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## Majestic Canada Rail Vacation through the Rockies | VIA Rail

2026

Canadian Rockies One-Way Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights Vancouver to Calgary

Priced at CAD \$3,833 per person

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

### INTRODUCTION

Travel from the coastal city of Vancouver to Calgary, Alberta, on this week-long majestic Canada Train Trip through the Rockies. Spend a night on VIA Rail in your own cozy sleeper cabin, waking to the snowy peaks of the Rocky Mountains as you pull into Jasper. Staying here and at the other resort towns of Lake

Louise and Banff, you can take your choice of tours from cruising Medicine Lake or viewing wildlife to riding horses to a cowboy cookout. For a truly luxurious experience, upgrade to Deluxe Grade and stay at the iconic Fairmont properties.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Jasper | VIA Rail
- DAY 2** Arrive Jasper | VIA Rail
- DAY 3** 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 4** Jasper to Lake Louise Tour | with picnic lunch

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- Includes Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- DAY 5** Lake Louise to Banff Transfer | Coach
- DAY 6** 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
- Option 4. Cowboy Horseback Cookout BBQ Lunch or Dinner
- Option 5. Banff Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- DAY 7** Banff to Calgary Transfer | Coach



## MAP



## DETAILED ITINERARY

*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. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.*

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**Day 1 Vancouver to Jasper | VIA Rail**

This afternoon, board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' train for the famous rail journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Pass through the rich fields of the Fraser Valley and the towering peaks of the Coastal Mountains before entering the Fraser Canyon. Follow the Thompson River through spectacular landscapes as you enjoy dinner (included), then retreat to your private quarters that have been converted into a bedroom.

**Day 2 Arrive Jasper | VIA Rail**

Rise to the snowy peaks of the Canadian Rockies today as you arrive in Jasper and transfer to your hotel. The day is free to explore this unique alpine community. (breakfast included today onboard VIA Rail)

**Day 3 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 4 Jasper to Lake Louise Tour | Glacier Adventure, Skywalk & picnic lunch**

Your sightseeing tour today will encompass the ultimate glacier exploration as you travel along the spectacular Icefields Parkway. From walking on ancient ice with the Ice Explorer ride (included), to standing on a glass platform almost one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included), today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for this treasured region of the Rockies. (Picnic lunch included today)

**Day 5 Lake Louise to Banff Transfer | Coach**

Start your day with a leisurely morning exploring the stunning beauty of Lake Louise. With either a mid or late afternoon transfer to Banff, you have the flexibility to canoe on the lake, hike to the Glacier Teahouse, or indulge in afternoon tea at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise before departing for the 45-minute journey along the breathtaking Bow Valley Parkway. Whether you choose the scheduled transfer (included) or a private transfer, both options allow you to customize your time between these two stunning destinations.

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**Day 6 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 7 Banff to Calgary Transfer | Coach**

Today you will leave behind the fresh mountain air and colourful sights of the Rockies. We will schedule a transfer to bring you to downtown Calgary, or to the Calgary Airport to connect with your flight home.

**INCLUDED****Package Includes:**

- Sleeping berth onboard VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 1 night
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 1 night accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- Transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
- Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour

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- Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife
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- Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour
- Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- Full day tour between Jasper and Lake Louise with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- Scheduled transfer between Lake Louise and Banff
- 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
- Scheduled coach transfer between Banff and Calgary
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

#### **Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade**

- VIA Rail | Semi Private Sleeper Berth
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room

#### **Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade**

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony or Alpine Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room

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

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Mount Temple
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room

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

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Premier Deluxe Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Mount Temple
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Mountainview Room

#### **Not Included**

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

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## DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: 01 May - 09 Oct Monday & Friday

(Tour Code: TR33)

Departs from Calgary: 01 May - 09 Oct Monday & Friday

(Tour Code: TR34)

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
<b>Moderate Grade with Semi-Private Berth on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 May 26 - 09 May 26	\$3,833	\$5,006	\$3,522	\$2,286
10 May 26 - 30 Sep 26	\$4,870	\$7,081	\$4,214	\$2,286
01 Oct 26 - 09 Oct 26	\$4,471	\$6,282	\$3,947	\$2,286
<b>Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail   Between Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>				
May - Oct	\$758	\$758	\$758	\$758
<b>Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 May 26 - 09 May 26	\$4,894	\$6,254	\$4,521	\$3,160
10 May 26 - 30 Sep 26	\$5,947	\$8,360	\$5,223	\$3,160
01 Oct 26 - 09 Oct 26	\$5,497	\$7,459	\$4,923	\$3,160
<b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>				
May - Oct	\$2,354	\$4,341	-	-
<b>Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 May 26 - 09 May 26	\$6,311	\$9,088	\$5,529	\$3,160
10 May 26 - 30 Sep 26	\$7,655	\$11,775	\$6,424	\$3,160
01 Oct 26 - 09 Oct 26	\$7,574	\$11,694	\$6,344	\$3,120
<b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>				
May - Oct	\$2,354	\$4,341	-	-
<b>Deluxe Plus Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 May 26 - 09 May 26	\$6,570	\$9,606	\$5,701	\$3,160
10 May 26 - 30 Sep 26	\$7,862	\$12,189	\$6,562	\$3,160
01 Oct 26 - 09 Oct 26	\$7,781	\$12,108	\$6,482	\$3,120
<b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>				
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