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## Canadian Rockies to Toronto with Rocky Mountaineer and Via Rail

2025

Trans-Canada Itinerary

9 Days / 8 Nights Vancouver to Toronto

Priced at USD \$5,612 per person

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 10 yrs & under

### INTRODUCTION

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Canada's breathtaking landscapes, combining the luxury of the Rocky Mountaineer and the iconic VIA Rail overnight train. Start your adventure in vibrant Vancouver, where the Rocky Mountaineer takes you through the majestic Canadian Rockies. Witness stunning mountain vistas, turquoise lakes, and wildlife from the comfort of this world-class train. Continue your cross-country voyage east on VIA Rail's classic overnight train from Jasper to Toronto. Experience true Canadian hospitality as you traverse vast prairies, scenic forests, and charming towns, arriving in Toronto with memories of an epic adventure. Perfect for nature lovers and rail enthusiasts, this trip offers the best of Canada's natural and cultural wonders.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer
- DAY 2** Kamloops to Banff | Rocky Mountaineer
- DAY 3** Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
- Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Banff Gondola
  - Option 2. Banff National Park Explorer Moraine Lake & Lake Louise | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch
  - Option 3. Rockies Hidden Gems Yoho & Kootenay National Parks | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch

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## CANADIAN ROCKIES TO TORONTO WITH ROCKY MOUNTAINEER AND VIA RAIL

Option 4. Cowboy Horseback Cookout BBQ Lunch or Dinner

Option 5. Banff Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

**DAY 4** Banff to Jasper Tour | with picnic lunch

Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk

**DAY 5** Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions

Option 1. Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour

Option 2. Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife

Option 3. Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River

Option 4. Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour

Option 5. Jasper Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

**DAY 6** Jasper to Toronto | VIA Rail

**DAY 7** On-board VIA Rail

**DAY 8** On-board VIA Rail

**DAY 9** Arrive Toronto | VIA Rail



## MAP



## DETAILED ITINERARY

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*The below itinerary reflects our recommendations for this specific trip. We also offer tailored private excursions, allowing you to personalize the itinerary to match your custom preferences.*

#### **Day 1 Vancouver to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer**

All aboard Rocky Mountaineer for the scenic rail journey to Kamloops in the interior of British Columbia. Pass through the rich fields of the Fraser River Valley and the towering peaks of the Coastal Mountains before entering the Fraser Canyon. Follow the Thompson River through spectacular landscapes to historic Kamloops. (breakfast & lunch is included today)

#### **Day 2 Kamloops to Banff | Rocky Mountaineer**

Back on-board the Rocky Mountaineer following the South Thompson River to Shuswap Lake with its thousand miles of shoreline. Pass Craigellachie, where the 'last spike' was driven completing the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885. Enter Rogers Pass, with its tunnels, snow-sheds and glistening Glaciers. The Kicking Horse river leads you to Kicking Horse Pass, the Spiral Tunnels and over the Continental Divide to Banff, and Banff National Park. (breakfast & lunch is included today)

#### **Day 3 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions**

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

##### *Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Banff Gondola*

Discover Banff's natural wonders on this half-day, small-group tour. Marvel at sights like Bow Falls, Hoodoos rock formation, and Lake Minnewanka. Conclude your exploration with a relaxing gondola ride to Sulphur Mountain's peak, maximizing your views of Banff National Park effortlessly. Enjoy the enchanting beauty of these landmarks with minimum exertion.

##### *Option 2. Banff National Park Explorer Moraine Lake & Lake Louise | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch*

Join this small group tour for a curated experience of Banff National Park's highlights, with the added chance to spot wildlife through expert local guidance. Enjoy unhindered access to Moraine Lake & Lake Louise, spending over 11/2 hours at each, discovering hidden gems and serene trails. The final phase of the tour is tailor-made in Banff by your guide, considering recent wildlife sightings and your interests, ensuring the day concludes on a high note.

##### *Option 3. Rockies Hidden Gems Yoho & Kootenay National Parks | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch*

Avoid the crowds with this full-day adventure in the Kootenay and Yoho National Parks, featuring picturesque waterfalls and Canadian Rockies views. Start with a relaxing stroll in Kootenay National Park's Marble Canyon, marveling at turquoise glacial waters and striking canyon walls. Enjoy Emerald Lake's neon blue waters, where optional canoe rentals, hiking trails, and lakeside picnics are available. The day concludes with a visit to Canada's 2nd tallest waterfall, Takakkaw Falls, accessible through backroads offering mountain vistas and wildlife sightings.

##### *Option 4. Cowboy Horseback Cookout BBQ Lunch or Dinner*

Saddle up for a ride along the Bow River in Banff and a Western style cookout. Choose from riding on horseback or in a covered wagon through the beautiful Rocky Mountain terrain.

##### *Option 5. Personalised Tailor-made Excursion*

Talk with one of our local Canada specialists to tailor your day in Banff to your preferences. Choose from a variety of experiences, including guided hikes, evening wildlife e-bike tours, river explorer canoe tours, a foodie tour at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, or upgrade to a selection of private tours of the region. Alternatively, you can spend the day relaxing and enjoying the fresh mountain air, and we'll credit the cost of your excursion.

#### **Day 4 Banff to Jasper Tour | Glacier Adventure, Skywalk & picnic lunch**

Your sightseeing tour today will encompass the ultimate glacier exploration as you travel along the spectacular Icefields Parkway. You will walk on ancient ice during the Glacier Adventure (included) and stand on a glass platform nearly one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included). Sightseeing stops along this beautiful highway will also include Athabasca Falls, the Weeping Wall, Bow Lake, Crowfoot Glacier, and Lake Louise. Today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for this treasured region of the Rockies. (Picnic lunch included)

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**Day 5 Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions**

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

*Option 1. Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour*

Experience the most incredible sights in Jasper National Park's Maligne Valley during this guided excursion to the region's most scenic lakes & majestic canyons, enjoy a gentle guided walk along the shores of this pristine lake.

*Option 2. Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife*

Admire diverse animal life in the Canadian wilderness on this evening wildlife tour. Delve into Jasper National Park with your guide. Travel through the mighty Athabasca Valley and marvel at the park's beautiful landscapes by twilight.

*Option 3. Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River*

Experience Jasper National Park's natural beauty with a small group float trip on the Athabasca River. Cover several miles on Class II rapids, offering mild excitement with a few splashes. Enjoy your guide's engaging storytelling about local history and wildlife throughout this gentle adventure.

*Option 4. Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour*

Embark on a stunning hike in Jasper National Park, exploring the deepest accessible canyon in the Canadian Rockies. Learn about the Maligne Valley, Karst topography, and the mysterious disappearing Medicine Lake. Enjoy breathtaking views of rushing rapids and waterfalls along the canyon's five bridges. An added bonus is the shuttle service back to the top, saving you from a steep uphill hike.

*Option 5. Personalised Tailor-made Excursion*

Talk with one of our local specialists to tailor your day in Jasper to your preferences. Choose from a variety of experiences, including a Maligne Valley tour & lake cruise, an exhilarating Harley Davidson motorcycle sidecar tour of Jasper National Park, a Jasper food tour to experience the local cuisine, hiking and cooking tour in the backcountry, or a selection of private tours of the region. Alternatively, you can spend the day relaxing and enjoying the fresh mountain air, and we'll credit the cost of your excursion.

**Day 6 Jasper to Toronto | VIA Rail**

Spend the day relaxing in the mountain town of Jasper. This afternoon, board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' for the famous train journey across the prairies to Toronto. Your rail journey unfolds as you travel beside the scenic Yellowhead Highway, traversing Alberta's diverse landscapes from the rugged beauty of the Rockies to the rolling hills and farmlands of the province's heartland. Entering Alberta's vast prairies, the scenery shifts dramatically. Expansive fields stretch to the horizon, forming a patchwork quilt of golden wheat, green barley, and bright yellow canola. The sky seems endless, a vast expanse of blue often punctuated by fluffy white clouds. Small, charming farmhouses and red barns dot the landscape, adding a touch of rural charm. (dinner included today onboard VIA Rail)

**Day 7 On-board VIA Rail**

As the train heads east, the scenery undergoes a dramatic transformation, revealing the diverse landscapes that Canada is famed for. A significant segment of today's journey meanders through the Canadian Shield, one of Earth's largest geological continental shields. This area is distinguished by its rugged terrain, interspersed with numerous lakes and dense forests, offering a visual feast that is particularly delightful for nature enthusiasts. Along the route, passengers are treated to stunning views of various large lakes, including sections of the Great Lakes. Observing these immense water bodies from the cozy confines of the train offers a sense of serenity and wonder. Additionally, this journey provides ample opportunities for wildlife sightings. Travelers should be on the lookout for native Canadian fauna such as deer, moose, and a variety of bird species, particularly in more secluded areas. Overnight onboard the train. (breakfast, lunch & dinner included today onboard VIA Rail)

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**Day 9 Arrive Toronto | VIA Rail**

Your final day aboard VIA Rail takes you through Sudbury, a city celebrated for its mining heritage and unique geological features, you'll witness a stunning transformation in the landscape. The train's route takes you from rugged, rocky terrains to the lush greenery of Ontario's heartland. A significant highlight is the breathtaking view of the Great Lakes. These vast water bodies unfurl alongside the train, revealing their immense scale and tranquil shorelines.

Each season adds its distinct charm to the journey. In autumn, the route is adorned with a vibrant tapestry of fall colors, while winter cloaks the landscapes in a serene, snowy blanket. Approaching Toronto, the CN Tower-dominated skyline transitions from serene countryside to the vibrant bustle of Union Station by mid-afternoon. (continental breakfast & brunch included today onboard VIA Rail)

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## INCLUDED

### Package Includes:

- Rocky Mountaineer Train between Vancouver and Banff
- VIA Rail onboard accommodation for 3 nights between Jasper & Toronto
- 1 night accommodation in Kamloops provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
- Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Banff Gondola
- Banff National Park Explorer Moraine Lake & Lake Louise | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch
- Rockies Hidden Gems Yoho & Kootenay National Parks | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch
- Cowboy Horseback Cookout BBQ Lunch or Dinner
- Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- Full day tour between Banff and Jasper with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk
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- Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour
- Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife
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- Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour
- Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

### Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | SilverLeaf Service
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- VIA Rail | Upper/Lower Semi Private Bedroom

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#### Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | SilverLeaf Service
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony or Alpine Room
- VIA Rail | Cabin

#### Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | GoldLeaf Service
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room
- VIA Rail | Cabin

#### Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | GoldLeaf Service
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Mountainview Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Premier Deluxe Room
- VIA Rail | Cabin

#### Not Included

- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Meals other than specified
- Portage fees

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## DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: Monday

(Tour Code: TR80)

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
<b>Moderate Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service &amp; Semi-Private Berth on-board VIA Rail</b>				
02 May 25 - 09 May 25				
12 May 25 - 25 Aug 25	\$5,623	\$6,088	\$5,505	\$4,961
26 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$5,953	\$6,746	\$5,724	\$4,961
01 Oct 25 - 06 Oct 25	\$6,125	\$6,919	\$5,897	\$5,133
<b>Rocky Mountaineer   Upgrade available to GoldLeaf   Between Vancouver &amp; Banff</b>	\$5,612	\$6,066	\$5,498	\$4,961
May - Aug	-	-	-	-
Sept	\$782	\$782	\$782	\$782
Oct	\$832	\$832	\$832	\$832
Oct	\$782	\$782	\$782	\$711
<b>Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail   Between Jasper &amp; Toronto</b>	-	-	-	-
2025 Season	\$975	\$975	\$975	\$975
<b>Superior Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service &amp; Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
02 May 25 - 09 May 25				
12 May 25 - 25 Aug 25	\$6,879	\$7,476	\$6,717	\$6,085
26 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$7,281	\$8,279	\$6,990	\$6,085
01 Oct 25 - 06 Oct 25	\$7,454	\$8,451	\$7,162	\$6,258
<b>Rocky Mountaineer   Upgrade available to GoldLeaf   Between Vancouver &amp; Banff</b>	\$7,057	\$7,830	\$6,840	\$6,085
May - Aug	-	-	-	-
Sept	\$782	\$782	\$782	\$782
Oct	\$832	\$832	\$832	\$832
Oct	\$782	\$782	\$782	\$711
<b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between Jasper &amp; Toronto</b>	-	-	-	-
2025 Season	\$4,416	\$6,905	-	-
<b>Deluxe Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service &amp; Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
02 May 25 - 09 May 25				
12 May 25 - 25 Aug 25	\$8,791	\$10,336	\$8,367	\$7,048
26 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$9,540	\$11,833	\$8,866	\$7,048
01 Oct 25 - 06 Oct 25	\$9,774	\$12,067	\$9,100	\$7,282
<b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between Jasper &amp; Toronto</b>	\$9,540	\$11,833	\$8,866	\$7,048
2025 Season	-	-	-	-
<b>Deluxe Plus Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service &amp; Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>	\$4,416	\$6,905	-	-

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DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
02 May 25 - 09 May 25	\$9,023	\$10,800	\$8,522	\$7,048
12 May 25 - 25 Aug 25	\$9,772	\$12,297	\$9,021	\$7,048
26 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$10,005	\$12,531	\$9,255	\$7,282
01 Oct 25 - 06 Oct 25	\$9,772	\$12,297	\$9,021	\$7,048
<b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail  </b>				
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