VANCOUVER TO TORONTO BY RAIL

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A Nostalgic Journey Aboard VIA Rail's The Canadian in Premium Class

Vancouver to Toronto by Rail | Itinerary Highlights

VIA Rail Canada operates on tracks owned by freight companies, like other passenger railways in North America. While VIA Rail strives for on-time departures and arrivals, increased freight traffic on the railway will often cause delays. These delays could result in delayed departure from Vancouver, delayed arrival in to Toronto, and shortened / limited time off of the train. The majority of your time on this tour will be spent aboard the train. Simply unplug and embrace the journey. Onboard services are guaranteed. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated and updated throughout the journey.

Day ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH

COLUMBIA, CANADA Upon arrival to Vancouver International Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. As with many Fairmont properties, the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver carries a rich historical legacy, having welcomed dignitaries and celebrities since its opening in 1939. After settling into your room, enjoy leisure time to capture the sights and sounds of this bustling metropolis. This evening relax and mingle with fellow travelers during a special welcome reception. Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (R)

Day VANCOUVER | BOARD VIA RAIL'S THE CANADIAN Set off on a guided city tour 2 including free time to explore Granville Island. Later transfer to Pacific Central Station to embark upon The Canadian. Celebrate the departure with a mimosa or orange juice, and toast to the exciting week ahead. Venture into the Prestige Park car to marvel at the rugged beauty of Eastern Ontario unfolding beyond the windows. Dense forests and pristine lakes provide for endless photography opportunities. Settle into your luxurious Prestige Class accommodations-a category that redefines train travel through private cabins, panoramic windows and personalized service. Overnight: The Canadian (B,D)

Day KAMLOOPS | JASPER, ALBERTA |

EDMONTON Navigating through the 3 Canadian Rockies marvel at the scenery along the Fraser River and the incredible obstacles overcome to build a railway here. One of today's viewing highlights and photography opportunities is Hell's Gate, the most narrow (and very treacherous) part of the Fraser River. An impressive display of power, its narrow cliff walls create a funnel for hundreds of millions of liters of water rushing through every minute-double the volume of Niagara Falls. Later today perhaps gather for a game of cards in the Prestige Park car or admire the scenery from the Skyline car. Overnight: The Canadian (B,L,D)



Day SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN I 4 WINNIPEG, MANITOBA Ideally by this point in the journey you have reached a restful feeling of true relaxation—being able to disconnect from devices allowing for more opportunity to connect with each other. Overnight: The Canadian (B,L,D)

Day HORNEPAYNE, ONTARIO This morning wake to boundless landscapes as the journey continues to Ontario. Spot for wildlife during breakfast and take advantage of informative discussions led by your Orbridge Travel Director and the on-board staff. There will be ample time today for introspection, getting lost in a great book or gathering in the Prestige Park car to sample some of Canada's top-tier varietals and freshly made hors d'œuvres.

Overnight: The Canadian (B,L,D)

- Day TORONTO Today enjoy lunch on board before disembarking in Toronto. The afternoon is yours for city sightseeing or relaxing at the property. After dinner at leisure, rejoin fellow travel companions for a special farewell dessert reception to celebrate this epic cross-country adventure. Overnight: Fairmont Royal York (B,L,R)
- Day TORONTO I DEPART FOR U.S. Following breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to Toronto Pearson International Airport for flights home. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)



What's Included

- 1 night at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and 1 night at Fairmont Royal York in Toronto, both famous, luxury Canadian Railway hotels
- 4 nights accommodations in Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners (snacks and bar orders are included while aboard *The Canadian*)
- Special welcome and farewell receptions
- Admission to all activities and tours as described in the 7-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
- Onboard concierge services
- Private motor coach transportation for the sightseeing tour
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, drivers, porters, VIA Rail attendants and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times









Activity Level: Guests should be comfortable boarding and disembarking trains without assistance, walking and moving between cars while the train is in motion, and navigating steep, narrow stairs to the upper level of the observation car. All hallways are narrow and have handrails, but train travel can be unpredictable and some unexpected movement may occur. Guests who enjoy the relaxed pace of train travel will delight in spending much of the program's time on the railway. At brief train stop locations, ground may be uneven and covered in loose gravel, with no sidewalks.

Accommodations (subject to change)

FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER

Opened in 1939—just in time for a visit by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth—this opulent gem, known as the "Castle in the City," quickly became a landmark in Vancouver. The newly-renovated hotel features distinguished restaurants and lounges, an indoor pool, gym and spa.



VIA RAIL'S THE CANADIAN

The Canadian's Prestige Class provides an elegant and spacious cabin with oversized picture window with blinds, flat screen TV, modular leather L-shaped couch seating by day and comfortable double bed with luxurious bedding for two at night and private bathroom with shower and deluxe amenities. Passengers in Prestige Class also enjoy priority boarding, access to the Business Lounge at Toronto's Union Station, private concierge service with in-cabin cocktails and canapés, turndown service and privileged access to the Park Car. NOTE: All stateroom beds are doubles. Due to cabin size and layout, separate twin beds are not possible in Prestige Class.



FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK

Built by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1929, it was the tallest building in Canada at the time, and featured magnificent architecture and luxury, including over 1,000 en suite guest rooms, a glass-enclosed roof garden, and a concert hall with a 50-ton pipe organ. It has recently undergone a five-year, multimillion dollar renovation to combine stunning, redesigned guest rooms with carefully preserved historic elements.

Located directly across from Union Station—and conveniently connected to the depot by an underground pedestrian walkway—this elegant downtown property is minutes away from the city's best attractions, and features five restaurants, four lounges, an indoor pool, gym, spa and business center.







Optional Pre-Tour Victoria

Enjoy two nights in delightful Victoria—a colorful pedestrian-friendly city is an ideal spot for whale watching, biking, shopping, and sampling from the wide variety of cafés and restaurants that line bustling Government Street.

Day ARRIVE IN VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, +1 CANADA Settle into your hotel and enjoy the

- remainder of the day at leisure. Explore some of Victoria's most beautiful downtown sites including: Christ Church Cathedral with its gothic stone architecture, magnificent stained glass windows and Helmuth Wolff organ; Craigdarroch Castle, a stunning Victorian mansion; Bastion Square, site of the original Fort Victoria, with its spectacular views of the local harbor; or the Royal British Columbia. Overnight: Fairmont Empress
- Day VICTORIA Join your guide for an easy half-day walking tour of Victoria featuring a light tasting +2 of delicious local specialties including chocolate, cheese, tea and other treats. Gain insight into the area's history while strolling the inner harbor, Fort Victoria, Market Square and Chinatown. The afternoon is open for additional opportunities to explore more of this charming city. Enjoy a walking tour of the downtown to appreciate its history and culture or a whale-watching cruise to see the wildlifefilled waters off the coast. Take time for a carriage ride, English-style high tea, or a stroll through some of Beacon Hill Park's 200 acres. There is an endless array of ways to fill your day. You may even choose to end the day with a renowned haunted Victoria tour or a visit to one of the many craft breweries in town. Your local guide or hotel concierge can help set up a day perfect for you. Overnight: Fairmont Empress (B)

Day VICTORIA | VANCOUVER | MAIN PROGRAM

+3 BEGINS After breakfast, explore world-famous Butchart Gardens followed by a ferry ride to Vancouver to join fellow travelers on the main program. (B)

What's Included

- 2 nights at the Fairmont Empress (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Guided panoramic city tour plus a walking food tasting tour
- Admission to Butchart Gardens
- A 1.5 hour ferry cruise from Victoria to Vancouver across the Strait of Georgia
- Guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director plus guide gratuities
- Airport transfer for guests arriving during the suggested times



