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Atlantic Maritimes Explorer by Rail | Halifax to Montreal

2026

Eastern Canada Rail Vacation

8 Days / 7 Nights Halifax to Montreal
Not yet on sale

INTRODUCTION

Discover Canada as you've never seen it before on this Atlantic Canada train tour with VIA Rail through the Maritimes to Quebec. Witness the dynamic landscapes change from cosmopolitan cities to quirky towns and enjoy your choice of tours in Halifax, Charlottetown and Montreal. Enjoy an Anne of Green Gables Heritage Place tour and choose to cruise to picturesque lighthouses, fish for fresh lobster, wander the local food market or sightsee in the city – this trip is entirely yours to create, so enjoy making it your own.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Halifax | Arrival
- DAY 2** Halifax | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
- Option 1. Halifax Harbourfront Food Walking Tour
 - Option 2. Best of Halifax & Peggy's Cove Tour
 - Option 3. Lunenburg Express Tour with Lobster Lunch
- DAY 3** Halifax to Charlottetown | Private Transfer | Island Drives & Anne of Green Gables Tour
- DAY 4** Charlottetown | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions
- Option 1. Morning Lobster Cruise
 - Option 2. Morning Charlottetown Highlights Tour
- DAY 5** Charlottetown to Moncton | Evening Departure VIA Rail

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- DAY 6** Arrive Montreal | VIA Rail
 Montreal | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
 Option 1. Montreal Half Day Sightseeing Tour
 Option 2 Walking Tour of Old Montreal
 Option 3 Beyond the Market Food Walking Tour
 Option 4. Montreal Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- DAY 7** Montreal | Quebec City & Montmorency Falls Tour
- DAY 8** Montreal | Departure



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 Halifax | Arrival

On arrival into Halifax transfer (own cost) to your hotel and spend the rest of the day exploring on your own.

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Day 2 Halifax | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions.

Option 1. Halifax Harbourfront Food Walking Tour

Savor the flavors of Halifax on this delicious Harbourfront food tour! Start with fresh oysters, then stroll past the Halifax ferry terminal and Maritime Museum of the Atlantic to enjoy creamy seafood chowder. Indulge in a must-try Halifax donair before finishing with a delectable lobster roll and sweet dessert. This waterfront adventure offers iconic tastes of Halifax's culinary scene.

Option 2. Best of Halifax & Peggy's Cove Tour

Immerse in Nova Scotia's beauty with scenic Peggy's Cove Lighthouse, explore Halifax Citadel's historic alleyways, witness Halifax's vibrant landmarks, and visit iconic Titanic cemetery.

Option 3. Lunenburg Express Tour with Lobster Lunch

Discover the rich history of this 18th-century fishing village known for its colorful waterfront and shipbuilding heritage, including the famous Bluenose schooner. Enjoy a guided tour, explore local shops, and savor a delicious lobster roll lunch. This scenic coastal trip offers a perfect blend of history, culture, and fresh Atlantic seafood, all in one unforgettable day.

Day 3 Halifax to Charlottetown | Private Transfer | Island Drives & Anne of Green Gables Tour

Depart Halifax early this morning on a private transfer to Charlottetown via the Confederation Bridge. This 13 km bridge connects Cape Jourimain, New Brunswick with Borden-Carleton, Prince Edward Island and is the longest bridge in the world crossing ice-covered water. Upon arrival, connect with your Island Drives Tour and enjoy views of rolling farmland, stunning seascapes, tiny villages and bustling harbors along the Green Gables Shore.

Day 4 Charlottetown | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions

Option 1. Morning Lobster Cruise

Catch a buoy, haul a trap and band a claw as you learn about the world of lobster fishing on Prince Edward Island. Onboard feel the ocean breeze and watch for seabirds as Captain Mark explains the hard life of a lobster fisherman.

Option 2. Morning Charlottetown Highlights Tour

Discover the history and charm of Canada's Birthplace as you ride through the streets of Charlottetown.

Day 5 Charlottetown to Moncton | Evening Departure VIA Rail

This morning is yours to explore and relax in Charlottetown before an afternoon private transfer back over the Confederation Bridge to Moncton to board VIA Rail. From Moncton, New Brunswick journey overnight in the comfort of 'Easterly Class' through the rural communities of Quebec's south shore to Montreal, Quebec. (dinner is included today)

Day 6 Arrive Montreal | VIA Rail*Montreal | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions*

Breakfast is included on the train this morning before your arrival into Montreal, then you can personalize your day by choosing your excursion.

Option 1. Montreal Half Day Sightseeing Tour

Enjoy a fully guided driving tour to all the "must see" areas of Montréal such as Mont Royal, Old Montréal, and the city's picturesque riverfront.

Option 2. Walking Tour of Old Montreal

Explore the winding cobblestone streets of Old Montréal on a guided walking tour.

Option 3. Beyond the Market Food Walking Tour

The city's best food tour takes you to at least 6 of your local guide's favourite eateries and watering holes.

Option 4. Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

Talk with one of our local Canada specialists to tailor your day in Montreal to your preferences. Choose from a variety of experiences, including special interest guided walking tours, guided bike tours, river cruises, or upgrade to a selection of private tours of the region. Alternatively, you can spend the day relaxing or exploring Montreal's vibrant neighborhoods, such as Old Montreal with its historic architecture, or the Plateau for local cafes and boutiques. You could also visit the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts or take a stroll through Mount Royal Park for panoramic city views, and we'll credit the cost of your excursion.

Day 7 Montreal | Quebec City & Montmorency Falls Tour

Today embark on a full day sightseeing tour from Montreal to Quebec City, at the heart of French Canada. Nowhere else in North America is the appearance and atmosphere of an old-world city so complete. Quebec City looks and feels very European; perhaps that is why the entire old section of the town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985. Today qualified guides will help you discover the enchanting sights which are part of Quebec City's history. The tour includes a photo stop at Montmorency Falls -- higher than Niagara Falls! Return this evening to Montreal.

Day 8 Montreal | Departure

A check-out from your hotel concludes this memorable rail journey from Atlantic Canada

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INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation in Halifax
- 2 nights accommodation in Charlottetown
- 2 nights accommodation in Montreal
- VIA Rail onboard accommodation for 1 night between Moncton and Montreal
- Halifax | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
- Halifax Harbourfront Food Walking Tour
- Best of Halifax & Peggy's Cove Tour
- Lunenburg Express Tour with Lobster Lunch
- Private Transfers between Halifax & Charlottetown
- Island Drive & Anne of Green Gables Tour
- Charlottetown | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions
- Lobster Cruise
- Charlottetown Highlights Tour
- Private Transfers between Charlottetown & Moncton
- Montreal | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Montreal Half Day Sightseeing Tour
- Walking Tour of Old Montreal
- Beyond the Market Food Walking Tour (operates Thu - Mon)
- Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- Full Day Quebec City & Montmorency Falls tour
- Meals as per itinerary

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- Halifax – The Barrington Hotel | Guest Room
- Charlottetown - The Great George | Classic Room Breakfast Included
- Moncton to Montreal - VIA Rail | Sleeper Plus Private Bedroom
- Montreal - Alt Hotel | Standard Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

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- Halifax – Hotel Halifax | Guest Room Harbour View
- Charlottetown - The Great George | Classic Room Breakfast Included
- Moncton to Montreal - VIA Rail | Sleeper Plus Private Bedroom
- Montreal - Le Germain Hotel | Prestige Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

- Halifax - The Sutton Place Hotel | Sutton Room
- Charlottetown - The Great George | Classic Room
- Moncton to Montreal - VIA Rail | Sleeper Plus Private Bedroom
- Montreal - Fairmont Queen Elizabeth | Fairmont View Room

Not Included

- International or domestic airfares (unless specified above)
- Meals other than specified above
- Gratuities/tips
- Travel insurance

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