



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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Journey of a Lifetime **National Tour Pulls into Edmonton**

Edmonton – An important piece of Canadian history is coming to life in Edmonton from November 13 to 18, 2017. *Journey of a Lifetime*, presented by BMO Financial Group shares the stories of the people, places and journey involved in the largest wave of immigration in Canadian history. *Journey of a Lifetime* is an interactive exhibition and live theatre presentation that evokes the Colonist Car experiences and re-creates this incredible period.

“The Legislative Assembly is pleased to host this exciting exhibition in the Edmonton Federal Building,” said the Honourable Robert E. Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. “The travelling exhibition serves as a tangible reminder of the hopes and hardships our province’s earliest immigrants faced.”

The railway united Canada as a nation and no other rail car did more to settle the west than the Colonist Car. During the first half of the 20th century, millions of immigrants travelled across the country aboard these wooden cars to begin a new life on the western prairies.

The *Journey of a Lifetime* exhibit runs from November 13 to 18, 2017, at the Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre in the Edmonton Federal Building. The Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre is open Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends from noon to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The family-friendly live theatre presentation, which runs from November 14 to 18 at Fort Edmonton Park’s Capitol Theatre, tells the story of a few of those courageous and hopeful immigrants who arrived through Eastern ports in 1910 and crossed Canada by Colonist train. Learn more about the live performance held at Fort Edmonton Park at HeritagePark.ca.

“Heritage Park is excited to share *Journey of a Lifetime* with Canadians across the country,” says Alida Visbach, President and CEO of Heritage Park Historical Village in Calgary. “This is a story about Canadian immigration, past and present, and one that will resonate with all Canadians; young or elderly, lifelong citizens or those who have just arrived. We are grateful to the Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre and Fort Edmonton Park for their collaboration in bringing this national tour to Edmonton.”

Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre

The Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre is located on the main floor of the Edmonton Federal Building, just north of the Alberta Legislature at 9820 – 107 Street.

As with all programming offered by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, this exhibition is open to the public and is free and nonticketed. Groups of 10 or more are asked to contact the visitor reservation line at 780.427.7362 to make arrangements.

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