

# Travel Trends

## All Aboard: Train Travel Is Booming

(NAPSA)—Vacationers who ride the rails are on the right track. Train travel has become an increasingly attractive option for families who find that rail journeys add an element of camaraderie and adventure suitable for all ages. What better time to join together than during the upcoming winter holidays—a time of togetherness, a time for family.

According to a recent survey sponsored by the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA), families are showing increased interest in catching up with loved ones and creating memories with all generations—and doing so in some exotic locales.

One family holiday favorite is the “*Winter Rail Journey*” offered by Rocky Mountaineer Railtours during the month of December, and now in its sixth popular season. On this two-day rail trip, vacationers enjoy the eye-dazzling beauty of the Canadian Rockies while traveling between Vancouver, British Columbia (with an overnight stop in Kamloops, British Columbia), to either the world-class resort town of Banff, or lively Calgary, Alberta.

Travelers who prefer to indulge themselves for a longer tour of western Canada can take the winter rail vacations lasting four nights/five days, six nights/seven days, and on up to nine nights/10 days.

Along the way, kids of all ages enjoy onboard holiday festivities. One dedicated specialty coach features a children’s entertainer who leads the group in song, decorating and game playing. For adults, a second specialty coach features live jazz and a bar serving winter



**Eye-dazzling beauty and postcard-perfect winter scenery are part of the experience of a rail tour through western Canada.**

warm-ups like mulled wine and eggnog. “All Aboard” includes a visit from Santa Claus during the December rail trips—providing a perfect way to gather with family, friends and loved ones for a holiday reunion in “The Land of a Million Christmas Trees.”

Holiday travelers with time for a longer tour of western Canada can combine Rocky Mountaineer’s two-day “*Winter Rail Vacations*” with a variety of additional tour options, including “*Winter Wonderland*” packages lasting from four nights/five days, up to nine nights/10 days. These trips offer something for everyone, providing an ideal adult winter getaway, or a comfortable way to gather with family and loved ones.

Many travelers who have taken the trip have found the lure of the Canadian Rockies in their snow-draped winter glory, combined with the strong American dollar, an irresistible combination.

For more information, visit [www.WinterRailtours.com](http://www.WinterRailtours.com) or call 1-800-665-7245.