

CANADA RAIL VACATIONS

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Toronto to the Canadian Rockies with Via Rail and Rocky Mountaineer

2025

Trans-Canada Itinerary

9 Days / 8 Nights Toronto to Vancouver

Priced at CAD \$7,261 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 with this east-to-west rail adventure. Begin in Toronto aboard the VIA Rail overnight train, crossing serene prairies and picturesque lakes before arriving in Jasper. From there, explore the stunning Canadian Rockies, including iconic destinations like Lake Louise and Banff. Board the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer train in Banff and experience unparalleled service as you travel through the majestic mountains, glistening rivers, and lush forests, ending your trip in vibrant Vancouver.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Toronto to Jasper | VIA Rail
- DAY 2** On-board VIA Rail
- DAY 3** On-board VIA Rail
- DAY 4** Arrive Jasper | VIA Rail
- 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

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Option 5. Jasper Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

DAY 6 Jasper to Banff Tour | with picnic lunch

Includes Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk

DAY 7 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 8 Banff to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer

DAY 9 Kamloops to Vancouver | Rocky Mountaineer



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.

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Day 1 Toronto to Jasper | VIA Rail

This morning, check in at Toronto's Union Station and board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' for the train journey across the prairies to the Canadian Rockies. Travel in restored stainless steel 'streamliner' railcars from the 1950s, now equipped with air conditioning, a café car, lounge car, and access to the dome car. The journey begins in downtown Toronto with views of the CN Tower and the skyline. As you continue, the landscape shifts from city views to diverse natural scenery. Depending on the season, see lush greenery, autumn colors, or snow-covered landscapes. Pass through Georgian Bay and the Canadian Shield, with its rock formations, lakes, and forests, and keep an eye out for possible wildlife sightings such as deer, moose, and birds. (brunch & dinner included)

Day 2 On-board VIA Rail

Awaken to the vast wilderness of Northern Ontario, with its dense forests and pristine lakes providing a spectacular start to your morning. As the train glides through the Canadian Shield, one of Earth's oldest geological formations, be enthralled by the sight of rugged, rocky terrains interspersed with verdant forests.

The route takes you through Ontario's famed lake country, where a myriad of lakes offer tranquil and picturesque views, especially enchanting during the golden hours of sunrise and sunset. As the train nears Manitoba, watch as the scenery transforms into vast, open prairies, a stark contrast to the dense forests you've passed. This transition beautifully illustrates Canada's varied geography. (breakfast, lunch & dinner included)

Day 3 On-board VIA Rail

Awake this morning for a breathtaking journey across the Canadian Prairies, an expanse where the vastness of the sky meets the endless horizon. Traverse through rolling hills and boundless fields of wheat, canola, and barley, weaving a vibrant tapestry of colors that shift with the seasons. This journey not only showcases the natural beauty but also highlights the economic vitality of the Prairies, rooted in agriculture and energy industries. (breakfast, lunch & dinner included)

Day 4 Arrive Jasper | VIA Rail

As dawn breaks, your train arrives in Jasper, nestled in the heart of Jasper National Park. Surrounded by pristine wilderness, this charming town is a gateway to breathtaking landscapes, abundant wildlife, and endless outdoor adventures, offering an immersive experience in one of Canada's most stunning natural settings. Step off the "Canadian" train and take a deep breath – you're here in the Canadian Rockies and the crisp mountain air is invigorating. After an orientation of this scenic mountain town, we will take you to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

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 Banff 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 7 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions

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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

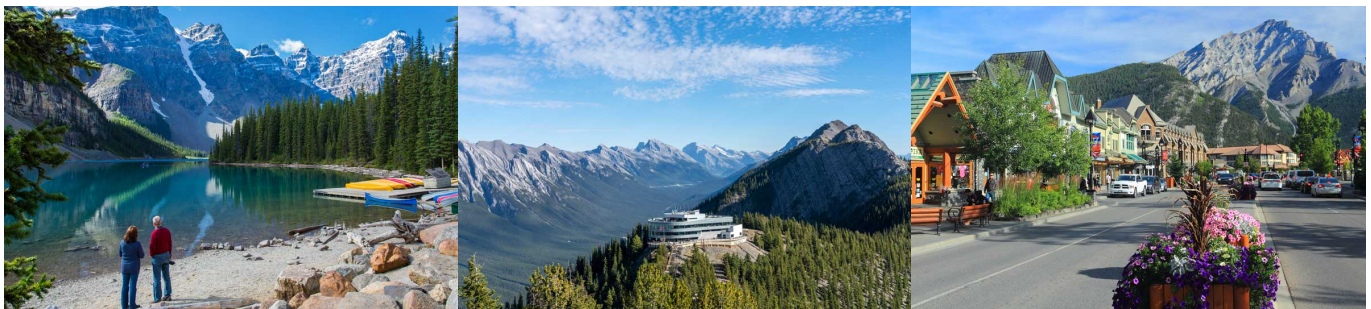
Talk with one of our local Canada specialists to tailor your day in Banff to your preferences. Choose from a variety of experiences, including guided hikes, evening wildlife e-bike tours, river explorer canoe tours, a foodie tour at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, or upgrade to a selection of private 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 8 Banff to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer

All aboard Rocky Mountaineer for the scenic rail journey to Kamloops in the interior of British Columbia. As the train crosses over the continental divide, you pass through the spiral tunnels in Yoho National Park, a remarkable engineering achievement. Continue on through the Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park with endless views of snow-capped mountains and stunning glaciers. Pass by Craigellachie, where the last spike was driven completing the Canadian Pacific Railway Trans Canada link in 1885. (breakfast & lunch is included today)

Day 9 Kamloops to Vancouver | Rocky Mountaineer

Re-board the train and follow the Thompson River through Ashcroft - one of Canada's driest towns (with an average rainfall of just 18 centimeters). Pass through Rainbow Canyon with its cliffs striped with pinks, greens and greys creating a stunning effect. The last leg of the journey takes you through the lush farming region of the Fraser Valley to arrive in the Pacific port of Vancouver late afternoon. (breakfast & lunch is included today)

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

- VIA Rail onboard accommodation for 3 nights

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- Rocky Mountaineer Train between Banff and Vancouver
- 2 night accommodation in Jasper
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- 1 night accommodation in Kamloops provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Meet & Greet Jasper with Orientation of Town
- 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
- Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- Full day tour between Jasper and Banff with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- 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
- Transfer between hotel and rail station in Banff
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- VIA Rail | Cabin

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

Not Included

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

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DATES & PRICING

Departs from Toronto: Sunday & Wednesday

(Tour Code: TR81)

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service & Semi-Private Berth on-board VIA Rail				
27 Apr 25 - 07 May 25				
08 May 25 - 24 Aug 25	\$7,275	\$7,862	\$7,125	\$6,436
25 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$7,691	\$8,696	\$7,403	\$6,436
01 Oct 25 - 05 Oct 25	\$7,910	\$8,914	\$7,621	\$6,654
Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail 	\$7,261	\$7,835	\$7,116	\$6,436
Between Toronto & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2025 Season	\$1,328	\$1,328	\$1,328	\$1,328
Rocky Mountaineer Upgrade available to GoldLeaf Between	-	-	-	-
Banff & Vancouver	\$990	\$990	\$990	\$990
May - Aug	\$1,053	\$1,053	\$1,053	\$1,053
Sept	\$990	\$990	\$990	\$900
Oct				
Superior Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service & Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
27 Apr 25 - 07 May 25				
08 May 25 - 24 Aug 25	\$8,973	\$9,728	\$8,768	\$7,968
25 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$9,482	\$10,745	\$9,113	\$7,968
01 Oct 25 - 05 Oct 25	\$9,700	\$10,963	\$9,331	\$8,187
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail 	\$9,198	\$10,176	\$8,923	\$7,968
Between Toronto & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2025 Season	\$5,808	\$9,407	-	-
Rocky Mountaineer Upgrade available to GoldLeaf Between	-	-	-	-
Banff & Vancouver	\$990	\$990	\$990	\$990
May - Aug	\$1,053	\$1,053	\$1,053	\$1,053
Sept	\$990	\$990	\$990	\$900
Oct				
Deluxe Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service & Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
27 Apr 25 - 07 May 25				
08 May 25 - 24 Aug 25	\$11,394	\$13,349	\$10,856	\$9,187
25 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$12,341	\$15,244	\$11,488	\$9,187
01 Oct 25 - 05 Oct 25	\$12,637	\$15,540	\$11,784	\$9,483
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail 	\$12,341	\$15,244	\$11,488	\$9,187
Between Toronto & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2025 Season	\$5,808	\$9,407	-	-

Deluxe Plus Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service & Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail

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27 Apr 25 - 07 May 25	\$11,687	\$13,936	\$11,052	\$9,187
08 May 25 - 24 Aug 25	\$12,634	\$15,831	\$11,684	\$9,187
25 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$12,930	\$16,127	\$11,980	\$9,483
01 Oct 25 - 05 Oct 25	\$12,634	\$15,831	\$11,684	\$9,187
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail 				
Between Toronto & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2025 Season	\$5,808	\$9,407	-	-

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