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We're delighted to share this hand-picked selection of our most popular tours from around the globe for 2023 and 2024. Wherever in the world you'd like to explore – from America's diverse national parks to Europe's ancient cities, castles, and rivers – we've used our knowledge and expertise to bring you some truly incredible experiences.

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We look forward to showing you the world!

*Dave Riley*

Dave Riley,  
Chief Executive Officer  
Great Rail Journeys Brand



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### Founder's Corner

My love for rail journeys inspired the launch of Vacations By Rail. Join me this fall on our Colorado Rail Experience (pg. 13) to ride six historic trains. Visit the Founder's blog at [vacationsbyrail.com](http://vacationsbyrail.com) to learn more.

Todd Powell, Co-Founder

“This was a very good way to see this part of the USA. We would use Vacations By Rail again. We appreciate the support given to small, local businesses. This tour gave us the opportunity to see many places we’ve wanted to visit.”

Nick S





VAST,  
LIMITLESS,  
UNIQUE

# THE UNITED STATES

Fifty chances for memorable explorations, fifty states brimming with opportunity. The thread weaving the United States together comes in the form of rocky coastlines, impressive mountain ranges, windswept plains, colorful deserts, and gorgeous national parklands. The fabric: Diverse cities that embody the idea of an American melting pot. Experience the eclectic atmosphere this great nation fosters as you venture through its distinct regions by train on a well-planned rail vacation.



14 DAYS FROM  
\$4,895

**Unforgettable Experiences** 📷

Discover America’s varied terrain in five awe-inspiring national parks: **Glacier, Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Arches, and Canyonlands.**

Enjoy immersive touring experiences, including riding Red Jammer buses along **Going-to-the-Sun Road**, cruising **Swiftcurrent Lake**, and floating down the **Snake River**.

Explore pioneer history at the **National Oregon/California Trail Center**.

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# America’s Great National Parks

Spend two weeks enchanted by the beauty of America’s untamed landscapes in five awe-inspiring national parks - Glacier, Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Arches, and Canyonlands.

**YOUR ITINERARY**

- Days 1-2: Empire Builder to Glacier National Park**  
Settle in for a journey filled with inspiring scenes as you board Amtrak’s *Empire Builder* to Glacier National Park.
- Days 3-5: Glacier National Park**  
Your days in Glacier National Park are highlighted by a scenic drive along Going-to-the-Sun Road, a tour of the Many Glacier region, and a cruise on Swiftcurrent Lake.
- Days 6-7: Yellowstone National Park**  
We transfer to Yellowstone National Park with amazing adventures ahead, including a tour of the park’s greatest wonders.
- Days 8-9: Grand Teton National Park and Jackson**  
Enjoy guided sightseeing and a float trip down the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park. Between adventures, explore Old West Jackson at leisure.
- Day 10: Salt Lake City**  
Today takes us toward Salt Lake City, pausing at the National Oregon/California Trail Center en route. Spend the remainder of the day embracing the city’s amenities.
- Days 11-12: Moab & Arches National Park**  
Watch as the vistas change to rust-hued deserts as we travel to Moab. An even more in-depth introduction to the land beckons during our tour of Arches National Park.
- Days 13-14: Canyonlands National Park**  
Admire stunning Colorado River scenery at both Canyonlands National Park and Dead Horse Point State Park. The views continue to impress as we drive toward Grand Junction, Colorado, where the tour concludes.

# Grand Canyon Railway Rails to the Rim Adventure

One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World beckons at the end of the tracks on this exciting rail adventure.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: Travel West on the *Southwest Chief*

Board Amtrak's *Southwest Chief* at Chicago's Union Station and prepare for an overnight journey across the country to Flagstaff, Arizona. The train departs from the station mid-afternoon, leaving plenty of time to admire the Midwest scenery before the sunsets. Upon waking, the mountains and deserts frame the course to our Arizona destination. On arrival, a shuttle transfers you from the rail station to the Grand Canyon Railway hotel.

### Day 3: *Grand Canyon Railway*

After breakfast at the Fred Harvey Restaurant, we join the iconic *Grand Canyon Railway* for a scenic ride through pine forests and beautiful desert lands to the Grand Canyon's South Rim. On arrival, we dive right into our spectacular surroundings with a narrated motorcoach tour featuring some of the park's most inspiring overlooks.

### Day 4: Grand Canyon at Leisure

The day is yours to enjoy Grand Canyon National Park as you wish. Continue sightseeing along the South Rim, join another guided tour, or set out on a hiking trail that presents the canyon's sheer majesty. There are also several historical buildings to explore. Later, the *Grand Canyon Railway* takes us back to Williams, Arizona.

### Days 5-6: To Chicago on the *Southwest Chief*

Watch as canyons and deserts transform into mountains, foothills, and, eventually, great plains once again as we return to Chicago aboard the *Southwest Chief*.

“ The historic *Grand Canyon Railway* is a fabulous excursion that illustrates the rich connection between the railroads and National Parks...not to mention the destination is the Grand Canyon! ”

Todd Powell

6 DAYS FROM  
**\$1,148**

## Unforgettable Experiences

**Travel into Grand Canyon National Park** on the iconic rails of the *Grand Canyon Railway*, a line in operation for over 120 years.

Find yourself in awe of this Natural Wonder's layered colors and vastness on a **Grand Canyon Freedom Tour**.

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**Unforgettable Experiences** 📷

Spend time enjoying the charms of **Whitefish, Montana**.

Learn about the region's tribal connections at the **Museum of the Plains Indian**.

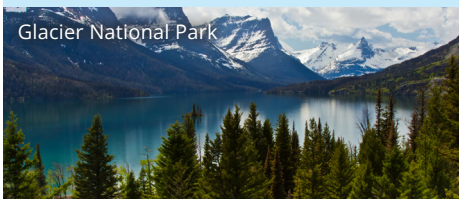
Discover the rustic comfort of **Glacier National Park's lodges**.

**Soak in majestic views from Going-to-the-Sun Road** aboard Red Jammer Buses.

Cruise the clear waters of **Lake McDonald**.

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# Lodges of Glacier National Park

Take in the beauty and history of one of the country's most beloved parks with a tour highlighting outdoor recreation and charming lodges.

## YOUR ITINERARY

- Days 1-2: Travel on the *Empire Builder***  
Join the *Empire Builder* on its cross-country route toward Whitefish, Montana. Remarkable vistas unfold with each mile, offering a glimpse at untamed America.
- Day 3: At Leisure in Whitefish**  
There are endless ways to enjoy your free day in Whitefish. Venture downtown to experience a small-town take on big-city amenities with a Rocky Mountain backdrop.
- Day 4: Museum of the Plains Indian**  
Discover the heritage of the northern tribes at the Museum of the Plains Indian. After, relish your first glimpse at Glacier National Park as we drive to Many Glacier Hotel.
- Day 5: Glacier National Park at Leisure**  
Take the day to enjoy nature's serenity in Glacier National Park however you see fit. This natural paradise is brimming with adventures to be had.
- Day 6: Going-to-the-Sun Road**  
Soak in the breathtaking sights of Glacier while touring Going-to-the-Sun Road aboard vintage Red Jammer buses. The excursion concludes at Lake McDonald Lodge, a lakeside Swiss chalet-style hotel.
- Day 7: Cruise Lake McDonald**  
After a leisurely morning, join the group in cruising Lake McDonald. Mountain and forest scenes surround the lake, and beneath the surface, a menagerie of rainbow-hued stones demands your attention.
- Day 8: Tour Conclusion**  
Your tour of Glacier National Park and its lodges concludes with an included transfer.



# Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands & Yellowstone

An epic Western adventure lies ahead on this journey through national parks, cowboy towns, and landscapes as wild as the stories they hold.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: The *California Zephyr* to Utah

Wind through landscapes rife with picturesque beauty aboard Amtrak's *California Zephyr*. Panoramic views of mountains, canyons, and more guide the way to Provo, Utah.

### Days 3-4: Jackson and the Snake River

A scenic drive through Star Valley takes us to Jackson, WY. Spend time exploring the city's rustic charms, and admire the surrounding nature while floating on the Snake River.

### Days 5-6: Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks

Amazing sights and breathtaking panoramas are on display as we set out on guided tours of two national parks: Grand Teton and Yellowstone.

### Day 7: Buffalo Bill Center of the West

Discover the lore of the West's most notable names at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, then delight in authentic cowboy experiences at a nearby ranch.

### Days 8-10: The Best of South Dakota

There are myriad ways to dip your toes into history in South Dakota, and this journey presents some of the best. From the Gold Rush town of Deadwood to Mt. Rushmore, the *1880 Train*, the Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug, and Bear Country USA, your time here is comprehensive as it is enlightening.

### Day 11: Tour Conclusion

Your memorable Western tour concludes with a transfer to Rapid City airport.

11 DAYS FROM  
**\$4,195**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Embark on a scenic rail journey on the **1880 Train**.

Admire the beauty of **three impressive national parks**.

Enjoy a float trip on the **Snake River**.

Visit the **Buffalo Bill Center of the West**.

Marvel at **Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial**.

Join a Jeep Safari in **Custer State Park**.

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**Unforgettable Experiences** 📷

Enjoy excursions aboard the **Café Lafayette Dinner Train** and the **Newport & Narragansett Railroad's Dinner Train**.

Admire coastal Maine on a **scenic lobster cruise**.

**Cruise the serene waters of Lake Winnepesaukee.**

**Visit The Breakers**, the Vanderbilt family's summer home.

Sail back to the time of Prohibition **aboard the Rum Runner II**.

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# New England Autumn Rails & Sails

Admire how the historic towns and autumnal forests meet the blue waters of the Atlantic on this enchanting journey through New England.

## YOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1: Boston**  
 Centuries of history welcome you to America's Cradle of Liberty. Sightsee at leisure, then meet with your Tour Manager and fellow travelers.
- Day 2: Kennebunkport**  
 Amtrak's *Downeaster* takes us from Boston to Maine, where we transfer to Kennebunkport. This seaside town's charms are evident as you explore on your own and set out on a scenic lobster cruise.
- Day 3: Portland**  
 A guided tour introduces Portland, Maine's history, stories, and amazing sights. Enjoy some time to wander at leisure ahead of this evening's lobster dinner.
- Day 4: Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise & Café Lafayette Dinner Train**  
 By land and water, enjoy the kaleidoscope of foliage found throughout New Hampshire's White Mountains. We first cruise the idyllic waters of Lake Winnepesaukee, then board the *Café Lafayette Dinner Train* for a delightful route filled with dramatic views and delicious cuisine.
- Days 5-6: Newport**  
 We transfer to Newport, RI, with the colors of fall and opulent scenery at every angle. Our time here features a tour of the Vanderbilt's summer home, The Breakers, a cruise through Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay on the *Rum Runner II*, and a dinner experience filled with timeless elegance aboard the *Newport & Narragansett Railroad*.
- Day 7: Tour Conclusion**  
 Your East Coast adventure concludes with a transfer to Boston's airport or South Street Station.



# Fall Colors, Scenic Trains & Martha's Vineyard

Get a first-hand perspective on how the fiery hues of fall transform the Eastern Seaboard into an autumnal wonderland on this seasonal tour.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: Boston

Beantown's heritage makes it a joy to discover independently and on a group city tour. From Boston, we continue to Portland, Maine.

### Day 3: Bath, Maine

Relax as a coastal drive takes us to Bath, where we learn about seafaring at the Maine Maritime Museum and view well-preserved history while cruising the Kennebec River.

### Days 4-5: Fall Foliage Viewing

Some of the East's most remarkable fall foliage lies ahead while venturing inland toward New Hampshire to ride the *Conway Scenic Railroad*, drive along the Kancamagus Highway, and cruise the scenic waters of Lake Winnepesaukee.

### Days 6-7: Sturbridge, Massachusetts

Admire the changing foliage as we drive to Sturbridge, MA, with a stop to tour the New Hampshire State Capitol Building. Spend time at Old Sturbridge Village and enjoy the Connecticut River Valley's timeless autumn scenery aboard the *Essex Steam Train* and the *Becky Thatcher* Riverboat.

### Day 8: Mystic Seaport/Cape Cod Central Railroad

Explore maritime traditions at Mystic Seaport before driving to Hyannis to join the *Cape Cod Central Railroad's* Dinner Train.

### Day 9: Martha's Vineyard

Ferry across the Nantucket Sound to Martha's Vineyard. We visit Edgartown and Oak Bluffs while on the island.

### Day 10: Tour Conclusion

Your fall foliage tour concludes today.

10 DAYS FROM  
**\$2,995**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Enjoy three rail journeys:  
***Conway Scenic Railroad*, *Cape Cod Central Railroad's Dinner Train*, and *Essex Steam Train*.**

### Discover Boston on a city tour.

Visit museums like **Maine Maritime Museum**, **Old Sturbridge Village**, and **Mystic Seaport**.

**Admire the foliage from Kancamagus Highway.**

**Cruise Lake Winnepesaukee.**

**Spend time on charming Martha's Vineyard.**

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\$2,095

**Unforgettable Experiences** 📷

Relish a scenic rail journey aboard the *Mt. Washington Cog Railway*.

**Uncover Boston's past and present on a city tour.**

Admire brilliant fall colors while **driving the Kancamagus Highway.**

**Ride aboard the Stowe Gondola.**

**Cruise Lake Champlain** aboard the *Spirit of Ethan Allen*.

Enjoy incredible scenery at **Vermont's Quechee Gorge.**

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# New England in a Nutshell

This fall foliage-themed journey showcases New England in a nutshell as you travel through leaf-peeping hotspots in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

## YOUR ITINERARY

- **Day 1: Boston**  
 Colonial culture and quintessential Americana greet you as you arrive in Boston with the day at leisure to explore.
- **Day 2: Boston City Tour/Kancamagus Highway**  
 Discover the scenic landmarks and sites that make Boston the Cradle of Liberty on this morning's city tour. After, our first taste of New England's fall foliage beckons on the Kancamagus Highway, America's top fall foliage drive.
- **Day 3: Mt. Washington Cog Railway**  
 Ride to the summit of the highest peak in the Northeastern United States on the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway, the *Mt. Washington Cog Railway*. Our journey then continues to Burlington, VT.
- **Day 4: Stowe/Lake Champlain Cruise**  
 Stunning fall foliage scenes envelop us as we travel to Stowe, VT. A tour of Cold Hollow Cider Mill, lunch with a view, and a ride on the Stowe Gondola Skyride up Mt. Mansfield are just some of the highlights of our visit. Back in Burlington, enjoy another look at the brilliant foliage while cruising Lake Champlain.
- **Day 5: Amtrak's Vermonter/Quechee Gorge**  
 All aboard Amtrak's *Vermonter* for a scenic ride from Vermont to Lebanon, New Hampshire. Our arrival brings even more adventures, including a visit to Vermont's "Little Grand Canyon," the Quechee Gorge, and free time in the charming town of Woodstock.
- **Day 6: Tour Conclusion**  
 Your New England expedition concludes this morning.

“Any opportunity to experience a train in Vermont and New Hampshire is lovely, but sprinkle in the World's greatest season finale, New England's Fall Colors, and it elevates to spectacular.” 🗨️  
 Todd Powell



# Colorado Rail Experience

Immerse yourself in mining lore and breathtaking scenes of the Rocky Mountains as you explore Colorado aboard six impressive heritage railroads.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1: Colorado Railroad Museum/*Georgetown Loop Railroad*

Join the group in exploring the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, CO. We board the *Georgetown Loop Railroad* after for a scenic route through mountainous boomtowns.

### Day 2: *Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad*

Step back in time and discover the region's mining and railroad past on the *Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad*.

### Day 3: Silverthorne to Durango

Enjoy a leisurely drive punctuated by views of the Rockies, national forests, grasslands, and delightful towns, concluding in historic Durango.

### Days 4-6: The Great Railways of Southern Colorado

The colorful terrain of Southern Colorado and northern New Mexico come to life one railway journey at a time as we join the *Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad*, *Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad*, and *Royal Gorge Route Railroad* on their spectacular routes. A transfer to Colorado Springs puts even more wonders within reach.

### Days 7-8: *Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway*/Garden of the Gods

Climb to the summit of America's Mountain on the *Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway* before wrapping up your adventure at Garden of the Gods and transferring to Denver, where your Colorado rail spectacular concludes.

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Marvel at mountainscapes and mining history alongside our co-founder, Todd Powell. His train leaves the station on October 6, 2023. Book today to join him!

8 DAYS FROM  
**\$2,995**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Explore Colorado on six scenic rail journeys, including the ***Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad***.

**Tour the Colorado Railroad Museum** and its Roundhouse restoration facility.

**Find yourself surrounded by inspiring panoramas** during a scenic drive through the state.

**Admire towering rock formations at Garden of the Gods.**

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\$4,995

### Unforgettable Experiences

Ride aboard the iconic **Alaska Railroad**.

Uncover Alaskan culture on **a Riverboat Discovery tour** featuring Chena Indian Village.

**Marvel at the beauty of Denali National Park** on a guided tour.

**Travel to the top of Mt. Alyeska.**

Cruise through the scenic waters of **Kenai Fjords National Park and Prince William Sound**.

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## Alaska the Greatland

America's Last Frontier beckons on this exciting tour, featuring mighty fjords, stunning national parks, and authentic Alaskan experiences surrounded by vast wilderness.

### YOUR ITINERARY

#### Days 1-2: Fairbanks

Arrive in the Golden Heart of Alaska with time to get acquainted with the wild surroundings while touring local waterways by riverboat, Chena Indian Village, and Trail Breaker Kennel.

#### Days 3-4: Denali National Park

We join the Alaska Railroad's *Denali Star* for a journey to Denali National Park. Find yourself immersed in the park's natural and cultural history as we explore the park on a guided tour featuring a memorable Native American presentation.

#### Day 5: *Denali Star* to Talkeetna

Keep a lookout for views of Mt. Denali and Hurricane Gulch Bridge as the *Denali Star* ventures toward Talkeetna.

#### Day 6: Anchorage/Kenai Peninsula/Seward

A day of travel presents Southcentral Alaska's glorious scenery. We first head to the Anchorage Museum, then to Mt. Alyeska, past the Turnagain Arm, down the Kenai Peninsula, and to coastal Seward.

#### Day 7: Kenai Fjords National Park

Prepare to be amazed by marine life and unbelievable views during a wildlife cruise through Kenai Fjords National Park.

#### Day 8: Prince William Sound/Surprise Glacier/Anchorage

Enjoy a drive through the Anton Memorial Tunnel to Whittier, where we cruise through Prince William Sound and view Surprise Glacier. We later join the *Glacier Discovery* train to Anchorage.

#### Day 9: Tour Conclusion

Your tour through Alaska the Greatland concludes today.

# Alaska Wilderness Tour

Travel along Alaska's rail corridor, visiting some of the state's most renowned destinations, including Anchorage, Denali National Park, and Fairbanks.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1: Anchorage

Arrive in Alaska's largest city with the promise of adventure to come.

### Day 2: Alaska Railroad to Talkeetna

Venture along the Knik Arm and through the Mat-Su Valley aboard the Alaska Railroad's *Denali Star*. The journey concludes in Talkeetna, where a thrilling jetboat excursion introduces the splendors of local waterways.

### Day 3: Talkeetna to Denali National Park

Spend the morning enthralled by the options Talkeetna brings before boarding the Alaska Railroad's *Denali Star* for a route surrounded by interior Alaska's allures. Your destination: Denali National Park.

### Day 4: Denali National Park Experience

Set out into Denali's wilderness today on a narrated bus tour. Each scenic overlook along the route presents a new perspective on this impressive terrain and the animals that inhabit it.

### Day 5: Denali National Park to Fairbanks

Choose your adventure in Denali National Park this morning, then rejoin the *Denali Star* for the scenic journey through central Alaska's tundra to Fairbanks.

### Day 6: Fairbanks

Uncover the beauty and culture of Fairbanks today with a cruise aboard the *Riverboat Discovery* down the Chena and Tanana Rivers. Your excursion includes a stop at Chena Indian Village and a dogsledding presentation.

### Day 7: Depart Fairbanks

Your rail journey through Alaska's wilderness concludes today.

7 DAYS FROM  
**\$2,132**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Travel the iconic course carved by the **Alaska Railroad's *Denali Star***.

**Explore Talkeetna's rivers** on a thrilling jetboat excursion.

Gaze upon wandering animals and jaw-dropping landscapes while on a **Wilderness Tour in Denali National Park**.

**Join a *Riverboat Discovery* cruise** brimming with local culture in Fairbanks.

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“Very well organized itinerary with so much to see and do while riding across Canada. A wonderful experience enjoying the sheer awesomeness of the Canadian Rockies.”

Ernest Z







DIVERSE,  
WILD,  
SPECTACULAR

# CANADA

Cosmopolitan cities collide with pristine nature in Canada. Its nickname, the Great White North, betrays its year-round appeals, which span far and wide between its striking coastlines. VIA Rail and Rocky Mountaineer open the country for exploration, putting natural wonders, culture-filled destinations, and national parks within reach. Whether your ideal journey features the Canadian Rockies or the Maritime's seaside towns, our itineraries shine a spotlight on Canada's finest offerings.



**7 DAYS FROM**  
**\$1,592**

**Unforgettable Experiences**

Experience the classic appeal of overnight rail travel aboard **VIA Rail's Canadian**.

**Watch in awe as the scenery of five distinct provinces** passes by your train windows.

Enjoy the amenities and attractions of two of Canada's largest cities: **Vancouver and Toronto**.

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**More Trans Canada By Rail**

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- Trans Canada by Rail & the Rockies
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# Trans Canada By Rail

Bookended by stays in two popular cities, this cross-country journey showcases the nuances of Canada while traveling aboard the nation's premier long-distance train.

## YOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1: Vancouver**  
Beautiful beaches, lush rainforests, and eclectic neighborhoods welcome you to Vancouver. This coastal gem is brimming with sites to see and unique ways to fill your time.
- Day 2: Depart Vancouver on VIA Rail's Canadian**  
Whether you choose to spend your time in nature at Stanley Park or exploring neighborhoods like historic Gastown or Granville Island, there are endless ways to fill your day before boarding VIA Rail's *Canadian* to begin your 2,775-mile cross-country expedition.
- Day 3: En Route to Jasper**  
Savor three hot meals daily in the Dining Car as a perk of being a Sleeper Plus guest on the *Canadian*. Your comfortable accommodations, the domed-glass Sightseeing Cars, and even the Dining Car, lined with picture windows, offer unmatched panoramic views during your route into the Rockies and beyond.
- Days 4 -5: En Route to Toronto**  
The journey presses forth, traversing the changing landscapes of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario in pursuit of Toronto. Each passing mile makes a new impression on your heart, unveiling little-seen views of interior Canada.
- Day 6: Arrive in Toronto**  
Soak in the final moments of your classic rail journey as the *Canadian* nears the booming metropolis of Toronto. Settle into your hotel with the rest of the day to discover what makes this city so captivating.
- Day 7: Tour Conclusion**  
Your rail tour through the heart of Canada concludes this morning. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

**“The iconic North American rail journey on board the *Canadian's* silver carriages is living history whose story reveals itself over 2,775 miles and is a must for any serious rail traveler.”**

Todd Powell

# Canada Coast to Coast

Immerse yourself in nature's beauty, the city's excitement, and all that lies in between as you traverse the scenic Canadian landscape by train.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Days 1-3: Vancouver and Rocky Mountaineer

Begin your transcontinental journey in scenic Vancouver, where you board *Rocky Mountaineer* for a daylight-only course through Canada's best scenery to Banff.

### Days 4-6: The Canadian Rockies

Awe-inspiring beauty surrounds from every angle, filling your sights with mountain peaks, lakes, waterfalls, and more in the Rockies. Admire it all and more while touring Banff, Yoho, and Jasper National Parks and spending time in iconic Lake Louise.

### Days 7-12: VIA Rail to Toronto

Join VIA Rail's *Canadian* for a three-night trip to Toronto, crossing Canada's Great Central Plains. On arrival, discover what makes this a city like none other while exploring independently and on a full-day excursion to Niagara Falls.

### Days 13-14: Montreal

VIA Rail's *Corridor Service* takes you to Montreal, another city brimming with culture. Discover its highlights on a half-day city tour and while exploring independently.

### Days 15-16: Halifax

Highly contrasting vistas pave the path as VIA Rail's *Ocean* takes us to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Wrap yourself in Maritimes charm while exploring downtown Halifax at leisure.

### Day 17: Tour Conclusion

After crossing the country by train, your Canadian rail journey concludes.

17 DAYS FROM  
**\$7,767**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Delight in classic long-distance rail travel aboard **Rocky Mountaineer** and **VIA Rail**.

Enjoy National Park sightseeing in **Banff, Yoho, and Jasper**.

Ride an **Ice Explorer** at **Columbia Icefield**.

Gaze upon one of the world's natural wonders while visiting **Niagara Falls**.

See **Montreal's neighborhoods and landmarks** on a guided city tour.

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**7 DAYS FROM**  
**\$2,075**

**Unforgettable Experiences** 

Experience a classic overnight rail experience aboard **VIA Rail's Canadian**.

Revel in the chance to stay in Canadian Rockies resort towns, including **beautiful Lake Louise**.

Marvel at nature's glories on a **Banff National Park** sightseeing tour.

**Visit the Columbia Icefield** and take a ride on an Ice Explorer.

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# Canadian Rockies By Rail

Amidst scenes of majestic cascading mountains and glacier-fed lakes, lose yourself in the tremendous beauty of the Canadian Rockies on this week-long journey.

## YOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1: Vancouver**  
Diverse neighborhoods meet picturesque natural scenery in Vancouver. The coastal city's bountiful offerings make it a haven for travelers of all types.
- Day 2: VIA Rail to Jasper**  
Whether strolling on beaches, perusing museums, or out in nature, enjoy the day to soak up Vancouver's ambiance. Later, board VIA Rail's *Canadian* for an overnight rail journey to Jasper.
- Day 3: Jasper National Park**  
Wake surrounded by the organic beauty of the Canadian Rockies. Your train arrives in Jasper with ample time for you to start exploring the resort town's offerings or the surrounding mountain terrain.
- Day 4: Jasper to Lake Louise**  
A showcase of lakes, great glaciers, mountains, and more make for a day of wonders as you embark on a sightseeing tour between Jasper and Lake Louise.
- Day 5: Lake Louise to Banff**  
Unveil even more sights of the Canadian Rockies during a scenic transfer into Banff National Park.
- Day 6: Banff Sightseeing**  
Choose your adventure in Banff today, whether that be a tour of the park's breathtaking natural sights, a ride on the Banff Gondola, or a cowboy excursion with a trail ride.
- Day 7: Transfer to Calgary**  
Gaze upon the sensational scenery of the Canadian Rockies as you transfer to Calgary, where your mountain expedition concludes.



# Canadian Rockies Featuring Banff & Lake Louise

Join the luxurious *Rocky Mountaineer* for a scenic journey brimming with views of Canada’s mighty mountains and majestic national parks.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1: Vancouver

Vancouver’s cosmopolitan atmosphere invites exploration as you arrive. Venture out on your own accord or opt to add a Hop-on Hop-off bus tour to see the city’s top attractions.

### Day 2: Vancouver Sightseeing

Dive deeper into this Pacific destination’s cool neighborhoods and phenomenal natural sites while exploring independently or joining an optional excursion.

### Days 3-4: Into the Rockies on *Rocky Mountaineer*

Travel on Canada’s premier all-daylight train presents majestic panoramas from every angle as you journey into the Canadian Rockies. From the Thompson River to Fraser Canyon and Rogers Pass, there is much to see as the train approaches its destination, Lake Louise.

### Day 5: Lake Louise to Banff

The journey between Lake Louise and Banff is rife with beauty, much of which is presented during your scenic transfer between the two locales. Upgrade to a half-day tour featuring sites like Takakkaw Falls and the Spiral Tunnels for a more in-depth view.

### Day 6: Banff Sightseeing

Hoodoos, hot springs, towering mountains, and more pique your interest as a guided excursion introduces Banff National Park’s hotspots. Alternatively, select from an array of tours that fit your travel goals.

### Day 7: Calgary

Your journey through the Canadian Rockies concludes with a transfer to Calgary Airport.

7 DAYS FROM  
**\$2,536**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Revel in the sights that two days of all-daylight travel bring aboard *Rocky Mountaineer*.

**Discover what makes Vancouver** one of Canada’s enticing destinations.

Enjoy stays in Canadian Rockies resort towns, including **Lake Louise**.

Delight in seeing Banff’s most popular sites on a guided tour featuring the **Banff Gondola**.

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**10 DAYS** FROM  
**\$2,364**

**Unforgettable Experiences**

Experience the adventure of overnight rail travel on **VIA Rail's Ocean**.

Visit some of **Quebec City's** incredible sites on a city tour.

Enjoy the freedom of driving through the **Maritime region** in a rental car with unlimited mileage.

Embark on an amphibious tour through **Halifax's streets and harbor**.

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Prince Edward Island



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# Quebec City, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

From French-influenced Quebec City to the coastal beauty of the Maritime provinces, spend ten days immersed in the best of Eastern Canada.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: Quebec City

Distinct Old-European ambiance greets you in Quebec City. Stroll through its cobbled streets to discover its charms, and see even more while on a sightseeing tour. While here, you also board VIA Rail's *Ocean* bound for Halifax.

### Day 3: Travel to Halifax

A day of travel presents the East's ever-changing scenery as the train approaches Moncton, then Halifax in the evening. Nova Scotia's capital city is filled with culture to explore.

### Day 4: Exploring Halifax

Halifax Public Gardens and Citadel Hill National Historic Site are some of the highlights of today's unique tour by land and sea.

### Days 5-6: Cape Breton

Take your time driving the scenic route toward Cape Breton Island in your rental car. On arrival, plan to visit Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, then spend the rest of your time in this remarkable destination however you see fit.

### Days 7-8: Prince Edward Island

Drive to the place that inspired Anne of Green Gables, Prince Edward Island. Riveting coastal scenery meets verdant farmlands and delightful towns, setting the tone for myriad adventures in Charlottetown and nearby destinations.

### Day 9: Drive to Halifax

Meander through the Maritimes, soaking in the miles of breathtaking scenery, during your return drive to Halifax.

### Day 10: Tour Conclusion

Your adventure through Canada's Eastern seaboard concludes this morning.



# Montreal & Quebec City By Rail

A showcase of culture and history captures your attention as you tour two of French Canada’s most impressive cities: Montreal and Quebec City.

## YOUR ITINERARY

- Day 1: Montreal**  
Canada’s cultural epicenter is bursting with magnificent architecture, landmarks, and entertainment options, which are yours to explore as you arrive.
- Day 2: Montreal Sightseeing**  
Set your sights on more than 200 points of interest, including Old Montreal, the Olympic Complex, and Mount Royal, during your comprehensive sightseeing tour of Montreal.
- Day 3: Montreal at Leisure**  
The sheer amount of artistic and historical sites throughout the city makes your free day one you can fill with what interests you most. In winter and summer, Montreal provides a platform for unforgettable adventures.
- Day 4: Montreal to Quebec City**  
VIA Rail’s *Corridor Service* train whisks you along the St. Lawrence River to Quebec City, a city steeped in old-world French charms and layered history.
- Day 5: Quebec City Sightseeing**  
Find yourself in awe of the gorgeous buildings, cobble streets, historical sites, and rich heritage that make Quebec City exceptional on a guided walking tour. Each season adds its personal touch to the city, with winter bringing the option to visit Hotel de Glace.
- Day 6: Quebec City at Leisure**  
Explore Quebec City’s pretty streets at your own pace. Its booming culinary scene and immersive culture ensure plenty of lasting memories.
- Day 7: Tour Conclusion**  
Bid adieu to French Canada as your rail vacation concludes today.

**7 DAYS FROM**  
**\$1,025**

### Unforgettable Experiences

Travel comfortably between Montreal and Quebec City aboard **VIA Rail’s *Corridor Service***.

**Experience countless points of interest as you discover Montreal** on a sightseeing excursion.

**Uncover the history and delights of Quebec City on a walking tour.**

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**12 DAYS** FROM  
**\$3,395**

**Unforgettable Experiences** 📷

Sightsee your way through places like **Quebec City and St. Andrews-by-the-Sea.**

Gaze upon the **Bay of Fundy at Hopewell Rocks Park** and while ferrying to Nova Scotia.

**Enjoy scenic drives through the Annapolis Valley**, along the Lighthouse Route, and on the Cabot Trail.

**Visit the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site.**

**Tour Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island National Parks.**

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# Quebec to the Maritimes featuring VIA's Ocean

A thoughtful illustration of Eastern Canada's coastal beauty and distinctive cultures comes to life while traveling from Quebec City to Prince Edward Island.

## YOUR ITINERARY

- Days 1-3: Quebec City**  
Let Quebec City's charms capture your heart as you walk its cobbled streets and tour its most famous sites, from Montmorency Falls to Plaines d'Abraham, and taste its traditional fare. After days immersed in glories, board VIA Rail's *Ocean* for an overnight journey to Moncton.
- Days 4-5: New Brunswick**  
Majestic scenery and maritime history beckon as we arrive in New Brunswick. Set your sights on one of the world's wonders at Hopewell Rocks Park and enjoy the pretty surroundings of places like St. Andrews-by-the-Sea and Saint John.
- Days 6-9: Nova Scotia**  
Delight in whale watching and gorgeous seaside scenery as we ferry across the Bay of Fundy to Nova Scotia. Panoramic drives open up a range of sightseeing possibilities, including the Annapolis Valley, the Lighthouse Route, Peggy's Cove, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and the beauty of Cape Breton Island from the Cabot Trail.
- Days 10-11: Prince Edward Island**  
The stunning Eastern seaboard presents itself once more as we travel across the Abegweit Passage to Prince Edward Island. Enjoy time in Charlottetown and Prince Edward Island National Park, with doses of Acadian culture between sightseeing experiences.
- Day 12: Tour Conclusion**  
Your tour through Canada's Maritime region concludes this morning with a transfer to the local rail station or airport.





## NEW Premium Canada Coast to Coast

Marvel at the dramatic changes in Canada's landscape on this grand tour through eight provinces, complete with impressive small group experiences and luxurious hotel accommodations.

### YOUR ITINERARY

#### Days 1-2: Vancouver

Acquaint yourself with Canada on arrival in Vancouver. Embark on a guided sightseeing tour through its famous neighborhoods.

#### Days 3-10: To and From the Canadian Rockies

*Rocky Mountaineer* takes us on the first leg of our trans-Canada adventure through the mountains to Banff National Park. After Banff we travel by coach to Jasper along the famous Icefield Parkway. In Jasper, we board VIA Rail's *Canadian* for the three-night journey across the prairies and plains to Toronto.

#### Days 10-13: Canada's Great Cities

From beautiful buildings to a worldly wonder, historic sites, and an authentic sugar shack, soak in the unique cultural elements of Toronto and Quebec City - traveling between the two on VIA Rail's *Corridor Service*. In Quebec City, join another overnight rail journey, this time aboard the *Ocean*, in traveling toward the charming Eastern Seaboard.

#### Days 14-15: Nova Scotia

Overnight, our route takes us alongside the St. Lawrence River to New Brunswick and eventually into Nova Scotia and its capital, Halifax. A memorable excursion explores the region's maritime treasures, including the charming town of Lunenburg.

#### Day 16: Tour Conclusion

After a free morning to soak in the delightful Atlantic coastline, your coast-to-coast tour of Canada concludes.

16 DAYS FROM  
**\$12,995**

### Unforgettable Experiences

Enjoy overnight rail travel on **VIA Rail's *Canadian* and *Ocean* trains.**

See Western Canada's scenic wonders on a journey aboard ***Rocky Mountaineer*.**

Stay in deluxe hotel properties, including the iconic **Fairmont Le Château Frontenac.**

Tour **Vancouver, Quebec City, and Nova Scotia.**

Explore the lakes and mountains in **Banff and Jasper National Parks.**

Discover natural wonders at **Niagara Falls, Peggy's Cove and Lunenburg.**

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Marie-Claude Rossi





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# THE LONG HAUL

Centuries of history provide a backdrop for unrivaled experiences in Europe, and each country has a story to tell. Feel the hum of rich heritage amongst castles and while touring ancient cities. Ride through the Alps on the world's most scenic trains, or indulge in classical cuisine in culinary epicenters. Our rail vacations utilize Europe's well-connected railway system to put all this and more at your fingertips.



11 DAYS FROM  
\$3,995

Unforgettable Experiences 

Revel in unique perspectives on the Swiss landscape from six scenic railways: **Jungfrau Railway, Gornergrat Mountain Railway, GoldenPass Panoramic, Glacier Express, Bernina Express, and Gotthard Panorama Express.**

Enjoy free time exploring beautiful destinations throughout the country, including car-free **Zermatt.**

**Cruise across Lake Lugano.**

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# Grand Train Tour of Switzerland - An Escorted Experience

Weave through breathtaking mountain passes on iconic rail lines and cruise idyllic lakes surrounded by timeless splendors on this grand tour of Switzerland.

## YOUR ITINERARY

- **Day 1: Zürich**  
Begin your grand Swiss adventure on arrival in Zürich.
- **Days 2-3: Grindelwald**  
Journey through Switzerland's heart to Grindelwald, one of the country's prettiest resort towns. In addition to ample free time to enjoy its surroundings, our time here takes us to the "Top of Europe" aboard the *Jungfrau Railway*, with inspiring views awaiting at the summit.
- **Days 4-5: Montreux and Zermatt**  
The Swiss countryside offers sensational scenery as we transfer by train to Montreux on Lake Geneva and then as we continue our travels past towering mountain peaks to car-free Zermatt.
- **Days 6-8: Switzerland's Most Scenic Railways**  
Ride aboard Europe's highest open-air cog railway, the *Gornergrat Mountain Railway*, and two iconic trains - the *Glacier Express* and the *Bernina Express* - to discover the unimaginable vistas and great contrasts Switzerland's landscape can bring.
- **Day 9: Lake Lugano Cruise**  
Gain a different perspective on this majestic landscape while cruising Lake Lugano.
- **Day 10: Gotthard Panorama Express**  
Combine a scenic rail journey on the *Gotthard Panorama Express* with a paddle steamer cruise across Lake Lucerne to create one epic day of travel to Lucerne.
- **Day 11: Tour Conclusion**  
Surrounded by gorgeous scenes of Lucerne, your journey concludes this morning.

# Switzerland By Rail: Glacier Express, Jungfrau & Bernina Express

Switzerland's impressive local rail lines and iconic scenic trains open a world of alpine wonders and layered history one destination at a time.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1: Zürich

Arrive in Switzerland's financial capital, surrounded by distant alpine views and incredible architecture.

### Days 2-4: Interlaken's Attractions

Venture into the Bernese Oberland by train to beautiful Interlaken. This picturesque town between Lakes Thun and Brienz presents many opportunities, including riding a series of cable cars to the summit of the Schilthorn, called 007 mountain, and climbing to the "Top of Europe," Jungfrauoch, on the *Jungfrau Railway*.

### Day 5: Glacier Express

The World's Slowest Express Train, the *Glacier Express*, showcases Switzerland's most dramatic scenery as you travel from Brig to Chur, Switzerland's first city.

### Day 6: Bernina Express

Marvel at great contrasts in scenery aboard the *Bernina Express* as you travel from the mountains of Switzerland to the palm trees of Tirano, Italy, and back again.

### Day 7: To Zurich by Train

Your Swiss rail expedition concludes as you return to Zurich by train.

7 DAYS FROM  
**\$1,835**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Enjoy three incredible rail experiences: **The Jungfrau Railway, the Glacier Express, and the Bernina Express.**

Relish wonderful views and unmatched cinematographic history during a self-guided excursion to the **summit of the Schilthorn.**

**Explore Switzerland by train, boat, and bus** with your Swiss Travel Card in hand.

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9 DAYS FROM  
\$2,695

### Unforgettable Experiences

Travel through the Highlands on three scenic rail journeys: ***The West Highland Line, Kyle Line, and Jacobite Steam Train.***

Sail to the Isle of Mull to **visit Duart Castle.**

**Sample traditional Scotch Whisky.**

Venture through the locks of **Neptune's Staircase.**

**Cruise Loch Ness to Urquhart Castle.**

**Explore Eilean Donan Castle.**

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## Edinburgh, the Highlands & Islands

Ancient castles tucked into heathered moorlands meet legendary lochs and fantastic railways on this exhilarating journey through the Western Highlands and the Cairngorms.

### YOUR ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Edinburgh

Find yourself surrounded by history and culture as you arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital.

#### Days 2-4: West Coast Scotland

The famous *West Highland Line* forges an unforgettable route to Ballachulish. Using this village alongside Loch Leven as a base, enjoy a ferry ride through the small islands off Scotland's coast and a full-day excursion that includes Neptune's Staircase, a cruise across Loch Linnhe, and a visit to iconic Glencoe. Visiting a local distillery for a Scotch Whisky tasting rounds out our time here.

#### Day 5: Jacobite Steam Train

Join the *Jacobite Steam Train* for an awe-inspiring journey. The course concludes in Mallaig, with free time for lunch before we continue our travels to Inverness by coach.

#### Day 6: Loch Ness

Keep your eyes peeled for Nessie while cruising across Loch Ness to Urquhart Castle. Its 13th-century ruins tell a tale of ancient Scotland.

#### Day 7: The Kyle Line & Eilean Donan Castle

The *Kyle Line* escorts us through the moors to Kyle of Lochalsh, gateway to the Isle of Skye. There, visit another age-old fortress, Eilean Donan Castle.

#### Days 8-9: Inverness to Edinburgh

Watch quintessential Highland scenery pass as we travel through the Cairngorms to Edinburgh, where your Scottish expedition concludes.



# Edinburgh, the Jacobite & Isle of Skye

From the fascinating city of Edinburgh to the pictorial Isle of Skye, Scotland's most enticing destinations beckon on this in-depth exploration.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Days 1-3: Edinburgh to Inverness

Begin exploring historic Edinburgh on arrival, and dive deeper into its ancient heritage on a guided walk featuring optional skip-the-line access to Edinburgh Castle. A fresh perspective on the city's skyline comes from the train as you depart for the Highlands, passing the Firth of Forth and Cairngorms National Park en route to Inverness.

### Days 4-6: Exploring the Scottish Highlands

Inverness's fantastic positioning on the northeast coast makes it an excellent place from which to explore the nation's wild beauty. Ride through the landscape on one of the world's most scenic railways, the *Jacobite Steam Train*, and enjoy excursions that highlight the Isle of Skye and Loch Ness. Even tours of some of the country's ancient castles, Eilean Donan and Urquhart, are on the itinerary during your stay.

### Days 7-8: Edinburgh and St. Andrews

As you travel back to ancient Edinburgh, dreamy views of interior Scotland unfold once more from the railway. Spend time reacquainting yourself with the city and exploring the surrounding region as you venture to medieval St. Andrews. The route to and from this destination is rife with quaint villages and captivating scenery.

### Day 9: Tour Conclusion

After exploring Scotland's breathtaking interior and alluring coast, your journey concludes after breakfast today.

“If there exists a magical and mystical place, Scotland and its Highlands is it. Misty moors and lochs, rugged landscape, ancient forests and a culture steeped in legend, connected by stunning rail journeys, will have you believing it is all true.”

Todd Powell

9 DAYS FROM  
**\$2,117**

## Unforgettable Experiences

**Uncover the contrasts of Edinburgh** on a guided walking tour.

**Ride the iconic rails of the *Jacobite Steam Train*.**

**Uncover myths and lore while visiting the Isle of Skye.**

Discover two of Scotland's castles: **Eilean Donan and Urquhart.**

**Cruise across Loch Ness.**

**Explore the ancient town of St. Andrews.**

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9 DAYS FROM  
\$2,295

### Unforgettable Experiences

Taste Irish whiskey at the **Jameson Distillery**.

**Kiss the Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle.**

**Watch a Celtic Dance performance.**

**Tour the beautiful Ring of Kerry.**

**Ride on Killarney's iconic Jaunting Cars.**

**Visit Kylemore Abbey and Connemara Celtic Crystal.**

**Enjoy a Dublin tour** featuring Trinity College and the Book of Kells.

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## Dublin & the Enchanting Emerald Isle

Lose yourself in the Emerald Isle's history-rich cities and spellbinding landscapes while traveling from one renowned site to the next.

### YOUR ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Dublin

The gorgeous city of Dublin is the ideal place to commence our Irish adventure.

#### Day 2: Cork

Travel by train to Cork, arriving with time to sightsee independently before touring the sacred hallways of the Jameson Distillery.

#### Day 3: Blarney Castle

Multiple cultural facets guide today's course, including the Titanic's last port of call, legendary Blarney Castle, and Killarney, where a Celtic Steps Show showcases time-honored music and dance.

#### Day 4: The Ring of Kerry & Killarney

A patchwork of forests, hills, lakes, and dramatic coastal scenes are presented as we drive along the Ring of Kerry and ride on the Jaunting Cars of Killarney.

#### Day 5: The Cliffs of Moher

Ireland's most iconic natural attraction, the Cliffs of Moher, are sure to leave you breathless. The day also brings a smoked salmon masterclass and a visit to the Burren Centre.

#### Day 6: Connemara

From Celtic crystal making to sheepdog performances, Irish entertainment, a Benedictine abbey, and a famous cottage, Ireland's northwest coast is brimming with adventure.

#### Days 7-8: Dublin

Return to Dublin with the promise of enthralling experiences. Learn about Irish emigration, see an ancient text, tour a notorious 19th-century prison, and toast to a fantastic expedition at a traditional pub.

#### Day 9: Tour Conclusion

Your journey through the Emerald Isle concludes this morning.



# The Northern Lights & Lapland

Watch the reds, greens, and blues of the aurora borealis dance overhead while exploring the untamed terrain of northern Norway and Swedish Lapland.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Days 1-3: Oslo and Trondheim

A juxtaposition of Viking history and modern architecture welcomes you to Oslo. Spend some time sightseeing on your own ahead of your flight to Trondheim, one of Norway's oldest destinations. A fascinating immersion into its rich heritage and jaw-dropping surroundings makes your guided tour here one to remember.

### Day 4: The Nordland Railway to Bodø

The *Nordland Railway*, called the Polar Express, traverses 452 miles of resplendent landscapes before delivering us to coastal Bodø.

### Days 5-6: The Lofoten Islands

Enjoy visits to well-preserved villages by day and guided northern light hunts by night while in Europe's most dramatic archipelago, the Lofoten Islands.

### Days 7-8: Narvik and the Ofoten Railway

Bluffs and majestic fjords pave the course back to mainland Norway. Our destination is Narvik, 250 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Here, board the *Ofoten Railway* for a route through the remote arctic, paved in steep mountainous terrain, to Kiruna in Swedish Lapland.

### Days 9-10: Swedish Lapland

Enjoy the hallmarks of regional culture during our stay in Kiruna. Visit a Sami village and the annual ice hotel, and embark on a dog sledding ride through Lapland, concluding with customary cake and coffee.

### Day 11: Tour Conclusion

Your journey through the arctic concludes upon transfer to Kiruna airport.

11 DAYS FROM  
**\$3,695**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Marvel at the northern landscapes on two rail journeys: **The Nordland Railway and the Ofoten Railway.**

Join a guided tour through **Trondheim.**

Hunt for the **northern lights in the Lofoten Islands.**

**Visit a traditional Sami village.**

**Tour an ice hotel.**

**Enjoy a husky-pulled sled ride.**

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Nordland Railway

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**11 DAYS** FROM  
**\$3,595**

**Unforgettable Experiences** 

Join expert guides on city tours of **Rome, Florence, Pisa, and Venice.**

Delight in a tour, wine tasting, and dinner at **Castello Verrazzano.**

Ferry-hop between the **Cinque Terre's villages.**

**Taste fresh mozzarella and limoncello in Naples.**

**Cruise the Amalfi Coast.**

Step back in time at **Pompeii and Rome's Colosseum.**

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# Highlights of Italy Featuring Tuscany & Venice

A superb rail tour through a country that reigns supreme in both history and scenery calls to you in gorgeous Italy

**YOUR ITINERARY**

- **Days 1-2: Rome**  
Dive into Rome's heritage as you explore independently, on a city tour, and while visiting Vatican City.
- **Days 3-5: Tuscany**  
Travel by train to Florence, where guided touring and independent sightseeing introduce its charms. We continue to the resort town of Montecatini Terme, which we use as our headquarters to delve into the Tuscan region's beauty. From Pisa to Chianti's Castello Verrazzano and the charming villages that compose Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera, there is much to uncover.
- **Days 6-7: Venice**  
Look upon the ever-changing landscapes of northern Italy as we travel to Venice. Soak in the Floating City's romance while wandering its canals and on a walking tour featuring St. Mark's Basilica.
- **Days 8-9: Naples, Sorrento & the Amalfi Coast**  
Journey through Italy to Naples, gateway to the Amalfi Coast. A multi-generational farm brings our first tastes of the region, and then we proceed to oceanside Sorrento. But the scenery does not stop here; instead, a cruise of the coast reveals the region's colorful ports of call and gorgeous shorelines.
- **Day 10: Ancient Italy**  
Uncover layers of history as we visit Pompeii, then return to Rome by train for a guided tour of the Colosseum.
- **Day 11: Tour Conclusion**  
Your Italian adventure concludes this morning.



CAPRI, DAY 7

LONG HAUL

# Explore Italy: Pompeii, Capri & the Amalfi Coast

Take indulgence and beauty to the next level on this luxurious tour through Italy, a country built on centuries of history

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: Rome and Vatican City

Wrapped in the evening light, enjoy a panoramic small group tour as an introduction to Rome's most beloved sites and time to explore on your own. An excursion to nearby Vatican City, complete with skip-the-line access to the Vatican Museums and admission to the Sistine Chapel, further acquaint you with the region's offerings.

### Day 3: Optional Touring/Travel to Sorrento

Join an optional walking tour of the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, or spend the morning exploring independently ahead of your first-class rail journey from Rome to Naples. Continue by private car to coastal Sorrento.

### Day 4: Pompeii & Wine Tasting

Begin your day surrounded by scenes of ancient life in Pompeii, then continue to a winery at the base of Mt. Vesuvius for a wine tasting.

### Days 5-7: Sorrento, the Amalfi Coast & Capri

Sorrento's impeccable positioning near the Amalfi Coast put endless seaside adventures within a stone's throw. Vibrant towns and cyan-hued water guide the way as you tour the remarkable destinations that line the Amalfi Coast and cruise to the small island of Capri. During your free day in Sorrento, revel in the opportunities a day at leisure near the water can bring.

### Day 8: Tour Conclusion

Your Italian vacation concludes with a private transfer to Naples International Airport.

8 DAYS FROM  
**\$3,034**

## Unforgettable Experiences

**See Rome's landmarks** on a small group evening tour.

**Spend an afternoon in Vatican City**, visiting the Vatican museums and Sistine Chapel.

### Visit Pompeii's ruins.

Sip local varietals during a **wine tasting**.

Explore the colorful towns of **the Amalfi Coast**.

### Cruise to the island of Capri.

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VENICE

**9 DAYS** FROM  
**\$2,380**

**Unforgettable Experiences** 📷

**Discover Rome's nighttime** ambiance on a panoramic city tour.

**Visit the Vatican Museums,** including the Sistine Chapel.

Savor local wines and finger foods on a **tour of Venice's bacari.**

**Walk to some of Florence's most impressive sites** on a small group tour.

**Explore Venice on a walking tour** that includes Doge's Palace.

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# Cuisine & Culture: Rome, Florence & Venice

Three of Italy's most enriching and historic cities set the backdrop for an adventure filled with wine, architecture, and culture.

## YOUR ITINERARY

- **Day 1: Rome**  
Arrive in Rome, and enjoy a private transfer to your hotel and a small group sightseeing tour of the city this evening.
- **Day 2: Vatican City**  
Spend the morning soaking in Roman culture independently and the afternoon exploring Vatican City's famous museums and Sistine Chapel.
- **Day 3: Rome Explorations**  
For today's adventure, select from an array of touring options, including the Roman Forum and Colosseum, a Roman Food Tour, and a small group tour to Pompeii and Naples.
- **Day 4: Rome to Florence**  
After first-class rail travel to Florence, get your first taste of Tuscany while wine tasting at Le Volpi E L'uva.
- **Days 5-6: Florence Sightseeing**  
While on a walking tour of the city, featuring the Accademia Gallery, and on any number of optional excursions, discover Florence. Tour offerings range from wine tasting to a Florentine Food Tour and a Chianti gastronomic adventure.
- **Day 7: To Venice**  
A combination of first-class rail travel and canal boating takes you to Venice. Enjoy an excursion to the city's authentic bacari this evening.
- **Day 8: Venice Sightseeing**  
A guided walking tour offers an up-close look at the Floating City's inspired architecture and deep history, including the incredible Doge's Palace.
- **Day 9: Tour Conclusion**  
From ancient Rome to the canals of Venice, this memorable journey concludes today.



# Cuisine & Culture: Barcelona, Madrid & Seville

Whet your appetite for adventure on this Spanish expedition that immerses travelers in the country's vibrant culture and gastronomy in three unique cities.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1: Barcelona

A two-hour private driving tour acquaints you with Mediterranean Barcelona as you arrive.

### Day 2: Paella & Sightseeing

After a leisurely morning, savor a paella lunch on a seaside terrace. Continue the day with a sightseeing excursion to La Sagrada Familia and Park Guell.

### Day 3: Barcelona at Leisure

Make the most of this lively destination while exploring independently or on an optional tour.

### Day 4: Madrid

Meet your driver after traveling by rail to Madrid. Sit back and relax as the city's wonders unfold during a two-hour driving tour.

### Days 5-6: Madrid & Toledo Explorations

Enjoy the best of Madrid via an array of fascinating optional tours. Choose from visits to the Royal Palace, the Prado Museum, and even the nearby city of Toledo. Your time in Madrid also brings a guided culinary excursion through local taverns to taste wine and cheese.

### Day 7: Seville Sightseeing

Travel to Seville by train with a sightseeing cruise along the Guadalquivir River and visits to Plaza de Toros de La Maestranza, the artistic Triana District, and Basilica Macarena ahead.

### Day 8: Seville

Explore Seville's history at leisure or join a wine tasting tour. A Flamenco dinner performance offers an unforgettable tour conclusion.

### Day 9: Tour Conclusion

Your tour of Spain ends this morning with a private airport transfer.

**9 DAYS** FROM  
**\$1,763**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Relax as driving tours introduce **Barcelona and Madrid.**

**Enjoy a paella lunch** overlooking the sea.

**Visit La Sagrada Familia and Park Guell.**

**Taste your way through Madrid's taverns.**

**Explore Seville** while touring the River Guadalquivir, Plaza de Toros de La Maestranza, and Triana District.

**Attend a traditional Flamenco dinner.**

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Gorgeous rivers guide the way to some of the world's most unbelievable scenery on rail and cruise vacations. Each route is unique, presenting culturally rich ports of call through sightseeing and immersive excursions. An intimate, all-inclusive onboard experience complements the itineraries, ensuring the journeys are as impressive as the destinations.





RHINE GORGE

## Glacier Express & Rhine Cruise

**12 Days From \$4,395**

Dramatic scenery abounds on this extraordinary journey through Switzerland and the romantic Rhine region. Get a taste of the Swiss Alps' sheer magnificence while exploring car-free resort towns and riding acclaimed railways, then take to the Rhine for a fantastic display of German culture and riverside wonders, including the Rhine Gorge.



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LISBON

## Lisbon & Douro Cruise

**11 Days From \$4,195**

The "River of Gold," the Douro, is the centerpiece of this immersive rail and cruise journey through the Iberian Peninsula. Sip some of the world's best wine, and explore regions whose history and traditions extend through the ages while exploring sunny Portugal and vibrant Spain.



MONACO

## French Riviera & Rhone Cruise

**12 Days From \$3,895**

From the glittering Riviera to the Grand Canyon of Europe, some of France's most incredible scenery beckons. Relish Nice and Monaco's glamorous amenities ahead of cruising the iconic Rhone between Lyon to Arles. Each port of call brings a new layer of French culture, whether that be wine or UNESCO-designated sites.



7 DAYS FROM  
\$2,195

### Unforgettable Experiences

Travel through the majestic **Cairngorms by rail**.

**Spend Christmas Eve riding the Kyle Line to Kyle of Lochalsh.**

**Visit Eilean Donan Castle**, an island fortress from the 13th century.

**Drive around the shores of Loch Ness** to the Loch Ness Exhibition Center.

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Edinburgh



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## A Scottish Christmas

Celebrate Christmas in Scotland, enchanted by the Highlands' winter scenery as you travel between Edinburgh, Inverness, and Kyle of Lochalsh.

### YOUR ITINERARY

#### ■ Day 1: Edinburgh

Arrive in Scotland's capital with the day to sightsee and explore how the holiday season transforms this ancient city.

#### ● Day 2: Through the Cairngorms to Inverness

A scenic rail journey escorts us through the dramatic scenery of the Scottish countryside to Inverness. Enjoy a drinks reception and traditional entertainment this evening.

#### ● Day 3: Christmas Eve on the *Kyle Line*

Spend Christmas Eve traveling toward Kyle of Lochalsh aboard the renowned *Kyle Line*. Our time here takes us to Eilean Donan Castle, situated on its own island. We return to Inverness in time to celebrate at a festive Christmas reception.

#### ● Day 4: Merry Christmas, Inverness

Between a full Scottish breakfast, a delicious lunch, and a holiday dinner accompanied by Scottish music and traditional dancing, spend Christmas Day enjoying Inverness at leisure.

#### ● Day 5: Boxing Day at Loch Ness

Skirt the shores to Scotland's most legendary loch on today's excursion. Our destination is the Loch Ness Exhibition Center, where you can take a deep dive into the history, geology, and, of course, lore surrounding Loch Ness.

#### ● Day 6: Inverness to Edinburgh

We return to Edinburgh by train, surrounded by the wind-swept beauty of the Cairngorms - Caledonian Pine forests, rugged mountains, and frozen lochs punctuating the landscape.

#### ■ Day 7: Tour Conclusion

Your Christmastime journey through Scotland concludes after breakfast.





LUCERNE

# Classic Glacier Express at Christmas

A holiday journey through Switzerland's impeccable landscapes and enchanting mountain towns, this tour brings the true meaning of a winter wonderland to life.

## YOUR ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: Travel to Brig

On arrival at London St. Pancras, join a series of train routes traveling to Brig, Switzerland, by way of Paris and Strasbourg. The alpine village of Brig's fantastic positioning puts many wonders at your fingertips.

### Days 3-4: Mountain Railroad to Zermatt

Spend two days exploring the immense beauty of southern Switzerland both independently and while riding aboard narrow-gauge and mountain railroads to the car-free resort town of Zermatt.

### Day 5: *Glacier Express*

First-class seating on the "slowest express train in the world," the *Glacier Express*, presents a veritable winter wonderland of towering peaks and spectacular gorges as we travel to Chur.

### Days 6-7: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Soak in the joyous surroundings of illuminated streets and decorated plazas after traveling by train to lakeside Lucerne on Christmas Eve and at leisure soaked in the ambiance of Switzerland's oldest city, Chur, on Christmas Day. Both evenings conclude with festive feasts, traditional caroling, and holiday cheer.

### Day 8: *The Bernina Express*

A round-trip journey aboard the *Bernina Express*, pausing in Italian Poschiavo, introduces some of the best sights of the Swiss landscape.

### Day 9: Tour Conclusion

Using your rail pass, travel to Zurich's airport to return home as your holiday adventure concludes this morning.

9 DAYS FROM  
**\$3,295**

## Unforgettable Experiences

Marvel at snow-covered scenes of alpine Switzerland while aboard two scenic railways: **the *Glacier Express* and the *Bernina Express*.**

**Join a mountain rail excursion to Zermatt.**

Spend Christmas Eve wrapped in the festive **lakeside beauty of Lucerne.**

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TOKYO



## Grand Tour of Japan

**14 Days From \$6,495**

A grand presentation of timeless traditions and history unfurls one memorable destination at a time in Japan. Spend time exploring three of the nation's main islands sampling whiskey, joining an authentic tea ceremony, looking upon Mount Fuji, and touring the bustling cities that perfectly exemplify Japanese culture. Connect these elements with futuristic bullet train rides to create a journey of a lifetime.

MATSUMOTO CASTLE



## Discover Japan

**12 Days From \$4,695**

Come experience the irresistible pull of Japan. Its profound history underlies even the most modern destinations, and the country's timeless culture captures hearts in unexpected places. On this tour, revel in the Land of the Rising Sun's dramatic views and unforgettable offerings while traveling between Tokyo, Hiroshima, Miyajima Island, Kyoto, Osaka, and other points of interest from coast to coast.



ANGKOR WAT TEMPLE

## Grand Tour of Vietnam and Cambodia

**16 Days From \$2,795**

Connect with the exotic cultures of Vietnam and Cambodia during this extravagant journey. A story of contrasts presents itself as we explore tropical beaches, bustling cities, and agricultural areas. Enjoy a range of experiences in Vietnam, from lantern-making to Water Puppet Theater. After cruising the Mekong River, we arrive in Cambodia, where golden temples sit aside palaces, museums, markets, and amazing sights - and we witness it all.



BLUE MOUNTAINS

## Ultimate Australia

**19 Days From \$6,595**

A thrilling compilation of Aboriginal history, natural beauty, and modern attractions brings Australia's allure to life on this 19-day expedition. Connect world-renowned cities with memorable locales like the Great Barrier Reef, the Uluru desert, Barossa Valley's wineries, and the Great Ocean Road, while traveling through the country. And what better way to do so than aboard its famous trains, including an optional journey on the luxurious *Ghan*.



BAY OF ISLANDS

## Grand Tour of New Zealand

**18 Days From \$4,995**

New Zealand's North and South Islands are brimming with lush forests, bottomless fjords, and magnificent mountain scenes. Spend 18 days immersed in their pictorial beauty while traveling between Paihia in the northern tip and Te Anau in the south, spending time in numerous cities, including Auckland, Wellington, Queenstown, and Christchurch. Explore the landscape aboard four scenic railways and while enjoying experiences that cannot be found anywhere else globally.

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