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Day 1 Sat

Embark on your adventure in Juneau

Welcome aboard! Meet your crew and get acquainted as we set sail into the Tracy Arm Wilderness.

Day 2 Sun

Tracy Arm Wilderness / Frederick Sound

At the end of Tracy Arm, a winding fjord with sheer granite walls, hundreds of cascading waterfalls, and some of the largest floating icebergs in all of Alaska, sits the twin Sawyer Glaciers—North Sawyer and South Sawyer. The fjord is home to brown and black bears, deer, wolves, harbor seals, birds such as arctic terns and pigeon guillemots, and mountain goats, usually spotted high on the cliffs. Later today, move into Frederick Sound—summer feeding ground for the northern hemisphere’s largest concentration of humpback whales. Keep watch for humpbacks, orca, and Steller sea lions.

Day 3 Mon

Thomas Bay / Cascade Creek

Choose kayaking and a lush forest trek on a scenic Cascade Creek trail. Or go big on the 5-mile hike to the glacially-fed and rarely visited Patterson Lake for spectacular kayaking. Discover the origin of its “Devil’s Country” nickname during a reading from “The Strangest Story Ever Told,” about the area’s mythical shape-shifting creatures called Kushtaka.

Day 4 Tues**Thomas Bay / Baird Glacier / Wrangell Narrows**

In an area known for glaciers and rich in gold and quartz, take on the otherworldly boot-sucking Baird Glacier until you stand atop the mile-wide glacier. Adventure and natural beauty are sure to please whether you choose kayaking, paddle boarding, skiff riding, or hiking today. An abundance of bright red and green navigation lights guide you along “Christmas Tree Lane” as you cruise the winding Wrangell Narrows this evening.

Day 5 Wed**Wrangell**

Home to native culture, wildlife, and wonder—Wrangell is one of the oldest towns in Alaska and the only one ever governed by four nations. Brush up on your Tlingit culture and view recently carved totem poles at Kiksetti Totem Park.

Day 6 Thurs**Yes Bay**

Wildlife abounds in Yes Bay and the surrounding Tongass National Forest—humpback whales, orca, porpoise, seals, sea lions, brown and black bears, mink, marten, eagles, and otters. Say yes to a kayak paddle up the bay or venture out on a wildlife-seeking hike along one of the area’s scenic trail.

Day 7 Fri**Misty Fjords National Monument**

Affectionately called “The Yosemite of the North”, Misty Fjords National Monument represents nearly every ecosystem found in Southeast Alaska. Glacial valleys filled with sea water and steep, sometimes sheer, walls are a haven for ducks, brown and black bear, mountain goats, Sitka deer, mink, moose, river otters, and other wildlife. Glide through Walker Cove by kayak or explore by skiff soaking in the splendor of this largely forgotten corner of the world. This evening join the Captain in a farewell toast and reminisce about your Alaskan journey over a sumptuous dinner.

Day 8 (Sat)**Ketchikan to Vancouver**

A Bon Voyage breakfast ends our ship journey; however, there are many enticing ways to extend your journey. Transfer directly to the Ketchikan airport or arrange for an add-on overnight stay or an extended and tour.

Overnight Vancouver

Day 9 (Sun)**Vancouver**

Vancouver at leisure to explore

Overnight Vancouver

Day 10 (Mon)**Vancouver**

Join Western Explorer Rocky Mountaineer Train Tour

Arrive in Vancouver and spend time exploring this scenic city on your own.

Overnight in Vancouver.

Day 11 (Tues)**Vancouver to Kamloops**

Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from Vancouver to Kamloops. Highlights include the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon and the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River. Overnight in Kamloops.

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Day 12 (Wed)**Kamloops to Jasper**

Your rail adventure continues north and east to the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta. Highlights include Mount Robson, at 3,954 metres (12,972 feet) the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, Pyramid Falls, and the climb over the Yellowhead Pass into Jasper National Park. Overnight in Jasper.

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Day 13 (Thurs)**Jasper**

Jasper National Park is a World Heritage Site and Canada's largest National Park. Today you will enjoy a scenic tour including the many natural attractions, rugged peaks, and perhaps even catch a glimpse of some of the many creatures that call this mountain park home. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore more of Jasper independently. Overnight in Jasper.

Day 14 (Fri)**Jasper to Lake Louise**

Travel along the Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise. A stop will be made at Athabasca Falls before arriving at the Columbia Icefield. Here you will ride on an Ice Explorer to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier. Time will be available for lunch (not included). Afterwards, a brief stop will be made at Bow Lake before arriving at Lake Louise. Overnight in Lake Louise.

Day 15 (Sat)**Lake Louise to Banff**

After lunch, a tour takes you into Yoho National Park to view some of its natural wonders. Among the attractions are the Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake and a natural rock bridge that spans the Kicking Horse River. The tour ends in Banff. Overnight in Banff.

Day 16 (Sun)**Banff to Calgary**

Enjoy a full-day tour concluding in Calgary. Begin the morning with a sightseeing tour of Banff. Among the points of interest are Bow Falls, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. A trip on the Banff Gondola is included. Continue on to Kananaskis for a 12-minute Summit Helicopter Tour over the remarkable landscape of the Rockies. Overnight in Calgary.

Day 17

Calgary to Toronto (Mon)

Your Western Explorer vacation ends with checkout from your Calgary hotel.

Your Small Ship and Rocky Mountaineer Adventure Ends this morning.

Onward flights to Toronto

Overnight Toronto

Day 18

Toronto (Tues)

Toronto City Tour

Highlights include: Queens Quay Harbour front, a pass-by and overview of the Air Canada Centre, the downtown core, old City Hall, an informative walk through Ontario's Parliament Buildings, China Town and more! The highlight of the tour is a trip up the CN Tower.

Overnight Toronto

Day 19

Toronto to Montreal (Wed)

Hotel check out this morning join your Taste of Quebec Rail Tour

Enjoy the facilities of the Via 1 First Class Lounge while waiting for boarding instructions.

Complimentary news papers and non alcoholic beverages are available in the lounge.

Follow the shores of Lake Ontario, one of the five Great Lakes of North America, to Trenton Junction, where the St. Lawrence River flows from the lake. Passing the village of Napanee, look south as you cross the river to view a series of beautiful waterfalls. The city of Kingston is an historic Canadian city, being the early capital of the "Province of Canada" (1841- 1867) and is the birthplace of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald. Here, you cross the Rideau Canal, built in 1832 to connect Kingston with Ottawa and was originally designed after the War of 1812 to guarantee a supply route north of the US border in the event of another war. Past Cornwall, the line enters the Province of Quebec. Approaching Montreal, cross the Ottawa River to Dorval, before arriving at Central Station in Montreal. The station is located below the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in the heart of downtown.

(lunch is included today)

Day 20

Montreal Sightseeing (Thurs)

Montreal offers a number of unique attractions. From some of North America's oldest and most spectacular architecture to professional sports and botanical treasures.

Enjoy a 3 hour tour of the city, taking in more than 200 points of interest, including a stop at the Notre Dame Basilica, residential and financial districts, Old Montreal, French Quarter, outside view of Olympic Site, McGill University and a panoramic view from an observation point on top of Mt. Royal. The balance of the day is yours to enjoy Montreal.

Day 21

Montreal to Quebec (Fri)

Enjoy the facilities of the Via 1 First Class Lounge while waiting for boarding instructions.

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Following the St. Lawrence River, pass from city suburbs to the rural landscapes of forests and rich pastures, dotted with tiny villages that extend to Quebec City. For the first hour, you will note the rugged Monteregian Hills that seem to loom up from nowhere. These huge volcanic mounds were formed over 120 million years ago. There are seven of these hills in a row, including Mont Royal in Montreal, ending with Monte Rouge near the tiny village of Boloeil. Many of the trees you view are maple trees, producing the great Canadian staple, maple syrup. Your rail journey is just over two hours to Quebec, the oldest walled city in North America and heart of the French Canadian culture of Canada. Arrive into Quebec at Gare du Palais. Steeped in history, Quebec is the most charming city in Canada, almost four hundred years old and most of the original architecture and buildings have been lovingly preserved.
(lunch is included today).

Day 22 (Sat)

Quebec City Sightseeing

Quebec City is the heart of French Canada. Nowhere else in North America is the appearance and atmosphere of an old-world city so complete. Quebec City looks and feels very European; perhaps that is why the entire old section of the town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985. Today qualified guides will help you discover the enchanting sights which are part of Quebec City's history. During the tour several stops are suggested. Should you wish to visit different sites, you may wish to get off and board at your convenience. This tour option offers you great flexibility.

Day 23 (Sun)

Quebec to Toronto (Rail)

Departing Quebec from Gare du Palais, cross the mighty St. Lawrence River to the south shore, which the rail line follows for almost the entire journey to Toronto. The landscape is dotted with tiny villages, all with church spires, maple forests and rich pasture land. This fertile land stretches most of the way to Montreal. After the small city of Saint-Hyacinthe, there is a dramatic change in the landscape, as the Monteregian Hills seem to appear out of nowhere. These huge volcanic mounds were formed over 120 million years ago and there are seven of these large hills in a row, including Mont Royal in Montreal. Arriving in Montreal at Central station, change trains and board VIA Rail's Toronto service. The change is seamless, in the same station, with a short connection wait. Departing Montreal, a brief stop is made at Dorval. From Dorval, the train route crosses the Ottawa River, a major tributary of the St. Lawrence River. In the distance to the north, you may view the Laurentian Highlands. Less than an hour out of Montreal, the train passes from the Province of Quebec into the Province of Ontario. Following the St. Lawrence, pass through the small cities and villages, including Kingston, the first capital of the "Province of Canada" from 1841 to 1867, when the capital was moved to Ottawa when all Canadian Provinces united in Confederation to become an independent country. Passing through Trenton Junction, the St. Lawrence widens into Lake Ontario. The rail line follows the shore of

this “Great Lake “ into Toronto, where you disembark at Union Station in downtown Toronto to end your rail journey.
(breakfast & lunch included today)

Overnight Toronto

Day 24

Toronto (Mon)

Your Alaska Small Ship, Canadian Rockies and Eastern Canada Tour Ends Today.