

Historic Streetcar Charters



Information Package



**Edmonton Radial
Railway Society**

To book your private charter, please go to
www.edmontonstreetcars.ca/Charter

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Welcome

Dear Charter Customer,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for contacting the Edmonton Radial Railway Society to help make your event a successful and memorable one!

The Edmonton Radial Railway Society (*ERRS*) was established in 1980 with a single streetcar, Edmonton #1. Since its inception, the society and its members have continued on a mission to restore, operate, and maintain historic streetcars. The society now has a fleet of eight operational vehicles from Edmonton, Toronto, Australia, and Japan (three of which run on the High Level Bridge Line). There are many more streetcars in line awaiting restoration to their former glories, and the work is never done!

All of our members, ranging from mechanics, to restorers, to motormen, are volunteers. We work feverishly to keep this valuable part of Edmonton's transportation history alive.

Please read this information package for important details regarding the planning and booking your memorable streetcar event. If you have any questions that are not answered in this information package, please email bridgecharter@edmontonstreetcars.ca.

Thank you for your time, and take solace in knowing that 100% of charter revenues go towards continuing our mission to make these streetcars available to visit and ride for generations to come.

Thank you,

Dustin Creviston
ERRS Director of Operations

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the cost?**
 - Our cost is **\$360/hour** (*in effect for 2023*) or **\$400/hour** (*effective 2024 and beyond*). A 50% deposit is charged at the time of booking, and the remainder must be paid prior to the charter.
- **When can I book?**
 - Bookings for private events are available from the May long weekend through to the end of October.
 - Bookings must be after 5:00 pm on days when we are offering regular service.
 - To check booking availability, please visit edmontonstreetcars.ca/Charter
 - Charters cannot be run at night (*meaning that the streetcar must be back at Strathcona barn no later than 45 minutes after sunset*).
 - Any booking requests need to work around other events already booked on the same day of your request.
- **Which streetcar is used for my charter?**
 - You get to choose which streetcar is used (**Edmonton 33, Melbourne 930, or Osaka 247**).
 - Although we will do our best to accommodate your preferred streetcar, on rare occasions we may need to substitute a different car due to unexpected circumstances (*such as an equipment malfunction*).
 - For details about each car, including the number of passengers each car holds, please see the streetcar descriptions later in this document.
- **Who drives the streetcar?**
 - All charters on the High Level Bridge line have two certified motormen to operate the car, and to assist and answer any questions you may have.
 - All members of the Edmonton Radial Railway Society (ERRS) are volunteers. 100% of the proceeds from charter revenues goes towards the maintenance, restoration, and operation of historic streetcars.
- **Do I tip?**
 - The volunteer motormen on your charter do not expect and should not accept tips. Any gratuities provided to the motormen will be treated as a donation to the ERRS. Receipts can be provided upon request.

- **Where does the charter start and end?**
 - You get to choose where you would like to begin and end your charter.
 - There are six stops to choose from: **Whyte Avenue, Strathcona, 107th Street, Garneau, Government Centre, and Jasper Avenue.**
 - For more information about our stops, please see the **Streetcar Route** section later in this document.

- **Can wheelchairs be accommodated on the streetcar?**
 - A wheelchair ramp is available at the **Strathcona** stop which enables wheelchair passengers to make a round trip. There are no ramps at any other stops.
 - The **Osaka 247** and **Melbourne 930** streetcars can accommodate two wheelchairs each. The **Edmonton 33** streetcar is unable to accommodate wheelchairs.

- **Can I bring music on board?**
 - Yes, you can! Please note that if your instrument or speakers require power, you must provide the batteries. We have NO power outlets on the streetcar.
 - Anything that combusts, such as fuel-powered generators or candles, cannot come on the car.

- **How long should I book for?**
 - An hour allows for round trip travel from **Whyte Avenue to Government Centre** and back with a generous pause (approximately 25 to 30 minutes) at the mid-span of the High Level Bridge to relax and enjoy a rare and panoramic view of the City and its beautiful river valley.
 - For weddings, we recommend 90 minutes so that there is time to mingle and enjoy beverages following the ceremony on the bridge overlooking the river.

- **What about washroom breaks?**
 - Like other transit vehicles, there are no washrooms on board the streetcar. There is a public washroom next to our **Whyte Avenue** stop. Guests are highly recommended to use the washroom before their event.

- **Can we bring liquor on the streetcar?**
 - Yes, however the following instructions need to be followed closely:
 - A liquor license must be obtained by the customer before the charter from the [AGLC website](#) (*Private Non-Sale SEL License*).
 - Receipts for the liquor must be attached to the license (all liquor must be purchased from an Alberta retailer – homebrew liquor is **not** permitted)
 - A paper copy of the license must be posted on the streetcar during your event.
 - **FAILURE TO PROVIDE A PAPER COPY OF THE LICENSE AND RECEIPTS WILL PREVENT YOU FROM BEING ALLOWED TO BRING LIQUOR ON BOARD THE STREETCAR.**
 - Liquor can only be consumed when the car is parked in the middle of the High Level Bridge.
 - The address to go on the license is: 8408 Gateway Boulevard NW, Edmonton, Alberta (*no postal code*)

What We Offer

■ What Services We Offer

- The streetcar of your choice (*For details about each car, including the number of passengers each car holds, please see the streetcar descriptions later in this document*).
- Two uniformed volunteer motormen on your trip.
- A table (*by request – we have a few sizes to choose from*).
- A history talk (*by request*) about the streetcar, the route's history, and landmarks along the journey.
- A memorable experience!

■ What We Cannot Offer

- Catering and liquor service.
- Liquor license (*you are responsible for purchasing this from the [AGLC website](#)*).
- Decorations (*including tablecloths*). Decorations may be tied or draped on the interior of the car, but must not be taped, pinned, stapled, or nailed to the car.
- Any external bookings such as entertainment (*you must book entertainment for your trip independently*).
- Power outlets (*our system runs on 600 volts DC, which is incompatible with other electronic devices*).
- Parking (*ERRS does not provide parking for passengers, however there are a number of parking options near our stops*).

Information for Booking

- To assist booking your event, please have the answers to the following questions on hand:
 - Day and date of your event
 - Start time and duration
 - Requested streetcar (*please see the **Streetcar Description** portion of this document*)
 - Edmonton 33
 - Melbourne 930
 - Osaka 247
 - Start and finish locations (*please see the **Streetcar Route** portion of this document*)
 - Whyte Avenue
 - Strathcona
 - 107th Street
 - Garneau
 - Government Centre
 - Jasper Avenue
 - Type of function (if birthday party, what age?)
 - Number of attendees
 - Will liquor be served on board? (*please see the **Liquor** section of the **Frequently Asked Questions** portion of this document*)
 - Contact person
 - All pertinent phone numbers (*mobile phone, co-organizers, etc.*)
 - E-mail address(es)
 - Do you require a table?
 - Any additional requests
- When you are ready to book your charter, begin by clicking on the “Check Availability” button on our charter website at edmontonstreetcars.ca/Charter, and follow the prompts.
- If you have any questions that are not answered in this document, please email bridgecharter@edmontonstreetcars.ca.

Streetcar Route

Whyte Avenue

- Located on Whyte Avenue between 102 Street and Gateway Boulevard
- Next to the public washrooms

Strathcona

- Located at 84 Avenue and Gateway Boulevard
- North of the Strathcona Farmer's Market
- Pay parking nearby

107th Street

- Rarely used stop, but available for pickup and drop off of guests en-route
- Located at *roughly* 107 Street and 86 Avenue

109th Street Tunnel

Garneau

- Rarely used stop, but available for pickup and drop off of guests en-route
- Located at the South end of the High Level Bridge

High Level Bridge

Government Centre

- Located at 98 Avenue and 109 Street
- Across from the Legislature Building and Grounds
- Adjacent to Edmonton Transit LRT (*Government Centre Station*)
- Pullout for limousine and taxi drop-offs

Jasper Avenue

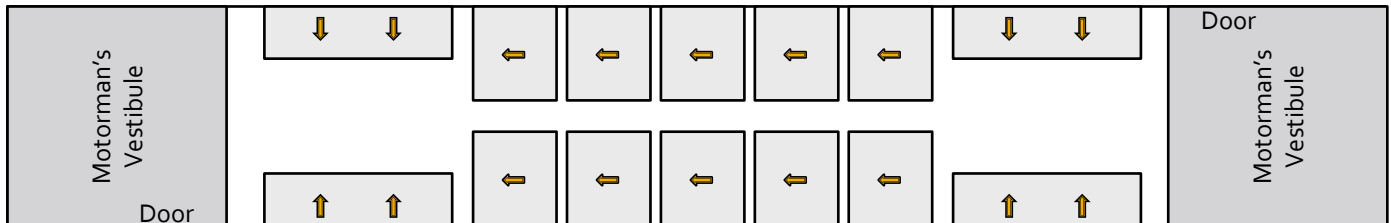
- Located at 100 Avenue and 109 Street
- Near several restaurants and Jasper Avenue
- Pay parking nearby

Edmonton Car 33



Built 1912 – Authentic Edmonton Streetcar

Seats 30 with liquor license / Seats 36 with no liquor

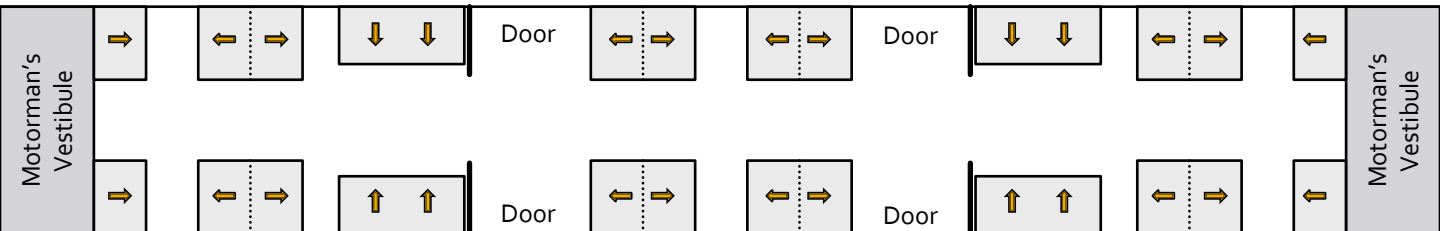


Melbourne Car 930



Built 1947 – Imported from Australia

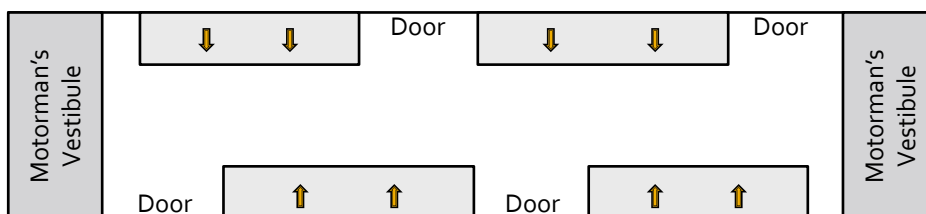
Seats 44 with liquor license / Seats 52 with no liquor



Osaka Car 247



Built 1921, Rebuilt 1947 – Imported from Japan
Seats 20 with liquor license / Seats 20 with no liquor



Terms and Conditions

- **By booking a charter with the Edmonton Radial Railway Society, you agree to the following Terms and Conditions:**
 - All charges for the charter shall be payable by the chartering party prior to the charter departure.
 - The Edmonton Radial Railway Society (ERRS) reserves the right to substitute equipment if in our sole discretion a substitution is necessary.
 - Departure and arrival times are approximations and are not guaranteed.
 - The charter party may commence boarding no sooner than ten minutes prior to the start time of the charter. The start and end locations will normally be agreed upon at the time of booking.
 - Delays due to unusual or difficult track or weather conditions are not the responsibility of ERRS.
 - The streetcars are not equipped with washroom facilities. Public washroom facilities are available next to our Whyte Avenue platform.
 - The maximum number of passengers allowed in the streetcar shall be no more than the streetcar seated passenger capacity. The conductor reserves the right to terminate the service without refund to the chartering party if this rule is violated.
 - Passengers shall not disturb the motorman or in any way tamper with equipment employed in the operation of the streetcar.
 - Signs or decorations of any kind shall not be affixed to or displayed from the streetcar unless prior arrangements for the same have been made with ERRS.
 - Firearms, fireworks and dangerous goods of any kind are prohibited. This includes the use of candles, sparklers or similar goods.
 - Smoking in or near streetcars or the streetcar barn is strictly prohibited.
 - All laws in force prohibiting smoking and the consumption of alcohol, drugs or intoxicants shall be enforced by the conductor.
 - ERRS reserves the right to deny transportation to or to eject objectionable persons, or those using drugs or intoxicants or engaging in unsafe behaviour, at the discretion of the conductor.

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- Licensees who wish to serve alcohol must obtain the consent of ERRS and obtain a liquor permit. **Paper copied of both the liquor permit, and receipts for all alcohol served, must be displayed in the streetcar.** Only liquor purchased in accordance with the liquor permit will be allowed to be consumed on the streetcar. Failure to display the liquor permit and receipts means that alcohol cannot be served. The chartering party must follow the guidelines of the liquor permit in all other matters.
- The chartering party must provide all supplies and equipment related to the serving of alcohol.
- ERRS is not liable for damage to or loss of property. Property will be handled at the passenger's risk and only in an amount that can be conveniently carried in the storage areas of the streetcar. Any damage to the streetcar by the charter party will be charged by ERRS to the chartering party.
- The chartering party is responsible for removing all items brought onto the streetcar at the end of the charter (including all garbage, empty bottles and cans, and other waste).
- The chartering party must notify ERRS of cancellations as soon as possible. Refunds for cancelled charters are calculated as follows:
 - Cancellations that are made **more than 45 days** before the confirmed charter booking – 100% less a 5% processing charge of deposit fee will be refunded.
 - Cancellations that are made **between 30 and 44 days** before the confirmed charter booking – 75% less a 5% processing charge of deposit fee will be refunded.
 - Cancellations that are made **between 15 and 29 days** before the confirmed charter booking – 50% less a 5% processing charge of deposit fee will be refunded.
 - Cancellations that are made **less than 15 days** before the confirmed charter booking – no refund will be issued.
- The chartering party covenants and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the ERRS, its board of directors, members and contractors with respect to any suit, proceeding, claim or demand made or brought against the ERRS by any party with respect to any occurrence, incident, accident or happening relating in any manner whatsoever to the negligent acts or omissions of the chartering party, its employees, agents and invitees, and which indemnity shall, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, include all legal costs on a solicitor and client basis incurred by the ERRS in defending such a claim, action, suit, proceeding or demand.
- This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or written with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- Any breach of this agreement will result in termination of service, requiring balance due in full with no refund.
- This agreement shall be governed by the laws of Alberta.

Parking Information

The **Edmonton Radial Railway Society** does **NOT** provide parking for passengers.

These are two suggestions for parking near our **Strathcona Terminal**. The lots are not owned or managed by the ERRS. Rates, hours, and parking management are subject to change.



Knox Evangelical Church
Managed by Precise Parklink

Monday - Sunday
06:00 – 18:00
\$1 per hour to \$4 maximum

18:00 – 06:00
\$2 flat rate

(**Note:** no parking Sundays 06:00 – 13:00)

Old Strathcona Farmer's Market
Managed by Diamond Parking

Daily
\$3 per hour
\$18 for 12 hours