

2026 Via Rail Train Trip Information

Thompson to Churchill and Back

You will arrive in Thompson, Manitoba later in the afternoon on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Thursday will be a tour day with free time to pick up whatever you will need to take with you on Friday on the train. There are two (2) scheduled activities on Friday: 1. Meet at the Northern Inn for a lunch/dinner meal (included in the kitty fee) at 11:30 AM (TBA). 2. Via Rail train - luggage leaves at around 3 pm. You will be transported at approx 4 pm to the train station from the campground by vehicles arranged and paid for by the campground owners (private vehicles or taxi - included in our camping fees).

Via Rail - Economy Plus is on the day coach.



One (1) Economy train car seats 68 people and we might get seated first -- depends on the train manager. The seats on this day coach can be turned so that 4 are facing each other as shown above (right photo). Then the foot rests come up and you can lay across the seats. Be sure to bring a pillow and blanket for your train trip. We did not get much sleep on the way up to Churchill as everyone was excited to get there. The trip on the way back was much quieter. It is recommended that you bring food and snacks with you. The Thompson to Churchill train has a snack/lounge car that offers a selection of beverages, snacks and sandwiches at affordable prices, but the selection is very limited. **They are not able to accommodate special dietary needs at this time and passengers with food restrictions are asked to plan accordingly.** The train takes 16 hours to get from Thompson to Churchill - leaving at 5:00 pm on Friday and arriving at 9:00 am on Saturday. They did have some breakfast items - eggs, sausage, hashbrowns - which they microwave that were good.

Carry-On Baggage:

- 1 personal item (25 lb - 17 x 6 x 13 in) AND 1 item (50 lb = 62 linear in) **or** 2 items (25 lb each)
- Linear inches = length + width + height

Checked Baggage:

- 2 items (50 lb) max each