



CANADA

THE ROCKIES BY VIA RAIL (TOUR CODE: 11627)

STARTS AND ENDS

Vancouver to
Calgary

TRAVEL PERIODS

02 May 25 - 10 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Stay in the small alpine towns of Banff, Lake Louise & Jasper, witness breathtaking scenery and travel overnight on VIA Rail.

Highlights

- Travel aboard VIA Rail's 'Canadian' train for the famous rail journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies
- Enjoy the Canadian Rocky Mountain resorts of Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff
- Explore the spectacular Icefields Parkway
- 2 Freedom of Choice Activities

What better way to see Western Canada's highlights than with a train tour through the beautiful Canadian Rockies on board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' train. This fantastic journey will take you through the breathtaking Rockies as you explore the resort towns of Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff.

Step back in time to the days of classic rail travel, riding in the original steel 'streamliner' railcars made famous by the 'Canadian' in the 1950s. Each car has been lovingly restored with air conditioning, a dining car, lounge car, and dome car.

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night onboard VIA Rail in a Sleeper Plus Cabin
- 2 nights in Jasper at the Forest Park Hotel
- 1 night in Lake Louise at the Fairmont Chateau
- 2 nights in Banff at the Banff Caribou Lodge
- Meals as per Itinerary
- Transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- Full day tour between Jasper and Lake Louise
- Scheduled Coach from Lake Louise to Banff
- Scheduled Coach from Banff to Calgary
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk Admission

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 3
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 6

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day

1

Vancouver Jasper

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.

Overnight onboard **VIA Rail's The Canadian train**

Dinner



Day **2**

Jasper

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. Your breakfast is included today onboard VIA Rail.

Overnight stay in Jasper at **Forest Park Hotel**

Breakfast



Day **3**

Jasper

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of the below freedom of choice activities.

Overnight stay in Jasper at the **Forest Park Hotel**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **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.

OR

- **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.



Day **4**

Jasper Lake Louise

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.

Overnight stay in Lake Louise at the **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**

Lunch



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Day **5** Lake Louise Banff

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.

Overnight stay in Banff at the **Banff Caribou Lodge**



AERIAL OF BANFF TOWNSITE | CREDIT: PAUL ZIZKA

Day **6** Banff

With easy access to pristine wilderness and endless outdoor adventures, in Banff National Park you feel truly immersed in nature. Enjoy one pre-selected tour from our Freedom of Choice options below.

Overnight stay in Banff at the **Banff Caribou Lodge**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **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.

OR

- **Banff National Park Explorer Moraine Lake & Lake Louise Tour:**

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 1 1/2 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.

OR

- **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.



Day **7**

Banff Calgary

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.



AERIAL OF CALGARY | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA / DAVE LIESKE

ACCOMMODATION

VIA Rail Canadian Train - Cabin for 2

VIA Rail

Sleeper Plus offers the added comfort of amenities, great service and your choice of a cosy cabin. The show continues inside the train with wine tastings, presentations, musical acts on certain departures, access to lounges and cars with glass ceilings. Inside the dining car, enjoy freshly cooked meals, regional specialties, Canadian wines and stunning views.



Forest Park Hotel

Jasper

Set amidst the breathtaking Canadian Rockies, the Forest Park Hotel (formerly the Sawridge Inn) is a resort style hotel that offers the rustic charm you'd expect in Jasper National Park. Beautiful guest rooms, on-site spa, decadent dining and heated pool with jacuzzi and steam room add to the luxury you want in your mountain getaway.



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Lake Louise

Surrounded by soaring mountain peaks, the majestic Victoria Glacier and a glistening emerald lake, the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise hotel is located in Alberta's Banff National Park. Discover endless outdoor recreational activities including hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking and river rafting.



Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa

Banff

Located in Banff National Park, the Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa offers a mountain lodge hotel, a great steakhouse restaurant and a full service spa, all in one outstanding location. This ideal vacation spot is located on Banff Avenue, the main street in the town of Banff. Surrounded by mountains, there are plenty of activities to keep you busy.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package