

CANADA RAIL VACATIONS

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Canada's Iconic Rail Route | Canadian Rockies to Toronto

2026

Trans-Canada Itinerary

9 Days / 8 Nights Calgary to Toronto

Priced at CAD \$4,915 per person

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

INTRODUCTION

Set out on an iconic rail journey through the Canadian Rockies traveling from Calgary to Toronto. Tour through Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper witnessing their spectacular natural beauty. Then from Jasper, board VIA Rail's Canadian train for 4 days on a trans-Canada train trip to Toronto. Onboard, experience a return to the golden age of rail travel with relaxed sleeper cabins, linen tablecloth dining cars, and domed-glass views. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife as you cross Canada on this bucket-list adventure.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Calgary to Banff | Coach
- DAY 2** 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 3** Banff to Lake Louise | Coach
- DAY 4** Lake Louise to Jasper Tour | with picnic lunch
- Includes Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk

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

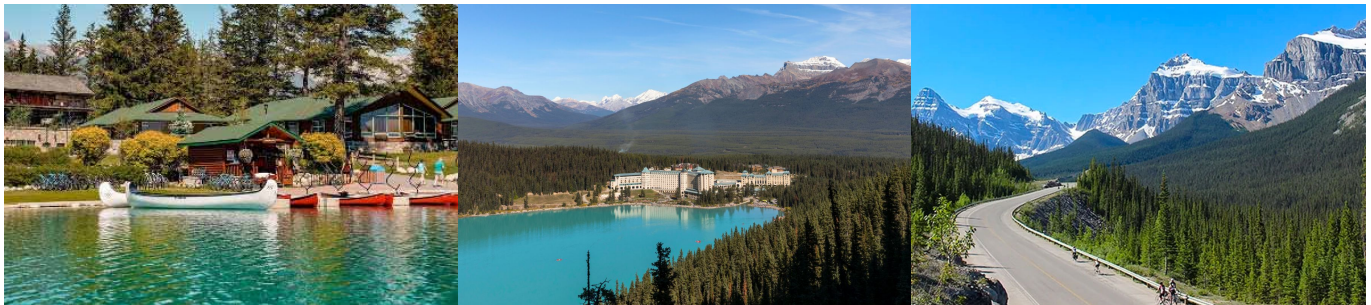
- Option 1. Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour
- Option 2. Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife
- Option 3. Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River
- Option 4. Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour
- Option 5. Jasper Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

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

Day 1 Calgary to Banff Transfer | Coach

Leave the Stampede City of Calgary on the express service to Banff, where you'll arrive to a picturesque resort town surrounded by the Rocky Mountains. Located within Banff National Park, Banff is renowned for its scenic natural beauty and stunning wildlife.

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Day 2 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 3 Banff to Lake Louise Transfer | Coach

Today offers the flexibility to spend more time in either Banff or Lake Louise. You have the choice of a mid or late-afternoon 45-minute scheduled transfer (included), or a private transfer. Both options allow you to customize your time between these two stunning destinations. At Lake Louise, you can enjoy activities like canoeing on the lake, hiking to the Glacier Teahouse, or savoring afternoon tea at the renowned Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

Day 4 Lake Louise 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. 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 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.

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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)

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

- 2 nights accommodation in Banff

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- 1 nights accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 3 nights accommodation onboard VIA Rail
- Scheduled coach transfer between Calgary 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
- Signature Guided Hike | Small Group Hike with Picnic Lunch
- Scheduled transfer between Banff and Lake Louise
- Full day tour between Lake Louise and Jasper with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
- Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour
- Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife
- Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River
- Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour
- Upgrade Option: Maligne Valley Sightseeing + Boat Cruise
- Transfers to Jasper Train Station
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- VIA Rail | Upper/Lower Semi Private Bedroom

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

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

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Not Included

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

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DATES & PRICING

Departs from Calgary: Monday, Thursday

(Tour Code: TR82)

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Semi-Private Berth on-board VIA Rail				
04 May 26 - 04 May 26	\$4,915	\$6,366	\$4,512	\$3,090
11 May 26 - 31 Aug 26	\$5,675	\$7,886	\$5,018	\$3,090
07 Sep 26 - 28 Sep 26	\$5,756	\$7,966	\$5,099	\$3,131
05 Oct 26 - 05 Oct 26	\$5,275	\$7,086	\$4,752	\$3,090
Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail Between Jasper & Toronto	-	-	-	-
May - Oct	\$1,356	\$1,356	\$1,356	\$1,356
Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
04 May 26 - 04 May 26	\$6,390	\$7,750	\$6,016	\$4,656
11 May 26 - 31 Aug 26	\$7,443	\$9,856	\$6,718	\$4,656
07 Sep 26 - 28 Sep 26	\$7,523	\$9,937	\$6,799	\$4,696
05 Oct 26 - 05 Oct 26	\$6,992	\$8,955	\$6,418	\$4,656
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Jasper & Toronto	-	-	-	-
May - Oct	\$6,213	\$9,589	-	-
Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
04 May 26 - 04 May 26	\$7,806	\$10,584	\$7,024	\$4,656
11 May 26 - 31 Aug 26	\$9,231	\$13,351	\$8,001	\$4,696
07 Sep 26 - 28 Sep 26	\$9,312	\$13,432	\$8,081	\$4,736
05 Oct 26 - 05 Oct 26	\$9,150	\$13,271	\$7,920	\$4,656
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Jasper & Toronto	-	-	-	-
May - Oct	\$6,213	\$9,589	-	-
Deluxe Plus Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
04 May 26 - 04 May 26	\$8,065	\$11,101	\$7,197	\$4,656
11 May 26 - 31 Aug 26	\$9,438	\$13,765	\$8,139	\$4,696
07 Sep 26 - 28 Sep 26	\$9,519	\$13,846	\$8,219	\$4,736
05 Oct 26 - 05 Oct 26	\$9,357	\$13,685	\$8,058	\$4,656
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Jasper & Toronto	-	-	-	-
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