

## CANADA RAIL VACATIONS

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### Trans Canada Winter Rail Vacation | Vancouver to Toronto

2024/2025 Winter

Trans-Canada Itinerary

12 Days / 11 Nights Vancouver to Toronto

Priced at CAD \$4,666 per person

### INTRODUCTION

Explore Canada from coast to coast on this incredible 12-day trans-Canada winter train adventure. Beginning in Vancouver, you'll board VIA Rail for the overnight rail journey to Jasper. 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 rest of the route to Toronto, passing through the prairies and great plains of Canada.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

<b>DAY 1</b>	Vancouver to Jasper   Via Rail
<b>DAY 2</b>	Jasper   Arrival VIA Rail
<b>DAY 3</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 Option 4. Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour
<b>DAY 4</b>	Jasper to Lake Louise   Coach   Evening Sleigh Ride
<b>DAY 5</b>	Lake Louise   Day at Leisure
<b>DAY 6</b>	Lake Louise to Banff   Coach

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**DAY 7** 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 8** Banff to Jasper | Scheduled Coach

**DAY 9** Jasper to Toronto | VIA Rail

**DAY 10** On-board | VIA Rail

**DAY 11** On-board | VIA Rail

**DAY 12** Toronto Arrival | VIA Rail



## MAP



## DETAILED ITINERARY

### 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.

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**Day 2 Jasper | Arrival 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 | 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 4 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 5 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 it's spectacular scenery and versatile terrain. With over 4,200 acres spread across four mountain faces.

**Day 6 Lake Louise to Banff | Coach**

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

**Day 7 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

*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 colors 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 8 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.

**Day 9 Jasper to Toronto | VIA Rail**

Spend the day relaxing in the mountain town of Jasper. This afternoon, reboard VIA Rail's 'Canadian' train for the famous journey across the prairies to Toronto. (dinner included today onboard VIA Rail)

**Day 10 On-board | VIA Rail**

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

**Day 11 On-board | VIA Rail**

Today is spent crossing the scenic lake lands and forests of Ontario. Overnight onboard the train. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner included today onboard VIA Rail)

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**Day 12 Toronto Arrival | VIA Rail**

Arrival in Toronto this afternoon. The rest of the day is yours to explore Canada's largest and most diverse city. Suggested places to visit include the Eaton Centre, Chinatown, CN Tower, and Old and New City Halls with opportunity for pictures along the way. (continental breakfast & brunch included today onboard VIA Rail)

**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
- Private transfer between hotel in Jasper and VIA Rail Station
- Meals as per Itinerary
- National Park fees

**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

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- 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 from Vancouver: Monday, Friday

Tour Code TR137

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
<b>Moderate Grade with Upper/Lower Semi Private Sleeper Berth on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 12 Dec 24	\$4,666	\$6,175	\$4,300	\$2,832
13 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$5,833	\$8,508	\$5,077	\$2,832
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$4,949	\$6,740	\$4,494	\$2,832
<b>VIA Rail   Upgrade to Private Cabin</b>	-	-	-	-
Vancouver to Jasper	\$410	\$410	\$410	\$410
Jasper to Toronto	\$685	\$685	\$685	\$685
<b>Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 12 Dec 24	\$6,395	\$8,140	\$5,948	\$4,323
13 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$7,586	\$10,523	\$6,743	\$4,323
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$6,651	\$8,652	\$6,119	\$4,323
<b>VIA Rail   Upgrade to Prestige Double Bedroom</b>	-	-	-	-
Vancouver to Jasper	\$1,630	\$4,318	-	-
Jasper to Toronto	\$3,224	\$8,218	-	-
<b>Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 12 Dec 24	\$7,297	\$9,945	\$6,652	\$4,323
13 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$9,847	\$15,044	\$8,352	\$4,323
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$7,754	\$10,859	\$6,957	\$4,323
<b>VIA Rail   Upgrade to Prestige Double Bedroom</b>	-	-	-	-
Vancouver to Jasper	\$1,630	\$4,318	-	-
Jasper to Toronto	\$3,224	\$8,218	-	-
<b>Deluxe Upgrade with Private Cabin onboard VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 12 Dec 24	\$7,904	\$11,158	\$7,107	\$4,323
13 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$10,784	\$16,918	\$9,027	\$4,323
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$8,511	\$12,372	\$7,512	\$4,323
<b>VIA Rail   Upgrade to Prestige Double BedroomN/A</b>	-	-	-	-
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