



ROYAL CANADIAN PACIFIC AWAITS YOUR ARRIVAL

To help prepare for your journey of a lifetime, the team at Royal Canadian Pacific has gathered helpful facts that we believe will assist you in making your time with us as enjoyable as possible. Should you have any questions regarding the attached information, please contact us at 877 665 3044 to discuss with our staff.

We hope you have a wonderful tour aboard Royal Canadian Pacific, the world's most authentic and exclusive luxury train.

CALGARY AND AREA:

City Information

Calgary is located about an hour east of the Canadian Rocky Mountains and Banff National Park, only a short ride to world-class hiking, skiing and sightseeing. We also host the Greatest Outdoor Show On Earth – the Calgary Stampede, which attracts over one million visitors each year. Calgary has a population of 1 Million, is at an elevation of 3,740 feet and is the largest head-office city in Canada; it is also the home of our parent company, Canadian Pacific, host city to the 1988 Winter Olympics and host area of the 2002 G8 Conference.

Provincial Information

Alberta is 661,185 square kilometres (264,474 square miles) and is the same size as the State of Texas and twice the size of Japan.

Weather

Canada uses metric units as a system of measurement of which Celsius is the unit for weather.

Canada and the Canadian Rocky mountains have a varied landscape with sometimes varying weather conditions. The Canadian Rockies have temperatures that can change between daytime to evening so we recommend that you pack with a degree of flexibility in mind and the ability to dress in layers.

Currency

In Canada, the currency is the Canadian Dollar. The dollar value fluctuates through the course of a year so it is best to check with your local banking institution to how your local currency compares. A currency exchange office is located 2 blocks from the Royal Canadian Pacific office.

Personal Spending

While your tour on Royal Canadian Pacific is all inclusive, any items guests wish to purchase during our various off-train activities are at the expense of the guests. Most venues accept VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS(some) or Travellers Cheques.

Shopping

Royal Canadian Pacific merchandise are available for purchase at the RCP office. Items are viewable on the train, orders may be placed and your items will be ready for pick up upon your return to Calgary.

One block from the Royal Canadian Pacific and Fairmont Palliser Hotel is a shopping mall complete with department stores, drug stores and souvenir shops.

Credit Card Purchases

Take the time to read the charge slips for credit card purchases before you sign them. It may seem obvious, but in the excitement of purchasing items in a foreign currency, travelers sometimes overlook the exchange rate, and are unpleasantly surprised when they receive their credit card bill at home.



Returning Home with Purchases

For purchases carried home from your trip, you must have all sales receipts available for customs. It is also suggested that you pack any purchases together in one bag (separate from your other personal belongings). Royal Canadian Pacific does not ship goods for guests so it is recommended that you purchase items that can be taken with you in your luggage.

National Treasures

There are 836 national historic sites in Canada, honouring people, places and events that have figured prominently in the country's history. Please note that the purchase of "national treasures" for export is illegal, and that the responsibility to ensure compliance rests entirely with the buyer.

Parks and Wildlife

Canada maintains 38 national parks, which cover about two per cent of the country's land mass. In addition, Canada has more than 1,000 provincial parks and nearly 50 territorial parks. Please note: US and Canada Customs prohibit the import of any products made from endangered species of wildlife.