Day 1: Vancouver to Kelowna (Coach)
Your journey through western Canada starts with a morning departure from the sights and sounds of downtown Vancouver. The first leg of travel today travels from cityscape, through the lush Fraser delta region, and over the Coquihalla Pass. Enjoy an exciting day of sightseeing and activities as you travel into Canada’s garden and wine country. Then discover one of the top-rated wineries in British Columbia - world-class show garden. Then discover one of the top-rated wineries in British Columbia - world-class show garden. Then discover one of the top-rated wineries in British Columbia - world-class show garden.

Day 2: Kelowna to Banff (Coach)
Today brings another remarkable itinerary, complete with scenic vistas and unique attractions. Sample fresh fruit and locally produced cheese. Then indulge at the ‘Home of the World’s Greatest Ice Cream’ with a stop at a local dairy farm. This afternoon, travel through some of the most spectacular scenery as you make your way into the heart of the Canadian Rockies. A camera is a must with one spectacular sight after another!

Day 3: Morning tour of Banff with gondola ride
This morning, tour through the town of Banff including gondola ride and Tunnel Mountain Drive, which overlooks the splendour of Bow Valley. Enjoy the afternoon on your own to explore this charming resort.

Day 4: Banff to Jasper (Coach)
Travel by coach via one of the most scenic highways in North America - the Icefields Parkway. Visit the Columbia Icefield that covers an area of nearly 325 sq km’s and reaches a depth of 320 metres. Time allows for an Ice Explorer ride on the Athabasca Glacier. Along the way stops will be made at Lake Louise, Bow and Peyto Lakes, the Crowfoot Glacier and the Athabasca Falls.

Day 5: Jasper to Toronto (Rail)
Spend the day relaxing in the mountain town of Jasper. This evening board VIA Rail’s ‘Canadian’ for the famous train journey across the prairies to Toronto.

Day 6: On-board Via Rail
Watch the scenery change as you leave the mountains for the prairies and great plains of Canada. Overnight on board the train.

Day 7: On-board Via Rail
Today is spent crossing the scenic lakelands of northern Ontario. Overnight on board the train.

Day 8: Arrive Toronto (Rail)
Tour ends upon arrival in Toronto this morning at 9:30am.

Your vacation includes:
• Accommodation for 4 nights
• Sleeping berth on board VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 3 nights
• Driver-guided commentary between Vancouver & Jasper
• Sightseeing tours as described
• National Park fees
• Canada Guide and map
• 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners (Vancouver departures)
• 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners (Toronto departures)

This journey is also available in the reverse direction from Toronto:

Day 1: Toronto to Jasper (Rail)
This evening, check in at Toronto’s Union Station and board VIA Rail’s ‘Canadian’ for the famous train journey across the prairies to the Canadian Rockies. Travel back in time to the days of classic rail travel. The original stainless steel ‘streamliner’ railcars, made famous by the ‘Canadian’ in the 1950’s, are totally refurbished with air conditioning, a café car, lounge car, and access for all on board to the dome car.

Day 2: On-board Via Rail
Today is spent crossing the scenic lakelands of northern Ontario.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3: On-board Via Rail
Continue west through the provinces of Northern Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the breadbasket of Canada with its golden wheat fields stretching as far as the eye can see.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner.

Day 4: Arrive Jasper (Rail)
This morning awake to arrive in the city of Edmonton, Alberta, after a brief stop continue on for the final leg of your rail journey to Jasper. Arrival time is scheduled for 1:00pm. Transfer to your hotel is included and the balance of the day is free to explore.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 5: Jasper to Banff (Coach)
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Please note: mountain lakes in this region will be frozen through to mid June.

Day 6: Morning tour of Banff with gondola ride
This morning tour through the town of Banff and its environs, among the highlights are visits to the Hoodoos (shaped by centuries of wind), Surprise Corner, Sulphur Mountain including gondola ride and Tunnel Mountain Drive, which overlooks the splendour of Bow Valley. Enjoy the afternoon on your own to explore this charming resort.

Day 7: Banff to Kelowna (Coach)
Today your coach takes you on the famed Trans-Canada Highway following a route
charted by the railroad engineers and fur traders of the mid 1800’s. Leaving Banff National Park, travel to Yoho National Park where you cross the continental divide. Continue on through Glacier National Park and ‘Rogers Pass’ with spectacular mountain vistas in every direction. Travel through the Monashee Mountain Range and pass Shuswap Lake to Sicamous - the “Houseboat Capital of Canada”. The last stop today is a short one in the small town of Armstrong, before continuing on your journey south into the famed wine region of the Okanagan Valley.

Meals: Lunch

**Day 8: Kelowna to Vancouver (Coach)**

After a hearty breakfast, the first stop of the day is at a local winery for an exclusive tour and educational wine tasting. Sample a variety of hand-crafted Okanagan wines in this unique and authentic setting, surrounded by the actual vineyards where the fruit is produced on site. Depart the Okanagan Valley on the Coquihalla highway, which travels through the interior to the town of Merritt. Time is allowed at the Visitors Centre to stretch and learn about this historic territory - one of the premier ranching settlements in British Columbia from 1880. From here continue your trek on the Coquihalla Highway through the heart of ranching country and back into mountainous territory. Later in the day, a two hour stop at Minter Gardens will feed your body and soothe your senses with a delectable lunch and guided walk through the exquisite gardens before traveling through the lush Fraser Valley to Vancouver.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

**DEPARTURE INFORMATION**

**Eastbound from Vancouver**

Departs every Tuesday and Thursday

**Westbound from Toronto**

Departs every Tuesday and Saturday