



## **ALL ABOARD THE POLAR EXPRESS™!**

### **Grand Canyon Railway Offers Trips to the North Pole This Holiday Season; Reserved Seats Now Available**

**WILLIAMS, ARIZ. (August 7, 2013)** --- The [Grand Canyon Railway](#), which runs train experiences daily from Williams, Ariz. to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, is now accepting reservations to an additional destination this holiday season: the North Pole.

Now through January, families can book reserved seats aboard The Polar Express™, [a holiday-themed excursion](#) that follows the storyline of the children's book written by Chris Van Allsburg. Trips from Williams to the North Pole are offered most nights from November 8, 2013 to January 4, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for \$23 for kids ages 2 to 15 and \$37 for adults. Matinee tickets are also offered on select dates at 3:30 p.m. for \$18 for children and \$32 for adults. [Christmas Eve Limited](#) tickets are also available for December 24 for \$69 for adults and \$43 for children.

A family favorite, this popular one-hour trip travels through the starlit wilderness to the North Pole and features a special reading of The Polar Express while passengers enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. The North Pole twinkles with enhanced lighting and showcases storefronts, mailboxes and other structures to give the village a permanent, three-dimensional look and feel.

Upon arrival at the North Pole, passengers are welcomed by Santa Claus and Elf Bernard before Santa boards the Polar Express for the return trip to Williams. Santa makes his way through the passenger cars, greeting every child and presenting each one with a special gift – a jingle bell signifying their belief in Santa Claus. The round-trip journey is a little more than an hour in length.

The Grand Canyon Railway also offers a Polar Express Package including the round-trip train excursion, a one-night stay at the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel and breakfast and dinner at the Grand Depot Café. The package price for two adults and two children starts at \$350 and does not include taxes. Polar Express passengers also receive a 50 percent discount on a future train trip to the Grand Canyon through the end of February 2014.

Polar Express reservations can be made by calling 1-888-848-3511 or by visiting [www.thetrain.com/polarexpress](http://www.thetrain.com/polarexpress). For more information about the Grand Canyon Railway or to purchase other tickets or packages visit [www.thetrain.com](http://www.thetrain.com) or call 1-800-The-Train (1-800-843-8724).

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Photos and interviews available upon request.

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