

# WESTERN CANADA SCENIC EXPEDITION

Kamloops • Jasper • Prince George • Prince Rupert • Inside Passage •  
Victoria • Vancouver • Seattle

## INSIDE PASSAGE



### A VALID PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TOUR

- Traverse both the **Canadian Rockies** and **Coast Mountains**.
- Morning cruise on **Maligne Lake**.
- **Yellowhead Pass** is one of the lowest passes along the Continental Divide.
- **Mt. Robson**, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies at 12,972 feet.
- Travel through the rugged canyons, treacherous rapids, and towering totem poles of the **Yellowhead Highway**.
- **Inside Passage** cruise on the M. V. Northern Expedition. It's the spectacular scenic waterway that extends from Washington State to Alaska.
- Rugged snow-capped mountains, trout-filled lakes, fir and cedar forests, rich farmland and clean, sandy beaches on 300-mile long **Vancouver Island**.
- **Victoria**, the Western Hemisphere's most "British" city and the beautiful Butchart Gardens.
- **Vancouver**, the dynamic city where the mountains meet the sea.
- 4400 miles of first-class travel on the **Empire Builder**, Amtrak's premier train.

Days 1-3 ..... Chicago to Kamloops, BC  
 Day 4..... Kamloops to Jasper  
 Day 5..... Maligne Lake /  
 Prince George  
 Day 6..... Prince George to  
 Prince Rupert

Day 7..... Prince Rupert  
 Day 8..... Inside Passage  
 Day 9..... Port Hardy / Victoria  
 Day 10 ..... Victoria  
 Day 11 ..... Vancouver  
 Days 12-14 ..... Seattle to Chicago

**TOUR DATE(S):**

**Mon., July 9 to Sun., July 22**

**TOUR PRICE:**

**\$3,595 - 14 Days**

Per person /double occupancy

**\$5,040 Single**

**FLY OPTION - Fly to and return from Seattle.**

**10 Days**

**Price: \$2,725 p.p./d.o.**

**Single \$3,565**

**America by Rail will be happy to arrange your flights.**

**YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round-trip transportation by Amtrak rail. Deluxe motorcoach in Western Canada.
- Private Roomette sleeping accommodations on the trains for four nights (\$995 additional per person/double occupancy for a Bedroom).
- First-class hotel accommodations for nine nights.
- 16 meals.
- Extensive sightseeing including: admission to Butchart Gardens.
- 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**

This afternoon Western Canada Scenic Expedition tour members will board Amtrak's Empire Builder for the 2200-mile journey to Everett, Washington. The Empire Builder is one of Amtrak's premier trains. Relax in your comfortable private Roomette or Bedroom sleeping accommodations. Go to the glass-walled Sightseer Lounge car for spectacular viewing. All tastefully prepared full-course dining car meals are included. We will pass through Minneapolis-St. Paul late this evening. **D**

**Day 2: En Route**

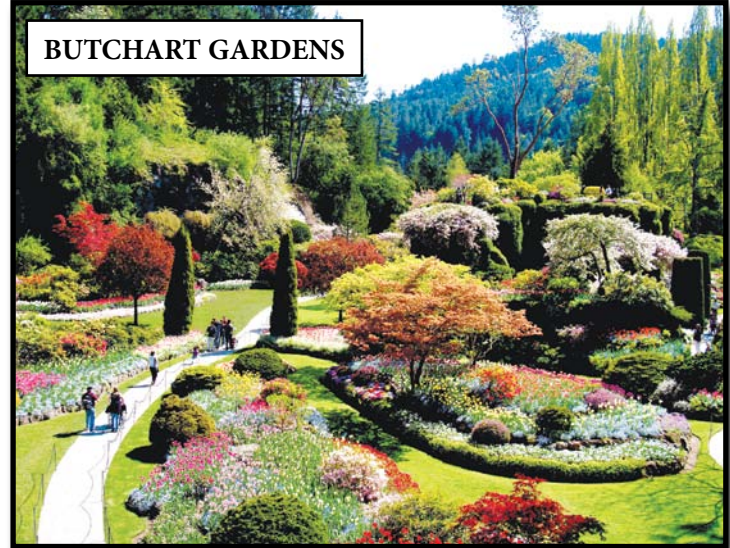
During the day we will roll across the remote flatlands of North Dakota and eastern Montana. At about 5:00 p.m. a dramatic panorama of Rocky Mountain peaks will begin to rise above the horizon. The scenery of Glacier National Park is striking as we wind past waterfalls, river gorges and other sights. The glass-walled lounge and dining car are excellent vantage points. **B, L & D**

**Day 3: En Route / Kamloops, BC**

You may want to rise early to watch the sun come up over some spectacular scenery. At approximately 7:00 a.m. 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. We roll into the Everett train station at 8:36 a.m. We'll board our deluxe motorcoach and travel to Kamloops, British Columbia. An "on-your-own" lunch stop will be made en route. Our hotel for this evening will be the Hampton Inn. **B**

**Day 4: Kamloops / Jasper**

Today we will travel to Jasper, Alberta. You'll thrill to the brilliant peaks and pine forests of the Canadian Rockies. Our motorcoach will wind between some of the highest peaks in the Canadian Rockies.

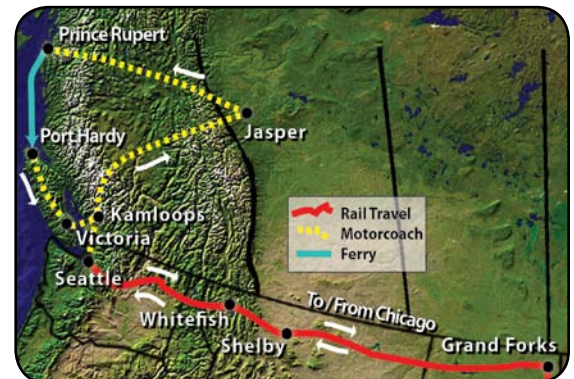


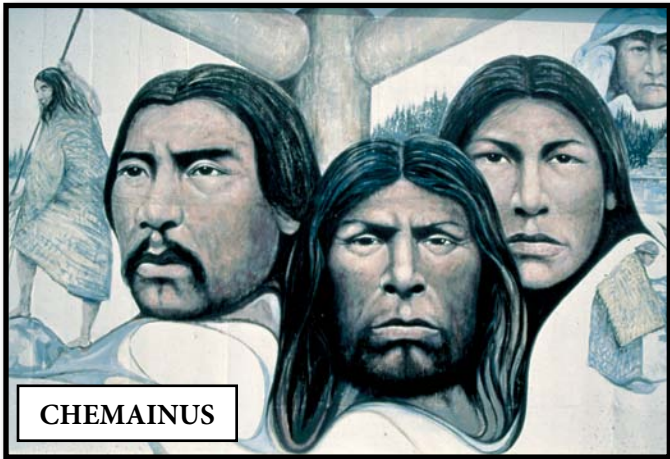
The most stunning scenery of the day will be experienced as we follow the Miette River toward Jasper. We'll roll by the spectacular Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies at 12,972 feet, and then across the Yellowhead Pass, one of the lowest passes along the Continental Divide. We'll arrive in the quaint mountain village of Jasper late this afternoon. Our home for the night in Jasper is the convenient Whistlers Inn. **CB**

**Day 5: Maligne Lake / Prince George**

This morning we'll board our motorcoach and leave for Maligne Lake. Your hour-and-a-half cruise will be one of the greatest scenic experiences of your life. You'll marvel at the magnificent shoreline with dense forests and glacial peaks rising abruptly from the water's edge.

This afternoon we'll board our motorcoach and travel to Prince George where we'll spend the night at the Treasure Cove Hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant is included. **B & D**





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## Day 6: Prince Rupert

This morning we'll board our motorcoach and travel to Prince Rupert. Most of today we follow the Skeena River (Skeena means "river of the clouds") through rugged canyons, along rapids and beside waterfalls. The mountain views are fabulous. Along a 40-mile stretch, you'll see many tall totem poles created by local Native American artisans. Late this afternoon we'll cross the Coastal Mountains of British Columbia. They rival the Canadian Rockies in beauty.

The charming Crest Hotel will be our home for the next two nights.

## Day 7: Prince Rupert

Prince Rupert is a city of 18,000 located on a rugged island bordered by a natural harbor. It is closer to the Far East than Vancouver and provides an outlet for the untapped resources of Canada's far north. You're free this morning to rest or begin to explore this unusual, picturesque community. This afternoon we'll tour the area. The Tour Director will host dinner tonight in our hotel. **D**

## Day 8: Inside Passage

If there is a single high point of this fabulous vacation, it is today's cruise through the famed Inside Passage from Prince Rupert to Port Hardy. Our vessel is the M.V. Northern Expedition, the 380-foot long ship of the British Columbia Ferry's fleet.

The Inside Passage, which extends from the Puget Sound to the Alaska Panhandle, is a world-renowned scenic destination. Protected on the east side by towering, snow-capped peaks of the Coast Mountain Range and by fir tree-covered islands on our west side, it is a

natural marine highway. In addition to the breathtaking scenery, you're likely to see wildlife such as whales, porpoises, sea lions, majestic bald eagles, and herons. The hours of daylight are extensive due to our close proximity to the North Pole.

This spectacular 15-hour cruise will include a Day Cruise cabin with two lower berths, a washstand, and toilet. A cafeteria serves hearty meals and

light snacks. There is outside seating as well as comfortable lounges with relaxing, reclining seats and large picture windows. A gift shop/newsstand is nearby.

Late this evening we'll arrive in Port Hardy, a seaport village at the northern tip of Vancouver Island and stay in nearby Port McNeill.

## Day 9: Port McNeill / Victoria

This morning we'll board our motorcoach and strike out on a 300-mile journey southeast to the opposite end of Vancouver Island. This wonderfully scenic route takes us through a sparsely populated wilderness previously accessible only by boat or logging road. Photo stops will be made. We'll take a mid-afternoon break at picturesque Chemainus, the mural village.

Our journey will end in beautiful Victoria, North America's most "British" city. Late this afternoon we'll arrive at the attractive and centrally located Embassy Inn, our home for the next two nights.

## Day 10: Victoria

You're free this morning to shop for woollens and other items and to visit major attractions. The Provincial Museum is one of the best of its kind in the world. This afternoon we'll embark on an hour-and-a-half 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 then visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens, a 35-acre tapestry of brilliant colors. The beauty of the flowers will overwhelm you. The Tour Director will host dinner tonight at the Embassy Inn's restaurant. **D**

## Day 11: Vancouver

We'll board our motorcoach and travel to Vancouver. Plan to arrive in Vancouver around noon. Enjoy an "on-your-own" lunch at the delightful Granville Island Market. 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. After our tour, we'll check into the beautiful Blue Horizon Hotel.

## Day 12: Seattle

This morning we'll again board our motorcoach for the 144-mile journey to Seattle. After a wonderful Seattle sightseeing tour, we'll proceed to Seattle's King Street Amtrak station where we'll begin our 2205-mile journey back to Chicago. Our departure on the Empire Builder is scheduled for 4:40 p.m.

Sleeping accommodations and all dining car meals are included. **D**

## Day 13: En Route

Enjoy a delicious dining car breakfast and then head for the Sightseer Lounge car. About 8:00 a.m., a dramatic panorama of snow-covered 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 rest of the day we'll cross the remote flatlands of eastern Montana and western North Dakota. You'll want to spend time reminiscing with your fellow tour members about all you saw and did in the past 13 days. **B, L & D**

## Day 14: 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 late 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. Some will spend the night in Chicago and continue home by air tomorrow. **B & L**

# 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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