

GREAT CANADIAN RAIL JOURNEY 13 DAY TOUR TORONTO - VANCOUVER



**DEPARTING EVERY MONDAY
MAY – SEPTEMBER, 2018**

This breathtaking tour crosses Canada using the historic railroad. It features spectacular scenery, including an excursion to Niagara Falls, where you'll enjoy a cruise to view the falls from the river level; an excursion from Jasper to Maligne Lake, the largest glacially formed lake in the Canadian Rockies, where you'll cruise to Spirit Island; a thrilling Ice Explorer ride on the 1,000-foot-deep Columbia Icefield; a stop at stunning Lake Louise with its green-blue waters forming a perfect mirror reflection of Mount Victoria; and much more.

What's included

Round-trip airfare from Burlington, VT

All transportation

12 nights lodging,
Private 1st Class
Sleeper Car



23 Meals (12 Breakfasts, 2 lunches, 7 Dinners)

Niagara Falls, Jasper National Park, Maligne Lake cruise, Banff National Park, Columbia Ice Fields, Glacier National Park, Gondola up Banff's Sulphur Mountain, Wine tasting, Victoria B.C., Burchart Gardens, Cruise through Gulf Islands, Yoho National Park

Prepaid gratuities

Full-time tour manager

What's not

Airport meals

8 lunches, 4 dinners

Optional traveler's insurance

Prices

\$5899 Double/person

\$6799 Single/person

**20% deposit at booking*

**Balance due 60 days prior to departure*

Itinerary

Day 1 – Fly to Toronto

Day 2 –Niagra Falls sightseeing cruise. Board 1st Class Via Rail

Day 3 – Enjoy scenic journey through Ontario

Day 4 – Sightseeing in Winnipeg

Day 5 – Continue westbound to Jasper, Alberta

Day 6 – Explore Jasper. Enjoy Maligne Lake for a fully narrated cruise to Spirit Island

Day 7 – Jasper–Columbia Icefield–Lake Louise–Banff National Park

Day 8 – Sulphur Mountain, Banff Gondola, Bow Falls, the Hoodoos

Day 9 – Yoho National Park, Glacier National Park, Rogers Pass, Kelowna, Okanagan Lake, wine tasting.

Day 10 – Vancouver, ferry to Victoria, Butchart Gardens

Day 11 – Victoria at your leisure

Day 12 – Vancouver, Farewell diner

Day 13 – Fly home



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Canadian Rockies VIA Rail ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart Burlington airport. Arrive in Toronto

Welcome to Toronto! At 6 pm, meet your traveling companions for a welcome drink. Your Tour Director will prepare you for your upcoming adventure.

DAY 2 Toronto–Niagara Falls–VIA Rail® the Canadian

Drive along the shores of Lake Ontario to Niagara Falls. For the adventurous, your Tour Director will suggest optional flightseeing over the falls. Then, enjoy a Niagara Falls sightseeing CRUISE for a thrilling boat ride to view the thundering falls from river level. Return to Toronto for an orientation tour of the downtown area. Enjoy dinner atop the 1,815-foot-tall CN TOWER before transferring to the train station for your departure on the CANADIAN later this evening. ☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

DAY 3 VIA Rail the Canadian–Ontario

Watch the scenic countryside from your windows as you relax in first-class refurbished art deco cars from the 1950s. Travel past the sparkling lakes and sun-dappled forests of Ontario. Try the observation dome for unparalleled views or enjoy quiet conversation in one of the comfortable lounges. ☕ Breakfast ✂ Lunch 🍴 Dinner

DAY 4 VIA Rail the Canadian–Winnipeg, Manitoba

Enter Manitoba with its endless golden prairies and vast cultivated fields. Arrive this morning in Manitoba's capital city of Winnipeg, where you will disembark the train for time to explore this historic city, including Forks National Historic Site, a commercial hub for more than 5,000 years and now home to the Forks Market that boasts a vast number of boutiques and restaurants. Reboard the train late this morning and continue west. ☕ Breakfast ✂ Lunch 🍴 Dinner

DAY 5 VIA Rail the Canadian through Saskatchewan & Alberta– Jasper



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From Winnipeg to Jasper, the train roughly parallels the famed Yellowhead Route, **Canada's historic trail of westward expansion**. Arrive in Jasper this afternoon for a 2-night stay. ☕ Brunch

DAY 6 Jasper. Excursion to Maligne Lake

Enjoy a day in Jasper to explore at your leisure. Maybe take an optional guided hike on the **"Path of the Glacier," where an experienced guide teaches you about the various glacier formations in the area**. This afternoon, perhaps play a round of golf on one of the top-rated courses in North America or stroll the streets of Jasper with its array of specialty stores. This evening, enjoy an excursion to Maligne Lake for a fully narrated CRUISE to Spirit Island. LAKESIDE DINNER with incredible views and local fare, including famous Alberta beef. ☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

DAY 7 Jasper—Columbia Icefield—Lake Louise—Banff

This morning, travel through JASPER NATIONAL PARK on Icefields Parkway to the 1,200-foot-thick Columbia Icefield for a thrilling ICE EXPLORER RIDE. Climb Sunwapta Pass to savor stunning vistas of alpine meadows, waterfalls, and massive glaciers. Next, stop at Lake Louise, whose green-blue waters form a perfect mirror reflection of Mount Victoria. Continue into BANFF NATIONAL PARK.

☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

DAY 8 Banff

Sightseeing includes visits to Sulphur Mountain for a ride on the BANFF GONDOLA—complete with amazing scenic panoramas—plus Bow Falls and the Hoodoos. The rest of the day is at leisure. Consider an optional helicopter flightseeing trip for a **bird's-eye** view of the Rockies. ☕ Breakfast

DAY 9 Banff—British Columbia Wine Country

This morning, travel through the spectacular beauty of Yoho National Park, one of **Canada's most popular recreational areas and site of pre-Cambrian fossil finds**. On to **Canada's Glacier National Park, where the motorcoach climbs 4,379-foot-high Rogers Pass**, a perfect spot for photos of the surrounding mountain cliffs and glaciers. Continue to the resort city of Kelowna, attractively set on the shores of Okanagan Lake. WINE TASTING. The evening is at leisure. ☕ Breakfast

DAY 10 British Columbia Wine Country—Victoria

Catch a BC FERRY to Vancouver Island and the very British "Garden City" of Victoria.



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Upon arrival, visit world-famous BUTCHART GARDENS. Later, your orientation tour of Victoria includes the gardens of Beacon Hill Park, the Fairmont Empress Hotel, Bastion Square, and Thunderbird Park. Private PRESENTATION about why Victoria is considered the most haunted city in Canada. A local storyteller and historian will **entertain you with stories of the city's interesting characters and colorful events.**

☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

DAY 11 Victoria

Today is at leisure for independent sightseeing and shopping. Your Tour Director suggests an optional wildlife and whale-watching trip. For shoppers, Government **Street's elegant shops and Market Square's collection of specialty** stores are good places to start. History buffs should be sure to visit the Royal British Columbia Museum. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in this harbor city.

☕ Breakfast

DAY 12 Victoria—Vancouver

This morning, take the FERRY and sail through the Gulf Islands, an archipelago known for its Mediterranean-type climate. Arrive in Vancouver for a city tour that includes the harbor and beaches, Chinatown, historic Gastown, and Stanley Park with its towering evergreen forests and totem poles. This evening, your Tour Director hosts a special farewell dinner.

☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

DAY 13 Vancouver

Your tour ends after breakfast with guests departing on individual schedules. Airport transfers are provided. ☕ Breakfast



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