

West Coast Rail Tours

(a subsidiary of West Coast Railway Association)

Presents a Chance to

Ride the E&N Train to See the Whales

Enjoy our completely new tour to view migrating whales between Vancouver Island and the Mainland, combined with great coastal scenery and two ferry trips.

Departure Thursday, July 22nd, 2010 for 4 Days

Meals included in packages are shown thus: **B** = breakfast, **L** = lunch, **D** = dinner (All other meals are on your own)

Day 1 - Thursday, July 22nd Vancouver to Victoria

Make your way to Vancouver's Pacific Central Station and exchange supplied vouchers for through motorcoach service to Victoria on Pacific Coach Lines. We suggest picking up your coach tickets 30 minutes before departures at 7:45 AM, 9:45 AM or 11:45 AM. Transit time is less than 4 hours. From the Victoria bus depot you walk ½ block to the Queen Victoria Hotel for the night. Welcome dinner at 6:30 PM is included. **D**

Day 2 - Friday, July 23rd Victoria to Port McNeill

We supply bagged breakfasts at 7:20 AM and at 7:30 AM we transfer you to the E&N Railway station to board the train for an 8:00 AM departure. Arrival in Courtenay is at 12:45 PM where we take lunch and continue our trip north to Campbell River for a brief stop. We spend the night in Port McNeill. **B, L, D**

Day 3 - Saturday, July 24th

Port McNeill to Telegraph Cove – Whale Watching – Campbell River

After a breakfast buffet we board our motorcoach at 8:00 AM for Telegraph Cove. We board our whale watching boat at 9:00 AM and spend about 3 hours in this comfortable covered and heated 55'(18m) boat – with full facilities - until about noon – ***depending on the whales. Other wildlife is often spotted. After lunch at the *Killer Whale Café* we leave for Campbell River with a couple of stops en route. **B, L, D**

Day 4 - Sunday, July 25th Campbell River – Nanaimo – Vancouver

We have a chance to relax, take breakfast, and then depart at 10:00 AM for the Campbell River Museum. After an interesting visit we leave for Qualicum Beach for lunch. You then visit the unique attractions in the Coombs Junction area including the famous market with goats on the roof. We return to the Vancouver area by either the Departure Bay – Horseshoe Bay ferry or the Duke Point – Tsawwassen service arriving home before 8:00 PM. Island residents can take the train home. **B, L**

*** Whale sightings are not guaranteed. However *Stubbs Island* has a 90% success rate of sightings.

FARE: Per person sharing: from \$999; BC Seniors \$969 Single Supplement: \$180 (HST extra)

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