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Majestic Canada Rail Vacation through the Rockies | VIA Rail

Canadian Rockies One-Way Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights Vancouver to Calgary or Calgary to Vancouver

Priced at USD \$3,508 per person

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

INTRODUCTION

Travel from the coastal city of Vancouver to Calgary, Alberta, on this week-long majestic Canada Train Trip through the Rockies. Spend a night on VIA Rail in your own cozy sleeper cabin, waking to the snowy peaks of the Rocky Mountains as you pull into Jasper. Staying here and at the other resort towns of Lake Louise and Banff, you can take your choice of tours from cruising Medicine Lake or viewing wildlife to riding horses to a cowboy cookout. For a truly luxurious experience, upgrade to Deluxe Grade and stay at the iconic Fairmont properties.

Itinerary at a Glance

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| DAY 1 | Vancouver to Jasper VIA Rail |
| DAY 2 | Arrive Jasper VIA Rail |
| DAY 3 | 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. Upgrade Option: Maligne Valley Sightseeing + Boat Cruise |
| DAY 4 | Jasper to Lake Louise Sightseeing with picnic lunch |

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- DAY 5** Lake Louise to Banff | Coach
- DAY 6** 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 7** Banff to Calgary | Coach



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

The below itinerary reflects our recommendations for this specific trip. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.

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 Arrive Jasper | 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 - 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. Upgrade Option: Maligne Valley Sightseeing + Boat Cruise

This Jasper tour starts with a brief town overview before crossing the Athabasca River to Maligne Lake. Discover the majestic Maligne Canyon's waterfalls and the enigmatic "disappearing" Medicine Lake. The highlight is a trip to stunning Maligne Lake, including an interpretative boat cruise to Spirit Island. Experience firsthand the beauty that captured adventurer Mary Schaeffer's heart a century ago, and has since become world-renowned.

Day 4 Jasper to Lake Louise | 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 5 Lake Louise to Banff | Coach

This morning is at leisure to explore Lake Louise before a mid-day transfer to Banff via the scenic Bow Valley highway, arriving mid-afternoon.

Day 6 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.

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Day 7 Banff to Calgary | Coach

Today you will leave behind the fresh mountain air and colourful sights of the Rockies. We will schedule a transfer to bring you to downtown Calgary, or to the Calgary Airport to connect with your flight home.



INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- Sleeping berth onboard VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 1 night
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 1 night accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- Transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- 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
- Full day tour between Jasper and Lake Louise with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- Scheduled transfer between Lake Louise 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 coach transfer between Banff and Calgary
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

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- VIA Rail | Semi Private Sleeper Berth
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- Lake Louise - Lake Louise Inn | Summit Deluxe Queen Room
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony or Alpine Room
- 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 | Premier Deluxe Room
- 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: TR33)

Departs from Calgary: Monday & Friday

(Tour Code: TR34)

DATE	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Semi-Private Berth on-board VIA Rail				
03 May 24 - 12 May 24	\$3,508	\$4,281	\$3,315	\$2,303
13 May 24 - 30 Sep 24	\$4,369	\$6,004	\$3,890	\$2,303
01 Oct 24 - 11 Oct 24	\$3,917	\$5,100	\$3,588	\$2,303
Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
2024 Season	\$664	\$664	\$664	\$664
Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
03 May 24 - 12 May 24	\$5,030	\$6,333	\$4,648	\$3,297
13 May 24 - 30 Sep 24	\$5,878	\$8,029	\$5,214	\$3,297
01 Oct 24 - 11 Oct 24	\$5,626	\$7,523	\$5,045	\$3,297
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
2024 Season	\$860	\$3,163		
Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
03 May 24 - 12 May 24	\$6,430	\$9,133	\$5,660	\$3,297
13 May 24 - 30 Sep 24	\$7,897	\$11,973	\$6,669	\$3,297
01 Oct 24 - 11 Oct 24	\$7,712	\$11,788	\$6,484	\$3,297
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
2024 Season	\$860	\$3,163		
Deluxe Plus Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
03 May 24 - 12 May 24	\$6,743	\$9,760	\$5,902	\$3,297
13 May 24 - 30 Sep 24	\$8,239	\$12,660	\$6,930	\$3,297
01 Oct 24 - 11 Oct 24	\$8,055	\$12,475	\$6,745	\$3,297
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
2024 Season	\$860	\$3,163		

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