

Rockies Road & Rail Retreat

9 Days / 8 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver

From USD\$1,485 per person

Canadian Rockies Self Drive Tours Highlights: Vancouver | VIA Rail | Jasper | Lake Louise | Banff | Sun Peaks Resort | Whistler | Discover four world-class alpine mountain resorts by vehicle: Whistler, Sun Peaks, Jasper, Lake Louise & Banff. This area is abundant in beauty and wonder: spectacular waterfalls, alpine wildflowers and awe-inspiring mountains. Complete your journey on the iconic VIA Rail classic rail journey of a lifetime from Vancouver to Jasper.

- ✓ Drive through and stay at spectacular alpine resorts
- ✓ Visit Historic Hat Creek
- ✓ Ride an Ice Explorer on an ancient glacier
- ✓ Banff Gondola with spectacular views of Banff
- ✓ Sleep on-board the classic VIA Rail Train

19th Anniversary Offer

Book by June 27, 2019, receive up to \$250 per couple in added value which can be used for additional hotel nights, city sightseeing tours, activities or private transfers.



Inclusions

Package Includes:

- Hotel accommodation including provincial taxes for 7 nights
- Sleeping berth on board Via Rail Sleeper Touring Class for 1 night
- Admission to either Banff Upper Hot Springs or Miette Hot Springs Jasper
- Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca Glacier
- Banff Gondola
- Admission to Historic Hat Creek
- Taxi transfer between Jasper hotel and rail station
- Total # of meals: 1 breakfast, 1 dinner
- Travel Documentation

Not included:

- Rental Car
- Road Tolls

Hotel Information (Moderate Grade)

- Via Rail (Semi Private Sleeper Berth)
- Jasper - Lobstick Lodge (Standard Room)
- Lake Louise - Deer Lodge (Heritage Room)
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel (Standard Room)
- Sun Peaks Resort - Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel (Lodge Room)
- Vancouver - Rosedale on Robson (One Bedroom Deluxe)

Hotel Information (Superior Grade)

- Via Rail (Private Sleeper Berth)
- Jasper - Sawridge Inn (Outside Room with Balcony)
- Lake Louise - Lake Louise Inn (Deluxe Queen Room)
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge (Standard Room)
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel (Deluxe Room)
- Vancouver - Pinnacle Vancouver Harbourfront Hotel (Cityside Room)

Hotel Information (Deluxe Grade)

- Via Rail (Private Sleeper Berth)
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge (Fairmont Room)
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise (Fairmont Lakeview Room)
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel (Fairmont Room)
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel (Deluxe Room Balcony)
- Vancouver - Fairmont Waterfront Hotel (Fairmont Room)

Hotel Information (Deluxe Plus Grade)

- Via Rail (Private Sleeper Berth)
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge (Premier Deluxe)
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise (Deluxe Lake View Room)
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel (Deluxe Mountain View Room)
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel (Deluxe Room Balcony)
- Vancouver - Fairmont Waterfront Hotel (Fairmont Room)

Itinerary

The below itinerary is only a suggestion, we offer tailor-made personal service and solutions to help you plan your perfect vacation. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.

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 Sightseeing Explore this charming mountain village close to many terrific scenic highlights. Take a tram ride up Whistlers Mountain, or visit Maligne Lake, one of the most photographed lakes in the world, and enjoy a 90-minute cruise heading toward the south end of this postcard setting (cruise not included). You will marvel at the magnificent shoreline with dense forest and glacial peaks rising abruptly from the water's edge. Stopping at Spirit Island, you will have the opportunity to take your own version of the world famous photograph of the lake.

Day 4 Jasper to Lake Louise (208 km/129 mi) This morning depart on the scenic Icefields Parkway that takes you through the spine of the Canadian Rockies. You view a never-ending procession of mammoth mountains, jagged peaks, over 100 glaciers and pristine emerald coloured lakes. Along the way see such sights as the Columbia Icefield and take an Ice Explorer ride out onto the glacier (included). Also watch for the Sarbach Glacier, Bow Lake, with the Bow Glacier providing the backdrop, and Crowfoot Glacier before your arrival into Lake Louise. (Please note: Mountain lakes in this region will be frozen through to mid-June).

Day 5 Lake Louise to Banff (62 km/38 mi) Take the short drive from Lake Louise to Banff. Choose the Bow Valley Parkway, beside the Bow River with an option for you to take a stop at Johnston Canyon and walk along the paved footpath to either the lower or upper waterfalls before continuing to Banff. This afternoon explore Banff and the surrounding area. In town you'll find lots of excitement - shopping, cafés, nightlife and museums.

Day 6 Banff Exploring (Banff Gondola) A full day to explore Banff. Check out the Cave and Basin National Historic Site (not included) and Banff Gondola (included) where you will see a panoramic view of the Bow Valley, and then take a dip in the hot mineral pools at the Upper Hot Springs (included).

Day 7 Banff to Sun Peaks (496 km/310 mi) Your drive today is on the famed Trans Canada Highway, following a route charted by the railroad engineers and fur traders of the mid 1800s. Leaving Banff National Park, travel to Yoho National Park where you cross the continental divide. Then drive through Glacier National Park and 'Rogers Pass' with spectacular mountain vistas in every direction. Continue through the Monashee Mountain range and on to Sun Peaks Resort near Kamloops.

Day 8 Sun Peaks to Vancouver (382 km/238 mi) Begin the day travelling along the Logan Lake Route to the Gold Rush Town of Cache Creek, where you stop to visit the historic Hat Creek Ranch (admission included), which literally takes you back to the days of the Gold Rush. Continue the journey

south to Lillooet, known as the land of the Gold Rush Trail and 'Mile Zero' of the Old Caribou Wagon Road during the Gold Rush Years. Now the area is home to the largest Canadian producers of the medicinal plant Ginseng. Departing Lillooet, travel the Duffey Lake Road to Whistler. On the upper elevations of the Duffey Lake Road enjoy breath-taking views of Joffre Glacier and snow-capped Mount Currie that rises to a height of 2596 meters. A brief stop should be made in Whistler before continuing on through the scenic Howe Sound to Vancouver.

Day 9 Vancouver Your tour concludes today by checking out of your hotel and with the return of your rental vehicle.

Departure dates

(Tour Code: SD24)

Departs from Vancouver: Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays

May 3, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28, 31

Jun 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28

Jul 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30

Aug 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30

Sep 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 30

Oct 1, 4, 7, 8, 11

Pricing All pricing is in USD\$

	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Semi-Private Bedroom on-board VIA Rail				
03 May - 10 May, 2019	\$1,485	\$2,168	\$1,318	\$731
12 May - 26 May, 2019	\$1,643	\$2,484	\$1,424	\$731
27 May - 27 Sep, 2019	\$1,966	\$2,914	\$1,711	\$947
Upgrade to Cabin				
03 May - 31 May, 2019	\$269	\$269	\$269	\$269
01 Jun - 27 Sep, 2019	\$359	\$359	\$359	\$359
Superior Grade with Private Bedroom on-board VIA Rail				
03 May - 10 May, 2019	\$1,934	\$2,755	\$1,734	\$1,041
12 May - 26 May, 2019	\$2,152	\$3,192	\$1,879	\$1,041
27 May - 27 Sep, 2019	\$2,653	\$3,874	\$2,320	\$1,361
29 Sep - 11 Oct, 2019	\$2,570	\$3,709	\$2,264	\$1,361
Deluxe Grade with Private Bedroom on-board VIA Rail				
03 May - 10 May, 2019	\$2,907	\$4,613		\$1,041
12 May - 26 May, 2019	\$3,384	\$5,566		\$1,041
27 May - 27 Sep, 2019	\$3,940	\$6,359		\$1,361
29 Sep - 11 Oct, 2019	\$3,703	\$5,885		\$1,361
Deluxe Plus Grade with Private Bedroom on-board VIA Rail				
03 May - 10 May, 2019	\$3,384	\$5,568	\$2,757	\$1,041
12 May - 26 May, 2019	\$3,827	\$6,455	\$3,051	\$1,041
27 May - 27 Sep, 2019	\$4,384	\$7,247	\$3,529	\$1,361
29 Sep - 11 Oct, 2019	\$4,147	\$6,774	\$3,371	\$1,361

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 10 yrs & under



Speak to a consultant



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