



CANADA

CANADIAN ROCKIES RAIL ADVENTURE (TOUR CODE: 12553)

STARTS AND ENDS

Calgary to
Vancouver

TRAVEL PERIODS

04 May 24 - 17 Sep 24

EXPERIENCE

Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Experience the untamed wilderness of Alberta and British Columbia, including an overnight journey onboard VIA Rail's The Canadian train.

Highlights

- Board VIA Rail's The Canadian, an authentic rail excursion filled with stunning scenery of the Rockies
- An incredible sightseeing flight by floatplane that brings you to Victoria, home of the expansive Butchart Gardens
- Discover the hidden gems within the protected National Parks on the included sightseeing tours
- Travel north along the famous Icefields Parkway into the untamed wilderness of Jasper National Park

This rail journey shows you the best of Alberta and British Columbia – from the untamed wilderness of the famous Banff and Jasper National Parks to the winding valley roads through the Rocky Mountains. Discover the hidden gems of these protected parks on sightseeing tours, replete with vistas of cascading waterfalls, turquoise-coloured lakes and snow-covered peaks. Board VIA Rail's The Canadian and make your way through the interior of British Columbia to the seaside modern metropolis of Vancouver. Ascend the Sea-to-Sky Highway to the world-famous resort village of Whistler, offering everything from fine dining to unique First Nations experiences. An incredible sightseeing flight by floatplane brings you to Victoria, home of the expansive Butchart Gardens. There is no need to settle for less when you can see so much of what the Canadian Rockies has to offer on this comprehensive western vacation!



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Calgary at Delta Hotels by Marriott Calgary Downtown
- 2 nights in Banff at Elk + Avenue Hotel
- 1 night in Jasper at Lobstick Lodge
- 1 night onboard VIA Rail The Canadian in a private cabin
- 2 nights in Vancouver at Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown
- 2 nights in Whistler at Aava Whistler
- 1 night in Victoria at Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites
- Meals included as per Itinerary
- Scheduled transfer from Calgary to Banff
- 3-hour sightseeing tour of Banff including Gondola Admission
- Full-day sightseeing transfer from Banff to Jasper including a stop at Columbia Icefields
- Ice Explorer ride
- Transfer from Jasper hotel to train station
- Hop-on Hop-off trolley tour of Vancouver
- Scheduled transfer Vancouver downtown to Whistler
- Sightseeing floatplane transfer from Whistler to Victoria
- Transfer from Victoria to Vancouver including ferry passage onboard BC Ferries

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Calgary

Arrive at Calgary's International airport and transfer independently to your centrally located hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to create your own urban adventure in this dynamic city and form your first impressions of Western Canada.

Overnight stay in Calgary at **Delta Hotels by Marriott Calgary Downtown**



Day **2** Calgary Banff

This morning is your transfer to Banff bringing you through the ranching country west of Calgary. Arrive in Banff and check in at your hotel. The remainder of the day is free for exploring the town of Banff.

Overnight in Banff at **Elk + Avenue Hotel**



Day **3** Banff

This morning, discover the resort town of Banff and its natural surroundings on a comprehensive sightseeing tour. You'll take the Tunnel Mountain Drive to see the town of Banff. Take a walk along Lake Minnewanka, before the tour continues to Sulphur Mountain. Here you will take the Banff Gondola ride to the top of the mountain. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight in Banff at **Elk + Avenue Hotel**.



BANFF | CREDIT: LAKE LOUISE TOURISM / PAUL ZIZKA

Day 4 Banff Jasper

Leave Banff and travel north along the famous Icefields Parkway into the untamed wilderness of Jasper National Park. Every turn unveils spectacular vistas of indomitable peaks, outstretched valleys, cascading waterfalls and colourful meadows. At the Columbia Icefield, take the opportunity to tour onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier on board the Ice Explorer (ride included).

Overnight in Jasper at **Lobstick Lodge**



ICE EXPLORER RIDE | CREDIT: PURSUIT

Day 5 Jasper Vancouver | VIA Rail The Canadian

Today you board VIA Rail's The Canadian heading west to Vancouver. You will have some of the most spectacular views of the Rockies, interior British Columbia and the Coastal Mountains. You will pass by rugged mountain peaks, arid ranchland and rolling windswept hills.

Overnight onboard **VIA Rail's The Canadian** in a private cabin.



CREDIT: VIA RAIL

Day **6** Vancouver

After you arrive in Vancouver this morning, transfer independently to your hotel. Today you will enjoy a Hop-on Hop-off trolley tour of Vancouver to familiarise yourself with this oceanside city. The tour highlights include historic Gastown, nearby Chinatown, Stanley Park, English Bay, Granville Island and more. After the tour, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this fascinating city.

Overnight in Vancouver at **Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown**

Breakfast



GASTOWN | CREDIT: NELSON MOUILLIC

Day **7** Vancouver

Today is at leisure in Vancouver. Take some time and peruse the shops and restaurants of Robson Street, or perhaps visit Chinatown for a taste of Asian culture. A short trip to Stanley Park provides walkers with the ideal location to enjoy a casual

stroll through the kilometers of pathways, while the aquarium always delights visitors with the antics of the friendly beluga whales.

Overnight in Vancouver at **Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown.**



Day 8 Vancouver Whistler

Today you are picked up from downtown Vancouver and depart to Whistler. Arrive in Whistler before noon with time to explore this amazing resort.

Overnight in Whistler at **Aava Whistler**



Day 9 Whistler

The day is free to independently explore the sights, sounds and attractions of this former host of the Winter Olympics. Perhaps arrange a canoe trip around one of the local lakes, or indulge yourself in a sumptuous culinary tour that samples

some of the world-class restaurants featuring menus with delicacies both local and exotic.

Overnight in Whistler at **Aava Whistler**.



Day **10** Victoria

After your transfer from your hotel to Whistler's Green Lake float plane dock, you take to the skies for a breathtaking one hour flight with Harbour Air to downtown Victoria. Fly high above Whistler Valley, passing glacial lakes, lush alpine meadows, the Strait of Georgia and the beautiful Gulf Islands. From the docks in the Inner Harbour, transfer independently to your Victoria hotel where the remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight in Victoria at **Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites**.



Day **11** Victoria Vancouver

Take the morning to explore vibrant Victoria and its picturesque Inner Harbour. Afterwards, board BC Ferries for a daytime

sailing to Vancouver through scenic Active Pass. Upon arrival in Vancouver, your package comes to an end.

ACCOMMODATION

Delta Hotels by Marriott Calgary Downtown

Calgary

Renowned for its genuine hospitality, the Delta Calgary Downtown is ideally located in downtown Calgary at the intersection of the city's business and cultural districts. Enjoy convenient access to all venues through the Calgary Skywalk system and public transportation, which makes exploring our city that much easier. When you return at the end of the day, expect the comforts of home.



Elk + Avenue Hotel

Banff

Just a few steps from the quaint streets and ample restaurants, shopping and nightlife of downtown Banff, Elk + Avenue Hotel brings an upscale twist to the classic mountain escape. Whether you're looking for a relaxing night away from it all or an action-packed getaway filled with adventure, our modern spaces effortlessly blend style and comfort to make you feel right at home as you explore the best of Banff.



Lobstick Lodge

Jasper

Lobstick Lodge welcomes you to the Canadian Rockies. Recently renovated and conveniently located in the town of Jasper, you will experience a serene atmosphere in a majestic mountain setting. We offer oversized accommodations in Jasper, expert service, and numerous activities right outside our door.



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.



Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown

Vancouver

Welcome to the Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown! Steps from trendy Yaletown bars & restaurants, Robson Street and Shopping, Entertainment District, we are ideal for a comfortable & stylish stay in the heart of the city. Leisure guests can enjoy a stroll along the Vancouver

Seawall and take a ferry across False Creek to Granville Island Market. Corporate guests love our hotel's free Wi-Fi, convenient access to nearby businesses and convention centres. From a by-appointment fitness centre and indoor heated pool to delicious breakfast options and comfortable amenities, we have it all.



Aava Whistler Hotel

Whistler

Experience a tranquil calm amidst your Whistler exploration. Aava Whistler Hotel, also known as "Whistler's Bike Friendliest Hotel", is just a two-minute walk from the Whistler Village, offering a quiet, relaxing place to stay away from distractions, and a five-minute stroll from the Whistler and Blackcomb Mountain gondolas. This hotel is the perfect "Basecamp for Your Next Adventure." No matter what time of year you visit, this is one of the best places to maximise your Whistler experience.



Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites

Victoria

Locally Owned and Operated since 1975. Classic comfort in a convenient downtown location, close to shops & attractions, the Inner Harbour, and other popular destinations. For many, the best way to experience Victoria's unique harbour city is to stay in the heart of downtown. The place to feel that Victoria vibe is right here at this owned and operated hotel.



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