Canada by Rail (14 days)

Journey by train in comfort and style from Halifax to Canada's West Coast. See the untamed wilderness of Northern Ontario, panoramic views of the rolling prairies as you cross Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the majestic mountains of the Canadian Rockies. There is something special about taking the train in Canada, for it was the railway that linked this country together. Recreate the great era of train travel as you ride the rails across this beautiful country.

VIA's Sleeper Plus Class brings you to Toronto where you will spend one night. From here, enjoy first-class services aboard VIA's restored "Canadian". Watch the rugged Canadian Shield, the untamed wilderness of Northern Ontario, and the vast rolling prairies pass by your window. Once in Jasper, travel the breathtaking Icefields Parkway by motorcoach and, weather permitting, ride the Sno-Coach up the Athabasca Glacier. Spend two nights in Banff before boarding the Rocky Mountaineer - "The Most Spectacular Train Trip in the World". This two-day narrated rail tour twists through the spiral tunnels of the Rockies and follows the beautiful Fraser River Valley to Vancouver, where you unpack for a three-night stay.

Dates

September 24 - October 07, 2021

Highlights

VIA Rail’s premier Sleeper Touring Class from Toronto - Jasper
Canadian Rockies
1 Night in Toronto
2 Nights in Jasper
2 Nights in Banff
Columbia Icefields Sno-Coach Excursion
Tours of Banff & Victoria
Rocky Mountaineer 2-Day Rail Tour
City Tour of Vancouver
3 Nights in Vancouver
Flight to Halifax

Itinerary

Day 1: Halifax, NS to Montreal, QC
Depart Halifax for Montreal in the early afternoon aboard VIA's Touring Class service. This includes
your own cabin and use of the rear Park Car, the Scenic Dome, the Mural Lounge, and the Bullet Lounge. Overnight VIA Rail ( Sleeper Plus Class) - Private Washroom Equipped Cabin with Shower (Lunch, Dinner)

**Day 2: Montreal to Toronto, ON**
Transfer from Montreal to Toronto aboard Via Rail's Business Class service. Arrive in Toronto and enjoy a welcome dinner before settling into your hotel downtown Toronto for a one-night stay. *(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)*

**Day 3: Depart Toronto, ON**
Enjoy free time in Toronto this morning before your departure. Depart on VIA Rail's Transcontinental train, restored to its original 1950’s style. "The Canadian" is a handsome stainless steel re-creation of the great era of train travel. Enjoy your private room, socialize over a drink with friends in the Mural Lounge, or ascend the staircase to the Skyline Car. Overnight Via Rail (Sleeper Plus Class) - Toronto to Jasper *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**Day 4: Northern Ontario and Manitoba**
After a peaceful night's rest, awake and enjoy the view of the untamed wilderness of Northern Ontario. Cross the rugged rocks of the Canadian Shield to enter the Province of Manitoba while you sleep. Overnight Via Rail (Sleeper Plus Class) - Toronto to Jasper *(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

**Day 5: Manitoba to Saskatchewan**
Arrive in Manitoba's capital city Winnipeg early this morning. There will be time to explore on our own before departing Winnipeg at noon. Guests will want to visit the Dome for sweeping views of the vast rolling prairies as we travel across Saskatchewan during the afternoon and into Alberta this evening. Overnight Via Rail (Sleeper Plus Class) - Toronto to Jasper *(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*

**Day 6: Alberta**
After passing Edmonton, Alberta's capital, we will notice our first glimpse of the Canadian Rockies. We will be in awe of the majesty of the mountains as the train takes us to the charming mountain town of Jasper. Arrive in Jasper this morning and transfer to our accommodations for a two-night stay. Overnight Jasper, Alberta *(Continental Breakfast)*

**Day 7: Jasper, AB**
No trip to Jasper National Park is complete without seeing Maligne Canyon and Lake, which is considered to be one of the most picturesque spots in the Canadian Rockies. Keep your eyes open for grizzly bears and other wildlife as you drive through the park this morning. This afternoon is free time to explore on your own. Overnight Jasper, Alberta *(Breakfast, Dinner)*

**Day 8: Jasper, AB to Banff, AB**
Travel by motorcoach south on the Icefields Parkway to the Columbia Icefields, where we board a sno-coach for a ride up the Athabasca Glacier (weather permitting). Continue along the Parkway, whose scenery is rated "the most spectacular in the entire Canadian National Parks System", en route to Banff, a bustling resort village nestled under imposing peaks. Visit Lake Louise before checking into your Banff hotel for a two-night stay. Overnight Banff, Alberta *(Breakfast)*

**Day 9: Banff, AB**
Today you will tour Banff including Bow Falls, the Banff Springs Hotel, Tunnel Mountain and Sulphur Mountain Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain where we can look down over the entire town of Banff. The rest of your day is free to explore on your own. Overnight Banff, Alberta *(Breakfast)*

**Day 10: Rocky Mountaineer**
Today it's "All Aboard" as we pull out of the Banff Station on the "Rocky Mountaineer" two-day rail
tour, "the Most Spectacular Train Trip in the World". Sit back and relax in spacious, comfortable reclining seats with picture windows...our meals will be served at our seats, along with snacks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Our Onboard Service Attendant will provide interesting and informative commentary on the history and geography of the route. Travel through the snow-capped mountains of Banff, Yoho and Glacier National Parks, twist a figure eight through the "Spiral Tunnels", watch for wildlife on the hillsides, traverse Rogers Pass, and discover Craigellachie, where, in 1885, the last spike on the Canadian Pacific Railroad was driven. Overnight is in Kamloops, British Columbia. (Continental Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 11: Kamloops, BC to Vancouver, BC
Re-board the train to continue our journey westward through Canada's semi-arid desert. Travel down the Thompson River, where whitewater rafters challenge the rapids at the Jaws of Death Gorge. Along the historic Fraser River, see Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon before entering the lush fertile fields of the Fraser Valley. In the late afternoon, arrive in Vancouver for a three-night stay. Overnight Vancouver, British Columbia (Continental Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 12: Victoria Day Trip
It's an early start to enjoy a day trip to charming Victoria. Board the ferry at Tsawwassen to cross the Strait of Georgia to Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island. Visit Butchart Gardens, offering a magnificent array of flowers, trees and much more. Victoria - "the Emerald of the West and Sunshine City" - is a regal capital with a British accent and old English charm. Your tour of the city includes the Victorian-style buildings, parks and more. Return to Vancouver for overnight. (Breakfast)

Day 13: Vancouver, BC
A morning city tour will acquaint us with this magnificent western Canadian city, site of the 1986 World Exposition and the host of the 2010 Winter Olympics. See historic Gastown, 1000-acre Stanley Park, the downtown area, English Bay beaches, the waterfront and the third largest Chinatown in North America. The afternoon is free to pursue our own interests. This evening our tour director will host a Farewell Dinner. Overnight Vancouver, British Columbia (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 14: Depart Vancouver, BC
Depart Vancouver for Halifax on your included flight back home.

Ask us about beginning this tour from other VIA stations en route to Toronto.

Accommodations

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**2021 rates**

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Other Great Options:

From Toronto, ON to Vancouver, BC - not including airfare

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