



Banff Springs Hotel

## Cross Canada Classic Winter East to West

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy passage aboard VIA Rail's flagship train, *The Canadian* between Toronto and Vancouver.

- Upgrade to Premiere Hotel Category and visit the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, and Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
- Visit Jasper National Park and Banff National Park

### 8 Day Itinerary (Begins Saturdays)

#### Day 1 – Toronto / VIA Rail

*Saturday*

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 OR large cabin in Prestige Class. Your cozy accommodations are prepared for your nights rest with your friendly car attendant just steps away. *Overnight VIA Rail.*

#### Day 2 – VIA Rail

*Sunday*

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

*Monday*

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 good 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

*Tuesday*

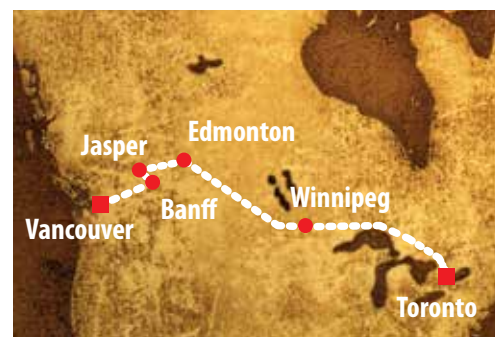
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**8 or 9 Days / 8 or 9 Nights**

*Departs Saturdays or Tuesdays  
Jan-Apr & Nov-Dec 2018*

**Popular from \$2769 Cdn pp**

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



# Cross Canada Classic Winter Journey East to West



Jasper National Park

changes from flat lands back into forest and hills. Begin your climb into the cozy 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. Breakfast and lunch served in the dining car aboard VIA Rail.*

## **Day 5 – Jasper / Banff**

*Wednesday*

Early morning rise for transfer service to Banff. Your shuttle service will take you south down the Icefields Parkway and past some of the most breathtaking views of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Arrival into Banff early afternoon with time to explore this vibrant bustling mountain village. *Overnight Banff.*

## **Day 6 – Banff / Jasper**

*Thursday*

Morning sightseeing tour of Banff including a visit to the Cave & Basin, a National Historic Site. Take pictures and learn about the history of Bow Valley whilst watching for wildlife. Transfer north to Jasper this afternoon with early evening arrival. *Overnight Jasper.*

## **Day 6 – Jasper / VIA Rail**

*Friday*

Morning is at leisure today with time for last minute shopping, exploring, and photography. This afternoon transfer from hotel to rail station to begin your overnight stay aboard VIA Rail's train the *Canadian*, in Sleeper Plus Class. Enjoy comfortable accommodations, private or semi-private, access to the Skyline & Park cars, and sumptuous meals prepared by the chef in the dining car. Whether you're relaxing in your accommodations, dining or sitting in the dome area, enjoy gorgeous views of the passing winter scenery, snow laden pine trees, ice covered lakes, and dramatic skylines. *Overnight VIA Rail ~ dinner aboard VIA Rail included.*

## **Day 7 – VIA Rail / Vancouver**

*Saturday*

This morning enjoy a full hot breakfast in the dining car prior to arrival into Vancouver, BC, home to the mildest winters in Canada. Your tour includes transfer service to hotel or airport. *Breakfast aboard VIA Rail included.*

**Itinerary includes hotel accommodations, sightseeing and transfers. Please enquire for more information and detailed itinerary.**

## **9 Day Itinerary (Begins Tuesdays)**

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## Day 6 – Lake Louise / Banff

Sunday

Morning at leisure then depart on early afternoon transfer to Banff. This afternoon you can visit a number of different attractions located in and around Banff. You may wish to visit the Sulphur Mountain Gondola, with

breathtaking viewpoints and overlooking the valley below. The Banff upper hot springs are an enjoyable place of relaxation and rejuvenation. *Overnight Banff.*

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## Day 9 – VIA Rail / Vancouver

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## 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 or 4 nights' accommodation in hotels.
- 4 nights in VIA Rail's Sleeper Plus Class accommodation.
- Transportation and transfers, as described.
- Select sightseeing, activities, and admissions, as described (Seasonal Availability).
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts; 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

JAN-APR & NOV-DEC

#### 8 DAY ITINERARY

SLEEPER PLUS	ADULT	SENIOR
JAN-MAR	\$2999	\$2769
APR	\$3369	\$3069
NOV-DEC	\$2999	\$2769
PRESTIGE	ADULT/SENIOR	
JAN-MAR	\$5669	
APR	\$5999	
NOV-DEC	\$5669	

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

### 2018 SEASON

JAN-APR & NOV-DEC

#### 9 DAY ITINERARY

SLEEPER PLUS	ADULT	SENIOR
JAN-MAR	\$3099	\$2869
APR	\$3469	\$3169
NOV-DEC	\$3099	\$2869
PRESTIGE	ADULT/SENIOR	
JAN-MAR	\$5779	
APR	\$6099	
NOV-DEC	\$5769	

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