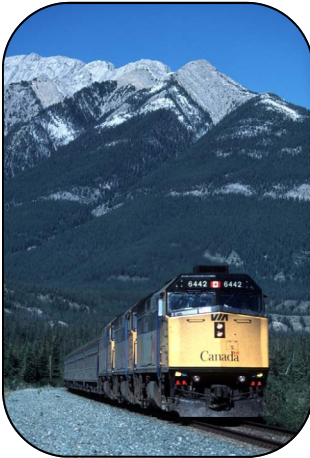


# COAST TO COAST BY TRAIN

June 7, 2015 - 15 Days



a world to experience



## Fares Per Person:

**\$5995** double/twin

**\$6695** single

**\$5840** triple

Please add 5% GST.



>**Early Bookers:** \$280 discount on first 10 seats; \$140 on next 5

>**TIC Travel Insurance:** Plan 3-Comprehensive  
\$567 double/twin, \$633 single, \$552 triple

**Redeem Experience Points:** Book by **March 26** and redeem up to **118 e-points**

## Includes

- Transportation to Vancouver
- Coach transportation for 9 days in Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax
- 9 nights hotel accommodation & taxes
- 5 nights bedroom accommodation on VIA Rail
- Locally-guided tour of Winnipeg
- VIA Rail's *The Canadian* from Vancouver to Toronto with disembark in Winnipeg, Sleeper Plus Class
- Manitoba Museum
- Mennonite Heritage Village
- Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- The Forks
- Cultural workshop in Winnipeg
- Evening of Folklorama
- Locally-guided tour of Toronto
- CN Tower
- Locally-guided tour of Niagara Falls
- Hornblower cruise to bottom of Niagara Falls
- Theatre production in Toronto (show TBA)
- VIA Rail Toronto to Montréal, Business Class
- Locally-guided tour of Montreal
- Pointe-à-Callière
- Le Festin du Gouverneur
- Montréal's Biodome and Botanical Gardens
- VIA Rail's *The Ocean* from Montréal to Halifax, Sleeper Plus Class
- Locally-guided tour of Halifax
- Halifax Citadel National Historic Site
- Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
- Alexander Keith's Brewery Tour
- Grafton Street Dinner Theatre
- Peggy's Cove
- Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic
- Westjet flight from Halifax to Victoria
- Transfers from Victoria Airport to local departure points
- Air transport tax & security fees
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling
- **26 meals:** 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 9 dinners

**Experience Points:** Earn **118 e-points**

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## Experience history as you cross Canada by rail!

The railroad in Canada is an integral and essential foundation for the country. When the last spike was driven in the cross-country rail line on November 7, 1885 at Craigellachie, something truly magnificent had been accomplished: Canada had been united. The railroad was written into the agreement of confederation on that historic day when the Dominion of Canada was formed in 1867. The railroad was a condition of entry into confederation by British Columbia and it was the common thread that linked the vast spaces and diverse cultures of the grand nation that is Canada. Experience Canada's national railway, VIA Rail, on an epic journey from Vancouver on the Pacific coast to Halifax on the Atlantic coast. Along the way, get to know the character of various parts of the nation, yet find that element that makes us all uniquely Canadian. From the towering giants of the Rocky Mountains to the sea of grass in the vast prairies; from the unique mix of cultures in Winnipeg and Montréal to the Scottish influence in the Maritimes; from the awesome view at the CN Tower to the spectacle of Niagara Falls, you will see it all. All aboard for the adventure of a lifetime!

## Train Notes

**VANCOUVER TO TORONTO** – Space is booked in the Sleeper Plus Class on *The Canadian* with all meals included. Sleeping accommodation is in private bedrooms, either double with upper and lower berths or single with lower berth only. Amenities include two couch-style seats that convert to bunks by night, a small closet, fan, electrical outlet, toilet, sink and mirror. Shower facilities are located nearby. Exclusive access to the Park Car with its dome viewing and Bullet Lounge is included. You also have access to the dining car and the Skyline Car, a full entertainment centre with videos, books and refreshments.

**TORONTO TO MONTRÉAL** – Enjoy the luxury of Business Class on this 5½ hour fast train. This special service includes large comfortable seats, a wide window, wi-fi, and access to the Panorama Lounge with complimentary snacks and beverages. A three-course gourmet lunch with wine is served as you cruise at 100 to 160 kilometres per hour to Montréal.

**MONTRÉAL TO HALIFAX** — Space is booked in Sleeper Plus Class on *The Ocean* with dinner, breakfast and lunch included. Sleeping accommodation is in private cabins, either double with upper and lower berths or single with lower berth only. Amenities include toilet, handbasin, wardrobe, and couch that converts into bunk beds for two.

**TIMING** – Rail travel is subject to unexpected delays, and Wells Gray Tours cannot be held responsible for missed attractions due to a late train. Listed times are from VIA Rail's published schedule.

**LUGGAGE** – While on the train, your suitcase is stored in the baggage car. You may bring your suitcase to your private room for overnight stays, but it is recommended that you bring a more compact bag with just your needs for those few days while on board.

**GRATUITIES** – The customary gratuities for train attendants have not been included in your tour fare due to the challenges of distribution on board. Please budget \$5-10 per person per day. Gratuities are included for all included meals off the train, local guides and drivers. Gratuities to the Wells Gray tour director and BC coach driver are not included and are left to your discretion.

## Itinerary

### Sunday, June 7:

Meals: D

A transfer is provided from points around Victoria to Vancouver where we meet the BC Interior travellers. At 8:30 pm, we begin our epic journey aboard VIA Rail's **The Canadian**, touring Canada's most breathtaking expanses across five provinces. Relax in the luxury and comfort of Sleeper Plus Class with superbly refurbished Art-Deco rail cars from the 1950s. From your armchair

or the dome car, enjoy the views as we travel through the fertile Fraser Valley and the magnificent Coast Mountains. Wander over to the Skyline Car and meet some fellow travellers. After boarding, your steward will convert your private sitting area from armchairs to bunks for your sleeping pleasure. During the night, we travel through the Fraser Canyon and Thompson Canyon to reach Kamloops about 6 am Monday.

**Monday, June 8:***Meals: B,L,D*

All meals are included in the elegant dining car with freshly-prepared dishes served on china with silverware and linen. We follow the North Thompson Valley and turn east at Tete Jaune Cache, passing soaring Mount Robson, highest in the Canadian Rockies. Savour afternoon tea as we cross Yellowhead Pass and enter **Jasper National Park**. After a stop in Jasper, enjoy a sumptuous dinner while following the Athabasca River into the foothills. We pass through Edmonton at midnight.

**Tuesday, June 9:***Meals: B,L,D*

At dawn, the train is travelling in **Saskatchewan** with the sight of the wheat swaying in the wind on the broad prairie. We stop in Saskatoon at 8 am, then enter Manitoba at midday. We arrive in Winnipeg at 8:30 pm and say a temporary farewell to our train. **Winnipeg** is one of the most culturally diverse cities in Canada where you can hear some 100 languages as you tour the city. The next two nights are at the Radisson Hotel which has a downtown location.

**Wednesday, June 10:***Meals: B,L*

This morning's tour of Manitoba's capital includes St. Boniface and its cathedral, the Legislative Building, Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, and the fine homes along Wellington Crescent. Lunch is in the French Quarter of St. Boniface overlooking the Red River. This afternoon, we visit the **Manitoba Museum** to discover the fascinating landscape and history of Manitoba.

**Thursday, June 11:***Meals: L,D*

We drive to Steinbach to visit an authentic **Mennonite Heritage Village** which has 20 preserved buildings and brings to life the Mennonite way of life from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Lunch of traditional Russian cuisine is served in the livery barn. Back in Winnipeg, we visit the spectacular **Canadian Museum for Human Rights** which opened in fall 2014. It is Canada's first new national museum since 1967 and cost \$300 million to build. There is free time at **The Forks** where the Assiniboine River meets the Red River. Here is the Forks Market and the restored Johnston Terminal, consisting of dozens of charming shops with unique wares. This evening, **Winnipeg Folklorama** hosts a cultural workshop with dinner and entertainment. Then we reboard **The Canadian** and the train leaves Winnipeg at 10:30 pm.

**Friday, June 12:***Meals: B,L,D*

Enjoy another full day on the train crossing northern Ontario. Admire the rugged Canadian Shield, the immense forests and many sparkling lakes.

**Saturday, June 13:***Meals: B,D*

In early morning, the train is east of Georgian Bay and headed into the urban sprawl of Toronto. Canada's largest city is waiting to romance you with her charm and sophistication. Upon arrival at 9:30 am, we meet our coach and take a city tour of **Toronto** with a local guide. We pass landmarks such as the CN Tower, the Skydome, Eaton Centre, Queen's Park, City Hall, Yonge Street, and the Lake Ontario waterfront. We stay two nights at the luxurious **Fairmont Royal York**, one of Toronto's most renowned hotels. Later, we ride the fast elevators up the **CN Tower**, one of the tallest structures in the world at 1,815 feet, and enjoy a panoramic view of Toronto. Are you brave enough to stand on the glass floor? Dinner is included in the 360 Revolving Restaurant at the 1,200-foot level.

**Sunday, June 14:***Meals: L*

We spend the day at **Niagara Falls**, one of the world's mightiest cataracts, measured by its great width of over 3,000 feet, its water volume of about 750,000 gallons per second and its height of 165 feet. A sightseeing tour of the Niagara area is conducted by a local guide and visits several impressive viewpoints. Lunch is included at Table Rock, then we cruise to the bottom of the falls with Hornblower (no longer Maid of the Mist) for an awesome view of the Horseshoe and American Falls from the river. Back in Toronto tonight, experience **Canada's Broadway** as we attend a top-rated show. The performance will be announced when schedules are confirmed, probably near the end of 2014.

**Monday, June 15:***Meals: L*

We walk across the street from the Royal York to the train station and relax in the exclusive Panorama Lounge while waiting for our 11:30 am departure. From **Toronto to Montréal**, we travel in luxury Business Class with large seats, a delicious lunch with wine, and many amenities. Arrival is at 5 pm, and we ride the elevator from the train station up to the lobby of the famed **Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel**, another Canadian icon. The hotel is located above Montreal's vast underground city full of shops and restaurants.

**Tuesday, June 16:***Meals: D*

The city of **Montréal** awaits! Explore this vibrant centre of French Canadian culture with a locally guided tour that includes Mount Royal, Ile Ste-Helene, downtown landmarks, and Olympic Park. The tour ends in **Old Montréal**, where there is free time for lunch and maybe a visit to the imposing Notre Dame Basilica. This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of **Pointe-à-Callière**, the Montréal Museum of Archaeology & History, located on the very site where the colony was established in 1642. Go underground to discover, in fun and unexpected ways, the many inhabitants of this spot. Tonight, we enjoy festive dining, revelry and entertainment at **Le Festin du Gouverneur**.

**Wednesday, June 17:***Meals: D*

The morning is free time for you to explore Montréal on your own. During the afternoon, we visit the **Montréal Biodome**, an oasis in the city that recreates some unique ecosystems in North America. Adjacent is the **Botanical Garden** which has 30 theme gardens, 10 exhibition greenhouses and 22,000 species. Both are located in Olympic Park and the huge 1976 Olympics Stadium and Tower dominates the site. At 7 pm, **The Ocean**, the last of our VIA Rail trains, pulls out of Montréal headed to Halifax. When Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia joined in Confederation to form the Dominion of Canada in 1867, a railway to connect Halifax with the St. Lawrence River was a condition of this agreement. During the night, the train follows the south shore of the St. Lawrence and crosses the neck of the Gaspé.

**Thursday, June 18:***Meals: B,L*

In the morning, we travel along Chaleur Bay, then through New Brunswick to **Moncton**. In the afternoon, the train skirts the Bay of Fundy to Truro, and arrives in Halifax about 7 pm. Having crossed our great nation by rail, we celebrate the sight of the **Atlantic Ocean**. We stay three nights at Cambridge Suites Hotel in the centre of Halifax.

**Friday, June 19:***Meals: B,D*

The day starts with a locally-guided tour of historic **Halifax** including the waterfront, St. Paul's Church, the universities, shopping and residential areas. **Halifax Citadel National Historic Site** is included, a fortress perched on the hill overlooking the city. Nova Scotia's naval heritage comes alive during a visit to the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, and we celebrate a maritime tradition during the fun and flavourful Alexander Keith's Brewery Tour. Tonight, get set for musical comedy, fun and frivolity at **Grafton Street Dinner Theatre**.

**Saturday, June 20:***Meals: B*

We travel with a kilted guide to **Peggy's Cove**, one of the most picturesque fishing villages along the Eastern seaboard. There is time to stroll the waterfront and take pictures of its famous lighthouse before continuing along the delightful coastal drive to **Lunenburg**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic highlights the ship building industry and the fisheries of Nova Scotia.

**Sunday, June 21:***Meals: B*

We fly on Westjet from Halifax via Toronto to Victoria. Transfers are provided to departure points.

**Tour Policies**

**Payments:** A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due March 26, 2015.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$280 discount on first 10 seats and \$140 on next 5 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after March 26.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to February 26 your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From February 27 to March 26, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From March 27 to April 23, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From April 24 to May 6, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After May 6, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to taxes and surcharges from trains, airlines and other tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

**TIC Insurance:** In addition to Plan 3-Comprehensive, plans are available for Trip Cancellation & Interruption only and Extended Medical Coverage only. Policies can be purchased no later than at final payment.

**Home pickups and dropoffs** may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and the size of the chartered vehicle. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

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**Activity Level:** Moderate activity including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and steps. On the train, you may have to walk through up to 5 train cars to access the dining car. If booking a single bedroom, please be aware that if the bed is in use, you can only access the toilet by lifting and folding the bed back to the wall (otherwise go down the hall to a toilet). Most bedrooms have upper and lower berths, so one person must be able to get into the upper berth. There can be longer walks in Halifax and Toronto airports while flying home; request a cart or wheelchair in advance if this could be an issue for you.

**E-points:** This tour earns 118 E-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or E-points. 1 E-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until March 26.

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