



Jasper Park

Cross Canada Rockies Circle Tour

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

VIA Rail's classic train the *Canadian* from Toronto to Jasper and return plus 3 nights in the Canadian Rockies.

- Sleeper Plus Class OR Prestige Class aboard VIA Rail
- Jasper National Park
- Premiere option includes upgrade to Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

10 Days / 9 Nights
Independent Holiday Package
Departs Year Round

Popular from \$3499 Cdn pp

Day 1 – Toronto / VIA Rail

Tuesday / Thursday

Transfer from airport or downtown Toronto to VIA Rail's Union Rail Station for departure aboard VIA Rail's train the *Canadian* in Sleeper Plus Class this evening. Relax in the private waiting area and enjoy priority boarding. Choose from semi-private or private accommodations within VIA Rail's Sleeper Plus Class accommodations. Your cozy accommodations are prepared for your nights rest with your friendly car attendant just steps away. *Overnight VIA Rail.*

Day 2 – VIA Rail

Wednesday / Friday

Wake up to picturesque views of the Southern Ontario region. Travel through towns and settlements, thick forests and over rugged Precambrian rock as you wind your way through the Canadian Shield. Follow along with our milepost information to receive a knowledgeable historical enhanced view of the places you are passing through. Bridges and viaducts abound, lakes and rivers are plentiful. Relax in your private room or visit the Park Car dome

seating for a 360 degree view of the passing scenery. *Overnight VIA Rail. Breakfast, lunch & dinner served in the dining car.*

Day 3 – VIA Rail

Thursday / Saturday

Early morning has you arriving into Western Canada's oldest city, Winnipeg. There is time today to step off the train and visit the local area. Winnipeg's VIA Rail station is known for having a variety of shopping and delicious local foods available close by in the kiosks located right by the rail station. It is also possible to take a tour of the Winnipeg area which can be arranged by request. Afternoon has you continuing west and heading into the rolling prairies. *Overnight VIA Rail. Breakfast, lunch & dinner served in the dining car.*

Day 4 – VIA Rail / Jasper

Friday / Sunday

Early morning has a brief stopover in Edmonton as you begin your journey into the Canadian Rockies. The geography changes from flat lands back into forest and hills. Begin your climb into the cozy



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nestled town of Jasper. Arrival into Jasper early afternoon today with transfer service to your accommodation. This afternoon has free time to relax and get a feel for this quaint town considered the gateway to Jasper National Park and the Canadian Rockies. *Overnight Jasper. Continental breakfast and brunch served in the dining car.*

Day 5 – Jasper

Saturday / Monday

Discover Jasper today with a half day tour of Jasper National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the Athabasca Viewpoint, Medicine Lake, and Maligne Canyon. Summer travelers can take part in a boat cruise on Maligne Lake. Keep your camera ready for an assortment of wildlife including elk, moose, black bear, mountain goat and more. *Overnight Jasper.*

Day 6 – Jasper

Sunday / Tuesday

Day at leisure to explore Jasper. Visit the Yellowhead or Wildlife Museum to get a more in depth comprehension of the history and geology of this enchanting township located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Enjoy the shops and restaurants or spend time poolside at your hotel. *Overnight Jasper.*

Day 7 – Jasper / VIA Rail

Monday / Wednesday

There is time today to explore the town of Jasper on your own. Shopping, restaurants, and museums are available to explore. Jasper National Park was established in 1907 and

is the largest at 10,878 sq km (4200 sq. mi) and most northerly of the Rocky Mountain National Parks. Jasper National Park became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984, along with the neighbouring parks, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay. In 1990 these four national parks - combined with the three adjoining British Columbia Provincial Parks of Mount Robson, Mount Assiniboine and Hamber - became the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tallest peak in Jasper National Park is Mount Robson at 3,954 metres (12,872 ft). Early evening transfer to VIA Rail station for departure west. *Overnight VIA Rail. Dinner included aboard VIA Rail.*

Day 8 – VIA Rail

Tuesday / Thursday

Look out your Sleeper Plus Class accommodation window and see the panoramic views of the province of Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan covers 651,900 square kilometres, more than a quarter million square miles. Contrary to popular belief, fully one half the province is covered by forest, one-third is farmland and one-eighth is fresh water with nearly 100,000 lakes! Head up to the dining car for expertly made freshly served cuisine prepared by professional chefs. Dietary needs can be accommodated (let us know early) for those who must have specific meals. Your stopover in Winnipeg this evening provides time to have a quick exploration of the city of Winnipeg. Check with your rail attendant prior to disembarking the train this evening. Winnipeg (population

671,000) is Canada's oldest western city, dating from 1812. The downtown area is a mix of modern towers, heritage buildings and older established neighbourhoods. Union Station was built in 1911 to serve the many rail lines that made Winnipeg the crossroads of Canada. The same architects who created New York's famous Grand Central Station designed the station's massive dome, the interior of which is delicately plastered in pink and white. *Overnight VIA Rail. Continental breakfast, lunch & dinner served aboard VIA Rail.*

Day 9 – VIA Rail

Wednesday / Friday

Relax today as you take in the winding twists and turns of the train as you travel over bridges and through tunnels. The land suddenly changes from marshy flatlands and sugar beet fields to rock and scrub bush. The Prairies have been left behind and we are entering the rugged and rocky Canadian Shield. Endless lakes and rivers populate the areas passed through. Watch for mink, otter, beaver, lynx, moose, bear and wildfowl. *Overnight VIA Rail. Breakfast, lunch & dinner served aboard VIA Rail.*

Day 10 – VIA Rail / Toronto

Thursday / Saturday

Early morning arrival into the bustling city of Toronto. Your tour provides private transfer service to airport or hotel. *Breakfast served aboard VIA Rail.*

Would you like to spend more time in the



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Canadian Rockies? Our professional Tour Consultants can work with you to provide a more comprehensive visit to the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

Prestige Class

VIA Rail has unveiled their new exciting class of service, Prestige Class, offering stylish cabins and modern décor and available on this JSRT tour.

During the daytime, your Prestige Class accommodation provides a relaxing atmosphere with comfortable seating on leather-clad furniture, private fully stocked refrigerator, and unprecedented views of the passing varied landscapes. Prestige Class travelers also enjoy 24hr personalized concierge service.

By night, continue your odyssey from the comfort of your Murphy bed for two, facing the large window and ensuring the best views of the night skies.

Enjoy private washroom & shower facilities, priority baggage handling and priority reservations in the dining car. Delicious meals are freshly prepared by skilled chefs and include regional specialties, a selection of Canadian wines.

Your peace of mind is at the heart of this high-end design.

Price includes

- 3 nights' accommodation in hotels.
- 6 nights in VIA Rail's Sleeper Plus Class accommodation.
- Transportation and transfers, as described.
- Select sightseeing, activities, and admissions, as described (Seasonal Availability).
- 16 meals: 2 Continental breakfasts; 4 breakfasts; 2 brunches; 3 lunches; 5 dinners.

- Not included – any items not listed such as but not limited to Goods & Service Tax and/or Harmonized Sales Tax; meals (other than listed); baggage handling; gratuities; travel insurance; personal expenses; custom tour add-ons.
- Please read Things To Know Before You Go for further information.

Info to know

- Reservations are confirmed upon receipt of \$250 CDN per person deposit.
- A complete self-guiding itinerary and vouchers are provided after receipt of full and final payment, due no later than 60 (sixty) days prior to date of Day 1 of your itinerary. (VISA, Mastercard, AmEx, bank draft)
- All monies paid are non-refundable. Ask your John Steel Tour Consultant about travel insurance, its coverages, conditions, and limitations
- If applicable, pack an overnight bag for all overnight rail journeys. Safety rules limit carry-on luggage.
- Please do not make closely connecting travel arrangements before &/or after tour. John Steel is not responsible for missed connections.
- All products &/or services are subject to John Sharpe's Rail Tours Ltd., operating as John Steel Rail Tours' (JSRT), "General Conditions & Waiver."
- Please ask your John Steel Tour Consultant for family pricing.

Prices and inclusions are subject to change without notice and vary by season. Prices shown have been adjusted where necessary to reflect seasonal availability of sightseeing and attractions.

TRAVEL TIPS

FAMILY HOLIDAYS - make memories on the train! Rail journeys are a great way for guests of all ages to travel together. Visit www.johnsteel.com or ask your John Steel Tour Consultant for family-friendly recommendations and prices.

SUITE - Honeymoons, anniversaries, birthdays and other special occasions call for upgraded comfort in a nostalgic, romantic Suite. Your John Steel Tour Consultant has all the details.

CUSTOMIZE

CUSTOMIZE YOUR HOLIDAY - your holiday, your way -- John Steel's Tour Consultants can add extra days, activities, and other options to your itinerary. Call for prices.

PRE- AND POST-TOUR ADD-ONS: Call John Steel Rail Tours for additional tours that you can add on to your classic rail journey.

FULL-SERVICE CONVENIENCE: your John Steel Consultant can arrange Amtrak and flights for you.

PRICE DETAILS:

2018 Canadian dollar prices - per guest, double occupancy in hotels - Senior prices available (60 years and better).

2018 SEASON

MAY – OCTOBER

SLEEPER PLUS	ADULT	SENIOR
MAY	\$3889	\$3499
JUN – OCT	\$5399	\$4899

PRESTIGE	ADULT/SENIOR
MAY	\$7489
JUN – OCT	\$8299

Pricing for accommodation and rail travel varies considerably throughout the year, please call for further details.

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