

# BRITISH COLUMBIA INSIDE PASSAGE SAILING and SKEENA TRAIN

IDEAL FAMILY SUMMER GETAWAY RECOMMENDED  
FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN 8 YEARS AND OVER.  
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Combine three modes of transportation on this special 8-day tour: a luxury motorcoach, two scenic ferry rides and a daylight train ride.

Features a day cruise along the coast of British Columbia to Prince Rupert and a spectacular journey on Via Rail's The Skeena train east to Prince George.

**DEPARTURE:** Edmonton 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary 12:00 p.m.

## DAY

- EDMONTON to CALGARY to THREE VALLEY GAP:** Your *Scenic Getaway* begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Travel south via Red Deer to Calgary meeting additional travelling companions enroute. Sit back and enjoy the incredible scenery of the Canadian Rockies. Cross the border into British Columbia and continue to Three Valley Gap for overnight at the **Three Valley Lake Chateau**.
- THREE VALLEY GAP to NEW WESTMINSTER:** Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery as you travel through Salmon Arm, Kamloops and Merritt to New Westminster. Your unique hotel, the **Inn at Westminster Quay**, is in a wonderful location stretching out over the mighty Fraser River, right next door to the Riverfront Boardwalk and within walking distance of the Skytrain Station to downtown Vancouver. Choose to relax and watch the boats go by from your river view room or go exploring.
- NEW WESTMINSTER to PORT HARDY:** Board a B.C. FERRY for a scenic sailing to Nanaimo, the second largest city on Vancouver Island. Follow Highway #19 north to Campbell River, known as the Salmon Capital of the World. Continue north to Port Hardy for overnight.
- PORT HARDY/INSIDE PASSAGE/PRINCE RUPERT:** The M.V. NORTHERN EXPEDITION departs Port Hardy this morning for a 15-hour scenic voyage through the INSIDE PASSAGE. Along the 300 miles of magnificent coastline, you pass hundreds of islands and waterfalls and may see wildlife such as bald eagles, porpoises and killer whales. Highlights are the narrows at Bella Bella, the Princess Royal Channel and the long canal-like Grenville Channel. A RESERVED RECLINING SEAT in the Aurora Lounge is included. If you wish additional privacy, you can purchase an outside or inside cabin. Our motorcoach travels on the ferry with us, so luggage and other belongings can be stored there. Arrive Prince Rupert for two nights.
- PRINCE RUPERT:** The morning is at leisure to visit downtown shops and the acclaimed MUSEUM OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA. This afternoon, drive to Port Edward, located on the Skeena River



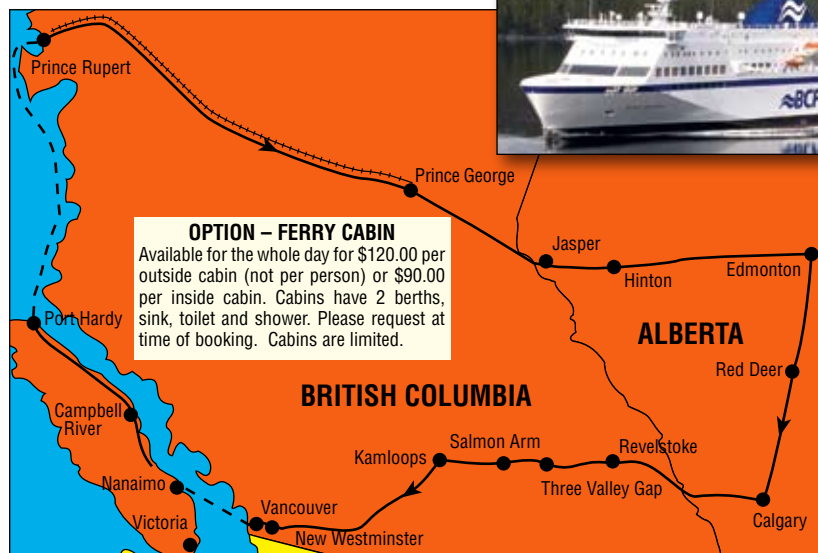
Via Rail's Skeena train.

and visit the NORTH PACIFIC CANNERY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. Known today as the North Pacific Historic Fishing Village, this historic site protects the oldest surviving salmon cannery village along British Columbia's coast. Established in 1889, this cannery was typical of those in remote locations in that it provided accommodation through the summer canning season. Little has changed since the plant closed in the late 1960's. Almost 30 buildings linked by wooden boardwalks are open for inspection.

- PRINCE RUPERT – SKEENA TRAIN – PRINCE GEORGE:** VIA Rail's the SKEENA TRAIN takes you on a spectacular all-day journey east to Prince George. Enjoy the luxury of "Touring Class" with panoramic reserved seating and access to the Dome Car. THREE COLD MEALS are served at your seat. There are splendid views of passing scenery as we follow the broad Skeena River and the rushing Bulkley River through the Coast Mountains. Across the Interior Plateau, the train skirts hundreds of lakes and the tracks follow a different route than the Yellowhead Highway. Overnight Prince George.
- PRINCE GEORGE to HINTON:** The Canadian Rockies highest peak, MOUNT ROBSON, welcomes you this morning as you travel east into JASPER NATIONAL PARK. After a DRIVING TOUR OF JASPER continue to Hinton for overnight. This evening we invite you to a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER.
- HINTON to EDMONTON to CALGARY:** With fond memories you make a stop in Edmonton and then continue on to Calgary.

## M.V. NORTHERN EXPEDITION

B.C. Ferries' newest vessel, M.V. Northern Expedition, made its first voyage through the Inside Passage in May 2009. The M.V. Northern Expedition was specially designed for Inside Passage voyages. It is 497 feet long with a beam of 76 feet and a draft of 24 feet. She carries 130 vehicles, 600 passengers and 30 crew. Travelling speed is 20.3 knots. The ferry has three passenger decks and an outdoor sun deck. Facilities include the Canoe Cafe, Vista Restaurant, gift shop, Raven's Lounge and Aurora Lounge with comfortable reserved seating (included in your fare). The 300-mile journey from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert takes 15 hours. Enjoy great viewing of the rugged coastline and abundant wildlife, marine life and birdlife.



DEPARTURE DATES 2011		
8 Days: June 24 July 22 August 19 September 2		
COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN DOLLARS		
		+G.S.T.
Quad:	\$1,519.00	\$ 75.95
Triple:	\$1,579.00	\$ 78.95
Twin:	\$1,699.00	\$ 84.95
Single:	\$2,179.00	\$108.95
<b>+GST APPLIES TO TOUR COST</b>		
<b>EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT:</b> \$34.00 twin sharing per person.		

**INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY:** •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodations and taxes •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Admissions for all attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Ferry to Vancouver Island •Northern Expedition Ferry Voyage through Inside Passage from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert •Reserved seat in ferry's Aurora Lounge •Museum of Northern British Columbia •North Pacific Cannery Village •Seating in deluxe "touring class" with 3 included meals on Via Rail's train from Prince Rupert to Prince George •Mount Robson •Jasper National Park •Driving Tour of Jasper •Hosted Farewell Dinner.

