

*Florida State University Alumni Association presents...*

# **Canadian Rockies by Train**

**May 26 – June 3, 2022**



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**9 Days • 13 Meals:** 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 5 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** British Columbia, Vancouver, VIA Rail, Alberta, Jasper, Maligne Lake, Athabasca Glacier, Choice on Tour, Lake Louise, Banff, Calgary

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia
Day 2	VIA Rail Canada, Toronto, Ontario
Days 3, 4	Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre, Jasper, Alberta
Day 5	The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise
Days 6, 7	The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Alberta
Day 8	Hyatt Regency Calgary, Calgary, Alberta

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Collette's Flagship:** Collette's tours open the door to a world of amazing destinations. Marvel at must-see sights, sample regional cuisine, stay in centrally located hotels and connect with new and captivating cultures. These itineraries offer an inspiring and easy way to experience the world, where an expert guide takes care of all the details.

**Day 1: Thursday, May 26, 2022 Vancouver, British Columbia - Tour Begins** Take a remarkable journey through the stunning landscapes, charming towns and beautiful lakes of the Canadian Rockies. Your adventure opens in Vancouver.

**Day 2: Friday, May 27, 2022 Vancouver - VIA Rail** A city tour of Vancouver begins this morning at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Then, continue 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. Later, board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* to begin your journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Relive train travel in the days of old as you are rocked to sleep tonight in your private accommodations. (B, D)

**Day 3: Saturday, May 28, 2022 VIA Rail - Jasper, Alberta** Your eastbound 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 as you experience 360-degree views of the glistening glaciers of the Albretha Icefields and on a clear day, view Mt. Robson – the highest peak of the Rockies! Moose, mountain goats, bear and caribou call this wonderland home. This afternoon, arrive in Jasper, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies at the gateway to the incredible Icefields Parkway. (B, D)

**Day 4: Sunday, May 29, 2022 Jasper** This morning, travel to Maligne Lake, the largest natural lake in the Canadian Rockies, and enjoy breakfast\* against the backdrop of the picture-perfect sparkling waters of the lake. While at Maligne Lake, you may choose to embark on an optional cruise highlighting the beauty of Spirit Island. Later, enjoy the dramatic Maligne Canyon, one of the area's most spectacular landmarks. Return to your hotel with time to independently explore this lovely town. (B)

**Day 5: Monday, May 30, 2022 Jasper - Icefields Parkway - Lake Louise** Set off for a wonderful day of sightseeing en route to Lake Louise. 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



## Per Person Rates\* :

**Double \$5,249; Single \$6,449; Triple \$5,149**

**\*\*Please call for air pricing from your local gateway**

**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.)

platform. Continuing down the parkway, be on the lookout for bears, furry marmots and stately elk. Enjoy a stop at Bow Lake – a beautiful crystal clear lake fed by Bow Glacier – for photographs and a walk along its shore before arriving in Lake Louise. Enjoy a stay at the world-famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. This evening, it's *Diner's Choice*...choose the perfect spot from a "menu" of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise's great restaurants. (B, D)

### **Day 6: Tuesday, May 31, 2022 Lake Louise - Banff**

Today, 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. Continue on to the charming mountain town of Banff. Arrive at the grand Fairmont Banff Springs, known as the "Castle in the Rockies," for a luxurious 2-night stay. This evening, it's another *Diner's Choice*...you'll choose the perfect spot from one of the Fairmont Banff Springs' great restaurants. (B, D)

**Day 7: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 Banff** Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Surprise Corner, known for its picture-perfect panoramic views. Next, meet a local ammolite 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. (B)

**Day 8: Thursday, June 2, 2022 Banff - Calgary** Leave the wonders of the Rockies for the prairies of Alberta en route to the Kananaskis Valley. Visit a local ranch for a line dance lesson and enjoy a wagon ride\*\* in search of buffalo. Then, delight in a traditional Albertan barbecue with beautiful views of the mountains in the background. Later, enjoy the views of the prairies before you reach the vibrant city of Calgary. Tonight, join in a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a memorable trip. (B, L, D)

**Day 9: Friday, June 3, 2022 Calgary - Tour Ends** Your tour ends today in Calgary.

## **Experience It! Experience Canada - VIA 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 Vancouver to Jasper. 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**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.

Effective immediately and until further notice, we require all guests to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in this tour. Although destination entry requirements may differ, if you are unvaccinated, you will not be able to join us on this tour. All guests are required to bring proof of vaccination (official vaccination certificate in paper) on tour.

\*Breakfast at Maligne Lake is only offered from June 1 to September 30 – a hotel breakfast will be supplied as an alternative on other dates.

\*\*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.

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.

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.

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.

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2.** This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

Please be advised baggage fees may apply on most trans-border flights. These fees are levied by each specific airline and may be subject to change.

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.

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

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

**A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of November 19, 2021 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 27, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until November 26, 2021.**

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