

THE GREAT Canadian Pacific

The Empire Builder | Banff | Lake Louise | Jasper | Via Rail Canada's Skeena domeliner Train | Inside Passage Cruise | Victoria | Seattle

The Best of Western Canada by Classic Vista-dome Train & Coastal liner - Two departures only

June 14-27, 2019

September 6-18, 2019

13 Days from \$5,295 per person

Every once in awhile we like to debut a new program that combines a number of wonderful highlights into one glorious holiday and in 2019, we have a jewel in the form of 'The Great Canadian Pacific'. We begin with complimentary train travel from ANY US point to Whitefish, Montana aboard the famed Empire Builder train. We then travel north via Rogers Pass to Banff to begin four glorious nights, at the ideal time of the year, in the Canadian Rockies. Next to offer a Canadian Rockies daylight passage by train that few have enjoyed, we use Via Rail Canada's domeliner 'Skeena', a secret jewel of a train from Jasper west to Prince Rupert, British Columbia with two stunning daylight rides past Mt Robson, through Yellowhead Pass and along the Skeena River. Our guests enjoy special 'Panorama Dome' seating on this train and nicely, guests sleep in a comfortable hotel en route, traveling by train only by day.

At Prince Rupert, we begin another visual treat, a daylight voyage down the Inside Passage by ship with every mile featuring wildlife, mountain views and abundant marine life including seals, whales and porpoises. Arriving in Vancouver Island we then enjoy two nights in charming Victoria with highlights including Butchart Gardens, a visit to the Royal British Columbia Museum and lunch at the Empress Hotel.

After Victoria, we sail aboard the nostalgic mv Coho to Seattle for a final evening including a special farewell dinner before guests board the train for the trip home.

With fine hotels, brilliant sightseeing with features like the Banff Gondola, the Snocoach ride atop Athabasca Glacier, the magical boat cruise on Maligne Lake all included along with admissions, fine dining and more, this clever itinerary is certain to sell out. Prompt reservations are encouraged to avoid disappointment. We look forward to welcoming you aboard.

- ✳ Travel aboard the famed 'Empire Builder' train from any Midwest or West Coast point to Whitefish, Montana and the start of our tour, an overnight journey of great beauty.
- ✳ Two nights in beautiful Banff with sightseeing including the lovely Banff Gondola ride and a visit to stunning Lake Louise and Moraine Lake along with a welcome dinner in Banff.
- ✳ The Icefields Parkway between Banff and Jasper, the prettiest drive in North America with a Snocoach ride atop Athabasca Glacier.
- ✳ Two nights in lovely Jasper, our favorite Canadian Rockies town with the staggeringly beautiful boat cruise on Maligne Lake.
- ✳ Two days of deluxe touring class travel aboard Via Rail Canada's Skeena train through the Canadian Rockies and Coast Range Mountains in daylight. Guests enjoy Panorama Dome car seating by day and enjoy a First Class hotel stay at night. Many people consider this routing via Yellowhead Pass the most scenic railway route west.
- ✳ Inside Passage cruise from Prince Rupert to Vancouver Island, a spectacularly scenic day trip aboard the mv Northern Expedition.
- ✳ Two-nights in charming very British Victoria, with a visit to Butchart Garden, a city tour including the Royal British Columbia Museum and lunch at the Empress Hotel.
- ✳ Overnight stay and Farewell Dinner in Seattle.
- ✳ Fully hosted by professional tour manager with fine hotels, all transfers, most meals including breakfast daily and comprehensive sightseeing along with ample free time.



We have included travel from any Midwestern point, Seattle, or Portland to Whitefish aboard the Empire Builder and travel home from Seattle to the Midwest or California. Guests with less time may opt to fly on their own and receive a credit. Guests who wish to upgrade from the included coach accommodations on the train may upgrade to bedroom accommodations and pricing varies by date and room type. Like airline tickets, rates are less costly when early reservations are made.

Day 1 | All Aboard

Guests depart Midwest and West Coast points today aboard the Empire Builder train bound for Whitefish, Montana. Some Western points may require departing by train the day before. En route this evening over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

Day 2 | Whitefish, MT

Guests from the west arrive in picturesque Whitefish, Montana this morning and guests from Eastern points arrive tonight. Fine accommodations await at Grouse Mountain Lodge, always popular with our guests. You will meet your tour manager this evening.

Day 3 | Banff, AB

We begin a beautiful day with breakfast before departing on a stunningly beautiful drive via Rogers Pass to Banff where we arrive this afternoon. We will stop en route in Yoho National Park and Moraine Lake, the perfect visual feast to welcome us to the Canadian Rockies. Tonight is our welcome dinner, a nice way to meet your fellow travelers. B D

Day 4 | Banff, AB

A magical day that begins with breakfast followed a tour of Banff Township followed by a ride on the spectacular Banff Gondola. We have left all afternoon and evening free for you to enjoy Banff at your own pace. B

Day 5 | Banff, AB

Today is a visual feast that includes Lake Louise, the storied Icefields Parkway drive to Jasper and best of all, a Snocoach ride atop Athabasca Glacier which many guests describe as the highpoint of the holiday. You will want to have your camera handy since this is arguably the most scenic drive in North America. We arrive in Jasper this afternoon for our two night stay. Queen Elizabeth II, as Queen of Canada prefers Jasper over all other Canadian Rockies destinations and we agree with Her Majesty. This evening is at leisure to enjoy the charm of this small town. B L

Day 6 | Jasper, AB

Another day of stunning beauty with a visit to Maligne Canyon followed by the most scenic excursion in the northern Canadian Rockies, the boat cruise on Maligne Lake. The afternoon is free to enjoy Jasper or perhaps ride, golf or river raft. Tonight is a casual dinner alongside the Athabasca River. B D

Day 7 | The "SKEENA" Train to Prince George

Guests may sleep in this morning as we do not depart Jasper until midday aboard the Skeena train. Today we roll past Mt Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies and cross the Continental Divide at Yellowhead Pass. Our guests enjoy Panorama Class seating in the dome car with lunch and dinner en route today. Upon arrive at Prince George we transfer to the nearby Hotel for an overnight stay in great comfort. B L D

Day 8 | The "SKEENA" Train to Prince Rupert

We reboard the Skeena train this morning in Prince George for our passage to Prince Rupert. Highlights today including the Coast Range Mountains of British Columbia and we follow the Skeena River west alongside rapids, waterfalls and through high canyons. Skeena means 'river of the clouds' and from the comfort of the vista-dome car, you will soon understand why. We arrive in Prince Rupert this evening and transfer to our hotel for an overnight stay. B L D

Day 9 | Cruising the Inside Passage to Victoria

Today's passage through the fabled Inside Passage is yet another highlight of this holiday. All day is spent steaming south with towering mountains of the Coast Range on the port side of the ship and verdant fir and pine tree forests covering the islands on the starboard side of the vessel. Typically on this voyage sea lions, whales and bald eagles are common. Our ship, the Northern Expedition has abundant indoor and outdoor seating, comfortable lounges and a choice of dining venues. Late this evening we arrive at Vancouver Island in Port Hardy with an overnight hotel stay just minutes from the pier. B

Day 10 | Victoria, BC

Guests can sleep in this morning and after a late breakfast we depart by coach for Victoria, traveling most of the length of Vancouver Island en route, traveling through rain forests on the way. A highlight today is a stop for lunch in Chemainus, a small town known far and wide for its murals. This afternoon we arrive in Victoria and check in at the superb Inn at Laurel Point, just a short walk from Inner Harbour, the Empress Hotel and the Parliament Buildings. B

Day 11 | Victoria, BC

A glorious day in this charming remnant

(Included meals are noted)

of Empire. We start with a tour of Victoria City followed by a visit to fabled Butchart Gardens, a stunning 38 acre floral display. Like yesterday on our Inside Passage cruise, you will want to have your camera handy. Returning to Victoria, a special treat awaits, lunch at the Empress Hotel, one of the world's truly great and legendary hotels. We have left time this afternoon for you to visit the remarkable Royal British Columbia Museum and the much photographed Parliament Buildings directly across the street. We have left the evening at leisure for you to enjoy one of the many nice restaurants and bistros in downtown Victoria. B L

Day 12 | Seattle, WA

As you would expect, we have a unique and pleasant mode of transport today to Seattle, the marvelous 1950's era 'mv Coho'. Our 90 minute crossing to Port Angeles on the Straits of Juan de Fuca offers up beautiful views of the Olympic Peninsula. At Port Angeles we reboard our coach for the drive to Seattle with an afternoon arrival in the Emerald City where rooms at the superbly located Mayflower Park Hotel await. Tonight is our special Farewell dinner hosted by the tour manager. B D

Day 13 | Journey Home

Guests check out this morning and travel home independently. Return rail is included to and West or Midwest Points. B



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