

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK BY RAIL

7 Day Rail/Red Bus Tour

July 21-27

\$1959 Double
\$2339 Single

Amtrak Coach Seat** Chicago-East Glacier-Chicago
4 Nights Historic Glacier Park Hotels
Prince of Wales Hotel Lunch
Driver/Guide Sightseeing via Red Bus
St. Mary Lake Cruise
Going-to-the-Sun Road
Lake McDonald Cruise
Izaak Walton Inn
8 Meals, Earn \$35 "Travelchecks"

****SLEEPING CAR OPTION.** Enhance your Glacier rail experience with Roomettes aboard Amtrak's premier long-distance train, *Empire Builder*. With two wide, facing seats for day made into cozy bunk beds for night by your sleeping car attendant, a Superliner Roomette offers comfort, privacy and your own picture window for viewing the passing western scenery. Your round trip Roomette also includes eight meals in the dining car plus admission to the Metropolitan Lounge in Chicago. Add \$380. per person double, \$760. single round trip.

A valid passport or passport card is required for this tour into Canada.

\$500 per person deposit due at booking. Final payment due May 29 after which cancellation fees apply.

Day 1: Empire Builder. From home we are picked up and transferred to Chicago Union Station to board Amtrak's westbound *Empire Builder*. A spacious, reclining coach seat** with leg rest, foot rest, reading light and folding tray table is yours for the 30-hour trip. Departure is mid-afternoon for the ride north across Wisconsin. After dinner on your own, join other passengers in the Sightseer Lounge to watch for the sunset.

Day 2: Big Sky Country, Glacier Park Lodge. The diner and cafe are open and selling breakfast and lunch as we watch the passing scenery of North Dakota fields and farms and Montana Big Sky Country. An early dinner in



the diner is available before we arrive at the Glacier Park Lodge for the night. Built in 1913 by the Great Northern Railway, the hotel lobby is supported by 60 tree trunks, each 40 feet tall! The historic hotels of Glacier Park have no elevators. If you need a first floor room, please advise Mid-America when you make your reservation. The cool mountain air through your window is the only air conditioning.

Day 3: Waterton Lakes National Park, Prince of Wales Hotel Lunch, Many Glacier Hotel. Enjoy a get-acquainted breakfast this morning at Glacier Park Lodge. Since 1936, visitors have toured Glacier aboard 17-passenger buses nicknamed "reds" for their bright paint. Each red, 25-foot touring coach is driven by a guide, nicknamed a "Jammer" from the old days of stick shift gears. Now rebuilt with new engines and frames, the reds still have their roll-back canvas tops for your sightseeing these three days. This morning we ride the reds north along the front range and into Alberta province. On entering Canada's Waterton Lakes National Park, we go to the Prince of Wales Hotel for lunch. Set on a promontory, the hotel has huge picture windows in the dining room offering spectacular views of the lake and town. We stop in Waterton town before returning through U.S. Customs back to Glacier National Park. At the Many Glacier Hotel on the shore of Swiftcurrent Lake we enjoy dinner and the night. (B,L,D)

Day 4: St. Mary Lake, Going-to-the-Sun Road, Lake McDonald Lodge. Perhaps get up early to see the breathtaking sight of the sun's first rays on Grennell Point and Mt. Henkel. Eat a hearty breakfast this morning before taking a cruise on beautiful St. Mary

Lake. After lunch we take one of the most magnificent mountain drives in the world, the 67-mile Going-to-the-Sun Road. The reds and Jammers take us up and over the continental divide at 6,680-foot Logan Pass. Our rooms and dinner tonight are at the Lake McDonald Lodge with its unique lobby chandeliers and stunning lake vistas. (B,L,D)

Day 5: Izaak Walton Inn, Glacier Park Lodge. Enjoy a leisurely breakfast then free time to stroll along the shore. Mid-morning, a cruise on Lake McDonald shows spectacular views of forested mountains from clear waters. Back in the reds, we ride from West Glacier along the Flathead Mountains to the Izaak Walton Inn at Essex, MT. This hotel was built by the Great Northern in 1939 to house railroad managers. Essex remains an important rail yard for the extra locomotives needed to push freight trains over Marias Pass. Paralleling the train tracks, we continue along the south edge of the Park, back to the Glacier Park Lodge for the night. (B)

Day 6: Empire Builder. After breakfast at the hotel, we board Amtrak's eastbound *Empire Builder*. Crossing the spacious great plains, the Builder is a vital transportation link for the people of northern Montana and North Dakota. See them and towns with enchanting names like Wolf Point and Devils Lake as we ride east in Superliner comfort today. (B)

Day 7: Welcome Home. Morning finds us in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN, before the scenic ride along the Mississippi River to LaCrosse, WI. Watch for the Dells when the train crosses the Wisconsin River. After a mid-afternoon return to Chicago Union Station, transfers take us home.