

# NORTH BY NORTHWEST

The Great Pacific Northwest with Mt Rainier and North Cascade National Parks  
By Train & Ship

April 30 - May 10, 2025 | 11-Days From \$3,995 pp

## NORTH CASCADE NATIONAL PARK

For three decades, we have created a Springtime holiday that features seldom visited national parks, a relaxed pace, enjoyable train ride, and comfortable ship travel. Our 2025 holiday does these things perfectly, with travel aboard the Coast Starlight train, visits to Mt Rainier National Park and North Cascade National Parks followed by a rare Inside Passage mini-cruise, all in a great 11-day holiday.

Our trip begins with travel from California points to Tacoma aboard the 'Coast Starlight' train (with low connecting fares by train or air from over 200 US gateway cities) followed by a two-night stay at the superb Hotel Murano. This is the ideal base for our full day visit to Mt Rainier National Park. At 14,410 feet above sea level, Mount Rainier stands as an icon in the Washington landscape. An active volcano, Mount Rainier is the most glaciated peak in the contiguous U.S.A., spawning five major rivers. Subalpine wildflower meadows ring the icy volcano while ancient forests cloak Mount Rainier's lower slopes. Wildlife abounds in the park's ecosystems. Next, we head north to picturesque Everett, WA, situated on the sparkling Puget Sound with two special stops on the way in Seattle. The highly rated Klondike Rush National Monument followed by lunch at fabled Ivars Seafood Restaurant. With two nights in Everett, we enjoy a full day visit to stunning North Cascades National Park without packing and unpacking and shifting hotels. Saving the best for last, after North Cascades National Park a short drive brings us to Vancouver for the rarest of things, a five-night Alaska Inside Passage cruise that not only features great scenery but two fun ports of call, Sitka and colorful Ketchikan.

This holiday is elegantly planned with fine hotels, some exceptional dining, intelligent included sightseeing with all admission fees and a professional tour manager. The only serious shortcoming to this vacation will sell out quickly and prompt reservations are encouraged to avoid disappointment. All Aboard!



MISTY FJORD ALASKA

### Highlights...

- ◆ **Train travel from any California or West Coast point** to Tacoma, WA, aboard the Coast Starlight train, a beautiful journey. Low connecting fares from any point outside of California.
- ◆ **Fine hotel stays**, each two-nights, in both Tacoma and Everett, WA, with baggage handling, breakfast daily & taxes.
- ◆ **Full day visits to both Mt Rainier and North Cascade National Parks** including admission fees and sightseeing.
- ◆ **A visit to Klondike Rush National Monument** in Seattle followed by lunch at famed Ivars on the waterfront in Seattle.
- ◆ **Hosted by professional tour manager** from start to finish.
- ◆ **Many meals including** welcome brunch, welcome dinner and breakfast and a special lunch in Seattle on our way north.
- ◆ **Rare five-night Alaska Inside Passage mini-cruise from Vancouver to Sitka and Ketchikan** before returning to Vancouver with beautiful scenery every mile aboard the **Caribbean Princess of Princess Cruises**. Naturally all meals & entertainment onboard are included along with a special cocktail party and dinner in Sabatini's Italian trattoria one night while onboard.



AMTRAK Coast Starlight



PRINCESS CRUISES

Itinerary...

**Day 1** All Aboard! Travelers board the Coast Starlight train in California points today for the scenic ride north to Tacoma over the Union Pacific Railroad. Always described as one of the most scenic train trips in America, the train features a Sightseer Lounge car with big windows and a full dining car. The train departs Southern California points in the morning before a scenic 131-mile trip along the Pacific Ocean and departs Northern California points in the evening.

**Day 2** Early risers see Mt Shasta before we ascend the Cascades for beautiful day that has us passing through Portland with an evening arrival in Tacoma where our hotel is a short ten-minute drive away. This transfer is naturally provided and the balance of evening is free to relax at the luxurious and highly rated Hotel Murano.

**Day 3** After a welcome brunch we depart for nearby Mt Rainier National Park. At 14,410 feet, Mt Rainier is an active volcano and the sights today are magnificent as we tour this stunning park where your camera will have a hard time keeping up with the spectacle. After a full day, we return to the splendid Hotel Murano for a second night at this acclaimed hotel where a casual welcome dinner is on the agenda for this evening. BD

**Day 4** Guests may sleep in this morning since we do not depart until late morning for Seattle where two treats await: a visit to the Klondike Rush National Monument followed by lunch at legendary Ivars Seafood Restaurant overlooking Elliott Bay. After lunch, a short scenic drive north to Everett, WA to begin our two-night stay at the superb Hotel Indigo. BL

**Day 5** This morning we are bound for seldom-visited North Cascades National Park, a breathtakingly beautiful alpine landscape of jagged peaks, lakes and glaciers. We have a route that takes in all of the highlights and vistas of the park, returning us back in time for a casual dinner. BD

**Day 6** A late morning departure for the two hour drive to Vancouver where we board the Caribbean Princess for our unusual -five night Alaska Inside Passage voyage, a nice mini-cruise through coastal Alaska. At 4pm the whistle blows and we sail out of Vancouver harbor past Stanley Park and under Lions Gate Bridge bound for Alaska, the Great Land. Tonight a huge array of dining and entertainment choices await. BLD

**Day 7** A magnificent day for scenery as we travel up the Inside Passage with all day free to relax, enjoy breakfast in bed or lunch on deck, a lecture or movie or a visit to the spa. Later today is our casual cocktail party followed by dinner in Sabatini's Italian trattoria. BLD

**Day 8** Sitka, once the capital of Russian Alaska is our port today and of particular note is the Russian Bishop's House, a rare surviving example of Russian colonial architecture. Downtown is filled with galleries, curio shops and some of the best seafood restaurants in Alaska. BLD

**Day 9** Ketchikan welcomes us today and while small in size, has Alaska's busiest waterfront is bustling with float planes, fishing boats and pleasure craft. Princess Cruises offers an optional tour for purchase here to lovely Misty Fjord and most of our guests rate this the most beautiful Alaska sightseeing tour ever and there is time to do this during our stay. BLD

**Day 10** Today is the final day 'at sea' as we travel south in the Inside Passage. It is not uncommon to spot bears, whales and eagles on this segment and this is a great day to relax, enjoying lunch with new found friends, with a book or afternoon tea. Tonight is our farewell dinner. BLD

**Day 11** Guests disembark after breakfast and may travel home by air or train or extend their time in Canada. For guests that would like to travel back to Seattle, we offer a train connection this afternoon from Vancouver on the Cascades service at \$49pp that would allow you time in Seattle. B



**Fares by accommodation . . .**

Category	Description	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy
S 8	Suite	\$ 5,695	\$ 6,995
M E	Mini Suite	\$ 4,995	\$ 5,995
B F	Balcony Stateroom	\$ 4,495	\$ 5,495
O F	Outside Stateroom	\$ 4,295	\$ 5,295
I F	Inside Stateroom	\$ 3,995	\$ 7,595

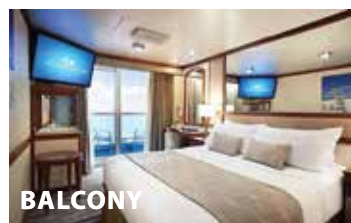
Port fee per person \$ 195



**SUITE**



**MINI SUITE**



**BALCONY**



**OUTSIDE**



**INSIDE**

**Hotels . . .**

Hotel Murano, Seattle WA

Hotel Indigo, Everett WA



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