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PLACID WATERS of the sheltered Inside Passage provide a boat trip which is unique. The scenic grandeur of an Alaskan cruise is beyond compare.

Alaska Cruise Tours Offer Top Attractions For Vacationers

Northern Pacific Railway Company has wrapped up "the trip and thrill of a lifetime" in joint rail-agency tours to Alaska, America's newest and largest state.

The railway company and leading travel agencies have joined hands to provide a vacation package that will appeal to the most sophisticated traveler.

An Alaskan cruise is a delightful vacation trip every inch of the way. First there is the relaxation and scenic beauty across the continent in the famous Vista-Dome North Coast Limited.

At Vancouver, B. C., luxurious cruise ships of the Canadian National, Canadian Pacific and Alaska Cruise Lines, Ltd., await the traveler to complete the journey to fabulous Alaska.

Cruise tours start in April and continue until October.

Sea travel to Alaska offers two scenic routes, by sea along the island dotted coast of Canada to Alaskan ports, or through the famed Inside Passage long noted for its splendor and beauty.

Rest, relaxation, ease, comfort, change of scenery, and enjoyment, all of the qualities for an ideal vacation, are present in abundance in a trip to Alaska.

The traveler is offered a wide choice of tours, from independent travel planned to suit the individual taste and schedule to escorted tours based on many years of expert travel service and designed to provide the utmost in vacation enjoyment over a specified period of time.

Northern Pacific has taken an active part in Alaska tour promotions for a period of many years, working with leading travel agencies and religious groups.

Modern, luxuriously appointed cruise ships provide the utmost in convenience, ease and comfort.

All Northern Pacific passenger offices are cooperating and promoting Alaska tours in conjunction with travel agencies. For information, assistance, reservations, contact the nearest NP office.

NP Names Thomson Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager

Northern Pacific Railway Co. announced the appointment of M. L. Thomson to the post of assistant passenger traffic manager to succeed Leonard Holmstrom who was recently promoted to passenger traffic manager for the railroad.

Thomson joined Northern Pacific in 1926 as a stenographer in the traffic department in St. Paul. He became city passenger agent there in 1940, and in 1943 became traveling freight and passenger agent at Spokane.

In 1945, Thomson became city passenger agent for the railway at Portland, Oregon, and was promoted to general agent there in 1956. He was appointed western passenger traffic manager at Seattle, Wash., in 1963 and served in that position until his present appointment, Jan. 1, 1968.



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NP Announces Change in Family Fare Plan

Effective April 1, 1968, a new schedule of Family Fares will be adopted by the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

Under the new rate, one parent pays full fare, the other parent, two thirds fare. Children 12 through 21 pay two-thirds fare, and children 5 through 11 pay one-third fare. Children under 5 ride free.

Family fares also apply to children when accompanied by only one parent. Parent pays regular one-way or round trip fare, children go at family fare rates.

**HAPPINESS
IS A
SAFE HOME**

(Join the Easter Seal
Home Safety Crusade)



LT. GOV. JOHN A. CHERBERG crowns Carol Parcheta of Parkland at Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival coronation ceremonies in Sumner's Spartan Hall. Coronation ceremonies in Sumner's Spartan Hall are a tradition in the Valley and will be held April 1, 1968.

Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival Welcomes Spring to Pacific Northwest

Probably nowhere else in the world is spring welcomed with the pomp and pageantry that goes with the annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival.

Each year the cities of Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner and Orting join forces to stage the annual Daffodil festival which is nationally and internationally famous.

The festival this year will begin on March 30 and run through April 7. The theme of the program this year will be "Tales and Legends."

On Sunday, March 31, Northern Pacific will again run a special train to take visitors and sightseers on a tour of the beautiful fields of daffodils between Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner and Orting. Stops will be made for participants on the trip to see and enjoy the beautiful fields of daffodils. The area is also famous for its tulips, iris and hyacinths, giving it the name of "The Birthplace of Spring."

Scores of events are staged throughout four communities in celebration of the festival, climaxed by the naming of a Queen.

A gigantic parade featuring floats covered with fresh flowers is viewed annually by over 1,500,000 people.

Children have their day in the sun

during the annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival. Last year over 1,000 children participated in the Junior Parade which opens the celebration.

Entrants build miniature floats, dress up their pets for the parade and generally set a carefree mood for the entire festival.

Marine day is one of the final events of the annual four-city festival and includes floral-decorated sailboats, cruisers, outboards and fishing craft. Floats-that-go-to-sea parade Tacoma's waterfront as the festival queen and court review the spectacle.

Visitors come from far and near to the festival and to view the three-day flower show which takes place in Puyallup's War Memorial building. More than 300 varieties of daffodils grown in the Valley are on display. The 1968 Flower Show is sponsored jointly by the Daffodil Festival and the Hill & Dale League of Garden Clubs. The Flower Show will be April 4-5-6.

Puyallup Valley is the world's capitol of the nation. Each year millions of daffodil buds are air-lifted all over the nation and the first day of spring usually finds huge bouquets of Puyallup Valley daffodils on desks of governors, mayors and other public figures throughout the nation.

Ski Season in Full Swing in Northern Pacific Territory

All ski areas in Northern Pacific territory are reporting excellent ski conditions.

Red Lodge, at Red Lodge, Mont., nestled high in the Beartooth Rockies is near the northeast entrance to Yellowstone Park.

Nearest major mountain ski area to the Midwest, Red Lodge is only 24 hours from Chicago and 18 hours from the Twin Cities.

Highest of Montana's mountain ski resorts, Red Lodge looms 9,416 feet above sea level and offers ten miles of ski runs.

Double chairlifts carry skiers over a full 2,030-foot vertical rise to the summit of the mountain. A Pomalift serves the beginners' area.

Bridger Bowl, easily accessible from either Bozeman or Livingston, Mont. is in the Bridger Range of the Rockies. Bridger has gentle slopes for beginners as well as precipitous drops to test the mettle and skill of the most accomplished skiers.

Bridger boasts a new mile-long double chairlift, a 2,700 foot Doppelmeier double T-bar and a 2,000-foot platter pull to speed the skiers up the slopes.

A new chalet serving hot lunches and snacks is open daily for skiers.

Missoula Snow Bowl's deep inland location, just west of the Continental Divide, is located in one of the country's prime snow belt regions.

The Snow Bowl has a 2,000 foot double chairlift, five rope tows and a Pomalift to serve a large number of skiers without long waits in line.

The City of Missoula offers excellent lodging facilities for skiers with modern motels and hotels and a variety of fine eating places and entertainment centers.

Farther to the West, at Sandpoint, Idaho, is the famous Schweitzer Basin.

Ski runs are served by a 5,264-foot double chairlift, 1,420 and 3,100-foot T-bar lifts, and two rope tows.

There is a 718-foot vertical drop from the rim of the basin to the intermediate lift station and a 946-foot drop to the three-story day lodge at the base of the runs.

For further information on ski areas in Northern Pacific territory, contact the nearest NP ticket agent, or write to the Passenger department in St. Paul for the pamphlet on Ski Country.

NP Announces New Schedule of Pre-Season Yellowstone Tours

"Growing in popularity every year," so says Len Holmstrom, Northern Pacific's passenger traffic manager, describing the joint Northern Pacific-Burlington pre-season Yellowstone Park tours.

Five Northern Pacific-Burlington pre-season tours are scheduled for this year, three from Chicago and the Twin Cities, and one each from Seattle and Portland. Each tour this year will be limited to 200 people.

Departure dates for the six-day tour from Chicago and the Twin Cities will be May 25, June 1 and June 8. Tours from Seattle and Portland will be six-day tours. Departure from Seattle will be May 21 and from Portland May 22.

Travel to and from the Park will be via Northern Pacific's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited.

Tour passengers will leave the train at Livingston, Mont., and travel from Livingston to the Park by bus.

The 1968 pre-season Yellowstone Park tours will include visits to Mammoth Motor Inn, Old Faithful Inn and Lake Hotel with a scenic cruise on beautiful Yellowstone Lake included in the itinerary.

Even for people who have visited the Park a number of times, the pre-season tour offers a new and different picture of the nation's largest national park. The change from spring to summer clothes the entire Park in rare and unusual raiment.

Pre-season tours offer the visitor to the Park an opportunity to travel about easily before the Park is crowded as it becomes when the regular summer season begins.

The 6-day package from Chicago is only \$149.03, from the Twin Cities \$123.86. This includes train and bus transportation, meals on the train and in the park, lodging in the Park and handling of baggage.

The cost of the 6-day trip from Seattle is \$119.84, and from Portland, \$121.69.

Since each individual pre-season tour is limited to 200 people, early reservations are advisable. Northern Pacific or Burlington ticket agents will be happy to assist with information, reservations and tickets.

Pre-season tour folders are available from either Northern Pacific or the Burlington.



HOT SPRINGS AND POOLS are formed throughout Yellowstone Park, but in the Mammoth area many of the great terraces have been formed, some beautifully colored from the deposits of algae.

Dude Ranch Vacations Ideal For Family Fun

Northern Pacific Railway Company serves the very heart of the Western Dude Ranch country where family groups can vacation and enjoy the genuine atmosphere and hospitality of the West.



FEW PLACES IN AMERICA can offer the scenery and beauty found in the heart of America's western Dude Ranch country.

There are "working" ranches where guests can enter into the actual operation of a cattle ranch. There are ranches that specialize in pack-trips high into the mountains where the air is fresh and crisp, where icy cold mountain streams teeming with trout tempt the fisherman and test his skill.

There is horseback riding on sure-footed horses over scenic trails that present one panoramic vista after another.

Accommodations are rustic, generally interesting log cabins, tastefully and comfortably furnished in western style. Meals are usually served in a main lodge dining room and a recreation room is the center of evening activities for games, music, reading or just talking.

The friendly hospitable hosts make every effort to see that each guest enjoys every moment of his stay by providing a variety of activities from riding to hiking, and other outdoor sports.

For information and recommendation on western dude ranches, contact your nearest Northern Pacific ticket agent. He will be happy to assist and provide information for any family or group thinking of a dude ranch vacation.



NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY hosts a luncheon for the St. Paul Winter Carnival Princesses aboard the North Coast Limited diner. In the foreground, NP princess Joan McKinney, (center) N. H. Lorentzen, vice president, operations, and Rudy Clemmensen, office inventory engineer and General Chairman of the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

St. Patrick's Day or April Fool's Day Ideal For Yellowstone Holiday

For a pair of "way-out" spring holiday trips these Northern Pacific-Burlington Yellowstone Holiday fun trips offer a novel suggestion for the most sophisticated traveler.

The St. Patrick's day tour leaves Chicago and the Twin Cities on March 14, returns on March 19. The April Fool's Day tour leaves on March 28 and returns April 2.

Cost of each 6-day tour from Chicago is \$139.40 (single room occupancy at the Park) and \$120.22 (double room occupancy at the Park). From the Twin Cities the cost of the 6-day tour is \$113.73 (single room occupancy in the Park) and \$99.05 (double room occupancy at the Park).

Both of these fun packages include: round trip rail fare and reserved seats, all meals, three nights lodging at Mammoth Motor Inn, a bus tour to Cooke City, gala St. Patrick's day or April Fool's day party, handling of baggage, (except in Chicago) gratuities (except for meals in dining car), and escort.

There'll be "wearing of the green" at Yellowstone on March 17, and April Fool's day pranks on April 1, for all

who sign up for these joint Northern Pacific-Burlington fun trips.

Fun, festivities, and sightseeing are unmatched at Yellowstone at any other time of the year. For information, tickets, reservations, call either the Northern Pacific or Burlington ticket offices.



Sell 1968 as the year to "Discover America".

North, South, East or West, travel-conscious Americans will find in this great country of ours abundant scenic wonders and places of interest.

National parks offer scenery unequalled any place in the world.

For information and details on travel via Northern Pacific, call your nearest NP passenger representative. He'll be happy to help.