

THE 2008 COWBOY TRAIN
Vancouver to Winnipeg
October 27-31
with Ian Tyson, Tom Russell and Eliza Gilkyson

Join **Eliza Gilkyson, Ian Tyson** and **Tom Russell** for the legendary **Cowboy Train** across Canada through the Rockies and Plains, from Vancouver to Winnipeg.

There'll be song-swaps, open mics and concerts filled with laughter and stories as our train traces the contours of the land. And you are a part of it all - you're one of the lucky ones aboard the Cowboy Train.

We have our own private section of the great 1950's streamliner *The Canadian*... Our own Skyline dome lounge car, performance car, dining car and sleepers. Rolling from tidewater in Vancouver along the Fraser River to the headwaters of the Thompson, past towering Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, across the vast prairies from Edmonton to the historic trading city of Winnipeg at the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers.

Sleeper accommodations and delicious, freshly-prepared meals are provided on board, as well as a pre-trip show and a night at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver - one of the grandest of the great railway hotels. On board, there's plenty of room for socializing and song-swapping; plenty of glass-topped dome seating for taking in the scenery... and, most importantly, plenty of great music, friendship and a community you will never forget. Naturalist Elsabe Kloppers will explain the passing flora, fauna and topography. When we reach Winnipeg, a farewell concert and final night - at the historic Hotel Fort Garry await. It doesn't matter if you're traveling with friends or going solo, if you play music, write songs or just love listening: join Ian, Tom, Eliza and an amazing cast of characters for an unforgettable trip on one of the great railway journeys in the world.

All Aboard!

"The music was incredible, the scenery magnificent, the service on the train was excellent, the hotels wonderful, and the social mixing with other travelers were great. And the Roots on the Rails crew were so professional and organized! It made it easy for us to relax, sit back, and enjoy every glorious moment."

- Russ and Tracy Bodnar, previous trip participants

Join us! Contact Sarah Ovenden at Roots on the Rails at trains@sover.net, or by calling 866-484-3669 (toll free in the US & Canada) or 802-258-1397. Visit us on the web at <http://www.rootsontherails.com>

As of August 15, less than 20 spaces remain. 2569.00 CN per person, includes all Cowboy Train activities, all meals on board, sleeper accommodations (upper or lower semi-private berth accommodations: bench seat by day, roomy single bed by night), shower in each car, kickoff and farewell concerts in Vancouver and Winnipeg, hotel room at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and Hotel Fort Garry in Winnipeg. Gratuities, alcoholic beverages and transfers are not included. Private (enclosed room) sleeping car space providing additional storage space, privacy and one's own sink and toilet facilities is \$359 CN per person additional. \$300 CN per person non-refundable deposit by credit card required to hold space. Trip is limited to 70 patrons. Liability release signature required.

THE SCHEDULE

Monday, October 27

Gather for trip check-in, followed by a kickoff concert with Eliza Gilkyson and Nina Gerber (with Tom Russell sitting in for a few songs, too!). Hotel provided at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

Tuesday, October 28

The day is free for exploring the magnificent city of Vancouver; gather mid-afternoon at Via Rail depot. Depart Vancouver 5:30pm. Dinner on board, and a full program of music as we enter the awesome Fraser River Canyon.

Wednesday, October 29

Wake up to some of the most magnificent scenery in the world! We'll pass Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, wend our way through Yellowhead (Tete Jaune) Pass and descend into the mountain town of Jasper for a chance to catch some mountain air and leg-stretching. Once we're underway again, we'll have workshops through the afternoon, an open mic, dinner and a full night of music.

Thursday, October 30

Across the prairies and Into Winnipeg in the late morning, where the Red and Assiniboine rivers meet at "The Forks", just steps from the train station. Check into the beautiful, historic Hotel Fort Garry, with farewell Tom Russell and Eliza Gilkyson concert in the evening.

Friday, October 31

Time to head home, or stay another night, exploring this great city of the Plains.