

Northern BC Explorer by Rail

9 Days / 8 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver

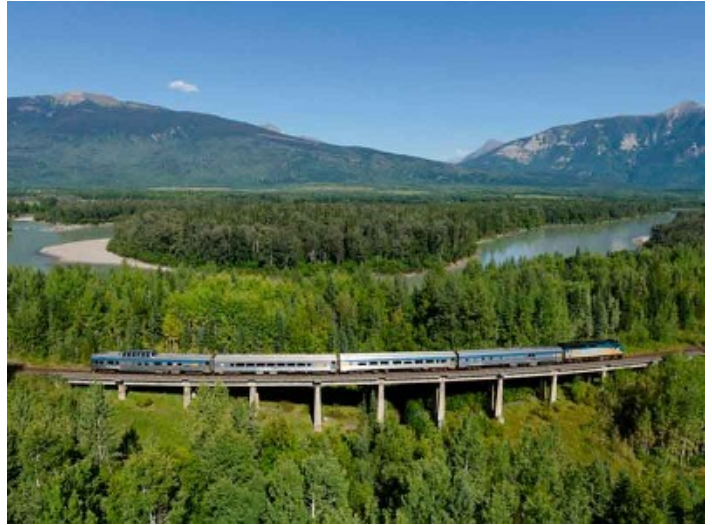
From USD\$3,643 per person

Canadian Rockies Rail Tours highlights: VIA Rail - Canadian Train | Jasper | Banff | VIA Rail - Skeena Train | Prince Rupert | Canada Inside Passage Cruise - This circle tour from Vancouver is a rail enthusiast's dream traveling through dynamic landscapes of the Canadian Rockies and Northern British Columbia.

- ✓ VIA Rail "The Canadian Train"
- ✓ Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca Glacier
- ✓ Glacier Skywalk
- ✓ Travel the Scenic Icefield Parkway with picnic lunch included
- ✓ Sightseeing tour of Banff with Gondola Ride
- ✓ VIA Rail "The Skeena Train"
- ✓ BC Ferries Inside Passage Cruise

19th Anniversary Offer

Book by June 27, 2019, receive up to \$450 per couple in added value which can be used for additional hotel nights, city sightseeing tours, activities or private transfers.



Inclusions

Package Includes:

- Accommodation including provincial taxes for 7 nights
- Private Sleeper Bedroom onboard VIA Rail for 1 night
- Return taxi transfers between train depot and hotel in Jasper, Prince Rupert & Prince George
- Full day tour between Jasper and Banff with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk
- Sightseeing tour of Banff with Gondola Ride
- Scheduled coach transfer between Banff hotel and Jasper hotel
- Via Rail 'Skeena' train between Prince Rupert & Jasper
- B.C. Ferries Inside Passage cruise with reserved seating in private lounge
- Total # of meals: 1 breakfast, 1 dinner
- Scheduled flight between Port Hardy and Vancouver
- National Park fees
- Travel Documentation

Hotel Information (Superior Grade)

- VIA Rail (Cabin)
- Jasper - Sawridge Hotel (Outside Room with Balcony)
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge (Standard Room)
- Prince George - Sandman Signature Prince George (Signature Room)
- Prince Rupert - Prestige Prince Rupert Hotel (Standard Room)
- Port Hardy - Quarter Deck Inn (Standard Room)

Please note: Port Hardy, Prince Rupert & Prince George accommodation is 3 Star.

Itinerary

The below itinerary is only a suggestion, we offer tailor-made personal service and solutions to help you plan your perfect vacation.

Day 1 Vancouver to Jasper (Rail) This afternoon, check in at Pacific Central Station and board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' for the famous train journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Step back in time to the days of classic rail travel, riding in the original stainless steel 'streamliner' railcars made famous by the 'Canadian' in the 1950s. Each has been restored with air conditioning, a café car, lounge car, and access to the dome car. (dinner included today onboard VIA Rail)

Exclusive to Sleeper Plus Class: By day, sit back in comfortable seating and enjoy the exclusive comfort of your own accommodation. Come evening, attendants will transform your quarters into cozy bunks or a bedroom. Don't forget to visit the Dome Car – the true essence of travelling by train is all in the panoramic views. Some Sleeper Plus Class amenities include towels, pillows, cozy down duvets and a shower kit.

Day 2 Arrive Jasper (Rail) Rise to the snowy peaks of the Canadian Rockies today as you arrive in Jasper and transfer to your hotel. The day is free to explore this unique alpine community. (breakfast included today onboard VIA Rail)

Day 3 Jasper to Banff (Coach) Travel by coach today via one of the most scenic highways in North America - the Icefields Parkway. Visit the Columbia Icefield that covers an area of nearly 125 sq mi (325 sq km) and reaches a depth of 1050 ft (320 m). Time allows for an Ice Explorer ride (included) on the Athabasca Glacier, then a stop at the award-winning Glacier Skywalk (included) to experience a glass-floored observation platform 918 ft (280 m) over spectacular glacier-formed valleys and rushing waterfalls. After, continue along the Icefield Parkway where stops will be made at Lake Louise, Bow Lake, the Crowfoot Glacier and the Athabasca Falls. This highway is renowned for sightings of bears, elk, moose & mountain sheep, so keep your camera handy. Please note: mountain lakes in this region will be frozen through to mid-June. (picnic lunch included today)

Day 4 Morning sightseeing tour of Banff with Gondola This morning, tour the town of Banff and its environs. Among the highlights are visits to the Hoodoos (shaped by centuries of wind) & Bow Valley Viewpoint, Surprise Corner, Bow Falls, Lake Minnewanka and Bankhead: an abandoned mining town and the relic of Banff's industrial past. At the end of the tour you will be taken to the Banff Gondola for a breathtaking ascent to the pinnacle of Sulphur Mountain for an aweinspiring 360-degree panorama of sheer mountain majesty. Return to downtown Banff at your leisure. (transfer not included)

Day 5 Banff to Jasper (Coach) This morning is at leisure to explore Banff, early afternoon depart Banff on the express coach to Jasper arriving early evening.

Day 6 Jasper to Prince George (Rail) Today, embark on a memorable rail journey across British Columbia's Cariboo Region to the waters of the Pacific Ocean. Pass the cloudveiled peak of Mount Robson and watch the horizons widen as the train descends from the Rockies onto the rugged interior plateau. The northern arm of the Fraser River leads to Prince George.

Day 7 Prince George to Prince Rupert (Rail) Continuing west, enjoy the rugged beauty and pioneering character of a landscape once solely travelled by First Nation people and fur traders. The train follows the turbulent currents of the Skeena River and meanders through spectacular canyons and open valleys in the presence of ever present mountain ridges.

Day 8 Prince Rupert to Port Hardy (Ferry) Welcome to the glorious Inside Passage, a paradise for photographers and wildlife enthusiasts. Sail to Vancouver Island through a maze of enchanting islands, relishing the ever-changing vistas of deep fjords, densely forested shorelines, massive ice-

flows and jagged inlets. Watch bald eagles soaring overhead, sea lions slumbering on the rocks and whales traversing the offshore waters.

Day 9 Port Hardy to Vancouver (Flight) This morning depart on a scheduled flight to Vancouver. Upon arrival in Vancouver your Northern BC Explorer package ends.

Departure dates

(Tour Code: TR130)

Skeena Economy Class

Departs From Vancouver: Tuesdays & Fridays

Jun 21, 25

Jul 5, 9, 19, 23

Aug 2, 6, 16, 20, 30

Sep 3

Skeena Touring Class

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Skeena Touring Class between Jasper & Prince Rupert

A spacious, reclining seat with sweeping mountain views from the extra large panoramic windows in the Panorama car.

Access to a dome car, with its lounge and 360-degree panoramic views

Complimentary cold lunch plate, and hot and cold dinner served between Jasper & Prince George

Complimentary continental cold breakfast and lunch plate, and hot and cold dinner served between Prince George & Prince Rupert

Pricing All pricing is in USD\$

	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Superior Grade				
Skeena Economy Class				
21 Jun - 03 Sep, 2019	\$3,643	\$4,717	\$3,352	\$2,255
Skeena Touring Class				
21 Jun - 03 Sep, 2019	\$4,019	\$5,093	\$3,728	\$2,630

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Fuel surcharges may apply and will be added at time of booking. Child age 10 yrs & under



Speak to a consultant



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