

*** NEW ITINERARY ***



BUTCHART GARDENS

BEST OF THE CANADIAN WEST

Victoria • Butchart Gardens • Vancouver • Banff • Icefields Parkway • Lake Louise • Athabasca Glacier • The Empire Builder • The Canadian

Victoria is North America’s most “British City”.

The world-famous **Butchart Gardens** is a 35-acre tapestry of brilliant colors.

Vancouver is one of North America’s most prosperous cities and one of its most beautiful.

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.

Ride out on the **Athabasca Glacier** in a Snocoach.

Visit scenic **Lake Louise** and its famous Chateau.

You’ll be treated royally on both the **The Empire Builder**, Amtrak’s premier train, and VIA Rail Canada’s world-famous transcontinental train, **The Canadian**. You’ll enjoy private-room sleeping accommodations and delicious dining car meals. The Empire Builder features the glass-walled Sightseeing Lounge; on the Canadian you’ll have access to the end-of-train Bullet Lounge and several Vistadome cars.

A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR

Days 1-3 Chicago to Seattle

Day 4..... Victoria/Vancouver

Day 5 Vancouver

Day 6..... The Canadian to Jasper

Day 7..... Maligne Lake

Day 8..... Icefields Parkway/Banff

Day 9..... Banff

Days 10-11 En Route to Chicago

TOUR DATE(S):

2018

Fri., July 6 to Mon., July 16

TOUR PRICE:

All prices are per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

\$5,295 - 11 Days

Upgrade: Bedroom + \$1,045

SINGLE \$6,695

FLY OPTION - Fly to Seattle and return from Calgary. 6 Days

Price: \$4,295*

Single: \$5,095*

America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights. Airfare is not included in above price.

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak, VIA Rail Canada and deluxe motorcoach.
- Private-room sleeping accommodations on Amtrak for three nights in private Roomettes and VIA Rail in a Cabin for one night. (Travel in a Berth and save \$500 per person, see Page 35 for a description of VIA accommodations.)
- First-class hotels for six nights.
- Baggage handling, taxes & tips.
- 18 meals.
- Sightseeing in Victoria, Vancouver and Banff
- 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.

BEST OF THE CANADIAN WEST

Day 1: Depart Chicago

Best of the Canadian West tour members will meet the Tour Director in Chicago's Union Station. The Metropolitan Lounge will be our base in Chicago. The Willis Tower, one of the world's tallest buildings, is close by. Other Chicago attractions are a cab ride away.

At 2:15 p.m. we will depart on Amtrak's Empire Builder for the 2200-mile journey across seven states to Seattle, Washington. Relax in your private Roomette sleeping accommodations. Bedrooms are available for an additional cost. Coffee, juice and water are available in the sleeping car. Go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car for spectacular viewing. All dining car meals are included.

You'll have time for a train-side walk when we arrive in Minneapolis-St. Paul this evening. **D**

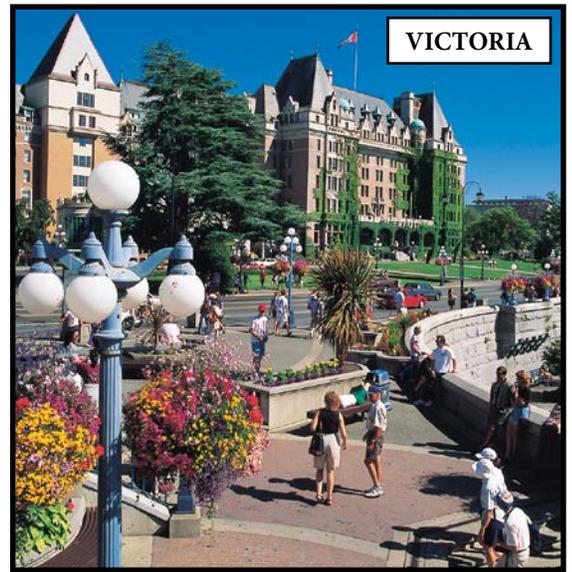
Day 2: En Route

During the day we will roll across the remote lands of North Dakota and eastern Montana. This evening a dramatic panorama of Rocky Mountain peaks will begin to rise above the horizon, becoming increasingly dynamic as we approach Glacier National Park. The scenery is striking as we wind past waterfalls, river gorges and other sights. The glass-walled lounge or dining car are excellent vantage points. **B, L & D**

Day 3: En Route / Seattle

You may want to rise early to watch the sun come up over some spectacular scenery. This morning the Empire Builder will enter the 7.8-mile long Cascade Tunnel. Over the next two hours we'll wind through the scenic Cascade Mountains and then through the lush Puget Sound area and ease into Seattle late morning.

We'll have time for an "on-your-own" lunch at Pike's Market and to do some exploring of the area.

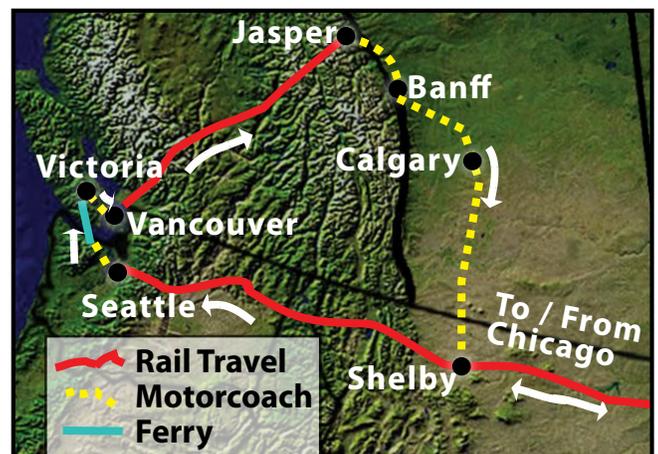


At 3:15 p.m. we'll board the Victoria Clipper, a high-speed catamaran for the two-and-a-half hour cruise through the San Juan Islands to Victoria.

Early this evening we'll arrive in beautiful Victoria, North America's most "British" city. Our hotel is the attractive, centrally located Embassy Inn. Dinner is included this evening. **B & D**

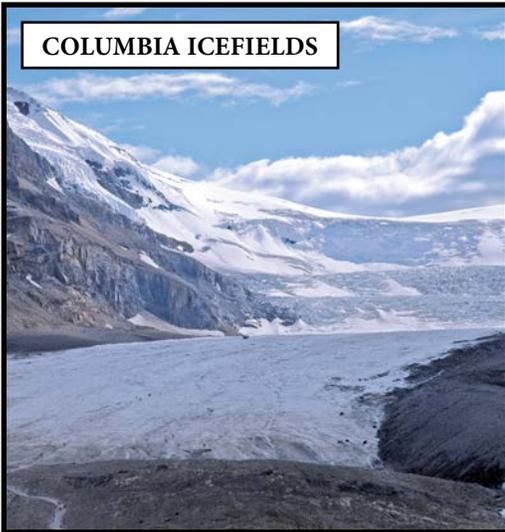
Day 4: Victoria / Vancouver

Following a full breakfast (included) in the hotel this morning we will board our motorcoach and embark on a sightseeing tour of the city including the Parliament buildings, the Provincial Museum, the University of Victoria, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Uplands and Oak Bay residential areas and other sites. We'll continue on to the world-famous Butchart Gardens, a 35-acre tapestry of brilliant colors. You'll be overwhelmed by the beauty of the flowers and the spectacular setting in which you find them.



CB-CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST · B-BREAKFAST · L-LUNCH · D-DINNER

COLUMBIA ICEFIELDS



brilliant peaks and pine forests of the Canadian Rockies. Our train will wind between some of the highest peaks in the Canadian Rockies.

The most stunning scenery will be experienced as we follow the Miette River toward Jasper. We'll roll by the spectacular Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Rockies at 12,972 feet; and then cross Yellowhead Pass, one of the lowest passes along the Continental Divide. We'll arrive in the quaint mountain village of Jasper at 4:00 p.m. Our home for the night is the conveniently located Whistler's Inn.

B & L

Day 7: Icefields Parkway / Banff

Today our travelers will experience the Icefields Parkway, North America's most scenic highway. We'll visit the Columbia Icefield and Athabasca Falls. 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 of the tour will be the visit to Lake Louise and its famous Chateau. The setting is one of the most picturesque in the Rockies. A boxed lunch will be served en route.

We will arrive in Banff by late afternoon. Our lodging for the next two nights will be the beautiful Moose Hotel and Suites.

Day 8: Banff

Following an included breakfast 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.

You are free this afternoon and evening to relax, shop along Banff Avenue, or visit the Natural History or Parks Canada Museums. **B**

Day 9: Shelby

Following an included breakfast we will board our motorcoach for Calgary.

We will visit the 626-foot Calgary Tower, one of the city's major attractions. We'll enjoy lunch (included) in the Tower's revolving restaurant and the panoramic view of the city and the nearby Rockies.

Following lunch we'll visit the Glenbow Museum. Colorful displays trace the

history of the settlement of Western Canada.

We will board our motorcoach and continue on to Shelby, Montana. An "on-your-own" dinner stop will be made.

Upon arrival we will check in to the Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites, our home for the night. **B & L**

Day 10: En Route

Following an included Continental breakfast we will transfer to the Shelby Amtrak Station. At 11:33 a.m. we'll board Amtrak's Empire Builder. Relax in your comfortable, private room sleeping accommodations. All full-course meals are included beginning with lunch. The Sightseer Lounge car is a great place to view the scenery and to reminisce with your fellow tour members about all you saw and did in the past 10 days.

CB, L & D

Day 11: En Route to Chicago

Breakfast and lunch on the train are included. We'll go through Minneapolis-St. Paul, then head south along the west bank of the Mississippi River. The train winds between the river bank and high bluffs. Later in the morning, we pass through the picturesque Dells Country of Wisconsin. The Empire Builder is scheduled to arrive in Chicago's Union Station late this afternoon.

At the conclusion of the tour some travelers will continue to home destinations. Others will spend the night in Chicago and continue home tomorrow. **B & L**

"THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND SCENIC TOURS I HAVE BEEN ON."

VIRGINIA C.
CHICAGO, IL

Following our visit we'll board a British Columbia ferry for the hour-and-a-half scenic crossing of the Strait of Georgia, departure is scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

We'll arrive in Vancouver at 5:35 p.m. and transfer to the Blue Horizon, our home for this evening.

Day 5: Vancouver

You're free this morning to rest or enjoy some of Vancouver's attractions.

Vancouver is one of North America's most prosperous cities and one of its most beautiful. This afternoon we'll embark on a three-and-a-half hour sightseeing tour of the city. The tour will include Gastown, Chinatown, Stanley Park, English Bay, Marine Drive, the waterfront and Queen Elizabeth Park.

We'll enjoy dinner at The Keg, one of Vancouver's fine restaurants. (included).

We will transfer to Pacific Central Station and embark on one of the world's greatest rail passenger experiences . . . The Canadian.

At 8:30 p.m. we'll begin to roll eastward and travel through the heart of the Canadian Rockies, 537 miles to Jasper. You'll want to be in the Panorama Car for the departing reception. **D**

Day 6: En Route

Breakfast and lunch aboard the Canadian are included. You'll want to rise early this morning, enjoy breakfast in the dining car and afterward head for one of the all-glass, bubble-top Vista Dome cars. You may just be fortunate enough to catch the sun rising over the

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:

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

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:

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

- 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. All pricing is per person / double occupancy unless otherwise stated.

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TRANSPORTATION

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

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.

HOTELS

Accommodations are based on two persons sharing a room. 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 single 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.

MEALS

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. An overnight bag 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), sightseeing 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 for the America by Rail Tour Directors are at your discretion; \$3-\$10 per person per day is the industry standard. 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:

America by Rail will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. Any type of disability requiring special provisions must be reported to America by Rail at the time of registration. America by Rail is not required to provide participants with personal devices, such as wheelchairs or individually prescribed devices such as prescription eyeglasses, or to provide services of a personal nature including assistance in eating, toileting or dressing. Accordingly, all participants are responsible to participate without assistance of the America by Rail Tour Director or other attendant. Tour Directors are prohibited from providing physical assistance or accommodations (beyond normal civil courtesies, such as holding doors open for passing). It is recommended that participants requiring assistance, including those requiring the use of a mobility device, be accompanied by a travel companion who will be responsible to provide required assistance. Participants will be asked to submit a confidential medical form for each tour.

Those travelling with oxygen are required to advise America by Rail at least two weeks prior to departure. Amtrak requires all equipment, including oxygen concentrators, must be able to operate a minimum of four hours without available onboard electrical power (in the event of a power disruption onboard). Oxygen equipment must be Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) listed. The total weight of all tanks may not exceed 120 lbs. Within this limit, no more than 2

tanks 50 lb each, or no more than 6 tanks 20 lbs each

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 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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