



Banff Springs Hotel

# Cross Canada Classic Winter West to East

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

- 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 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.

## 8 Day Itinerary (Begins Tuesdays)

### Day 1 – Vancouver / VIA Rail

Tuesday

Transfer from airport or hotel to Pacific Central station to begin your winter adventure. Depart this evening aboard VIA Rail's train the *Canadian*, in Sleeper Plus Class accommodations. Visit the Skyline car and celebrate your journey with fellow passengers while enjoying the Vancouver skyline as you move north into the heart of British Columbia. *Overnight VIA Rail.*

### Day 2 – VIA Rail / Jasper

Wednesday

Begin your morning with a full hot breakfast served in the dining car. Enjoy fresh meals prepared by the chef and coordinated to suit your dining needs. Watch for Mount Robson as you make your way from British Columbia into the province of Alberta and the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Late afternoon arrival into Jasper with transfer to hotel. *Overnight Jasper – Breakfast & lunch included aboard VIA Rail.*

### Day 3 – Jasper / Banff

Thursday

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 4 – Banff / Jasper

Friday

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 5 – Jasper / VIA Rail

Saturday

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(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 Humber - became the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tallest peak in Jasper National Park is Mount Edith Cavell at 3363 meters (11,000 feet). Early evening transfer to VIA Rail station for departure East. Overnight VIA Rail. Dinner included aboard VIA Rail.

## Day 6 – VIA Rail

*Sunday*

Look out your Sleeper Plus Class OR Prestige 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! *Overnight VIA Rail. Breakfast, lunch & dinner served aboard VIA Rail.*

## Day 7 – VIA Rail

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

## Day 8 – VIA Rail / Toronto

*Tuesday*

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

**Itinerary includes hotel accommodations, sight-seeing and transfers. Please enquire for more information, pricing and detailed itinerary.**

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## 9 Day Itinerary (Begins Fridays)

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south down the Icefields Parkway and past some of the most breathtaking views of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Arrive into Lake Louise late morning. Enjoy an afternoon of relaxation, or take a walk around the grounds and local area to see gorgeous views of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. *Overnight Lake Louise.*

## Day 4 – 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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## 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.*

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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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