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Atlantic Maritimes Explorer by Rail | Montreal to Halifax

2026

Eastern Canada Rail Vacation

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

INTRODUCTION

Experience the best of Montreal, Quebec City, Prince Edward Island in just over a week on this Atlantic & Eastern Canada Train Trip. Discover Canada as you've never seen it before on a trip with VIA Rail through the Atlantic and Maritime provinces. Witness the dynamic landscapes change from cosmopolitan cities to quirky towns and enjoy your choice of tours in Montreal and Charlottetown. From wandering the local food market on foot to cruising for lobster by boat, each moment is as adventurous as the next.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Arrive Montreal
- DAY 2** Montreal | Day Tour to Quebec City & Montmorency Falls
- DAY 3** Montreal | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions Montreal to Charlottetown| VIA Rail
- 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 4** Arrive Charlottetown | VIA Rail + Private Transfer
- DAY 5** Charlottetown | Island Drives & Anne of Green Gables Tour
- DAY 6** Charlottetown | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions

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Option 1. Morning Lobster Cruise

Option 2. Morning Charlottetown Highlights Tour

Charlottetown to Halifax| Private Transfer

DAY 7

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 8

Halifax



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrive Montreal

Upon arrival at Montreal International Airport transfer independently by limousine or taxi to your downtown hotel (transfer not included)

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Day 2 Montreal | Day Tour to Quebec City & Montmorency Falls

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 3 Montreal | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions Montreal to Charlottetown | VIA Rail / Private Transfer

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

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.

Then this evening board VIA Rail to Moncton. This evening enjoy the scenic vista through the rural communities of Quebec's south shore. Overnight on VIA Rail. (dinner is included today)

Day 4 Arrive Charlottetown | VIA Rail

Wake to views of the Atlantic Ocean, rolling hills, and quaint coastal villages that appear frozen in time. Upon disembarking the train take an included private transfer to Charlottetown via the Confederation Bridge. (Breakfast is included today)

Day 5 Charlottetown | Island Drives & Anne of Green Gables Tour

Today enjoy views of rolling farmlands, stunning seascapes, tiny villages and bustling harbours along the Green Gables Shore (scenic drive) as we get ready to tour the North Shore area.

Day 6 Charlottetown | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions Charlottetown to Halifax | Private Transfer

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. Then head to the mouth of the harbour and into the Northumberland Strait, past Port La Joye/Fort Amherst, the Island's oldest European settlement.

Option 2. Morning Charlottetown Highlights Tour

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

Then this afternoon depart on a private transfer back over the Confederation Bridge to Halifax.

Day 7 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 8 Halifax

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

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INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation in Montreal
- 2 nights accommodation in Charlottetown
- 2 nights accommodation in Halifax
- VIA Rail onboard accommodation for 1 night between Montreal and Charlottetown
- Full Day Quebec City & Montmorency Falls tour
- 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
- Private Van Transfer between Moncton & Charlottetown
- Island Drive & Anne of Green Gables Tour
- Charlottetown | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions
- Lobster Cruise
- Charlottetown Highlights Tour
- Private transfer between Charlottetown & Halifax
- 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
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

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

Not Included

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

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