

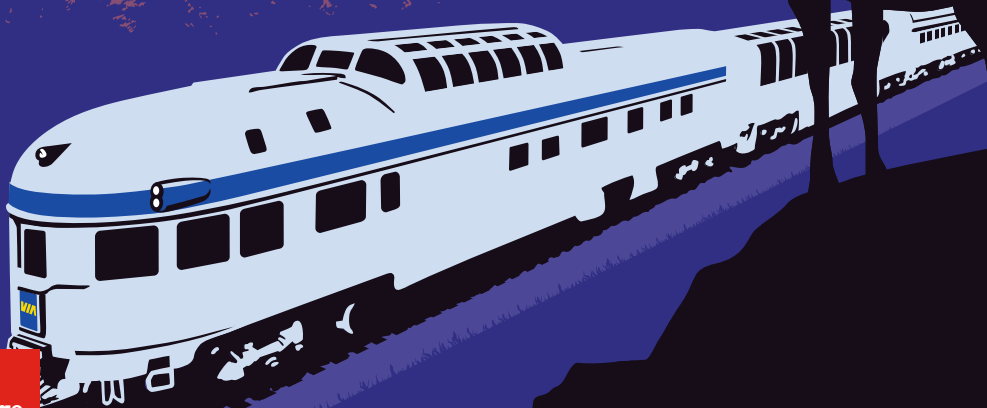


**VCU** Alumni

JULY 24-30, 2025

with optional  
Victoria Pre-Tour and  
Niagara Falls & Toronto Post-Tour

# VANCOUVER TO TORONTO BY RAIL



Orbridge

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



Thompson Rivers Confluence, Kamloops

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us as we embark upon a once-in-a-lifetime rail odyssey across Canada's five provinces, gliding through rolling prairies, rugged lake country and the snowy peaks of the magnificent Rockies. This five-star journey features hotel stays at luxurious, historic rail properties bookending four amazing days and nights in Prestige Class aboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*. This nostalgic rail experience harkens the golden age of train travel.

Prepare to unwind and unplug. Enjoy the serenity of traveling by rail with time to truly disconnect from the outside world. Each day, the outside tapestry unfolds before you as you traverse through Canada's picturesque and diverse landscapes.

While on board, relax in comfort. Your private Prestige Class stateroom provides 50% more living space compared to other cabin categories, including an extra-large picture window, a leather couch by day that transforms into a comfortable double bed with luxury linens by night, private en suite bathroom with shower and nightly turndown service.

Take advantage of additional time to explore Victoria, Niagara Falls and Toronto during the optional pre- and post-tours—each a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty and history of our northern neighbor.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. To reserve, visit [vcu.orbridge.com](http://vcu.orbridge.com), call (866) 639-0079 or return the attached reservation form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Bass". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Bass  
Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations  
Virginia Commonwealth University

# Vancouver to Toronto by Rail | Itinerary and 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 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 1: 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. 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 2: VANCOUVER | BOARD VIA RAIL'S THE CANADIAN** After breakfast set off on a guided city tour including free time to explore Granville Island. Later transfer to Pacific Central Station to embark upon The Canadian. Venture into the Prestige Park car to marvel at the rugged beauty unfolding beyond the windows. Settle into your Prestige Class accommodations—featuring private cabins, panoramic windows and personalized service.  
Overnight: *The Canadian* (B,D)

**Day 3: KAMLOOPS | JASPER, ALBERTA | EDMONTON** Navigating through the 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.  
Overnight: *The Canadian* (B,L,D)

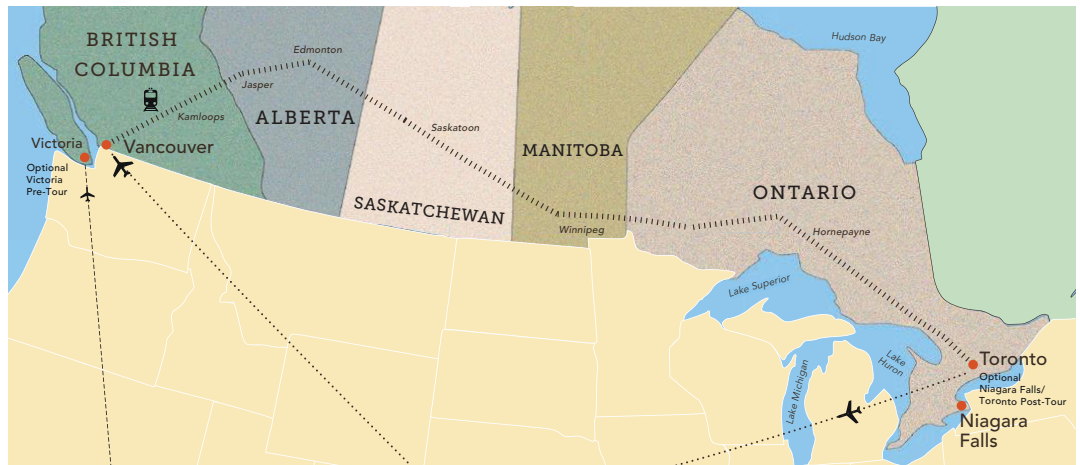
**Day 4: SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN | WINNIPEG, MANITOBA** Ideally by this point in the journey you have reached a restful feeling of true relaxation—being able to disconnect from devices allowing for more opportunity to connect with each other.  
Overnight: *The Canadian* (B,L,D)

**Day 5: 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.  
Overnight: *The Canadian* (B,L,D)

**Day 6: 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 7: TORONTO | DEPART FOR U.S.** Following breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to Toronto Pearson International Airport for flights home. Guests continuing on the optional post-tour will set out for a city tour of Toronto. (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

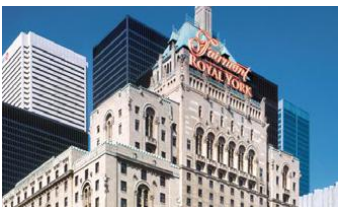
*The Canadian's* Prestige Class provides an elegant and spacious cabin with oversized picture window with blinds, flat screen TV, modular leather L-shaped couch seating by day and comfortable double bed with luxurious bedding for two at night and private bathroom with shower and deluxe amenities. Passengers 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.



### 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.

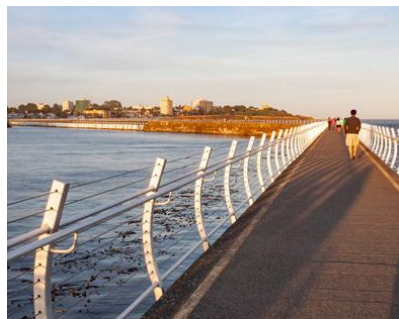
**Day +1: ARRIVE IN VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA** Settle into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Explore some of Victoria's most beautiful downtown sites, including: Christ Church Cathedral, with its gothic stone architecture, magnificent stained glass windows and Helmuth Wolff 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 renowned Royal British Columbia.  
Overnight: Fairmont Empress

**Day +2: VICTORIA** Join your guide for an easy half-day walking tour of Victoria, featuring samplings of delicious local foods while learning about important sites along the way. 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 wildlife-filled 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 +3: VICTORIA | VANCOUVER | MAIN PROGRAM 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
- Admission to Butchart Gardens
- A 1.5 hour ferry cruise from Victoria to Vancouver across the Strait of Georgia
- Gratuities to local guide
- Airport transfer for guests arriving during the suggested times



# Optional Post-Tour Niagara Falls & Toronto

Discover the wonders of Niagara Falls and Toronto. With the guidance of a skilled captain, get up-close and personal with Canadian Horseshoe Falls and breathtaking Great Gorge, experiencing the roar, power and mist they create.

**Day 7:** **TORONTO** Get ready to discover Toronto during a guided tour. Marvel at the grandeur and elegance of a bygone era as you explore the exterior and grounds of Casa Loma, a historic castle built atop Davenport Hill overlooking downtown Toronto. If interested, discover more of Casa Loma's fascinating past along with fabulous and fanciful gothic architecture. Next prepare your tastebuds for lunch at St. Lawrence Market—hailed by National Geographic as one of the top food markets in the world. Afterward, visit the CN Tower—a celebrated icon of Toronto's skyline at more than 1,815 feet high and one of the "Seven Modern Wonders of the World." Soar to the sky in one of the glass elevators to 1,122 feet for the outdoor observation deck to feel the breeze. On a clear day, gaze at astounding views of the city and lake, Niagara Falls off in the distance, and sometimes, even helicopters flying *below* you. Overnight: Fairmont Royal York

**Day 8:** **TORONTO | NIAGARA FALLS** Embark upon what many consider to be Canada's most memorable experience: a cruise around majestic Niagara Falls on a thrilling Hornblower boat tour led by passionate guides who entertain with legendary stories, history, and fascinating facts about the Niagara region. Next, enjoy lunch overlooking the falls followed by leisure time in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Overnight: Fairmont Royal York (B,L)

**Day 9:** **TORONTO | DEPART FOR U.S.** After breakfast, make your own way to Union Station to board the UP Express train headed for Toronto Pearson International Airport for flights home. (B)

## What's Included

- 2 nights at the Fairmont Royal York (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Guided city tour of Toronto
- Access to all stops included on the city tour
- Private transportation to/from Niagara Falls
- Niagara Falls boat tour
- Gratuities to local guide and driver





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**JULY 24-30, 2025**

Victoria Pre-Tour: July 22-24, 2025

Niagara Falls & Toronto Post-Tour: July 30 - August 1, 2025

Standard  
Rate:

**\$7,999**

\$13,499 Single

Special  
Rate:

**\$7,495\***

\$12,995 Single

Victoria Pre-Tour\*

Double: \$1,295 | Single: \$1,795

Niagara Falls & Toronto Post-Tour\*

Double: \$1,295 | Single: \$1,795

Rates are per person based on double occupancy  
except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars.

## Reserve by Credit Card:

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Fax: (206) 452-5655

## Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 1376

Poulsbo, WA 98370

## **GUEST INFORMATION:**

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DEPOSIT PAYMENT:**

Check    ACH (Automated Clearing House)    MasterCard/Visa    American Express    Discover

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## **DEPOSIT:**


# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at [terms.orbridge.com](http://terms.orbridge.com); and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Alumni Rate:

Save more than **\$1,000** per couple

**30-day refund guarantee**

## What Guests Are Saying...

*I've traveled quite a bit, but this was one of my favorite trips EVER... our travel director set the tone for a fabulous experience. The on-train staff was exceptional in every way. Nothing but love for every single aspect of this trip.*

~Courtney C., Dallas, TX

*This program is an experience not to be missed. Both Orbridge and our alumni personnel can expertly plan and execute travel adventures that make you want to return!*

~Doug C., Baltimore, MD

*We'll planned; excellent attention to detail; eager and enthusiastic service staff. Unbelievable sights. Great food.*

~Diane C., Wilmette, IL

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