

ULTIMATE BC RAILS EXPERIENCE

May 2027



VIA Rail between Jasper and Prince Rupert

Vancouver to Jasper to Prince Rupert on VIA Rail

Experience some of British Columbia's most spectacular landscapes by trains, ferry, and catamaran on this unforgettable circle tour. You will travel aboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian* from Vancouver to Jasper in first-class Sleeper Plus accommodations, then continue on the scenic *Skeena Train* to Prince Rupert, where daylight reveals majestic mountains, rushing rivers, and remote wilderness. An exciting highlight is a catamaran excursion into the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Sanctuary, one of the best places in British Columbia to observe grizzly bears in their natural habitat. Your journey concludes aboard BC Ferries' *Northern Expedition*, sailing through the breathtaking Inside Passage to Port Hardy. Combining iconic train journeys, remarkable wildlife, and unforgettable coastal scenery, this is one of the most rewarding ways to experience the natural beauty of British Columbia.



RAIL TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** May 30, 2027 - 10 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** May 30, 2027 - 9 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** May 31, 2027 - 9 days

► Fares per person

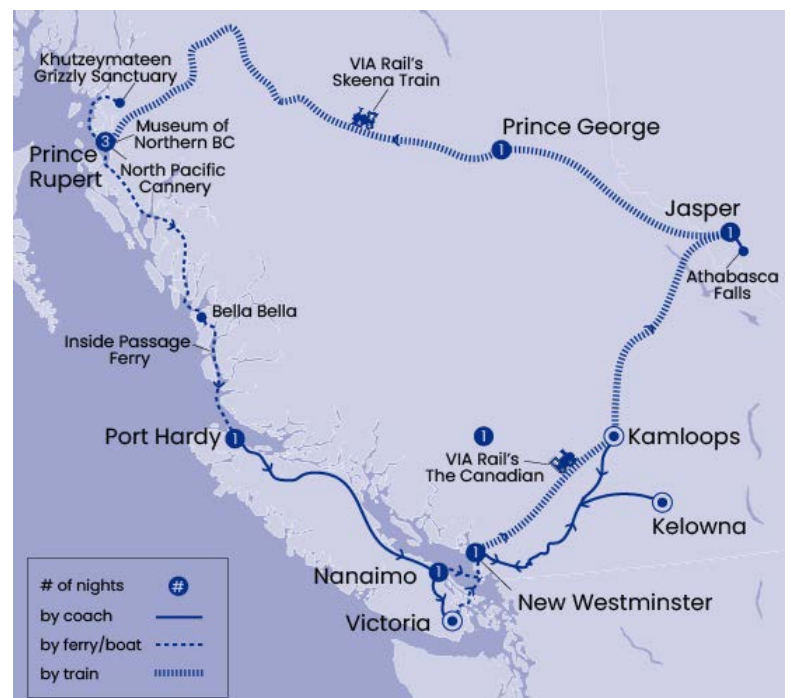
❶ from **\$7,240** double/twin, **\$8,110** single*

*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Early Booking Bonus

\$250 discount on first 12 seats; **\$125** on next 8.

► Earn 184 Experience Points



WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- ❶ **12 total:** 3 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 2 dinners
- ❷❸ **11 total:** 3 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners

► Transportation

- Coach transportation for 10 days
- VIA Rail's *The Canadian* from Vancouver to Jasper in Sleeper Plus Class
- VIA Rail train from Jasper to Prince George
- VIA Rail train from Prince George to Prince Rupert
- Transfer from Prince Rupert train station to hotel
- *Northern Expedition* ferry through Inside Passage from Prince Rupert to Port Hardy
- ❶❸ Ferry from Duke Point to Tsawwassen

► Accommodation

- ❶ 8 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- ❷❸ 7 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
 - 1 night of bedroom accommodation on *The Canadian*
 - Luggage handling at most hotels

► Key Highlights

- ❶❷ Vancouver Lookout Tower
 - Athabasca Falls
 - North Pacific Cannery Museum with guide
 - Museum of Northern British Columbia with guide
 - All-day boat excursion to Khutzeymateen Sanctuary for grizzly bear viewing
 - Reserved seat on *Northern Expedition* in the Aurora Lounge
 - Rath Trevor Beach Park

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

► Guides, Gratuities & Fees

- Jasper National Park pass
- Gratuities for train dining car staff, local guides & boat crew

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Cabin for Two	Cabin for One	Prestige Cabin (Waitlist Only)
❶	BC Interior	\$7,365 double/twin \$9,395 single	\$8,370 single	\$8,315 double/twin \$11,955 single
❷	Vancouver Island	\$7,415 double/twin \$9,350 single	\$8,320 single	\$8,365 double/twin \$11,905 single
❸	Lower Mainland	\$7,240 double/twin \$9,140 single	\$8,110 single	\$8,185 double/twin \$11,695 single

- Please add 5% GST.
- **BC Seniors (65 & over):** receive a \$111 discount if you are travelling from the BC Interior or the Lower Mainland. \$93 discount if you are travelling from Vancouver Island.

ITINERARY

Sunday, May 30

Your departure point will be discussed at the time of booking. Passengers from the BC Interior and Vancouver Island travel to New Westminster. We stay overnight at the Inn at the Quay, built on a pier jutting into the Fraser River. Every room has a view of the river and you can watch all the shipping traffic.

Meals included: Lunch (BC Interior)

Accommodation: Inn at the Quay (BC Interior & Vancouver Island)

Monday, May 31

We ride to the top of the Vancouver Lookout Tower for a panoramic view of the city and harbour. Passengers from Vancouver join us for lunch, then we begin our first railway journey on **VIA Rail's The Canadian**, travelling overnight to Jasper. Relax in the luxury and comfort of Sleeper Plus Class with superbly refurbished Art-Deco rail cars from the 1950s. From your armchair or the dome car, admire the views as we travel through the Fraser Valley and the awesome **Fraser Canyon** until dark. Wander over to the Skyline Car and meet other travellers. Dinner and breakfast are included in the elegant dining car with freshly prepared dishes served on china with silverware and linen. We travel through Kamloops about midnight.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: VIA Rail

Tuesday, June 1

During the morning, the train travels through the North Thompson Valley and past soaring **Mount Robson**, highest in the Canadian Rockies. After crossing Yellowhead Pass and the Continental Divide, we disembark in **Jasper** about 11 am. During the afternoon, we see thundering Athabasca Falls in spring runoff.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jasper Inn

Wednesday, June 2

We board **VIA Rail's Skeena Train** in Jasper this morning. For most of today's train excursion, we follow the Fraser River as it tumbles down from Yellowhead Pass, then meanders placidly through the broad Rocky Mountain Trench. This train operates only in daylight hours, so we arrive in **Prince George** about 5 pm and stay overnight.

Meals included: Box Lunch

Accommodation: Coast Hotel Prince George

Thursday, June 3

Back on the *Skeena Train*, we pull out of Prince George at 8 am for the 12½-hour journey to Prince Rupert. Across the Interior Plateau, the train skirts dozens of lakes and the tracks usually follow a different route than the Yellowhead Highway. There are splendid views as we follow the rushing Bulkley River and the broad Skeena River through the **Coast Mountains** to the ocean. On arrival at **Prince Rupert**, we stay three nights at the Crest Hotel, the finest in the city.

Meals included: Breakfast, Box Lunch, Box Dinner

Accommodation: Crest Hotel

Friday, June 4

We drive to Port Edward on the Skeena River and tour the restored **North Pacific Cannery** which was built in 1889. This afternoon, we admire the wonderful exhibits at the **Museum of Northern British Columbia** with the assistance of a docent.

Meals included: Lunch

Accommodation: Crest Hotel

Saturday, June 5

The **Khutzeymateen Grizzly Sanctuary** was established in 1994 and preserves one of the largest populations of grizzly bears in BC. We board a 22-metre catamaran for a seven-hour excursion to the sanctuary starting at 7am. The vessel has lots of outdoor deck space and floor to ceiling windows for unsurpassed viewing. We travel north through Chatham Sound, listening to fascinating stories about Indigenous villages and watching for dolphins, seals, sea lions, bald

eagles, and blue herons as we learn first-hand about this diverse marine environment. June is a great month for easy viewing, as grizzlies are playing and feeding along the shoreline.

Meals included: Lunch

Accommodation: Crest Hotel

Sunday, June 6

The **Northern Expedition** departs Prince Rupert for a 15-hour scenic voyage through the **Inside Passage** to Port Hardy. Along 500 kilometres of magnificent coastline, we pass hundreds of islands and waterfalls, and probably see wildlife such as bald eagles, porpoises, or whales. Highlights are the long canal-like Grenville Channel, Princess Royal Channel, and the narrows at Bella Bella. Enjoy a comfortable reserved seat in the private, key-access Aurora Lounge for the whole voyage.

Cabin option: You can purchase an outside ferry cabin for \$175 or inside cabin for \$145 (per cabin), if available. Prices may increase in 2027. Each is equipped with two berths, sink, toilet, and shower. Please request when you book this tour.

Accommodation: Kwa'lilas Hotel

Monday, June 7

We drive south from Port Hardy on the Island Highway through Campbell River. A stop is made at Parksville to stroll the sandy beach at Rathtrevor Park. Vancouver Island passengers head home today.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo (BC Interior & Lower Mainland)

Tuesday, June 8

BC Interior and Lower Mainland passengers ride the ferry from Duke Point to Tsawwassen and head for home.

ACTIVITY LEVEL



Moderate activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. You may need to handle your own luggage at a hotel if luggage service is not available.

You may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. This tour is not appropriate for people who require the use of a walker. Some rooms in Jasper have a flight of stairs to the bedroom. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

On The Canadian: You may have to walk through up to 5 cars on a moving train to access the dining car. If booking a single bedroom, be aware that at night the toilet is under your murphy bed or you can go down the hall into the next car. Double bedrooms have upper and lower berths, so one person must be able to get into the upper berth using a ladder.

On all trains: Steps on and off the trains may be challenging for those with mobility restrictions. Due to narrow train corridors, most walkers with four wheels cannot be used on board.



Tour size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.



NORTHERN EXPEDITION

BC Ferries' **Northern Expedition** was specially designed for Inside Passage voyages. Launched in 2009, she is 150 metres long with a beam of 23 metres and a draft of 7½ metres. She carries 130 vehicles, 600 passengers, and 30 crew at a travelling speed of 20.3 knots. The ferry has three passenger decks and an outdoor sun deck. Facilities include the Canoe Café, gift shop, and Raven's Lounge. A comfortable reserved seat in the private Aurora Lounge is included in your fare. The 500-kilometre journey from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert takes 15 hours, mostly in daylight to permit great viewing of the rugged coastline and abundant wildlife, marine life, and birdlife. Our motorcoach travels on the ferry, so luggage and other belongings can be stored there.

TRAIN NOTES

Vancouver to Jasper – You are reserved in Sleeper Plus Class on *The Canadian*. Sleeping accommodation is in private bedrooms, either double with upper and lower berths or single with lower berth only. Amenities include seats by day and beds at night, electrical outlet, toilet, sink, and mirror. Shower facilities are located nearby. There is access after 4 pm to the Park Car with its excellent views and the Bullet Lounge. All meals are included in the elegant dining car which offers exclusive service for first-class travellers. Wander over to the Skyline Dome Car which has books, games, lectures on local topics, and refreshments.

Prestige Class – Please ask about availability for these cabins from Vancouver to Jasper and experience an unparalleled level of elegance, comfort, and privileged service. Features include a personal concierge, private washroom with shower, flat screen TV with movie selection, gourmet meals, and complimentary beverages.

Jasper to Prince George – You are reserved in Economy Class on the *Skeena Train* which is the only class offered. There is usually a dome car with seating shared among all passengers. There is a snack bar with a limited selection of snacks and beverages, but Wells Gray arranges a box lunch from a Jasper restaurant.

Prince George to Prince Rupert – It's the same train which stays overnight in Prince George. Wells Gray arranges a box lunch from a Prince George restaurant and a box dinner from a Terrace restaurant.

Special Note about the Train Schedule – When you travel by train in Canada, it is essential that you are flexible and patient about the schedule, especially arrival and departure times. Expect delays, sometimes many hours! The times mentioned in the itinerary are from VIA Rail's published timetable. Wells Gray Tours cannot be held responsible for additional costs due to a late train. There is no refund for missed hotel nights or attractions as these are prepaid. Freight trains have priority over passenger trains, so sometimes the train is hours late into Jasper, Prince George or Prince Rupert, but other times it arrives early! If the train is very late arriving in Jasper, lunch is served to Sleeper Plus Class passengers.

Motorcoach follows train – Our motorcoach travels between the cities that the trains serve and carries your checked luggage, so you do not have to carry it on and off the trains. A local bus provides the transfer from the Prince Rupert train station to the hotel, as the length of that day exceeds the coach driver's allowed on-duty hours.

Luggage – Large suitcases are not permitted in private rooms for the overnight train, so your luggage stays on our motorcoach. Bring a smaller carry-on bag with the things you need for the train journeys.

Gratuities Vancouver to Jasper train – The customary gratuity for your room steward is not included in your tour fare due to the challenges of distribution on board, so \$5 per person is recommended. Gratuities are included for the dining car train staff.

TOUR NOTES

Please book early! Travelling by train in Canada is very popular and the first-class service from Vancouver to Jasper is in high demand. VIA Rail and many hotels have strict policies about our commitment to the number of rooms needed and will cancel rooms from our original reservation if they can sell the rooms to other visitors. If this happens, we have to consider the tour full, even though seats are available on the motorcoach. This tour is limited to 40 travellers and it sold out in 2026 with a waiting list, so it will probably sell out again. Therefore, waiting too long to book generally means "Sorry, wait till next year."

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. The train may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. The box lunches for the Skeena train must be ordered long before departure. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.



Grizzly Bears spotted in the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Sanctuary on our 2026 tour

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due March 24, 2027. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#), Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$250 discount on the first 12 seats and \$125 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after March 24, 2027.

BC Seniors (65 & over): \$111 discount offered by BC Ferries and VIA Rail for passengers from the BC Interior and the Lower Mainland. \$93 discount for passengers from Vancouver Island. Please bring your BC ID Card on the tour.

Cancellation Policy:

- Up to February 24, 2027, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person.
- From February 25 to March 24, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person (your deposit).
- From March 25 to April 23, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare.
- After April 23, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Please refer to Wells Gray Tours' [Terms and Conditions](#). Please read the information on page 6 in "Special Note about the Train Schedule."

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard until September 8, 2026 and Battleface after that. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. This tour stays in Canada, but medical costs can vary a lot from one province to another. While your BC Services Card may partly cover you for a medical issue that arises during the tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage. Insurance premiums are not refundable whether or not you make a claim.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 184 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until March 24, 2027.

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