The setting is one of the most picturesque in the Rockies. A box lunch will be served en route. We will return to our Banff hotel for the night. **CB & L**

Day 5: Calgary Stampede

You're free this morning to relax, shop or continue to explore all that Banff has to offer. At 1:00 p.m. we'll continue on to Calgary and the magnificent Calgary Stampede.

Our arrival into Calgary is scheduled for mid afternoon. Our hotel for the next two nights is the Ramada Hotel Downtown Calgary. You'll have time to freshen up and enjoy dinner at one of the nearby restaurants.



This evening we're off to the GMC Rangeland Derby and Transalta Grandstand show. The derby is the world's premier chuckwagon racing event; 36 drivers, 288 horses and their teams of outriders vie for over a million dollars in prize money. This is the Stampede's most renowned event.

The Grandstand show features the Volte. This stunning program includes a rock opera musical score and gravity-defying sights. There will also be fireworks and performing black stallions.

Day 6: Calgary Stampede

You're free to spend the entire day enjoying all that this major world event has to offer. Discover displays, attractions and events: The Art and Lifestyle Showcase, non-stop entertainment on the Window of the West Stage, creative arts and crafts, and so much more. Don't miss the Co-Op Kitchen Theater. Some of the world's top entertainers will perform.

Day 7: En Route

The morning is yours to continue the explorations you began yesterday.

This afternoon we'll conclude our Stampede visit experiencing the thrill of one of the world's all-time greatest rodeos. Six major events - Bareback, Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Saddle Bronc, Steer



ATHABASCA GLACIER

Wrestling and Tie-Down Roping are the backbone of the Stampede Rodeo.

We'll continue to Lethbridge where we'll spend the night at the Lethbridge Comfort Inn.

Day 8: The Empire Builder

Following an included Continental breakfast, we'll continue south to Shelby, Montana, where at we'll board the Empire Builder for Chicago. Relax in your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Roomettes and Bedrooms are available for an additional cost.

Once you're settled in, you'll want to head for the Sightseer Lounge car. The rest of the day we'll cross the remote flat-

lands of eastern Montana and western North Dakota. **CB, L & D**

Day 9: En Route to Chicago

Breakfast and lunch on the train are included. We pass through Minneapolis - St. Paul this morning and then head south along the west bank of the Mississippi River. The Empire Builder is scheduled to arrive in Chicago's Union Station later this afternoon.

Many of our tour members will conclude their fabulous America by Rail vacation by transferring to other Amtrak trains bound for home cities. Others may spend the night in Chicago and fly home tomorrow. **B & L**



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GENERAL INFORMATION

MEALS

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

A deposit of \$200 per person (\$500 for cruise), of which \$100 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise). If payments are not received by the due date(s) specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Cruises: If reservation is made after final payment due date, prevailing rates and availability apply.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 75 days prior to departure (90 days for cruise), \$100 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 75 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply (90 days for cruise):

- 76-90 days prior to departure: (cruise only)
20% of total tour cost.
- 46-75 days prior to departure:
25% of total tour cost.
- 15-45 days prior to departure:
50% of total tour cost.
- 14 days or less prior to departure through duration of the tour: 100% of total tour cost.

The total tour cost includes tour price, add-ons and upgrades.

Refunds will be made approximately 30 days after the conclusion of the tour.

Payment / cancellation exceptions are noted on tours.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

Rail transportation over the tour route and motorcoach, van, or other modes of transportation where specified in the tour description.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

All tours except those categorized as Coach Class include private Roomette on Amtrak overnight trains and Bedrooms (double occupancy) or Roomettes (single occupancy) on VIA Rail Canada overnight trains. Bedrooms on Amtrak are available at an additional cost. Reclining coach seats are included on U.S. and Canadian trains used only during the daytime except for those categorized as Coach Class. Coach Class tours include reclining coach seats with leg rests on Amtrak trains. Meals on the trains are included for those traveling Coach Class on the North American tours as indicated in the itinerary.

CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Cruise tours include inside staterooms (double occupancy) on cruise ships. Upgraded staterooms may be available at an additional cost.

HOTELS

Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room with bath. Two-bedded rooms are provided in most instances. However, sometimes their availability is limited. If a two-bedded room is required, please notify America by Rail at time of registration.

America by Rail reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in any tour description, when necessary. Every effort is made to have hotel rooms available for occupancy upon arrival. There may be instances when rooms are not available until later.

SINGLE ROOMS

Single rooms at hotels and Amtrak Roomettes on a single basis are available at a supplemental cost.

SIGHTSEEING/ADMISSIONS

Sightseeing, as outlined in the itineraries, will be provided by motorcoaches in most instances. Admission fees are included as specified. Sightseeing tour arrangements may be altered if required.

All included meals are listed in the tour itinerary. Persons requiring a special diet must inform America by Rail at the time of registration. Not all restaurants/trains will be able to honor special requests. Due to events beyond our control, trains are sometimes delayed and supplies may become limited. If you have special dietary requirements, please make sure you have a sufficient supply of nourishment to meet your dietary needs.

In the itineraries, the meals are listed at the end of each day using CB for Continental breakfast, B for breakfast, L for lunch, and D for dinner.

BAGGAGE

For your convenience and to expedite movement, baggage handling is limited to one suitcase per person. Transfer and portage of one suitcase per person is included at overnight stopovers. On most tours the one suitcase per person is handled by America by Rail and is checked through to the next destination. Carry-on luggage is used while en route. America by Rail is not responsible for loss or damage to your baggage or for any lost, stolen or destroyed item. Specified transfers between rail stations and hotels are included.

TOUR DIRECTORS

Services of a qualified America by Rail Tour Director are included for all matters pertaining to the tour. Tour Directors will meet all tour members at the origination city.

TIPS AND TAXES

All gratuities to hotel staff (except to chambermaids), sight-seeing guides and drivers are included. Gratuities for sleeping car attendants and meals aboard the train are included. Gratuities for meals specified in the tour itinerary are included on escorted portions of the tour. Gratuities for cruise ship stateroom stewards and dining waitstaff are included.

TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Transportation and tips between your home city and the official origination city; charges for excess baggage; health, accident or baggage insurance; tips to chambermaids and for personal services; items of a personal nature such as laundry; meals, except those specified as included; gratuities for special services; charges for room service, and alcoholic beverages with included meals.

Gratuities to your America by Rail Tour Directors are an industry expectation. They should be extended on an individual basis, not as a group.

RAIL SCHEDULES:

The routing and features described in tour descriptions may be altered to adjust to rail schedules in effect at the time of the tour. America by Rail reserves the right to substitute motorcoach or air travel for unavailable rail schedules, misconnections, delays or other causes.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS :

A valid passport will be required for any trip crossing international borders. i.e. into or out of the United States. At time of reservation we will need your date of birth; gender, passport number, passport expiration date and issuing country.

HEALTH, MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL:

Any type of disability requiring special treatment must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitations those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

SMOKING:

Smoking is not permitted on America by Rail motorcoaches. Those who smoke may do so at any of the frequent

stops we make. All Amtrak and VIA Rail trains are entirely smoke-free. If time is available at station stops, it will be announced by the conductor. Cruise ships policies vary from line to line, but all have designated areas to accommodate smokers.

PLEASE NOTE:

America by Rail reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to accept or retain any individuals as members of the tour. The acceptance of any service provided as part of an America by Rail tour, or any ticket or voucher, shall be deemed to be acceptance of and consent by the tour member to these conditions.

All rates published herein are in U.S. dollars and based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect on the printing date of the tour brochure. Prices and arrangements are subject to change without notice.

No persons, other than a representative of America by Rail, authorized by a document in writing, may vary, add or waive any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions.

A \$50 per person fee will be assessed for each itinerary alteration requested after final arrangements are confirmed.

It is our company policy to issue a tour roster to all tour participants containing all tour participants' names and addresses. If you do not want your address included, you must let us know at time of reservation.

Times, schedules, entertainment and activities are subject to change without notice.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FUEL SUPPLEMENT:

Please be advised America by Rail reserves the right to apply a fuel supplement for all guests should the price of oil warrant it.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE:

America by Rail acts only in the capacity as an agent for the owners and contractors providing means of transportation, hotel or other services. All tour services, tickets and vouchers are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation, hotel or other services are offered or provided. America by Rail shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way whatsoever, for any loss, injury or damage from acts of God, sickness, theft, weather, strikes, war, or quarantine however caused or arising.

America by Rail reserves the right to cancel a tour in the event tour participation does not meet minimum requirements.

America by Rail shall not be obligated to honor any booking resulting from, nor shall be responsible or liable whatsoever in connection with, misprints or errors of any kind, whether in brochures, advertisements, on the Internet, during the booking process or otherwise, that result in traveler being undercharged for the tour. America by Rail reserves the right, prior to departure, to collect the correct fare or cancel the booking and refund any payment made by traveler.

AMTRAK STATEMENT:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is not to be held responsible for any act, omissions, or event during the time passengers are not on board their trains or conveyance. The passenger contract in use of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. All conditions are subject to the laws of the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

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