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Grand Canadian Train Journey | Vancouver to Halifax

Trans-Canada Itinerary

19 Days / 18 Nights Vancouver to Halifax

Priced at USD $13,332 per person

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

INTRODUCTION

Experience both Rocky Mountaineer and VIA Rail on the Grand Canadian Train Tour from Vancouver to Halifax. Beginning in the Rocky Mountains, you'll explore the alpine towns of Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper before boarding VIA Rail for the cross-country trip to Montreal, Charlottetown, the Bay of Fundy and the rest of Atlantic Canada. To personalize your trip and truly make it your own, select your choice of tours in Banff, Montreal, Charlottetown and Halifax. Choose from bear viewing or a cowboy cookout to lighthouse tours or lobster trapping.

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1 - 2	Vancouver / Kamloops / Banff | Rocky Mountaineer
DAY 3	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. Signature Guided Hike | Small Group Hike with Picnic Lunch
DAY 4	Banff to Lake Louise | Coach
DAY 5	Lake Louise to Jasper | Sightseeing with picnic lunch

Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk

DAY 6 - 9 Jasper to Toronto | VIA Rail

DAY 10 Toronto | Niagara Falls & Niagara on the Lake

DAY 11 Toronto to Montreal | VIA Rail Business Class

DAY 12 Montreal | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions

Option 1. Montreal Half Day Sightseeing Tour

Option 2. Walking Tour of Old Montreal

Option 3. Beyond the Market Food Walking Tour

DAY 13 Montreal | Day Tour to Quebec City & Montmorency Falls

DAY 14 Montreal to Moncton | VIA Rail

DAY 15 Arrive Charlottetown | VIA Rail

DAY 16 Charlottetown | Island Drives & Anne of Green Gables Tour

DAY 17 Charlottetown | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions

Option 1. Morning Lobster Cruise

Option 2. Morning Charlottetown Highlights Tour

Charlottetown to Halifax | Private Transfer

DAY 18 Halifax | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions

Option 1. Taste Halifax | Eat Halifax Tour

Option 2. Best of Halifax Peggy's Cove Tour

Option 3. Lunenburg & Mahone Bay Tour

DAY 19 Halifax

MAP

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 - 2 Vancouver / Kamloops / Banff | Rocky Mountaineer
Board the Rocky Mountaineer for the famous all-daylight rail journey through the Canadian Rockies. This trip offers breathtaking vistas and informative commentary along the way. Breakfast & lunch are served on board and hotel accommodation is provided mid-point in Kamloops.

Day 3 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. Signature Guided Hike | Small Group Hike with Picnic Lunch
Experience the best of Rocky Mountain National Parks' backcountry with our curated hiking tours. Revel in spring's wildflowers, summer's clear glacier views, and the golden hues of fall's larch trees. Our passionate local guides will lead you on classic hikes in the Banff and Lake Louise area, including Stanley Glacier, Larch Valley, Kootenay National Park Trails, and Plain of 6 Glaciers. Immerse yourself in nature's beauty across seasons in the Rockies.

Day 4 Banff to Lake Louise | Coach
Depart Banff early afternoon for a short drive via the scenic Bow Valley to Lake Louise.

Day 5 Lake Louise to Jasper | Sightseeing with 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 6 - 9 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 and scenic lake lands to Toronto. (all meals included from dinner day 6 to brunch day 9)

Day 10 Toronto | Niagara Falls & Niagara on the Lake
Travel by air-conditioned motorcoach for a breathtaking, full-day tour through the orchard-laden Niagara Peninsula to Niagara Falls, one of the great wonders of the world. Tour includes: Hornblower Niagara Falls Cruise or Journey Behind the Falls, lunch overlooking Niagara Falls, free time in Niagara Falls and a winery tour including a wine tasting.

Day 11 Toronto to Montreal | VIA Rail Business Class
By rail enter French Canada and arrive in the vibrant city of Montreal. There will be plenty of stunning views along the way of the blue expanse of Lake Ontario, the lovely farmland of rural Quebec and the shores of the St. Lawrence River. (lunch is included today)

Day 12 Montreal | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions
Option 1. Montreal Half Day Sightseeing Tour
Enjoy a fully guided driving tour to all the "must see" areas of Montréal such as Mont Royal, Old Montréal, and the city's picturesque riverfront.

Option 2. Walking Tour of Old Montreal
Explore the winding cobblestone streets of Old Montréal on a guided walking tour.
Option 3. Beyond the Market Food Walking Tour
The city's best food tour takes you to at least 6 of your local guide's favourite eateries and watering holes.

Day 13 Montreal | Day Tour to Quebec City & Montmorency Falls
Quebec City is the heart of French Canada. Nowhere else in North America is the appearance and atmosphere of an old-world city so complete. Quebec City looks and feels very European; perhaps that is why the entire old section of the town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 14 Montreal to Moncton | VIA Rail
This evening enjoy the scenic vista through the rural communities of Quebec's south shore. Overnight on VIA Rail. (dinner is included today)

Day 15 Arrive Charlottetown | VIA Rail
Wake to views of the Atlantic Ocean, rolling hills, and quaint coastal villages that appear frozen in time. Upon disembarking the train take an included private transfer to Charlottetown via the Confederation Bridge. (Breakfast is included today)

Day 16 Charlottetown | Island Drives & Anne of Green Gables Tour
Today enjoy views of rolling farmlands, stunning seascapes, tiny villages and bustling harbours along the Green Gables Shore (scenic drive) as we get ready to tour the North Shore area.

Day 17 Charlottetown | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions
Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions
Option 1. Morning Lobster Cruise
Catch a buoy, haul a trap and band a claw as you learn about the world of lobster fishing on Prince Edward Island. Onboard feel the ocean breeze and watch for seabirds as Captain Mark explains the hard life of a lobster fisherman. Then head to the mouth of the harbour and into the Northumberland Strait, past Port La Joye/Fort Amherst, the Island's oldest European settlement.
Option 2. Morning Charlottetown Highlights Tour
Discover the history and charm of Canada's Birthplace as you ride through the streets of Charlottetown.
Charlottetown to Halifax | Private Transfer
Then this afternoon depart on a private transfer back over the Confederation Bridge to Halifax.

Day 18 Halifax | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions.
Option 1. Taste Halifax | Eat Halifax Tour
Discover Halifax's vibrant food scene on a gastronomic journey across town. Sample fresh seafood, award-winning local wines, and Halifax's famed donair. Visit historic sites including the impressive Halifax Citadel and picturesque Hydrostone Neighborhood.
Option 2. Best of Halifax Peggy's Cove Tour
Immerse in Nova Scotia's beauty with scenic Peggy's Cove Lighthouse, explore Halifax Citadel's historic alleyways, witness Halifax's vibrant landmarks, and visit iconic Titanic cemetery.
Option 3. Lunenburg & Mahone Bay Tour
Immerse yourself in Nova Scotia's South Shore charm with a tour of historic Lunenburg. Uncover its UNESCO World Heritage status, engage with local expertise, explore preserved architecture and the Bluenose II. Dive into the fishing industry, vibrant waterfront, shops, distilleries and eateries while enjoying insightful local commentary.

Day 19 Halifax
A check-out from your hotel concludes this memorable rail journey to Atlantic Canada.

INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- 1 night accommodation in Kamloops provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- 1 night accommodation in Lake Louise
- 1 night accommodation in Jasper
- 2 nights accommodation in Toronto
- 3 nights accommodation in Montreal
- 2 nights accommodation in Charlottetown
- 2 nights accommodation in Halifax
- Rocky Mountaineer Train between Vancouver and Banff
- VIA Rail onboard accommodation for 4 nights
- Taxi transfers in Banff & Jasper
- 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 coach transfer from Banff to Lake Louise
- Full day tour between Lake Louise & Jasper with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- Niagara Falls & Niagara on the Lake Tour with lunch
- Business class rail travel Toronto to Montreal (lunch included)
- Quebec City & Montmorency Falls sightseeing tour
- Montreal | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
  - Montreal Half Day Sightseeing Tour
  - Walking Tour of Old Montreal
  - Beyond the Market Food Walking Tour (operates Thu - Mon)
- Private Van Transfer between Moncton & Charlottetown
- Island Drive & Anne of Green Gables Tour
- Charlottetown | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions
  - Lobster Cruise
  - Charlottetown Highlights Tour
- Private transfer between Charlottetown & Halifax
- Halifax | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
  - Taste Halifax | Eat Halifax Tour
  - Best of Halifax Including Peggy's Cove Tour
  - Lunenburg & Mahone Bay Tour
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer & Kamloops Hotel | SilverLeaf Service
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room
- Lake Louise - Lake Louise Inn | Summit Deluxe Queen Room
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- Jasper to Toronto - VIA Rail | Upper/Lower Semi Private Bedroom
- Toronto – Chelsea Hotel | Chelsea Room
- Montreal – Alt Montreal | Standard Room
- Montreal to Halifax - VIA Rail | Sleeper Plus Private Bedroom
- Charlottetown - The Great George | Classic Room Breakfast included
- Halifax – The Barrington Hotel | Guest Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer & Kamloops Hotel | SilverLeaf Service
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony / Alpine Standard
- Jasper to Toronto - VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Toronto - Le Germain Hotel | Signature Room
- Montreal - Le Germain Hotel | Prestige Room
- Montreal to Halifax - VIA Rail | Sleeper Plus Private Bedroom

- Charlottetown - The Great George | Classic Room Breakfast included
- Halifax – Hotel Halifax | Guest Room Harbour View

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer & Kamloops Hotel | GoldLeaf Service
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Lakeview Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Jasper to Toronto - VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Toronto – Fairmont Royal York Hotel | Fairmont Luxury Room
- Montreal - Fairmont Queen Elizabeth | Fairmont View Room
- Montreal to Halifax - VIA Rail | Sleeper Plus Private Bedroom
- Charlottetown - The Great George | Classic Room Breakfast included
- Halifax - The Sutton Place Hotel | Sutton Room

DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: Monday

(Tour Code: TR164)

DATE	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service & Semi-Private Berth on-board VIA Rail				
01 May 24 - 12 May 24 13 May 24 - 18 Sep 24	$13,332 $14,373	$17,303 $19,268	$12,265 $12,991	$9,004 $9,123
Rocky Mountaineer | Upgrade available to GoldLeaf | Vancouver to Banff				
May - Jul	$816	$816	$816	$816
Aug - Sep	$843	$843	$843	$843
Oct	$668	$668	$668	$668
Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail | Jasper to Toronto 2024 Season	$981	$981	$981	$981
Superior Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service & Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
01 May 24 - 12 May 24 13 May 24 - 18 Sep 24	$16,105 $17,162	$21,378 $23,373	$14,604 $15,347	$10,476 $10,594
Rocky Mountaineer | Upgrade available to GoldLeaf | Vancouver to Banff				
May - Jul	$816	$816	$816	$816
Aug - Sep	$843	$843	$843	$843
Oct	$668	$668	$668	$668
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail | Jasper to Toronto 2024 Season	$2,415	$7,122		
Deluxe Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service & Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
01 May 24 - 12 May 24 13 May 24 - 18 Sep 24	$18,731 $20,220	$25,325 $28,140	$16,889 $17,935	$11,781 $11,943
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail | Jasper to Toronto 2024 Season	$2,415	$7,122		

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