Halifax combines the best of Canada’s Colonial heritage with contemporary life.

In Montréal enjoy views of the exquisite Notre Dame de Montréal, a magnificent French-Canadian church, the French Quarter and sweeping city views from Mont Royal.

Toronto, Canada’s Queen City, offers an exciting tour and free time to explore. Visiting the CN Tower, one of the world’s tallest buildings, is an option.

Vancouver is one of North America’s most prosperous cities and one of its most beautiful. We’ll enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city.

Travel 4,000 miles from the Atlantic to the Pacific on VIA Rail’s Ocean, the Canadian and a corridor train plus 2,200 miles aboard Amtrak’s Empire Builder.

A valid passport is required for this tour.

Day 1 ......................... Arrive Halifax
Day 2 ......................... Halifax / VIA’s Ocean
Day 3 ......................... Montréal
Days 4-5 ..................... Toronto / En Route
Day 6 ......................... En Route

Day 7 ......................... En Route
Day 8 ......................... En Route
Day 9 ......................... Vancouver
Day 10 ....................... Vancouver to Everett
Days 11-12 .................. En Route to Chicago
Day 1: Halifax

Canada from Coast to Coast tour members will arrive in Halifax throughout the day. We will meet at the Hotel Halifax NS where we will spend the first night of the tour.

Day 2: En Route

A full breakfast is included at our hotel this morning.

Following breakfast we’ll board our motorcoach for a sightseeing tour of charming Halifax, the Maritimes largest city and one of Canada’s most important commercial centers. We’ll stop at a number of historical sites and enjoy several views of the magnificent Halifax Harbor, one of the most beautiful in the world.

We will then follow the beautiful coastline to the picturesque fishing community of Peggy’s Cove. This charming village is one of Canada’s most photographed sites.

Our tour will conclude at the Halifax Station. We’ll board VIA Rail’s Ocean for the 1:00 p.m. departure to Montréal.

Relax in your comfortable private Cabin. B, L & D

Day 3: Montréal

Enjoy breakfast on the train. Arrival into Montréal is scheduled for 10:03 a.m. Upon arrival we’ll set off on a sightseeing tour of Canada’s most magnificent of French-Canadian churches, Old Montréal, the French Quarter, McGill University and a view of this great city from an observation point atop Mount Royale.

Following our tour we’ll check into the grandest and most gracious hotel, Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth, our home for the night. This hotel is located above the train station.

Montréal’s ever-expanding underground city soars upward, downward and sideways around this area and beyond. You’ll have access to more than a thousand boutiques, major department stores and more than 125 restaurants and bars, movie theaters and art galleries. B

Day 4: Toronto / En Route

This morning we’ll transfer to the VIA Rail Station for the 8:55 a.m. departure to Toronto. Our arrival into Toronto’s Union station is scheduled for 2:07 p.m.

Upon arrival we’ll set out on a tour of Canada’s Queen City. You’ll see Casa Loma, China Town, the Eaton Centre, The Skydome and CN Tower. We will also visit Harbourfront, the Fashion District, trendy Yorkville, the Financial District, St. Lawrence Market and both the old and new City Hall.

Our home for the night will be the Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

A welcome dinner is included at the Hot House Café. D

Day 5: En Route

This morning we will board the Canadian prior to its 9:30 a.m. departure.
Relax in your comfortable Berth. Cabins are available at an additional cost. (See Page 29 for description).

This afternoon we will be rolling north along the eastern shore of Lake Huron's Georgian Bay. Parry Sound (home of hockey great Bobby Orr) marks the entrance of the rugged Canadian Shield. This scenery rich region lies between the Great Lakes and Hudson Bay and is comprised of exposed bedrock, lakes and boreal forests. A seat in one of the dome cars provides an amazing vantage point!

This evening’s dinner in the dining car will be the first of many great meals aboard the Canadian.

**Day 6: Winnipeg / En Route**

Today we will be treated to more of the amazing Canadian Shield scenery. There is simply no better way to experience this than aboard The Canadian!

Our arrival into Winnipeg is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. You will have time to depart the train for a stroll through “The Forks”. The Forks is an abandoned railyard transformed into Winnipeg’s foremost shopping and dining destination. Just make sure you are back in time for the 9:30 p.m. departure.

**Day 7: Saskatoon / En Route**

Wake up to a delicious dining car breakfast. We will arrive into Saskatoon this morning at 10:50 a.m. You will have time for a brief trainside stroll.

Tonight we are scheduled to arrive in the Alberta city of Edmonton at 8:50 p.m. This would be a good opportunity to stretch your legs trainside before settling in for the evening.

**Day 8: Canadian Rockies**

Stunning scenery greets us today as we ascend the majestic, towering peaks of the Canadian Rockies. Keep your eyes open for wildlife such as moose, elk, and eagles.

A 3 hour stop in Jasper will provide time to stroll through this beautiful mountain resort town.

Upon leaving Jasper we will encounter Yellowhead Pass, Mount Robson (the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies at 12,972 feet), Pyramid Falls and more stunning scenery along the Miette River.

**Day 9: Vancouver**

Our arrival into Vancouver is scheduled for 8:00 a.m.

We will board our motorcoach and transfer to the Blue Horizon Hotel, our home for the night.

**Day 10: Vancouver to Everett**

This morning we’ll embark on a sightseeing tour of the city. The tour will include Gastown, Chinatown, Stanley Park, English Bay, Marine Drive, the waterfront and Queen Elizabeth Park.

You’ll have time for an “on-your-own” lunch at Granville Island with its public market, brewery and thriving artist community.

We’ll board our motorcoach and travel to Everett, WA where we’ll board the Empire Builder for the 5:39 p.m. departure for Chicago.

Settle in to your reclining coach seat with leg rest. Private Roomettes and Bedrooms may be available for an additional cost and include dining car meals.

**Day 11: En Route**

This morning you’ll want to head for the Sightseer Lounge car. A dramatic panorama of snow-capped 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.

**Day 12: En Route to Chicago**

After we go through Minneapolis-St. Paul, we 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.
REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT:
A deposit of $500 per person, of which $250 per person is non-refundable, is required to finalize registration. The balance is due 120 days prior to departure. Amtrak accommodation upgrades and any connecting transportation charges are due at time of reservation. If payments are not received by the due date specified, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

TOUR CANCELLATIONS:
If cancellation is received by America by Rail more than 120 days prior to departure, $250 of your deposit will be retained. For cancellations received within 120 days of departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply:
- 76-120 days prior to departure: 25% of total tour cost.
- 61-75 days prior to departure: 50% of total tour cost.
- 31-60 days prior to departure: 85% of total tour cost.
- 30 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. Air and connecting rail cancellations are subject to the carrier's policy.
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.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS
As specified in the tour itinerary, upgrades may be available at an additional cost.

CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS
Rail / Sail 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. 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. Trunk, travel bag and portage of one suitcase per person is included at overnight stops. 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 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, travel 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.

GRAUITIES
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 Americas 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.

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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