

Discover "The World Next Door" - Canada by Rail



12 Days: July 12-23, 2010

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Picture yourself reclined in a comfy seat aboard a glass-topped train car, surrounded by the awesome scenery of the Canadian Rockies. Experience a one-of-a-kind ride in a "snocoach" on 100 foot-deep glacial ice and stand in awe of the sapphire blue waters of Lake Louise. Travel in luxury aboard a classic art deco rail car, exploring the prairies, rivers and lakes of central and eastern Canada. Feel the thunder of Niagara Falls and view millions of lights while dining high above Toronto. All of this and more are yours on our Canadian rail adventure to discover "The World Next Door."

July 12 we depart our guaranteed departure cities (contact us if you or friends would like to join us from other air gateway cities) on our way to Des Moines International Airport. Check in with your experienced international escort for your flight to Toronto. After clearing customs we meet our local host and transfer to our hotel. Your professional host from NorthLand Travel will be with you throughout your journey to make certain that all the details are in order. Tonight we'll get together for a welcome reception with our local guide.

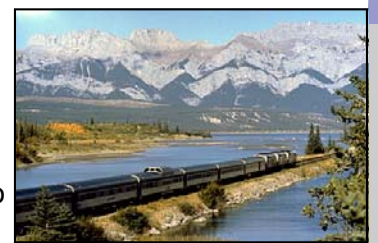
July 13 we travel to one of North America's most popular attractions, Niagara Falls. You can feel the thunder of these magnificent waters but we'll get to experience an even bigger thrill! We'll board a Maid of the Mist boat for a cruise to the face of the falls. Not enough adventure for you? How about an optional flight over the falls? We'll also see the famous Floral Clock before returning to Toronto. We'll have a brief tour of Toronto's downtown area then transfer to the train station to board The Canadian. The Canadian has been called the finest long distance train in North America and one of the best in the world. Settle into your private sleeping quarters and prepare to be gently rocked to sleep! There's nothing quite like the rhythmic ride on the rails. (B)



July 14 awaken to freshly brewed coffee and **breakfast** as you glide through the seemingly endless prairies of Ontario and into Manitoba. Enjoy attentive service and excellent meals aboard gleaming stainless steel Streamliner cars (some of the last anywhere). All meals are included, while aboard the Canadian. Engage in conversation in one of the lounges, retreat with a good book or whatever else you desire as we continue our rail journey. The Park car offers an upper observation deck with 360-degree views and a lower level with wrap-around windows. The Skyline car also has a 360-degree observation deck as well as lounge area complete with a video and book library. The dining car features a nice selection of great meals, served on china with silverware and linen. Your sleeping quarters will be transformed to a comfortable, private sitting area by day. Enjoy the intrigue of a great train journey! See more of Canada in a day than many will see in a lifetime! (B,L,D)



July 15 we arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba's capital city. We'll leave our train for a while, to take in some of the city sights, including the Forks National Historic Site, which has been a commercial hub for more than 5,000 years! We'll have time to explore Forks Market, where boutiques and restaurants abound. Later this morning we'll reboard the Canadian and continue our journey west. Another fine lunch and dinner will be served. Chat with fellow travelers or retire to your private quarters to reflect on the day. (B,L,D)



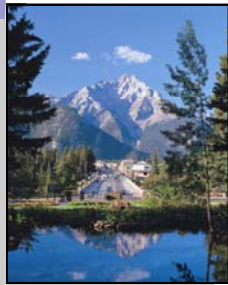
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July 16 the Canadian continues west, parallel to the historic Yellowhead Route, Canada's historic trail of westward expansion. We'll arrive in Jasper early afternoon with time to spend as you wish. (B,L)



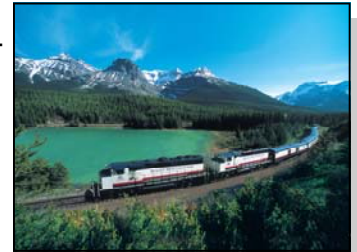
July 17 we take a cruise to Spirit Island on Maligne Lake, largest lake in the Rockies. Snowcapped mountains surround this lake, which is up to 300 feet deep. The rest of the day is up to you...soak up the scenery, shop, golf or maybe you'll want to take an optional nature walk or rafting trip. We'll enjoy dinner together tonight. (B,D)

July 18 we travel through Jasper National Park on Icefields Parkway. At Columbia Icefield, we'll ride on the more than 1,000-foot thick ice aboard a snowcoach. We may even have a chance to walk on the glacier. We'll cross Sunwapta Pass with views of alpine meadows, waterfalls and glaciers. We'll also cross Bow Pass with incredible views of emerald-green Peyto Lake. We'll arrive at Lake Louise, a truly beautiful place backdropped by Mount Victoria. You won't find this dynamic color of water anywhere else. It's as close to turquoise as can be found in nature. We continue into beautiful Banff National Park for the night at the lodge. (B,D)



July 19 after **breakfast**, get those cameras ready! We'll ride the gondola on Sulphur Mountain for spectacular view. Then visit majestic Bow Falls and the Hoodoos. What's a hoodoo? It's a unique, mushroom-shaped sandstone formation created by the effects of erosion and freeze-thaw cycles. This afternoon, choose from several optional excursions or just relax. Optional experiences include a float trip on the Bow River, a scenic helicopter flight or a tour of two historic homes and a French dinner. We stay another night at Banff National Park. (B)

July 20 after **breakfast** get set for more spectacular scenery on the rails. We board the Rocky Mountaineer at Banff's train station for an unforgettable 2-day journey. We board the Rocky Mountaineer to retrace the historic Canadian Pacific Railway route built more than 100 years ago through the Canadian Rockies. Settle into your roomy, reclining seat with extended leg room. Attendants will make you feel at home with snacks and meals served to your seat, while you gaze onto Canada's beauty through a large picture window. We cross the Continental Divide and climb Kicking Horse Pass before winding through the engineering feat of the Spiral Tunnels. This unique "figure eight" routing required tunnels through solid rock. The unique design reduced by half, the incline that would have limited heavy freight traffic through this rugged area and completed Canada's first transcontinental railway. The tunnels are studied by engineering students around the world. We then continue through Yoho National Park and enter the heart of the Selkirk Mountains. We continue past Glacier National Park, the Monashee Mountains and Shuswap Lake. We'll end today's fantastic journey (no doubt with sore eyes, from all the beauty we've seen!) at Kamloops. We'll transfer to our hotel. An optional evening show will take you on a musical journey across Canada, following a buffet dinner. Or you may find dinner on your own and enjoy an evening at leisure. It's your vacataion! (B,L)



July 21 we reboard the Rocky Mountaineer and set out for Vancouver. The scenery changes dramatically as we travel west. From the steep slopes along the Thompson River and the rushing waters of Hell's Gate to cosmopolitan Vancouver, you'll enjoy the awesome vistas and attentive service. At Vancouver we'll bid farewell to the Rocky Mountaineer and transfer to our hotel for the night. (B,L)

July 22 after **breakfast** we set out on a tour of beautiful Vancouver, including the harbor, Chinatown, Stanley Park and more. This afternoon you can explore some of Vancouver's unique neighborhoods on your own, take a water taxi to Granville Island or just kick back and relax. Enjoy your day! Tonight we all gather for a farewell finale dinner as we look back on a fantastic journey across Canada. (B, D)



July 23 after **breakfast** we transfer to Vancouver's International Airport for our return flight. Your tour hosts will assist you with check-in, customs and immigration clearance. Upon arrival in Des Moines, a Hawkeye Stages motor coach will be waiting to transfer us to our departure cities. (B)

Your 12-day Canada by Rail package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation between our guaranteed departure cities and Des Moines International Airport, all transfers* during the trip (*transfers provided if air purchased from NorthLand Travel), all rail transportation (Redleaf service aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, Silver & Blue (first-class sleeper car) service aboard the Canadian; both including on-board meals), other meals as noted on each day (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner), admission to listed attractions (other than those noted as optional) hotels for 9 nights, and luggage handling.

\$4,699 per person, double occupancy (^plus air transportation)

\$5,536 single room accommodations (^plus air transportation)

(Sorry, triple and quad occupancy are not available for this travel package)

^(Group air contracts are not available until 300 days prior to travel. We will negotiate and advise you of final air price mid-September. PLEASE do not wait to make your reservations as space is limited. We will do our best to secure the best group air fare.)

Reservations: anytime as long as space is available

Deposit: \$350 per person, due with reservation

Balance due: May 1

Early booking discount: \$50 per person discount applied toward final balance if deposit is received by September 21

Peace of Mind Protection: is not available for this travel package but affordable travel insurance is available at a group rate. Please contact our office for details and pricing. Without protection, regardless of the reason for cancellation, the following penalties apply:

Cancellation from March 12-May 5 a \$350 penalty per person applies

Cancellation from May 6-June 17 a 20% penalty applies

Cancellation from June 18-July 1 a 30% penalty applies

Cancellation from July 2-9 a 50% penalty applies

Cancellations after July 9 are subject to 100% penalty

Guaranteed departure cities: Decorah, New Hampton, Waterloo, Marshalltown, Ames, Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Ames, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Coralville and Newton

A valid passport or passport card is required for this travel package.