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snow train

departs friday 23 February 2008
for 10 days

We have re-introduced our ever popular relaxing rail tour through the snow across Canada on board the superb "Canadian" train - a classic built in the 1950's complete with traditional dome cars and tail observation lounge, riding the train at the time of year when it is quieter and more friendly.

Saturday 23 February:

Morning departure from your local airport (Heathrow, Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol, Leeds/Bradford, Humberside, Glasgow, Edinburgh) by KLM to Amsterdam, connecting onwards to Toronto arriving mid afternoon. Stay three nights at a hotel in downtown Toronto just yards from the station.

Sunday 24 February:

Day excursion by road to Niagara Falls including sightseeing at the falls, wine tasting at a vineyard, a superb buffet lunch overlooking the Falls from the Summit Suite Dining Room of the 775ft high Skylon Tower, a visit to historic town of Niagara on the Lake and the whirlpool rapids.

Monday 25 February:

At leisure in Toronto, the waterfront is a few minutes walk away or stroll through the underground shopping malls that stretch throughout the downtown area. CN Tower, the world's tallest structure, is nearby offering superb views from the viewing platform or view the city from a tram on a day pass.

Tuesday 26 February:

Depart 09.00 on the classic "Canadian" train for a 2,800 mile journey across a continent. Accommodation on board will be in upper and lower sleeping car berths curtained off from the corridor, toilets and showers are

located nearby. (You can upgrade for a supplement to one or two berth bedrooms

with private WC and sink.) All meals on board are included in the dining car plus access to the exclusive "Park Car" dome/observation lounge at the rear of the train where you can obtain snacks and chat with fellow passengers over a drink or two. Your main luggage will be checked through to Vancouver, just take a small bag on board the train for the journey. Relax and enjoy the scenery as the train skirts the lakes and forests of Ontario.

Wednesday 27 February:

Today the train arrives at Winnipeg mid afternoon where you can take a one hour break to explore the town before continuing westwards.

Thursday 28 February:

Around breakfast time the train reaches Edmonton, once again one of the opportunities to "stretch your legs", before the massive snow covered Rockies appear on the horizon - head for the dome car for the best views. A 90 minute stop is made at Jasper this afternoon while extra coaches are added to the train, enough time to look around this small resort set among the mountain,. The train continues through the snow into the heart of the Rockies past Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies at nearly 13,000ft.

Friday 1 March:

Awake early to see the mighty Fraser River before arriving into Vancouver around breakfast time. Transfer to our hotel with the rest of the day at leisure.

The historic "gastown" district of Vancouver is a few blocks away with its restaurants, boutique shops, ferry to North Vancouver and steam clock (Westminster Chimes are "hooted" on the hour!), or ride the "skytrain" transit system to the markets at New Westminster. The tour escort will advise options available today.

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Saturday 2 March:

Day excursion by road and scenic 90 minute ferry crossing between the numerous Gulf Islands to Victoria on Vancouver Island. Around four hours is available to “take tea” at the magnificent Empress Hotel, see the underwater world, visit the excellent museum, have a leisurely lunch or stroll around the streets and shops in this peculiarly “British” town.

Sunday 3 March

Most of the day at leisure in Vancouver before transferring to the airport for the KLM flight to Amsterdam.

Monday 4 March:

Lunch time arrival into Amsterdam connecting with onward flights to your local airport.

TOUR COST: £1595.00

Single room supplement:

£180.00 (hotels only)

£330.00 (hotels and single roomette on train)

Bedroom supplement:

£150.00 per person (2-berth)

Insurance: £66.00 per person

Deposit: £250.00 per person

The Tour Cost Includes:

- KLM flights from your local airport (as listed) via Amsterdam to Toronto, returning from Vancouver
- All rail travel in “Silver & Blue” sleeping car class
- All meals on board the train
- Five nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities – room only basis
- Day excursion to Niagara Falls inc lunch
- Day excursion to Victoria
- Transfers
- Services of a Railtours Tour Manager