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## Trans Canada Winter Rail Adventure | Toronto to Vancouver

2024/2025 Winter

Trans-Canada Itinerary

12 Days / 11 Nights Toronto to Vancouver

Priced at CAD \$5,168 per person

### INTRODUCTION

Explore Canada from coast to coast on this incredible 12-day trans-Canada winter train adventure. Beginning in Toronto, you'll board VIA Rail for the incredible journey through the prairies and great plains of Canada. Arriving to the snowy Rocky Mountains, you'll have your choice of tours in both Jasper and Banff, plus a helicopter snowshoe adventure to the ice bubbles at Abraham Lake. Enjoying a private transfer from Banff to Lake Louise, soak up the beauty of your surroundings on a magical evening sleigh ride. Returning to Jasper you'll board VIA Rail for the overnight route to Vancouver, traveling past Mount Robson.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

<b>DAY 1</b>	Toronto to Jasper   VIA Rail
<b>DAY 2</b>	On-board   VIA Rail
<b>DAY 3</b>	On-board   VIA Rail
<b>DAY 4</b>	Arrive Jasper   VIA Rail
<b>DAY 5</b>	Jasper Freedom of Choice   1 of 4 Excursions
	Option 1. Maligne Canyon Ice Walk
	Option 2. Discover Jasper & its Wildlife Tour
	Option 3. Jasper Dark Sky Planetarium & Telescope Experience

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- Option 4. Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour
- DAY 6** Jasper to Lake Louise | Coach | Evening Sleigh Ride
- DAY 7** Lake Louise | Day at Leisure
- DAY 8** Lake Louise to Banff | Coach
- DAY 9** Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
- Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Gondola
- Option 2. Snowshoeing at Paint Pots
- Option 3. Johnston Canyon Icewalk
- DAY 10** Banff to Jasper | Scheduled Coach
- DAY 11** Jasper to Vancouver | VIA Rail
- DAY 12** Vancouver Arrival | VIA Rail



## MAP



## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1 Toronto to Jasper | VIA Rail

This morning, check in at Toronto's Union Station and board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' train for the famous journey across the prairies to the Canadian Rockies. Step back in time to the days of classic rail travel, riding in the original stainless steel 'streamliner' railcars made famous by the 'Canadian' in the 1950s. Each has been restored with air conditioning, a café car, lounge car, and access to the dome car. Today is spent crossing the scenic lake lands and forests of Ontario. (brunch & dinner included today onboard VIA Rail)

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**Day 2 On-board | VIA Rail**

Watch the scenery change as you enter Manitoba and travel through the prairies and great plains of Canada. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner included today onboard VIA Rail)

**Day 3 On-board | VIA Rail**

Continue west through the breadbasket of Canada: Manitoba and Saskatchewan each have golden wheat fields stretching as far as the eye can see. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner included today onboard VIA Rail)

**Day 4 Arrive Jasper | VIA Rail**

This morning, awake to arrive in Jasper, a small alpine community located in the majestic Canadian Rockies.

**Day 5 Jasper Freedom of Choice | 1 of 4 Excursions**

Personalize your stay in Jasper by choosing one of these excursions:

*Option 1. Maligne Canyon Ice Walk*

Experience the wonders of Maligne Canyon from the ground up! The canyon has withstood 10,000 years of erosion and has created a 50 metre gorge.

*Option 2. Discover Jasper & its Wildlife Tour*

Travel through the Athabasca Valley to some of the park's most beautiful Canadian Rocky Mountain scenery to seek out all the park's most iconic creatures.

*Option 3. Jasper Dark Sky Planetarium & Telescope Experience*

Join LIVE astronomy guides for a full evening of cosmic exploration, starting inside with a world-exclusive domed theatre experience, then outside with the largest telescope in the Rockies. In the climate-controlled 40-seat dome theatre, take a LIVE virtual tour of Jasper's 11,000 sq km Dark Sky Preserve.

*Option 4. Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour*

Travel by dog sled along 22 km (13 mi) of pristine winter scenery in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Learn the history of the area and the people amongst the crisp mountain air and the beautiful scenery that surrounds you. Enjoy lunch cooked over an open campfire, hot apple cider, and homemade treats.

**Day 6 Jasper to Lake Louise | Coach | Evening Sleigh Ride**

Travel southward along the Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise. This spectacular drive through glacier country features massive snow covered mountains, frozen waterfalls and broad-reaching valleys. Included this evening is a wonderful 40 minute sleigh ride that takes place beside the lake.

**Day 7 Lake Louise | Day at Leisure**

Lake Louise transforms into a real-life snow globe in the winter that has to be seen to be believed. To make the most of your stay, rent a pair of ice skates and head onto the frozen lake or snowshoes and explore the many trails, wander the shoreline and take in the iconic views – both are authentic Canadian experience. For skiing or snowboarding visit Lake Louise Ski Resort, known for its spectacular scenery and versatile terrain. With over 4,200 acres spread across four mountain faces.

**Day 8 Lake Louise to Banff | Coach**

Depart Lake Louise mid-morning for a short drive to Banff via the scenic Bow Valley.

**Day 9 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions**

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

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

Keep your eyes peeled for deer, elk, and bighorn sheep on this morning tour of Banff. Scenic highlights include Fairmont Banff Springs, Bow Falls, Surprise Corner Lookout, the Hoodoos Viewpoint & Lake Minnewanka. Then soar up to the summit of Sulphur Mountain on the Banff Gondola for 360-degree views over Banff.

*Option 2. Snowshoeing at Paint Pots*

Afternoon snowshoe tour on an easy trail winding through a forest of pine trees to the Paint Pots with its ochre colored mineral pools.

*Option 3. Johnston Canyon Icewalk*

This morning Johnston Canyon Icewalk tour is an unforgettable experience that will introduce you to stunning frozen waterfalls and amazing views within the canyon.

**Day 10 Banff to Jasper | Scheduled Coach**

As you return to Jasper via the Icefield Parkway, the scenery strikingly varies in each direction, further altered by shifting light and cloud formations. Winter cloaks the rugged terrain in a serene snow blanket, transforming it into a tranquil, crystal-like wonderland. Driving along, you'll see majestic mountains towering above, with frozen lakes and rivers glistening under the crisp winter sunlight.

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**Day 11 Jasper to Vancouver | VIA Rail**

This morning, reboard VIA Rail's 'Canadian' train for the final stretch from Jasper to Vancouver. Using the original steel railcars from the 1950s, sit back and relax in the dome car to enjoy a dramatic change in scenery as you travel the 'Yellowhead' route past the sprawling grandeur of Mount Robson. Watch the landscape transition from mountains to desert as you follow the Thompson River into central British Columbia. Brunch and dinner is included onboard VIA Rail, and your private quarters will once again be transformed into a bedroom for the overnight journey.

**Day 12 Vancouver Arrival | VIA Rail**

After breakfast disembark in Vancouver. The balance of day is at leisure. Canada's third-largest metropolitan centre, Vancouver is a busy port city with a thriving multi-cultural ambiance. Restaurants, shopping, nightlife, a mild climate and a cosmopolitan atmosphere make Vancouver a favourite tourist destination. (continental breakfast included)

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

- Sleeping berth onboard VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 4 nights
- 3 nights accommodation Jasper
- 2 nights accommodation Lake Louise
- 2 Nights accommodation Banff
- Private transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice - 1 of 3 Excursions
- Maligne Canyon Ice Walk | Operates between 15 Dec - 31 Mar
- Discover Jasper & Its Wildlife Tour
- Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour (60 min Dog Sledding + Transfers) | Operates between 10 Dec - 31 Mar
- Scheduled express coach between Jasper & Lake Louise
- Sleigh ride at Lake Louise | Operates between 13 Dec - 9 Apr
- Scheduled express coach between Lake Louise & Banff
- Banff | Freedom of Choice - 1 of 3 Excursions
- Discover Banff & its Wildlife Tour + Gondola
- Snowshoeing at Paint Pots Tour
- Johnson Canyon Icewalk | Operates between 6 Dec - 13 Apr
- Scheduled express coach between Banff & Jasper
- Transfer between hotel in Jasper and VIA Rail Station
- Meals as per Itinerary
- National Park fees

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#### Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- VIA Rail | Upper / Lower Semi-Private Sleeper Berth
- Jasper - The Crimson 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 | Alpine Standard
- 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 | Fairmont Lakeview Room
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room

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

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Junior Suite Lake View + Fireplace
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Lakeview Room
- 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 Toronto: Wednesday, Sunday

Tour Code TR138

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
<b>Moderate Grade with Upper/Lower Semi Private Sleeper Berth on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 10 Dec 24	\$5,168	\$6,998	\$4,694	\$3,012
11 Dec 24 - 02 Jan 25	\$6,334	\$9,331	\$5,472	\$3,012
03 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$5,450	\$7,563	\$4,889	\$3,012
<b>VIA Rail   Upgrade to Private Cabin</b>	-	-	-	-
Toronto to Jasper	\$737	\$737	\$737	\$737
Jasper to Vancouver	\$410	\$410	\$410	\$410
<b>Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 10 Dec 24	\$7,010	\$9,076	\$6,456	\$4,617
11 Dec 24 - 02 Jan 25	\$8,201	\$11,460	\$7,251	\$4,617
03 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$7,266	\$9,589	\$6,627	\$4,617
<b>VIA Rail   Upgrade to Prestige Double Bedroom</b>	-	-	-	-
Toronto to Jasper	\$2,982	\$7,867	-	-
Jasper to Vancouver	\$1,630	\$4,318	-	-
<b>Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 10 Dec 24	\$7,912	\$10,882	\$7,160	\$4,617
11 Dec 24 - 02 Jan 25	\$10,462	\$15,981	\$8,860	\$4,617
03 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$8,369	\$11,795	\$7,464	\$4,617
<b>VIA Rail   Upgrade to Prestige Double Bedroom</b>	-	-	-	-
Toronto to Jasper	\$2,982	\$7,867	-	-
Jasper to Vancouver	\$1,630	\$4,318	-	-
<b>Deluxe Plus Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 10 Dec 24	\$8,519	\$12,094	\$7,615	\$4,617
11 Dec 24 - 02 Jan 25	\$11,399	\$17,855	\$9,535	\$4,617
03 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$9,126	\$13,309	\$8,020	\$4,617
<b>VIA Rail   Upgrade to Prestige Double Bedroom</b>	-	-	-	-
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