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Ride the Rails Worldwide

Take a tour by train for a view like no other

Lake Oswego, Ore., April 30, 2008 – From quaint cogwheels and eco-friendly jungle trains, to trains that hug cliffs and break speed records, there are amazing experiences to be had when you travel by rail. Grand European Tours, specialists in escorted tours for boomers and beyond, is offering travelers a chance to roll through some of the world's most spectacular landscapes with an assortment of train tours designed for both train enthusiasts and travelers looking for a new adventure.

“Because trains can travel where cars cannot, travelers get to experience unspoiled natural beauty and enjoy rare views that are not available any other way,” says Hans Sohlstrom, president of Grand European Tours. “And whether you are learning about a historically significant train or zooming along on a modern-day speed train, the ride itself is amazing.”

Grand European Tours has designed their tours so travelers experience all the best parts of a trip, without having to deal with the time-consuming details. Grand European Tours handles all the bookings, meal planning, hotel check-ins and luggage handling. Plus the tours are guided by a professional Tour Director who acts as part teacher, part concierge, so you experience more from your vacation.

Below, is an assortment of train tours available for 2008 from Grand European Tours. All tour prices include airfare and fuel surcharges, transportation, first class hotels, most meals, a Tour Director, and much more.

Great Trains of Europe

Spend 13 days traveling through London, Paris and Venice with a chance to ride aboard some of Europe's most intriguing trains. Take a trip on the modern Eurostar from London to Paris. Then zoom from Paris to Geneva on the high-speed TGV, which holds the world speed record of 320 mph. In the Swiss Alps, ascend to the town of Zermatt aboard a quaint red cogwheel train; pass through roaring waterfalls and glacial ice fields as you hug the edge of the Alps on the Glacier Express. Finally, enjoy scenic views as you ride the Bernina Express and travel through the Italian Lake District to Venice. An optional day trip aboard the Orient Express is also available.

13 days, starting at \$4,229

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Switzerland & Glacier Express

Over 12 inspiring days, you'll be surrounded by the breathtaking Alps as you explore the quaint villages and natural beauty of Switzerland. As part of your journey, ride the Glacier Express for an unforgettable trip across 291 bridges and through 91 tunnels to explore the dense forests and peaks of eternal snow. Climb high above Lake Geneva and enjoy alpine views from the Panoramic Express train. You'll even have time to take hike in the Alps, sample Swiss wines with a tasting and vineyard tour and paint your own wooden Swiss souvenir.

12 days, starting at \$3,429

Majestic Alaska

This eight-day Alaskan adventure will introduce you to the majestic nature, wildlife and people of America's last great wilderness. Visit Denali Park and see Mt. McKinley, the highest peak in North America. Enjoy a sightseeing cruise through the Kenai Fjords to explore amazing icebergs, glaciers and sea life. A highlight of the tour is a trip on the Alaska Railroad as you travel from Denali to Anchorage.

8 days, starting at \$2,265

Mexico's Copper Canyon

Step on board for a train trip through Mexico's Copper Canyon, one of North America's great journeys. The canyon system – comprised of six massive gorges – is four times larger than the Grand Canyon and more than 1,000 feet deeper in some places. The "train ride in the sky" takes you into Copper Canyon climbing to 7,000 feet through spectacular tunnels and bridges. But you'll do more than just pass through this breathtaking area. You'll meet the nomadic people who've lived here for centuries and learn about the geology of this dramatic landscape.

9 days, starting at \$1,599

Contrasts of South America

Discover the cultures and contrasts of South America as you journey from the carnival city of Janeiro to Chile's Santiago over 17 magical days. In Rio, you will be treated to a cogtrain ride through the Tijuca Forest and up Corcovado Mountain to see the towering 1,400 ton granite statue of Christ the Redeemer looking down over the city. In Argentina, board the natural gas powered Ecological Train, designed by England's excursion train specialist, Alan Keef Ltd. The train was built to be open, allowing visitors to be close to the environment and experience the jungle. Ride the train to see the thundering Iguassu Falls, a photographer's dream of magical rainbows and plunging, cascading water.

17 days, starting at \$5,359

For more information on these tours or to request a free catalog containing a complete listing of all tours to Europe and worldwide, departure dates and prices, call 1-800-522-5545 or visit www.gettours.com.

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