

Canada

8 Nights / 9 Days

Day 01: Arrive Vancouver :

Upon arrival at the Vancouver Airport you will be transferred to your downtown hotel (included). The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore Vancouver on your own. Canada's third-largest metropolitan center, Vancouver is a busy port with a thriving multi-cultural ambiance. The city is located in a spectacular setting with the Coast Mountains across Burrard Inlet to the north, and the waters of the Strait of Georgia to the west. Restaurants, shopping, nightlife, a mild climate and a cosmopolitan atmosphere make Vancouver a favorite tourist destination.

Day 02: Vancouver Free Day

Today is a free day to enjoy the sights of the city. We highly recommend taking the Grouse Mountain & Capilano Suspension Bridge Tour which will take you from sea level to 4,100 feet above Vancouver on the Grouse Mountain Sky ride for breath taking views of the city, ocean and surrounding mountains. Also included is a visit to the Grizzly Bear & Grey Wolf Refuge and Capilano Suspension Bridge and Treetops Adventure. (Continental breakfast included)

Day 03: Vancouver to Jasper (Rail)

This evening (7.30pm), check in at the Pacific Central Station and board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' for the famous train journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Travel back in time to the days of classic rail travel. The original stainless steel 'streamliner' rail cars (made famous by the 'Canadian' in the 1950's) are totally refurbished with air conditioning, a café car, lounge car, and access for all on board to the dome car. (continental breakfast included)

Exclusive to Sleeper Touring Class:

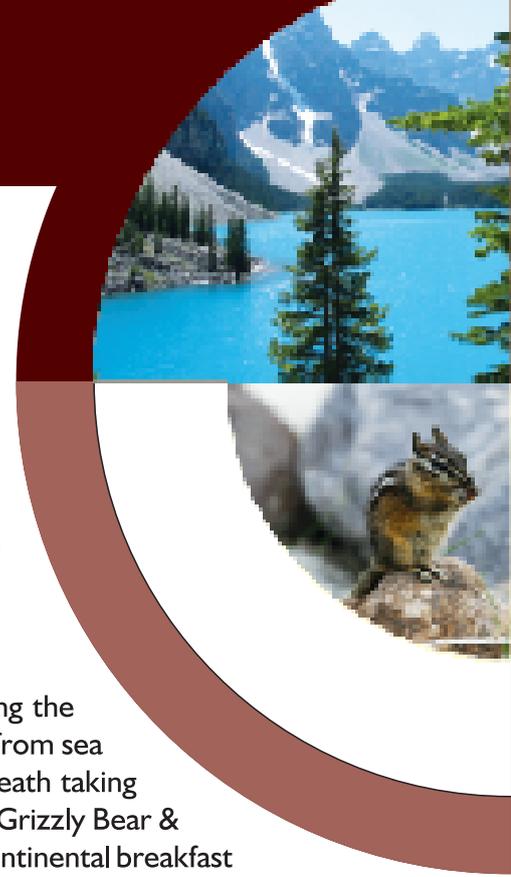
By day, sit back in comfortable armchairs and enjoy the stretch out comfort of your very own accommodation. At night attendants will transform your quarters into cozy bunks or bedroom. Guests have access to the Park Car, always at the tail end of the train whose tapered shape gives the car its distinctive look. Enjoy complimentary tea and coffee or in the evening before dinner complimentary hors d'oeuvres. In the Dome you'll feel the true essence of traveling by train-where scene after memorable scene sweeps by. This evening retire to your Sleeping Car where a comfortable bed awaits you. Some of the amenities include thick towels, plump pillows, cozy down duvets and a shower kit.

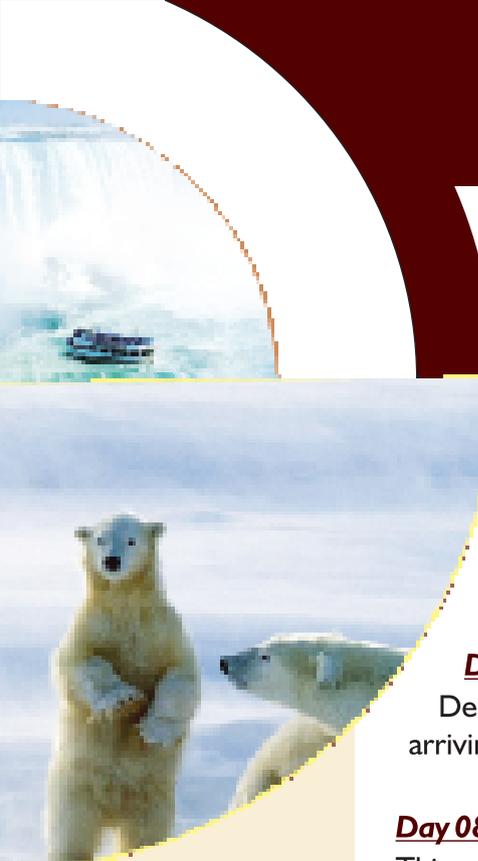
Day 04: Canadian Rockies by daylight onboard Via Rail arrive Jasper late afternoon (Rail)

By the time you awake this morning the train will have just departed Kamloops to begin a day of traveling towards the Canadian Rockies and Jasper. Enjoy breakfast (included) while surrounded by dramatic scenery as you follow the banks of the North Thompson River through the Monashee and Cariboo Mountains. Around lunch time the 'Canadian' begins its passage into the Canadian Rockies with views of snow-capped peaks, Pyramid Falls and the expansive glaciers of the Albretha Ice fields. Pass by Mount Robson, which at 3954 meters is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Arrive in Jasper at 4.00pm and transfer to your hotel. The balance of the afternoon is yours to explore this unique mountain community. (breakfast & lunch included today onboard Via Rail)

Day 05: Jasper - Evening wildlife tour

Today is free to explore Jasper before departing this evening to experience the environs of Jasper and for some amazing close-up photo opportunities of wild life. (Breakfast included)





Day 06: Jasper to Lake Louise (Coach)

Travel by coach today via one of the most scenic highways in North America the Ice fields Parkway. Visit the Columbia Ice field that covers an area of nearly 325 sq km's and reaches a depth of 320 meters. Time allows for an (included) Ice Explorer ride on the Athabasca Glacier. Along the way stops will be made at Lake Louise, Bow & Pey to Lakes, the Crowfoot Glacier and the Athabasca Falls. This highway is renowned for sightings of bear, elk, moose & mountain sheep, so keep your camera handy. Please note: mountain lakes in this region will be frozen through to mid June. (Breakfast included)

Day 07: Lake Louise to Banff (Coach):

Depart Lake Louise mid-morning for a short drive via the scenic Bow Valley to Banff, arriving midday. (Breakfast included)

Day 08: Morning sightseeing tour of Banff

This morning, tour through the town of Banff and its environs. Among the highlights are visits to the Hoodoos (shaped by centuries of wind), Surprise Corner, Sulphur Mountain and Tunnel Mountain Drive - which overlooks the splend our of Bow Valley,. Enjoy the afternoon on your own to explore this charming resort. (Breakfast included)

Day 09: Banff to Calgary (Coach)

This morning is free to explore Banff, before your scheduled coach to Calgary departs midday. Following the Trans Canada Highway, depart the Rocky Mountains to the Great Central Plains that roll to the east for 2000 kilometers and extend as far south as Mexico. This is 'cattle ranching country' and the bread basket of Canada. Arrive Calgary airport at 2.30pm or downtown Calgary at 3.00pm. (Breakfast included)

