



Maligne Lake

# Cross Canada Classic West to East

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy passage aboard VIA Rail's legendary train, *The Canadian* from Vancouver to Toronto.

- Visit three national parks in the Canadian Rockies
- Sightseeing includes Icefields Parkway, Maligne Lake & Sulphur Mountain
- Premiere option includes Fairmont hotel accommodations

### Day 1 – Vancouver / VIA Rail

Tuesday / Sunday

Begin your adventure with transfer service to Pacific Central station for an evening departure aboard VIA Rail's train *the Canadian*. Enjoy views of the Greater Vancouver area as the train whisks you north past the suburbs and outlying towns into the wilderness of British Columbia's interior. Settle in for a nights rest in your cozy accommodations. *Overnight VIA Rail.*

### Day 2 – VIA Rail / Jasper

Wednesday / Monday

Enjoy a full hot breakfast in the dining car this morning as you consider the passing scenery. VIA Rail's elegant dining car provides excellent service and caters to your nutritional and dietary needs. The onboard chef prepares all your meals freshly with a good selection of choice for each sitting. Stroll down to the Park Car for a friendly chat, and a seat in the dome for 360 degree views of the approaching Canadian Rocky Mountains. Your arrival into Jasper late afternoon sees you continue to your hotel with bellman assisted transfer. Evening at

leisure. *Overnight Jasper. Breakfast & lunch served in the dining car aboard VIA Rail.*

### Day 3 – Jasper / Icefields Parkway / Lake Louise

Thursday / Tuesday

This morning you begin your sightseeing adventure with your Rockies Discovery Tour to Lake Louise. Tour includes a visit to the Glacier Skywalk, a 30 metre glass-floored platform extending out over Sunwapta Valley. Continue to the Icefields Parkway Centre, where you will be taken up onto the Athabasca Glacier for a close up look. You are also welcome to step out and walk around on the ice. Other stops include Peyto Lake, Bow Lake & Crowfoot Glacier. Early evening arrival to your hotel in Lake Louise. *Overnight Lake Louise. Buffet lunch included.*

### Day 4 – Lake Louise / Banff

Friday / Wednesday

Mid-morning start to your Mountains, Lakes & Waterfalls tour. Travel through Banff and Yoho National Parks to visit some of the most treasured areas in the Canadian

**10 Days / 9 Nights**

*Departs Year Round*

**Popular from \$3899 Cdn pp**

This is one of our **ROCKIES BY DAYLIGHT** tours. View the Rockies at their best—in daylight from the train.



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Rockies. Your stops include Moraine Lake, Valley of the Ten Peaks, Spiral Tunnels, and Takakkaw Falls. Late afternoon arrival into Banff. *Overnight Banff. Lunch included at Emerald Lake Lodge.*

## Day 5 – Banff / Jasper

*Saturday / Thursday*

Explore Banff this morning with a half day tour of Bow Falls, Tunnel Mountain Drive, Surprise Corner, Hoodoos, and Two Jack Viewpoint. Learn about the culture, geology and wildlife of this region. Then take part in a Gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain for 360 degree views of six mountain ranges and Banff Valley below. This afternoon travel north to Jasper on your return transfer with early evening arrival to your hotel. *Overnight Jasper.*

## Day 6 – Jasper

*Sunday / Friday*

Morning Explore Jasper tour has you visiting the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. Stand above the massive walls of Maligne Canyon. Look out over rushing waterfalls, explore the mystery of the disappearing water of Medicine Lake, and see the sights at the Athabasca Viewpoint. It's time then for a lovely boat cruise on Maligne Lake (summer season). Relax and take in the surrounding mountains on this peaceful excursion around Spirit Island. *Overnight Jasper.*

## Day 7 – Jasper / VIA Rail

*Monday / Saturday*

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 east. *Overnight VIA Rail. Dinner included aboard VIA Rail.*

## Day 8 – VIA Rail

*Tuesday / Sunday*

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. *Continental breakfast, brunch & dinner served aboard VIA Rail.*

## Day 9 – VIA Rail

*Wednesday / Monday*

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,



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beaver, lynx, moose, bear and wildfowl.  
*Overnight VIA Rail. Breakfast, lunch & dinner served aboard VIA Rail.*

## Day 10 – VIA Rail / Toronto

*Thursday / Tuesday*

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

**Interested to spend time in Toronto or Vancouver? Our John Steel Tour Consultants can assist with add-on reservations to complete your holiday.**

## 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

- 5 nights' accommodation in hotels.
- 4 night in VIA Rail's Sleeper Plus Class accommodation.
- Transportation and transfers, as described.

- Select sightseeing, activities, and admissions, as described (Seasonal Availability).
- 12 meals: 1 continental breakfast, 3 breakfasts; 1 brunch; 1 buffet lunch; 3 lunches; 3 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](http://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	\$4199	\$3899
JUN – OCT	\$5999	\$5499
PRESTIGE	ADULT/SENIOR	
MAY	\$6799	
JUN – OCT	\$7099	

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



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