



AAA Schuylkill County & DIAKON  
Community Services for Seniors  
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# Canadian Rockies by Train

Departing September 1 – 8, 2019



## Highlights...

- Calgary • Banff • Lake Louise • Athabasca Glacier
- Choice on Tour • Jasper • VIA Rail • Vancouver
- British Columbia

**8 Days • 12 Meals: 6 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 5 Dinners**

Per Person Rates\*: **Double \$5,999; Single \$7,399; Triple \$5,899**

*\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change*

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Philadelphia Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$385 per person

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. **(See registration form for consent.)**

### Day 1: Calgary, Alberta - Tour Begins

Your tour opens in the province of Alberta - get ready for an adventure that brings together the beautiful expanse of the prairie and the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies. Mingle with your fellow travelers during a cocktail reception this evening.

### Day 2: Calgary - Banff

Leave Calgary behind as you head into the wondrous Rockies. Visit a local ranch where you can play a game of horseshoes, take a line dance lesson and enjoy a wagon ride\* in search of buffalo. Meet the family that lives there to gain insight into their daily life on the ranch. Then, delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue with beautiful views of the mountains in the background. **Arrive at the grand Fairmont Banff Springs**, known as the "Castle in the Rockies," for a luxurious 2-night stay. This evening it's *Diner's Choice...* you'll choose the perfect spot from one of the Fairmont Banff Springs' great restaurants. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

### Day 3: Banff

**Set off for a scenic drive through Banff** featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Hoodoos – known as the "Land of the Sleeping

Giants." Next, enjoy a visit to a local ammonite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During leisure time, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff's delightful downtown. *Today breakfast will be included.*

### Day 4: Banff - Lake Louise

En route to Lake Louise, view the spectacular Moraine Lake and the awe-inspiring Valley of the Ten Peaks. The jagged Ten Peaks are distinctively saw-toothed, standing out amidst stunning Alpine scenery. Enjoy a stay at the world-famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. This evening experience another *Diner's Choice...* you'll choose the perfect spot from one of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise's great restaurants. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

### Day 5: Icefields Parkway - Glacier Experience or Glacier Skywalk - Jasper

**Set off for a wonderful day of sightseeing** en route to Jasper. You'll journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped peaks paint the breathtaking canvas – so have your camera handy! Enjoy a stop at the Athabasca Falls and marvel at its sheer beauty and

power. Then, **it's your choice!** Stop at the Athabasca Glacier and choose a fun ride\* across this mass of glacial ice which is over 1,000 feet thick – the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle **-OR-** take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of the Sunwapta Valley and witness the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. Continuing down the parkway, be on the lookout for bears, furry marmots and stately elk. Enjoy a stop at Peyto Lake – a turquoise glacier-fed treasure that evokes pure serenity – before arriving in Jasper, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 6: Jasper - VIA Rail**

This morning enjoy some time at leisure to discover the best of Jasper. Later, **board VIA Rail's *The Canadian*** to continue your journey through the majestic Canadian Rockies. Relive train travel in the days of old as you are rocked to sleep tonight in your private accommodations. The train whisks you past the peaks of the Monashee Mountains and the stunning sight of Pyramid Falls cascading down Mt. Cheadle. Relax in the dome car and

experience stunning 360-degree views of the glistening glaciers of the Alberta Icefields. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 7: VIA Rail - Vancouver, British Columbia**

Enjoy a lovely hot breakfast in the dining car before arriving in the vibrant city of Vancouver. **A city tour of Vancouver begins this morning at beautiful Stanley Park**, Canada's renowned urban rainforest, and continues to Chinatown, the waterfront, and Gastown, a turn-of-the-century center comprised of pubs, art galleries, boutiques, and the world-famous steam-powered clock, perhaps the most photographed subject in all of Vancouver. Stroll picturesque Granville Island and its fascinating markets. This evening, come together with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner and toast the end of a wonderful trip. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

**Day 8: Vancouver - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends today in British Columbia.

*Experience It!*

*Experience Canada - USA Rail*

Listen to the peaceful sounds of a bygone era while natural beauty dances to life before your eyes in a scenic wonderland; it's a veritable journey back in time as you travel from Jasper to Vancouver. Relax and discover the delight of overnight training aboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*. Heralded in 1955 as "the first and only all-stainless steel 'dome' streamliner in Canada," *The Canadian* has been exceeding passenger expectations ever since. Enjoy first-class meals and awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies vistas. Spend the night in the comfort of your own bed inside a private sleeping room that includes a private washroom. From the moment you board VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, you'll embrace the nostalgia of a golden era; rail lines trace history while whisking travelers through scenery far removed from the highway.

**YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day	1	Westin Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
Day	2, 3	The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Alberta
Day	4	The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise
Day	5	Lobstick Lodge, Jasper, Alberta
Day	6	VIA Rail Canada, Toronto, Ontario
Day	7	Westin Bayshore, Vancouver, British Columbia

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

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**Please Note:**

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Single accommodations are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations will be requested at time of booking and may not be available due to limited room configurations on VIA Rail train cars.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Order of sightseeing is subject to change.

Maximum elevation: 7,500 feet/2,286 meters.

Train schedule and sightseeing while on VIA Rail is subject to change.

\*Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months due to weather and is reflected in the tour price. Glacier Experience is weather permitting throughout the travel season.

An overnight bag is necessary for your train experience aboard VIA Rail.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Please be advised there is a 25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most trans-border flights. This is a fee levied by the airlines and may be subject to change.

**IDENTIFICATION**

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

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**Victoria Day Trip Option**

A scenic ferry crossing transports you to Vancouver Island to visit the incomparable and lovely Butchart Gardens. Set on over 55 acres, Butchart Gardens are among the world's most beautiful and are a veritable explosion of color and fragrances. Then, take a short sightseeing tour of the "City of Gardens," Victoria, and enjoy leisure time to explore this charming seaside city. This evening you will journey back to the mainland via a short ferry ride. This option is hosted by a local representative who will provide all included services. A pre-night stay is required to participate in this option.