

West Coast Rail Tours

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Presents

"Three Great Cities by Three Famous Trains"

A unique chance to travel on three great "name" trains to visit three of the largest cities in North America from the comfort of your private sleeping compartments, dining cars, lounges and scenic domes. Enjoy the Canadian Rockies and the vast Prairies en route to Toronto, then upper state New York, Chicago and America's Northern States back to the Pacific Coast

Departures Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays for 9+ Days

Detailed Itinerary tour code TC3T

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

Day 1:

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 travellers in the departure lounge and station platform terrace where you may be entertained by some travelling music. Board *The Canadian* 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:

After breakfast in the dining car find yourself in the heart of the Rockies enjoying the fantastic mountain scenery which lasts until well after dinner. By 4:00 PM a stop in Jasper is made for a break off the train. Reboard when called and go to your dining car for dinner. By 7:00 PM you are on your way out of the mountains and into Alberta's verdant foothills. At 11:00 PM arrive in Edmonton, Alberta's capital city of over a million people. Once under way again you should be in bed and on your way east across the prairies into Saskatchewan. **B, L, D**

Day 3:

By breakfast time you are in Saskatoon for a brief stop then are well into Manitoba by dinner time. Arrival in Winnipeg is planned for 8:30 PM. Departure is planned for 11:30 PM so you may want to walk around the downtown area, take an organized tour or visit the nightlife at the nearby Forks entertainment area. **B, L, D**

Day 4:

Early this morning you cross into Ontario and spend the rest of the day traversing the vast wilderness area of its northern part. You settle in for your last night on the train after a relaxing day visiting with your fellow passengers or reading a good book. **B, L, D**

Day 5:

Get up early and after a hot breakfast in the dining car pack your bags ready for arrival in Toronto at 9:30 AM. We recommend staying at least one night here to familiarize yourself with Canada's largest metropolitan area. We use a good hotel just around the corner from the station - if you choose to do this. The remainder of the itinerary assumes an overnight stay. **B**

Day 6:

Make your way to Toronto's Greyhound bus station for a 12:15 PM departure to Syracuse, New York. A passport is required to cross the international border at Niagara Falls. Arrival at Syracuse's Transportation Centre (Amtrak station) is at 7:15 PM. There will be time to visit the Carousel Center Shopping Mall nearby before boarding the *Lakeshore Limited* at 9:30 PM on its way from Boston and New York to Chicago. Your sleeping car accommodation is pre-booked for you.

Day 7:

After breakfast in the diner get yourself ready for arrival at Union Station in Chicago at 9:45 AM. This "windy city" is another great metropolis worthy of a stay for a day or two. We can book decent hotels near the station. If you plan on continuing your journey today, the *Empire Builder* leaves from Union Station at 2:15 PM. It spends the rest of the afternoon winding its way north and west through Wisconsin and by late evening you are in St. Paul and Minneapolis in time for your first night on this completely different train. **B**

Day 8:

Breakfast is available in the dining car as *The Empire Builder* speeds west across sparsely populated North Dakota. You are in Montana by noon and by dinnertime are skirting the Rockies' famous Glacier National Park. By bedtime you are crossing into Idaho and in Washington State by midnight. **B, L, D**

Day 9:

Over breakfast you will find yourself in the heart of Washington's North Cascade Range and can expect arrival in Seattle by about 10:30 AM. You can connect directly to a motorcoach for transfer back to BC or if you wish you should have some time to walk around downtown Seattle and do some shopping before an alternate Amtrak connecting Thruway motorcoach leaves at 1:15 PM for Surrey, Richmond and Vancouver. That coach arrives back at Vancouver's Pacific Central Station at 5:00 PM, your starting point. This ends a great circle tour of outstanding geography and great experiences. **B**

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FARE: The 9-Day Tour, based on shared accommodation. From Cdn\$1695 per person. Single fares start at Cdn\$1895. Price depends on age of guests, number traveling together, type of sleeping accommodation on the trains (upper or lower berths, single, double or triple bedrooms), date of booking, date of travel, and US\$ exchange rate. **Included in the price:** Train fares, sleeping accommodation, motorcoach transfers, hotel, meals as noted, complete documentation with route guides, tickets & detailed itinerary, plus all taxes. Short taxi transfers not included. We assemble this complete itinerary at a lower cost than you doing it on your own.

Add a night in Seattle and take the morning "Cascades" train service to Vancouver for an extra \$99 per person including your hotel. Victoria customers can take the "Clipper" home to the Island.

All services are booked direct to your personal credit card and are therefore subject to the terms and conditions of each carrier or service provider booked on your behalf.

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