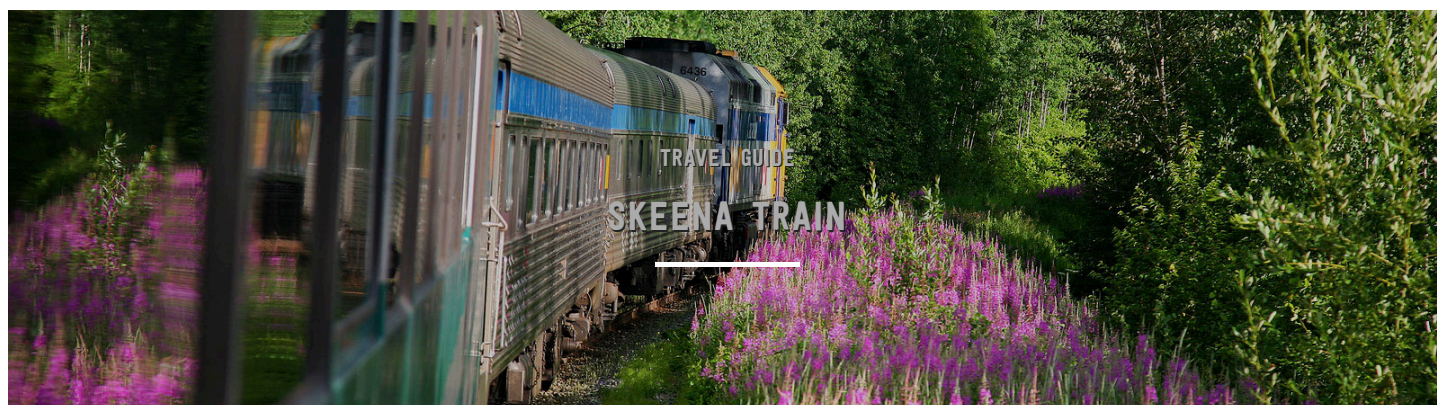




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Known affectionately by its crews as the "Rupert Rocket," this train offers a leisurely two-day journey between the Rocky Mountains and the coastal town of Prince Rupert.

It's an extraordinary way to take in the raw beauty of B.C. This route takes its name from the language of the native Gitksan tribe and means "River of the Clouds." A relaxing ride along a track that follows the mighty Skeena River, you'll see some of the hidden corners of B.C.'s densely wooded interior — places that most visitors to Canada never experience.

The train passes by deep canyons, crashing rivers and several mountain ranges, including the Seven Sisters, The Skeena Range and the Telkwa Mountains. And along the way, there's a chance to spot eagles, moose and other wildlife.

Complete Guide to The Skeena Train:

- > [The Skeena route](#)
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QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE SKEENA TRAIN

- The journey covers 1,160km (720 miles) between the north Pacific Coast and the Rockies on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. It takes approximately 20 hours.
- Stop overnight in Prince George, so you can experience the entire route in daylight
- The Panoramic Dome cars have floor to ceiling windows, so you won't miss a second of the wild Canadian scenery.
- Choose from a menu of sandwiches for lunch and hot meals for dinner, prepared with seasonal ingredients and served with a glass of red or white wine.

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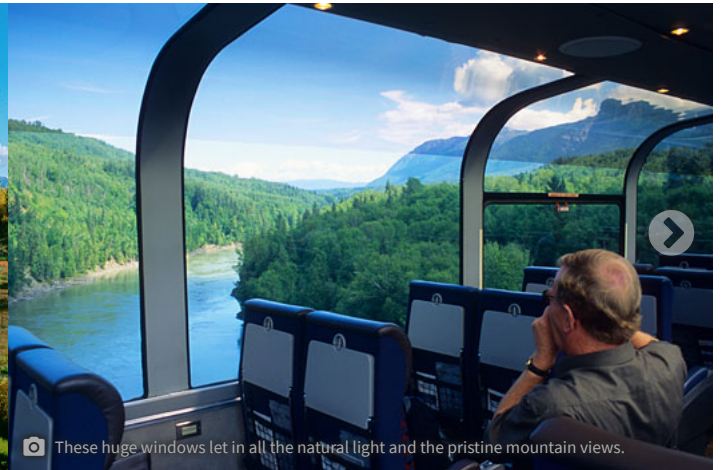
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A BIT OF HISTORY: The man behind the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, Charles Melville Hays, never saw the track fully completed. After securing financing in England in 1914, he boarded the Titanic to return to North America. He perished at sea.

DISCOVER THE RAW BEAUTY OF B.C.'S WEST COAST

The all-daylight Skeena Train twists through the Yellowhead Pass, tracing the thunderous Skeena River and spanning remote sections of plateau. This journey gives you a glimpse at a section of West Coast backcountry that would otherwise be difficult to see. Scroll through the photos below for a taste what you'll experience.



THE SKEENA TRAIN FOLLOWS THIS ROUTE

Jasper - Prince George - Prince Rupert



Tiny sawmill settlements. Remote salmon hatcheries. Columns of volcanic rock. Historic fur-trading posts. These are just a few of the discoveries you'll make along this route between the towering Rockies and the temperate rainforests of the West Coast.

There will be long stretches of track from Prince Rupert to Prince George that are completely uninhabited, the railway itself the only evidence of mankind's presence. Every so often, pass through tiny remote villages that were surveyed and named by the railway: Fort Fraser, Vanderhoof and Nechako River are among the historic communities.

The ancient traditions of the First Nations people have also left their mark here on the West Coast. Leave some time at the end of your journey to visit the museums of Prince Rupert and learn about native history.

You can also combine this train journey with other experiences:

- [Journey to Haida Gwaii](#): Visit remote Haida Gwaii and learn about authentic First Nations culture. Stroll through historic villages, watch intricate totem poles being carved and see whales surfacing in the clear, cold waters.

- [VIA Rail Canadian](#): You've seen BC, why not keep going and see more of Canada? The classic Canadian rumbles across the mountains, prairies and boreal forest all the way to Toronto.

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i INSIDER TIP: If you don't want your Canadian adventures to end just yet, there are opportunities to combine this train journey with other experiences.

PLACES TO VISIT ALONG THE WAY

Your Skeena Train Vacation Advisor can help personalize a trip that provides the perfect blend of comfort and adventure.

JASPER



Jasper is the gentle giant of the Rockies and this small mountain town offers visitors a more laid-back mountain experience – with equal options for adventure, discovery and relaxation. Quiet nature strolls, fine dining and wildlife viewing are all on the agenda while visiting this peaceful community.

View Trips: [Rail to Jasper...](#)

PRINCE GEORGE



Established as a fur-trading post in the 19th century, Prince George is now the largest city in Northern BC. Here you can hike through the Ancient Forest with cedar trees thousands of years old, or explore one of the 1600 lakes and rivers within an hour of the city. Bring your sunglasses - Prince George has 1900 hours of sunshine per year.

PRINCE RUPERT



Rich in First Nations traditions, Prince Rupert has many archaeological sites, museums and totem poles for history and culture lovers to pore over. The Museum of Northern BC is especially intriguing, displaying 10,000 years of coastal history. The cold, fresh North coast waters are renowned for superb halibut, cod, crab and salmon fishing. Don't miss the chance to grab a coffee at Cowpuccinos Cafe - a local favourite.

i INSIDER TIP: Don't miss the highest point in the Canadian Rockies! Just keep your eyes glued to the window as you depart from Jasper and pass by Moose Lake. As you traverse Mount Robson Provincial Park you'll be able to see its namesake — which rises nearly 4,000 meters (or 13,000 feet) above the landscape.

TOURING CLASS ON THE SKEENA

The Prince Rupert to Prince George Skeena Train offers Touring Service twice per week during the summer months. Any questions? Reach out to our travel experts for advice.



Relax as the wild green forests of British Columbia's backcountry glide past your window. When you travel on Touring Class you'll have exclusive access to the Park Car and the Panoramic Dome Car, where three delicious meals are served per day to your seat as you admire the views.

The huge floor-to-ceiling windows allow sunshine to flood into the cabin, bathing you in light as you sit back and watch the wilderness outside.

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Access to the Park Car with panoramic dome and views.

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THE SKEENA TRAIN TRIPS AND TOURS

A ride on The Skeena train can be paired with other quintessential Canadian experiences. Explore the Rocky Mountains, spot grizzlies on Vancouver Island or delve into the ancient rainforests of Haida Gwaii. Talk to one of our Vacation Advisors to find out what type of trip is right for you.



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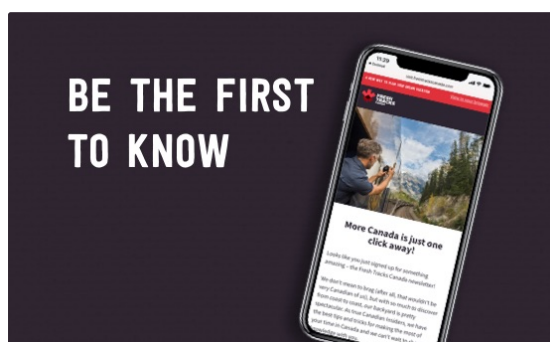


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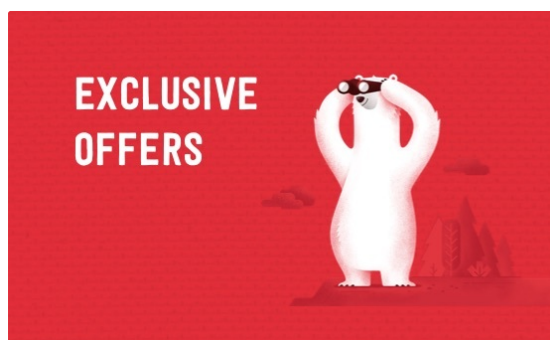


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