

PART TWO RAIL FOR THE TRAVEL GUYS

TYPES OF RAIL TRIPS ITINERARIES:

Personally, Ron and I have taken the SMF to SEA twice – doing the reclining seat scenario and then took the Clipper to Victoria Island and back and once to Whistler and back – GREAT TRIP Slow and easy though. You purchase food – etc. Leave at nearly midnight and arrive in Seattle next night around 8 pm. Going SMF to SEA you sleep/rest until morning and when you wake up it is the best scenery. Traveling back – depending on your departure – works find...but food on the trains outside of a package tends to be HIGH. Canada was beautiful by train. Rocky Mountaineer came to my area last week and they have done so much on their trains – they stay at Fairmont Hotels 5 star and I have this on my bucket list.

Domestic: Amtrak Holidays, Yankee Holiday Close as Reno and far away as Ontario.

International: Unique Rail Journeys Global \$2,000 and up, various lengths and itineraries

AFRICA: Shongololo and the BLUE TRAIN Basically Safari journey Both have uniqueness but a fascinating way to travel Africa

Shongololo: RACK RATE ONE WAY PER PERSON SHARING INCLUDES: Accommodation on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis • Excursions accompanied by a qualified tour guide • Entrance fees to places of interest • Government tax.

RATE EXCLUDES: Lunches off the train • All beverages • Laundry • Gratuities • Golf course fees (Good Hope Golf only) • Visas • Travel insurance

Included in off-train accommodation: Accommodation • Meals at the lodges, hotels, clubs or resorts

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Single supplement: +50%

Children: We regret Shongololo Express cannot accommodate children under the age of 10. Children over 10 pay the full rate.

[Shongololo Rates & Dates 2016 & 2017 & 2018 Download](#) **Approximate \$9K<> 13+ day**

Blue Train: Ultra Luxury in Africa - \$\$\$ traverses several countries see a great variety of animals. **\$10K pp 10 day<>**

ORIENT EXPRESS: ICONIC 1 day to 5 day journeys 1920's luxury **\$3,800 5 NIGHTS LOWEST CATEGORY** Venice to London [sample itinerary]

AUSTRALIA RAIL PASSES – DISCONTINUED – But 3 days journeys from Sydney to Perth -
\$\$\$\$ 700-3,500 for the 3 night journey USD

Britain Ireland: Vacation products that include overnights in hotels – efficient, easy to use. I use a tour operator that can also provide transatlantic air, insurance, pre and post – I'll put info on the website.

Unique Rail Journeys offers transfers, hotels overnights on trains and in hotels DOMESTIC and International (Offering a Savings with a Book By Date)

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER: Vancouver to Calgary, Banif and Jasper JOURNEY No overnights on trains but in Fairmont Hotels 5 St. Service on the trains Silver or Gold Some of the itineraries require bus travel. Offering \$600 off per couple by Nov. 4th booking date. EXTREMELY nice travel – Vancouver to Jasper with bus to Calgary. Breakfast and lunch only – on your own for dinner -\$\$\$\$ COST depending of level of service No lodging on-board.

VIARail CANADA – 8, 10 AND 13 NIGHT trips Starting at \$4K up pp Variety of Prestige lodging both on and off the rail. Standard and Prestige level compartments - \$12K pp 13 night journey

Yankee Holidays – State Parks Major City escapes Short Stays Extremely reasonable -short and long distances.