Itinerary

Canadian Rockies by Train
Apr 2, 2020 - Apr 10, 2020

Pre Night: Westin Bayshore
The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver offers guests the best of both worlds: the activities and cultural events of Vancouver, as well as a relaxing resort experience. Connected to the historic 1,000-acre Stanley Park via its picturesque seawall, you’re just moments away from unspoiled nature.

Day 1: Vancouver, British Columbia - Tour Begins
Join us for a remarkable journey through the stunning landscapes, charming towns and beautiful lakes of the Canadian Rockies. Your adventure opens in Vancouver. Mingle with your fellow travelers during a cocktail reception this evening.

Hotel
Westin Bayshore
Vancouver

Weather
High 55°
Low 41°
Rain 2”

Day 2: Vancouver - VIA Rail
A city tour of Vancouver begins this morning at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada’s renowned urban rainforest. Then, continue to Chinatown, the waterfront, and Gastown, a turn-of-the-century center comprised of pubs, art galleries, boutiques and the world-famous steam-powered clock, perhaps the most photographed subject in all of Vancouver. Stroll picturesque Granville Island and its fascinating markets. Later, board VIA Rail’s The Canadian to begin your journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Relive train travel in the days of old as you are rocked to sleep tonight in your private accommodations.

Hotel
Via Rail Canada
Toronto

Culinary
Breakfast & Dinner

Weather
High 56°
Low 37°
Rain 3”

Day 3: VIA Rail - Jasper, Alberta
Your eastbound train whisks you past the peaks of the Monashee Mountains and the stunning sight of Pyramid Falls cascading down Mt. Cheadle. Relax in the dome car as you experience 360-degree views of the glistening glaciers of the Albreda Icefields and on a clear day, view Mt. Robson – the highest peak of the Rockies! Moose, mountain goats, bear and caribou call this wonderland home. This afternoon, arrive in Jasper, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies at the gateway to the incredible Icefields Parkway.
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Vancouver, British Columbia - April 10, 2020 - April 11, 2020

Meet the family that lives there to gain insight into their daily life on the ranch. Then, delight in a traditional Albertan elk. Enjoy a stop at Peyto Lake – a turquoise glacier-fed lake that evokes pure serenity – before arriving in Lake Louise. Enjoy a stay at the world-famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. This evening’s Diner’s Choice...choose the perfect spot from a “menu” of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise’s great restaurants.

Day 3: VIA Rail - Jasper, Alberta

Toronto, Ontario - April 11, 2020 - April 12, 2020

During leisure time, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff’s delightful downtown.

Day 4: Jasper

This morning we travel to Maligne Lake, the largest natural lake in the Canadian Rockies, and enjoy breakfast against the backdrop of the picture-perfect sparkling waters of the lake. While at Maligne Lake you may choose to embark on an optional cruise highlighting the beauty of Spirit Island. Later, enjoy the dramatic Maligne Canyon, one of the area’s most spectacular landmarks. Return to your hotel with time to independently explore this lovely town.

Day 5: Icefields Parkway-Glacier Experience or Glacier Skywalk-Lake Louise

Set off for a wonderful day of sightseeing en route to Lake Louise. Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway! Waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped peaks paint the breathtaking canvas – so have your camera handy! Enjoy a stop at the Athabasca Falls and marvel at its sheer beauty and power. Then, it’s your choice! Stop at the Athabasca Glacier and choose a fun ride** across this mass of glacial ice which is over 1,000 feet thick – the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle -OR- take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and witness the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. Continuing down the parkway, be on the lookout for bears, furry marmots and stately elk. Enjoy a stop at Peyto Lake – a turquoise glacier-fed lake that evokes pure serenity – before arriving in Lake Louise. Enjoy a stay at the world-famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. This evening it’s Diner’s Choice...choose the perfect spot from a “menu” of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise’s great restaurants.

Day 6: Lake Louise - Banff

En route to Banff, view the spectacular Moraine Lake and the awe-inspiring Valley of the Ten Peaks. The jagged Ten Peaks are distinctively saw-toothed, standing out amidst stunning alpine scenery. Arrive at the grand Fairmont Banff Springs, known as the “Castle in the Rockies,” for a luxurious 2-night stay. This evening it’s another Diner’s Choice...you’ll choose the perfect spot from one of the Fairmont Banff Springs’ great restaurants.

Day 7: Banff

Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Hoodoos – known as the “Land of the Sleeping Giants.” Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During leisure time, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff’s delightful downtown.

Day 8: Banff - Calgary

Leave the wonders of the Rockies for the prairies of Alberta en route to the Kananaskis Valley. Visit a local ranch where you can play a game of horseshoes, take a line dance lesson and enjoy a wagon ride” in search of buffalo. Meet the family that lives there to gain insight into their daily life on the ranch. Then, delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue with beautiful views of the mountains in the background. Later, enjoy the views of the prairies before you reach the vibrant city of Calgary. Tonight, join in a farewell toast celebrating the end of a memorable trip.

Day 9: Calgary - Tour Ends
Your tour ends today in Calgary.

Post Night: Westin Calgary

Situated in the heart of one of Canada's most exciting cities, The Westin Calgary is located downtown nearby to first-class dining and arts. The hotel is conveniently connected to the dining and shopping districts of the city by several miles of climate-controlled pedestrian walkways. Each guest room is well-appointed with signature Westin Heavenly amenities.