

Price Reduction

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Longer Itinerary

WAS - ~~7 Days~~ **NOW** - **9 Days**

The Rockies, B.C. Interior and the Totems of Haida Gwaii by Trains, Ship and Plane

We offer a great opportunity to travel across the Rockies and central British Columbia by train to Prince Rupert, for onward travel by ship to the Queen Charlotte Islands (Haida Gwaii).

NEW

Departure Date

Tuesday, May 18th, 2010 for 9 Days

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

Day 1 - Tuesday, May 18th Vancouver to the Rockies

Make your way to Vancouver's Pacific Central Station and check in by 7:00 PM to get your accommodation assignments and baggage checked. Join fellow *Canadian* travellers in the departure lounge and station platform terrace as you are entertained with a drink to some traveling music. Board the famous train at 8:00 PM and settle in for an 8:30 PM departure. Your train winds its way through Vancouver's eastern suburbs and lower Fraser Valley as you settle into your private room. By nightfall you are well into the Coastal Mountains and the Fraser Canyon. Retire for the night in your choice of sleeping accommodation.



Day 2 - Wednesday, May 19th The Rockies and Jasper

You awaken in the heart of the Rockies enjoying the fantastic scenery all day. Enjoy breakfast and lunch in the dining car. By 4:00 PM a stop is made in Jasper where you disembark and cross the street to Whistler's Inn for the night. Dinner is on your own. **B, L**

Day 3 - Thursday, May 20th Jasper

Today is free in Jasper. You can sleep in and have a leisurely breakfast or brunch. Some will want to take a day excursion in the village and area by tour bus.

Day 4 - Friday, May 21st



Jasper to Prince George

At 12:15 PM board the *Skeena* for its departure through Yellowhead Pass and northwest through the Rocky Mountain Trench. The Jasper-Prince Rupert train is a **two-day journey** from the rugged splendour of Jasper National Park and the Canadian Rockies to the haunting beauty of the Pacific Coast. The first day of the journey you follow the Fraser River mostly before it turns south on its way to the Pacific. You arrive in Prince George shortly after 7:00 PM and stay in a comfortable hotel near the station tonight.

Day 5 - Saturday, May 22nd

Prince George to Prince Rupert

Return to the station by 7:30 AM for the continuation of your journey west to Prince Rupert (departing at 8:00 AM.) This trip is the most scenic of rail journeys and called *VIA Rail's* best kept secret. You pass wild rivers, mountains, gorges, high bridges, native culture and the occasional small town. Arrival in Prince Rupert is planned for 8:25 PM where you stay the night in a downtown hotel. **B, L, D**

Day 6 - Sunday, May 23rd

Prince Rupert to the Queen Charlotte Islands

Today is free in Prince Rupert. Leave by BC Ferries on the *Northern Adventure (or Explorer)* late evening at 11:00 PM and spend the night in a cabin aboard the ship.

Day 7 - Monday, May 24th

The Queen Charlotte Islands (Haida Gwaii)

Arrive in the morning in Skidegate at 6:00 AM. After some time for breakfast on your own in Queen Charlotte we board a motorcoach that will take us on a tour up north on the island. You are transferred to your hotel for check in and then have the afternoon free. **L**

Day 8 - Tuesday, May 25th

The Queen Charlotte Islands (Haida Gwaii)

Today is a fun-filled day with tours around the northern part of the island. Sights we may see are Naikoon Provincial Park, the Delkatla Wildlife Sanctuary, Masset Cemetery and Dixon Entrance Maritime Museum in Masset before meeting with Haida artisans in Old Masset to discuss Haida Art and Culture, Port Clements Museum, Yakoun River, Shoreline Walk and Observatory, Haida Canoe and Golden Spruce Trail. Dinner is on your own.



B, L

Day 9 - Wednesday, May 26th

The Queen Charlotte Islands to Vancouver

On this the last day, early morning is free before you are transferred to Masset airport for your Pacific Coastal Airlines flight at 11:30 AM arriving in Vancouver (YVR) just before 2:00 PM. **B**

FARE: Per person sharing: \$1999. Seniors \$1949.

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