

# Canada by Train

## Adventure Memo

### Greetings from the WAI Travel Team,

We're excited to bring you 2 departures of our *Canada by Train* Walking Adventure in 2011! Everyone seems to love the nostalgic grace of traveling by train. Certainly the *Sleeper Touring* first-class service offered by our Canadian friends promises an experience to enjoy in style and comfort, but it's the walking element of this Adventure, as always, that makes it unique!

Out of a total of 13 nights crossing Canada, we spend **5** on the train. The other **8** nights are spent in hotels that are strategically located to provide access to the essence of our neighbor to the North. In addition to viewing Canada's expansive breadth of land from the train, we get off to walk and explore the delights of Vancouver; the wonders of Banff National Park, the high-lights of Toronto, Canada's largest city, Montreal, the second largest French-speaking metropolis on the planet; and finally, the lively maritime atmosphere of Halifax, capital of Nova Scotia!

### How do I lock in my place on this Adventure?

Contact us to register with a \$500 payment as soon as possible - check out the Registration Form and General Tour Conditions for more details. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis!

### First Departure vs. Second Departure

The first departure (October 3-16) includes an extra day in the Banff area, while the second departure (October 8-21) includes an extra day in the Nova Scotia area, at the end of the trip.

### How should I arrange transportation for this Adventure?

Getting to the starting point (Seattle, WA) and home from the finish point (Halifax, NS) can be a challenge for many, since the two points are a full continent apart! Travelers on past Adventures have come up with a variety of creative ways to accomplish this feat, but airplanes are going to be the answer for most of us! We recommend that you contact the travel agent we work with to help book your flight arrangements. In this age of airfare complications and airport uncertainty, using a travel agent is a good investment! More details about flight arrangements and travel agent contact information will be provided in the *Adventure Advice* flyer which will be mailed to you after you register for the Adventure. **Please do not book your airfare prior to receiving the Adventure Advice flyer!**

### Group Travel Credit

If you are part of a Group, remember that your full deposit of \$500 is still required to hold your spot on this Adventure. Your group leader is responsible to submit your name in writing to us before you pre-register, qualifying you for the Group Travel Credit, but a full deposit is needed to officially reserve your place.

### Travel Insurance

Walking Adventures has negotiated with an insurance carrier to provide travel insurance in the form of a Preferred Benefits™ policy. We are pleased to make this package available and believe that it will provide travelers with an important element of security at a reasonable price. (See the back of the General Tour Conditions sheet for more detailed information.)

**IMPORTANT:** The insurance policy includes time-sensitive coverage provisions for some benefits, including pre-existing conditions and trip cancellation coverage for any reason (with additional fee), **provided you purchase the insurance within 14 days of your registration.** Should you choose to add the cost of your airline tickets to your insurance policy, contact our office within 14 days after you purchase your airfare.

### What Happens Next?

Upon registering for this Adventure, you will receive a welcome letter, initial invoice, and Adventure Advice flyer with important information about steps to take in the months before your trip. **Please do not buy your airline tickets until you receive the Adventure Advice flyer.** The final payment for the program is due 90 days before departure, and you will receive a final billing about 2 weeks prior to that point, along with a factsheet of additional information about the Adventure to help you get prepared! Then, about 3 weeks before departure, you will receive a final packet with all the details of the program, including hotel names and contact information, a list of fellow travelers, and a more detailed daily schedule.

For now, we invite you to pull up a chair, grab a cup of java, and imagine the train lover's experience of a lifetime...

*Canada by Train!*

**All Aboard! Next Stop...Canada!**



*More than a vacation...it's an Adventure!*

### **Insurance – What if I need to place a claim?**

Jumping through hoops to get results from large, bureaucratic organizations can be enough to try the patience of Job! Travel insurance companies, unfortunately, are not immune to bureaucracy. Ambiguity and forms-overload sometimes seem to outweigh reason and logic. Ultimately, however, travelers are paid and the *Preferred Benefits* policy we recommend works! Though it is easy to view insurance as a necessary evil, we have seen the benefits of travel insurance time and again. We believe it is worth the cost... and hoop-jumping required!