

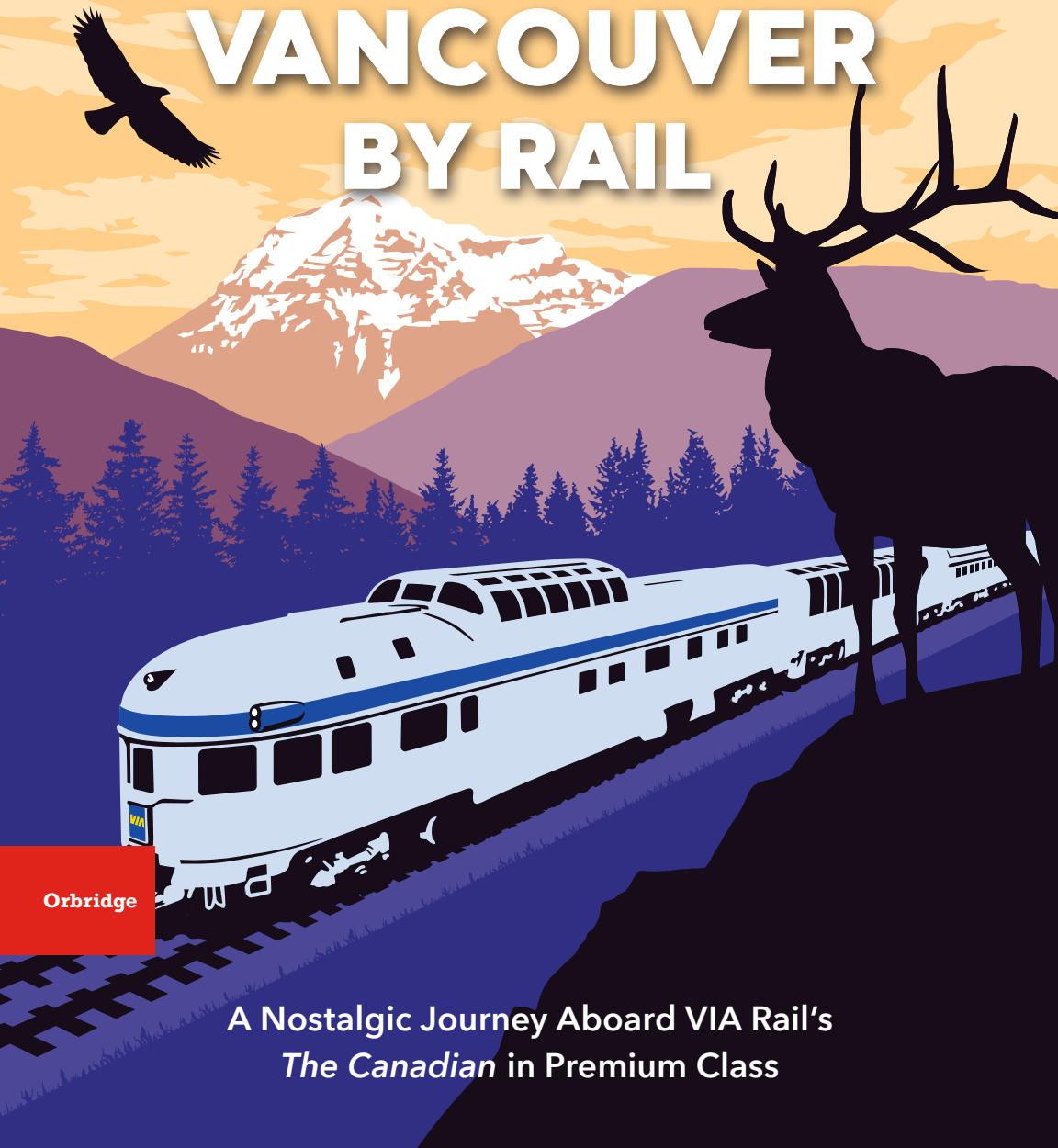


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# TORONTO TO VANCOUVER BY RAIL



Orbridge

A Nostalgic Journey Aboard VIA Rail's  
*The Canadian* in Premium Class



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Dear World Affairs Council Travelers,

Join us as we embark upon a once-in-a-lifetime rail odyssey across Canada's five provinces, gliding through rolling prairies, rugged lake country and the snowy peaks of the magnificent Rockies. This five-star journey features hotel stays at luxurious, historic rail properties bookending four amazing days and nights in Prestige Class aboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*. This nostalgic rail experience harkens the golden age of train travel.

Prepare to unwind and unplug. Enjoy the serenity of traveling by rail with time to truly disconnect from the outside world. Each day, the outside tapestry unfolds before you as you traverse through Canada's picturesque and diverse landscapes.

While on board, relax in comfort. Your private Prestige Class stateroom provides 50% more living space compared to other cabin categories, including an extra-large picture window, a leather couch by day that transforms into a comfortable double bed with luxury linens by night, private en suite bathroom with shower and nightly turndown service.

Take advantage of additional time to explore Victoria during the optional post-tour—a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty and history of our northern neighbor.

We share this program with other educational study groups. Availability is limited and with significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today! Family and friends interested? We'll send them a brochure or have them call us! To reserve, call 1-800-942-5004, email us at [travel@wacphila.org](mailto:travel@wacphila.org), or visit us online at [www.wacphila.org](http://www.wacphila.org).

Best regards,

Andrew Haught  
Director of Travel  
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

# Toronto To Vancouver by Rail | Itinerary Highlights

VIA Rail Canada operates on tracks owned by freight companies, like other passenger railways in North America. While VIA Rail strives for on-time departures and arrivals, increased freight traffic on the railway will often cause delays. These delays could result in delayed departure from Toronto, delayed arrival in to Vancouver, and shortened / limited time off of the train. The majority of your time on this tour will be spent aboard the train. Simply unplug and embrace the journey. Onboard services are guaranteed. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated and updated throughout the journey.

## Day 1 ARRIVE IN TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

1 Upon arrival to Toronto Pearson International Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. The Fairmont Royal York carries a rich history, having welcomed royalty, celebrities and dignitaries since its opening in 1929. This iconic property is ideally situated steps away from Toronto Union Station and minutes from Toronto's main attractions. This evening relax and mingle with fellow travel companions during a special welcome reception.

Overnight: Fairmont Royal York (R)

## Day 2 TORONTO | BOARD VIA RAIL'S THE CANADIAN | HORNEPAYNE

2 After breakfast and check-out gather for the quick walk to Union Station to embark upon *The Canadian*. Celebrate the departure with a mimosa or orange juice, and toast to the exciting week ahead. Venture into the Prestige Park car to marvel at the rugged beauty of Eastern Ontario unfolding beyond the windows. Dense forests and pristine lakes provide for endless photography opportunities. Settle into your luxurious Prestige Class accommodations—a category that redefines train travel through private cabins, panoramic windows and personalized service.

Overnight: *The Canadian* (B,L,D)

## Day 3 WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

3 This morning wake to boundless prairie landscape as the journey continues to Winnipeg. Spot for wildlife during breakfast and take advantage of informative discussions led by your Orbridge Travel Director and the on-board staff. Later today perhaps gather for a game of cards in the Prestige Park car or admire the scenery from a comfortable chair in the Skyline car.

Overnight: *The Canadian* (B,L,D)

## Day 4 SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN | EDMONTON, ALBERTA

4 Ideally by this point in the journey you have reached a restful feeling of true relaxation—being able to disconnect from devices allowing for more opportunity to connect with each other. Conviviality abounds in the train's social atmosphere.

Overnight: *The Canadian* (B,L,D)



## Day 5 JASPER | KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

5 Embrace your final day aboard the train. Navigating through the Canadian Rockies marvel at the scenery along the Fraser River and the incredible obstacles overcome to build a railway here. One of today's viewing highlights and photography opportunities is Hell's Gate, the most narrow (and very treacherous) part of the Fraser River. An impressive display of power, its narrow cliff walls create a funnel for hundreds of millions of liters of water rushing through every minute—double the volume of Niagara Falls.

Overnight: *The Canadian* (B,L,D)

## Day 6 VANCOUVER

6 Enjoy breakfast on board before disembarkation. Set off on a guided city tour to discover the lush gardens and notable totem poles of Stanley Park and the cobblestone streets of Gastown. Afterward take advantage of leisure time to stroll the vendor stands on Granville Island. The remainder of the day is yours to continue exploring Vancouver or perhaps take advantage of the luxurious amenities at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. After dinner at leisure rejoin fellow travel companions for a special farewell dessert reception to celebrate this epic cross-country adventure.

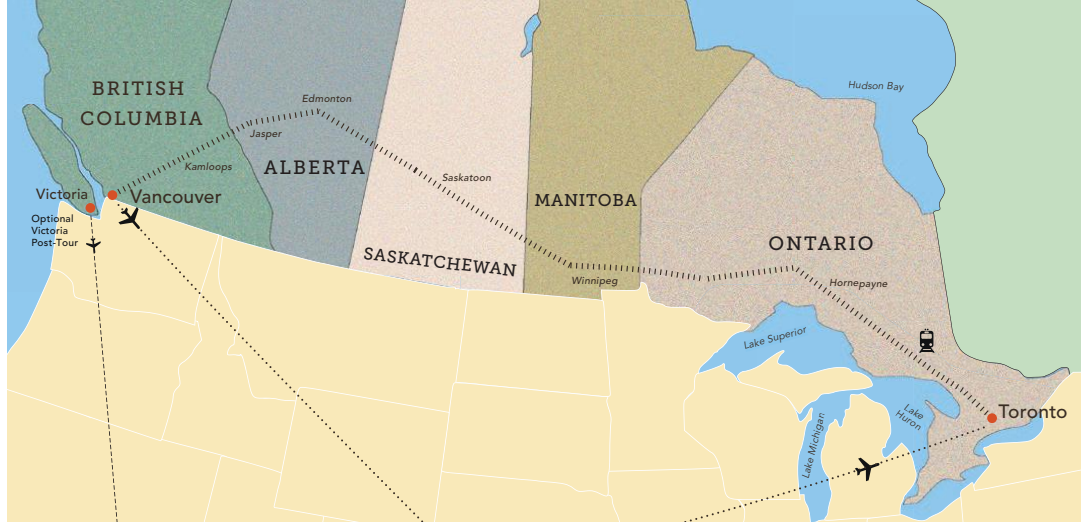
Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (B,R)

## Day 7 VANCOUVER | DEPART FOR U.S.

7 Guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to Vancouver International Airport for flights home. Guests continuing on the optional post-tour will take the ferry to Victoria. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)





## What's Included

- 1 night at Fairmont Royal York in Toronto and 1 night at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, both famous, luxury Canadian Railway hotels
- 4 nights accommodations in Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail's The Canadian
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners (snacks and bar orders are included while aboard The Canadian)
- Special welcome and farewell receptions
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
- Onboard concierge services
- Private motor coach transportation for the Vancouver sightseeing tour
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, drivers, porters, VIA Rail attendants and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



**Activity Level:** Guests should be comfortable boarding and disembarking trains without assistance, walking and moving between cars while the train is in motion, and navigating steep, narrow stairs to the upper level of the observation car. All hallways are narrow and have handrails, but train travel can be unpredictable and some unexpected movement may occur. Guests who enjoy the relaxed pace of train travel will delight in spending much of the program's time on the railway. At brief train stop locations, ground may be uneven and covered in loose gravel, with no sidewalks.

Accommodations (subject to change)

FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK

Built by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1929, it was the tallest building in Canada at the time, and featured magnificent architecture and luxury, including over 1,000 en suite guest rooms, a glass-enclosed roof garden, and a concert hall with a 50-ton pipe organ. It has recently undergone a five-year, multimillion dollar renovation to combine stunning, redesigned guest rooms with carefully preserved historic elements.

Located directly across from Union Station—and conveniently connected to the depot by an underground pedestrian walkway—this elegant downtown property is minutes away from the city’s best attractions, and features five restaurants, four lounges, an indoor pool, gym, spa and business center.



VIA RAIL’S THE CANADIAN

The Canadian’s Prestige Class provides an elegant and spacious cabin with oversized picture window with blinds, flat screen TV, modular leather L-shaped couch seating by day and comfortable double bed with luxurious bedding for two at night and private bathroom with shower and deluxe amenities. Passengers in Prestige Class also enjoy priority boarding, access to the Business Lounge at Toronto’s Union Station, private concierge service with in-cabin cocktails and canapés, turndown service and privileged access to the Park Car. NOTE: All stateroom beds are doubles. Due to cabin size and layout, separate twin beds are not possible in Prestige Class.



FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER

Opened in 1939—just in time for a visit by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth—this opulent gem, known as the “Castle in the City,” quickly became a landmark in Vancouver. The newly-renovated hotel features distinguished restaurants and lounges, an indoor pool, gym and spa.







## Optional Post-Tour Victoria

Enjoy two nights in delightful Victoria—a colorful pedestrian-friendly city is an ideal spot for whale watching, biking, shopping, and sampling from the wide variety of cafés and restaurants that line bustling Government Street.

**Day 7** **VANCOUVER | VICTORIA** This morning take an included transfer to the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal for a BC Ferry cruise across the Strait of Georgia. Arriving to Victoria explore world-famous Butchart Gardens—a national historic site of Canada replete with lush greens and colorful blooms. Afterward stop for lunch on your own before joining a local guide for a panoramic tour of Victoria through Chinatown, past the Parliament buildings, along Dallas Road and through Beacon Hill. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure. Explore some of Victoria's most beautiful downtown sites including Christ Church Cathedral, Craigdarroch Castle or the Royal British Columbia. Overnight: Fairmont Empress

**Day 8** **VICTORIA** Join your guide for an easy half-day walking tour of Victoria featuring a light tasting of delicious local specialties including chocolate, cheese, tea and other treats. The afternoon is open for additional opportunities to explore more of this charming city. Perhaps enjoy a whale-watching cruise to see the wildlife-filled waters off the coast. Take time for a carriage ride, English-style high tea, or a stroll through some of Beacon Hill Park's 200 acres. There is an endless array of ways to fill your day. You may even choose to end the day with a renowned haunted Victoria tour or a visit to one of the many craft breweries in town. Your local guide or hotel concierge can help set up a day perfect for you. Overnight: Fairmont Empress (B)

**Day 9** **VICTORIA | DEPART FOR U.S.** After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to Victoria International Airport for flights home. (B)

## What's Included

- A 1.5 hour ferry cruise from Vancouver to Victoria across the Strait of Georgia
- 2 nights at the Fairmont Empress (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Admission to Butchart Gardens
- Guided panoramic city tour plus a walking food tasting tour
- Guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director plus guide gratuities
- Airport transfer for guests departing during the suggested times





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