

Contrasts of Canada

An epic exploration, east meets west on this grand trip across Canada, taking you coast to coast on VIA Rail's renowned train, *The Canadian*.



history of the resort and its significance to the 2010 Winter Olympics. Next, step into a fascinating world where ancient ways meet modern life at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre. Your **Local Specialist**, a First Nations ambassador, will greet you with a warm welcome in traditional song. The afternoon is at leisure in Whistler. **(FB)**

i Day 6 Whistler - Sun Peaks

Leaving Whistler, head through Cache Creek, offering some of the most beautiful scenery in all of Canada. Continue past historic Kamloops, toward the thriving ski resort of Sun Peaks. Enjoy an interpretive walk before your Regional Meal dinner where a **Local Specialist** will join you to give a true insider's perspective on the fur trapping and trading industry of the region. **(FB, RM)** **Hotel: Sun Peaks Grand**

i Day 7 Sun Peaks - Rocky Mountain National Park - Banff (2 Nights)

Sample the best of Canada's natural treasures in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks. Travel through Mount Revelstoke National Park, crossing the Columbia River and Yoho National Park. Cross the Continental Divide, enter Banff National Park and arrive at your quintessential mountain resort for a relaxing two night stay. Enjoy drinks and a presentation with a **Local Specialist** where you will learn all about the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from a real life "Mountie." **(FB)** **Hotel: Banff Park Lodge**

i Day 8 Banff Sightseeing and Free Time

Immerse yourself in the natural glories of Banff, including the classic viewpoint of Surprise Corner, spectacular Bow Falls and the hoodoo rock formations. The afternoon is free. In the evening, join your travelling companions for a visit to a ranch in the scenic Kananaskis Valley as your hosts greet you for a memorable **Be My Guest** experience and dinner. **(FB, BG)**

i Day 9 Banff - Lake Louise - Jasper

Arrive on the shores of lovely Lake Louise with a short lakeside talk. Enjoy a unique adventure at the Columbia Icefield where you board an Ice Explorer and drive on the massive Athabasca Glacier. Later this afternoon, arrive at your hotel in the heart of Jasper National Park. Join a **Local Specialist** and your newfound friends for a "Farewell to the Rockies" Dinner. **(FB, FD)** **Hotel: The Sawridge Inn**

i Day 10 Jasper Sightseeing - VIA Rail's The Canadian (3 Nights)

Enjoy an interpretive walk on the trails of Maligne Canyon, one of the most beautiful gorges in the Canadian Rockies. Embark on a narrated cruise across the serene waters of iconic Maligne Lake. Stop at Spirit Island, before returning to Jasper. Later this afternoon, bid farewell to your Travel Director and fellow travellers as you board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* for your independent transcontinental journey across Canada, from Jasper to Toronto. Take in the legendary scenery, one of the

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- City tour in **Vancouver, Victoria, Whistler** and **Banff**
- Visit the thriving ski resort of **Sun Peaks** and **Niagara Falls**
- View **Lake Louise, Stanley Park, Yoho** and **Mount Revelstoke National Parks**
- Scenic drive along the **Sea-to-Sky Highway**
- Iconic train journey aboard **VIA Rail's "The Canadian" train**

Your Insider Experiences

- **Be My Guest** Enjoy a hosted dinner on a family-owned ranch in Kananaskis Valley.
- **Local Specialist** For included sightseeing in Whistler, with a First Nations ambassador at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre and in Sun Peaks, Banff and Jasper.
- **Hidden Treasure** Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure.

i For more **Insider Experiences**, look for this symbol

You'll enjoy Insider moments like...

playing horseshoes with your travel companions and listening to music performed by the Guinn Family, while relaxing beneath the stars after a meal of great BBQ whipped together on the family ranch.

i Day 1 Arrive Vancouver

Welcome to Vancouver. Check in to your hotel and get settled or head out to explore. At 6 p.m., gather at the hotel with your Travel Director and fellow travelling companions for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** **Hotel: Pinnacle Vancouver Harbourfront**

i Day 2 Vancouver - Victoria (2 Nights)

Set out for Stanley Park to see its towering totem poles and explore historic Chinatown and Gastown. Travel by ferry to Vancouver Island. Visit a family-owned winery for a taste of their delectable wines. Later, arrive at your hotel in quaint Victoria. **(FB)** **Hotel: Marriott Inner Harbour**

i Day 3 Victoria Sightseeing and Free Time

Greet the day with breakfast at Butchart Gardens, a 55-acre showcase of gorgeous floral gardens. Meet with a representative who can answer any questions you may have before spending some time exploring on your own. Back in Victoria, enjoy a guided city tour and enjoy the rest of the day as you wish. This evening, dinner is up to you with a selection of restaurants for a *your choice dining* experience. **(FB, YC)**

i Day 4 Victoria - Sea-to-Sky Highway - Whistler (2 Nights)

Set out for Chemainus, famous for its outdoor murals. Return to the mainland by ferry and drive along the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway. Board the Sea-to-Sky Gondola and ride all the way to Summit Lodge while enjoying sweeping views. Later this afternoon, arrive in Whistler. **(FB)** **Hotel: Hilton Whistler Resort and Spa**

i Day 5 Whistler Sightseeing and Free Time

Start the morning with a guided walking tour led by a **Local Specialist**. Learn about the



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most renowned long-distance journeys in the world. Get settled in and relax in your Sleeper Plus or Prestige Sleeper Class (optional upgrade) compartment. **(FB, D)**
Hotel: VIA Rail The Canadian, Sleeper Plus Class

Day 11 to Day 12 On Board The Canadian

Enjoy the full experience of travelling aboard VIA Rail's flagship: delicious meals are prepared fresh by local chefs and served in the elegant, fully renovated dining cars. Enjoy wine tastings and interactive presentations on the history, geography and culture of the regions you travel through. From time-to-time, musicians play on board, providing a soundtrack for the journey. As you travel across the continent, take in the sweeping landscapes from the comfort of your private compartment or from the Bullet Lounge, Mural Lounge or the scenic glass dome Skyline and Park cars, where you can unwind with a coffee or make new friends. **(FB, L, D, FB, L, D)**

Day 13 Arrive Toronto (2 Nights)

Arrive in Toronto, Canada's most cosmopolitan city located on the shore of Lake Ontario. On arrival, you will be met and taken to your hotel in the heart of Toronto's vibrant city. Time permitting, start exploring Toronto with your complimentary "hop-on, hop-off" city sightseeing tour.

Note: Your scheduled arrival at Toronto Union Station is 9:30 a.m., but local rail traffic conditions may result in service disruptions and delays. Should you arrive too late to enjoy your complimentary "hop-on, hop-off" city sightseeing tour, we will replace it with another ticket valid before your departure time. We therefore recommend a later flight on Day 15 to avoid any disappointment. **(FB)**
Hotel: Sheraton Centre Toronto

Day 14 Niagara Peninsula Excursion

Today, venture to the Niagara Peninsula for a full day sightseeing tour. Take in the picturesque countryside of the Niagara Peninsula and stop at one of the local

wineries where you can sample selections of some of Ontario's finest wines. Continue along the Niagara Parkway to Niagara Falls with photo opportunities at the famed Floral Clock. Board the Hornblower for an exhilarating boat ride to the base of the majestic Horseshoe Falls. Enjoy some free time around the falls before heading back toward Niagara-on-the-Lake, stopping along the way for photo opportunities at the observation deck. Once in historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, you will have time to stroll through the charming streets, soaking up the history and heritage of one of Canada's most famous landmarks. The rest of the day is free. **(FB)**

Day 15 Depart Toronto

Your journey comes to an end with a transfer to Toronto Pearson International Airport. **(FB)**

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Toronto Skyline

KEY: **1** Insider Experience **WR** Welcome Reception **FB** Full Breakfast
L Lunch **D** Dinner **RM** Regional Meal **FD** Farewell Dinner
BG Be My Guest Dining **DW** Dinner with Wine **YC** Your Choice Dining