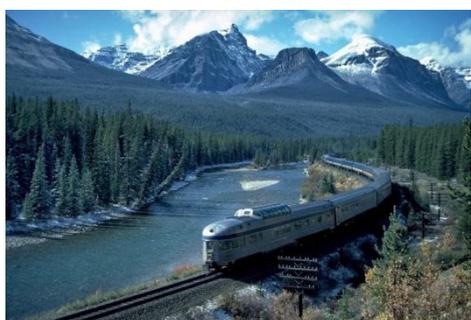


CANADA'S EAST COAST & NEWFOUNDLAND BY RAIL, SHIP & COACH

Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland,
Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island, Halifax & Lunenburg

Friday 5 to Wednesday 31 August 2022

Optional four-nights across Canada by rail - Vancouver to Toronto on *The Canadian*
Saturday 30 July – Friday 5 August 2022



Join us for a twenty-five day tour of Eastern Canada – from the sophisticated cities of Toronto, Montreal and Quebec, through to the picturesque and stunning landscapes of Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. The tour features dramatic **scenery and nature**, the history, culture and modernity of **modern cities**, and the delicious **regional produce and cuisine** of eastern Canada. Fly into Toronto and depart from Montreal, or join the pre-tour option – across Canada aboard Via Rail's flagship train *The Canadian* from Vancouver to Toronto on a four night journey.

ITINERARY

The general itinerary for the tour is below. On some days additional activities will be possible, some at no extra cost, others at additional cost. Optional additions to the tour (at extra cost) are shown below followed by (O). Meals included are shown as Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Evening Refreshments (ER) and Dinner (D). We travel by rail on daylights **Via Rail's** services in Business Class, overnight to Nova Scotia and return on the **Ocean** in sleeping berths, by overnight ferry to and from Newfoundland, and by private coach for our sightseeing. Hotels in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec are the famous Fairmont properties, which were built by Canadian Pacific as grand railway hotels. The Château Frontenac is an early example of a Canadian châteaux-style hotel. Situated in Downtown Toronto, the Royal York is the largest railway hotel built in Canada. Travel on the optional pre-tour journey from Vancouver to Toronto is in sleeping cars with all meals included.

PRE-TOUR OPTION - Vancouver to Canada aboard the *Canadian*

Saturday 30 July 2022 (in flight meals / ER) – Australia to Vancouver

Depart Australia and fly to Vancouver, British Columbia. Crossing the International Date Line, you'll arrive in Vancouver the morning of the same calendar day. Qantas and Air Canada offer direct service from Australia to Vancouver, and other options are possible via Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific Airlines, or through the USA with Qantas and American / Canadian carriers – we'll discuss your travel preferences with you. On arrival in Vancouver transfer to our hotel. Overnight Vancouver.

Sunday 31 July 2022 (B, ER) – Vancouver

Explore the city of Vancouver, the harbour and North Vancouver. Visit Granville Island, catch the cable car to Grouse Mountain for fine views over the city and harbour, and ride the sky train and sea bus. Enjoy an evening meal at leisure in this vibrant coastal Pacific city. Overnight Vancouver.

Monday 1 August 2022 (B/D) –the *Canadian* across the Rocky Mountains

The morning is free to explore at leisure, before we transfer to Vancouver's Pacific Station to join the *Canadian*. Departing at 1500hrs, enjoy the scenic departure from Vancouver, then dinner as we begin the ascent of the Fraser Canyon. Settle into the comfortable sleeping compartments aboard - the train staff will prepare your bed each night, and in the morning, refresh the cabin with fresh towels, linen and bathroom amenities. Explore the skyline dome car, with its observation dome and lounge, experience quality dining in the restaurant cars, and explore the Park Car's Observation Dome and Bullet Lounge. (**Please note** access to the Park Car is restricted to certain hours except for those who travel in Prestige Class.) Overnight aboard the *Canadian* to Toronto.

Tuesday 2 August 2022 (B/L/D) – the Rocky Mountains, Jasper and to Edmonton

A morning of sightseeing through the Rocky Mountains from the comfort of the *Canadian*. Enjoy sunrise and the spectacular Rocky Mountains scenery whilst enjoying breakfast, before a late-morning arrival into Jasper for a 90 minute leg stretch to explore the town. Reboard and enjoy luncheon as we heading for Winnipeg. Departing Jasper you may see deer and elk, and as the afternoon passes, watch behind as the Rocky Mountains disappear and we head east across Alberta to Edmonton, and then overnight through Saskatchewan towards Winnipeg, Manitoba. Enjoy a quality meal in the restaurant cars. Overnight aboard the *Canadian*.



Wednesday 3 August 2022 (B/L/D) – on the *Canadian* towards Winnipeg

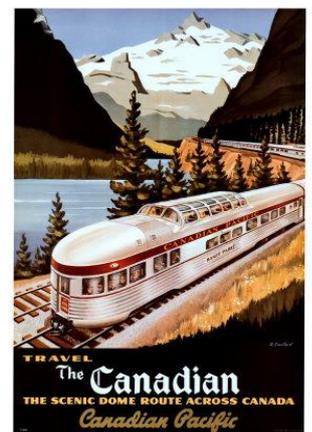
A relaxing day aboard the *Canadian* as we cross the prairies towards Rivers, La Portage and to Winnipeg. Depending on the train's schedule, there may be the opportunity to stretch your legs in the late evening in our 90 minute stopover in Winnipeg. You can visit the nearby Fort Garry Hotel, one of several famous Canadian Pacific Hotels, located near the railway station. Alternatively remain aboard in the train, enjoying an evening drink after dinner in the lounge cars. Overnight aboard the *Canadian*.

Thursday 4 August 2022 (B/L/D) – aboard the *Canadian* to Toronto

We continue our transcontinental journey east aboard Via Rail's flagship train – the *Canadian*. As the sun rises the train stops at Sioux Lookout, then continues east to Hornepayne in the late-afternoon for a stop to stretch your legs. Crossing the Canadian Shield with muskeg lakes and myriad trees provides a contrast to the prairies of yesterday. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner in the dining car, and the ambience of the Skyline dome car, the Park Car with its mural lounge and vista dome. Overnight aboard the *Canadian*.

Friday 5 August 2022 (B/L/ER) – Toronto

In the mid-afternoon the train is due to arrive at Toronto's Union Station. Alight and cross the road to the former Canadian Pacific Hotel, now Fairmont's Royal York Hotel. Our accommodation features access to the hotel's Club Lounge, with complimentary evening canapés and morning breakfast. Overnight the Fairmont Royal York, Toronto.



MAIN ITINERARY

Friday 5 August 2022 (in flight meals, ER) – Australia to Toronto

Depart Australia and fly to Toronto, Ontario. As you cross the International Date Line, you'll arrive in Toronto the same calendar day. Qantas and Air Canada offer services via Vancouver, however other options are possible via Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific Airlines, or through the USA with Qantas and American / Canadian carriers – we'll discuss your travel preferences with you. On arrival in Toronto, transfer by airport express train direct to Toronto's Union Station, then cross the road to the former Canadian Pacific hotel, now Fairmont's Royal York Hotel. Our accommodation includes access to the premium Fairmont Gold Lounge with evening canapes. Overnight Fairmont Royal York, Toronto.

Saturday 6 August 2022 (B/L/ER) – Toronto

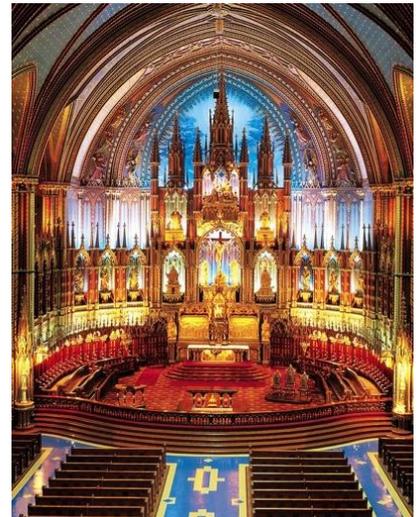
Enjoy breakfast then a day exploring Toronto - whether you're standing on the glass floor of the world's highest public observation deck or venturing into the underground tunnel network that links almost the entire CBD, Toronto's attractions are unique. The museums, shopping precincts and art galleries are especially fine. Enjoy luncheon from the top of the CN Tower with fantastic views over Lake Ontario. Located on the shore of Lake Ontario, the summer months see the city celebrate its waterfront location, vibrant food markets and more. In the early evening enjoy the sophisticated Fairmont Gold Lounge for an evening refreshment, and overnight the Fairmont Royal York, Toronto.

Sunday 7 August 2022 (B/L/ER) – by rail from Toronto to Montreal aboard Via Rail

After breakfast you have free time to explore before we join a late morning Via Rail service and travel to Montreal – enjoy Business Class seating with included at seat refreshments. Our journey takes us along the edge of Lake Ontario and the St Lawrence River, through Kingston to Montreal. A late afternoon arrival into the city, and walk to our hotel above the railway station, the Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth, Montreal. In a great central location, you can enjoy a late afternoon stroll, as well as the excellent Fairmont Gold Lounge with evening refreshments. Dinner at leisure and overnight Montreal.

Monday 8 August 2022 (B/ER) – Montreal

Montréal - the largest city in Canada's Québec province – is set on an island in the Saint Lawrence River and named after Mt. Royal, the triple-peaked hill at its heart, its boroughs, many of which were once independent cities, include neighbourhoods ranging from cobblestoned, French colonial Vieux-Montréal – with the Gothic Revival Notre-Dame Basilica at its centre – to bohemian Plateau. Montréal's famous landmark, Notre-Dame Basilica, is a visually pleasing if slightly gaudy symphony of carved wood, paintings, gilded sculptures and stained-glass windows. Built in 1829 it also sports a famous Casavant organ and the Gros Bourdon, said to be the biggest bell in North America. Opened in 1931, Montréal's Botanical Garden is the world's third largest after those in London and Berlin. Approximately 22,000 species of plants grow in 30 outdoor gardens, including the tranquil Japanese Garden, a symphony of stone and water sprinkled with rhododendrons, water lilies and bonsai trees. Also boasting an Insectarium you'll learn all you need to know about these creepy crawly creatures. Other highlights include the First Nations Garden, the Rose Garden, as well as 10 greenhouses that are filled with cacti, banana trees, orchids and magnificent tropical flowers. Enjoy dinner at leisure and overnight Montreal.



Tuesday 9 August 2022 (B/L/ER) – by rail from Montreal to Quebec aboard Via Rail

After breakfast enjoy free time for morning sightseeing. At lunchtime join Via Rail's service for the rail journey from Montreal to Quebec. Enjoy Business Class service with drinks and refreshments included at your seat as we head north from Montreal, and cross the St Lawrence River into Quebec. On arrival in Quebec we transfer to our hotel for three nights, the Château Frontenac – the first of the Canadian Pacific Railway's eastern hotels, the Château Frontenac was opened at Quebec City on December 11, 1893, while subsequent additions in 1904, 1906, 1916 and 1923, which included the great central tower, made it one of the finest hotels in Canada, a claim it continues today. Enjoy Fairmont Gold service, with a splendid lounge with evening and morning refreshments looking over the St Lawrence River. and overnight Quebec.



Wednesday 10 August 2022 (B/ER) - Quebec

After breakfast we enjoy a morning of sightseeing – visit Old Québec, a UNESCO designated world heritage treasure! Stroll along Old Québec's own open-air art gallery, Rue du Trésor, and atop Cape Diamond, along the Dufferin Terrace overlooking the St. Lawrence River and the surrounding area. The fortifications of Québec protect the only fortified city in North America north of Mexico, with close to 4.6 km of walls and imposing gates to explore. Québec's defences were developed under French and English regimes, and cannons, loopholes, a star-shaped Citadel and its changing of the guard, an Artillery Park and fortresses are all part of this outstanding site! The Quartier Petit Champlain & Place Royale offer a trip back in time, and as the oldest neighbourhood in North America, it is also home to the Musée de la civilisation, a bridge between the past and future with its modern design and fascinating exhibitions. For many, the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine has been a “place of miracles” for the past 350 years, and it's well worth a visit, whatever your beliefs. The shrine, North America's oldest pilgrimage site, attracts some one million visitors a year - a fabulous neo-Roman style basilica with its golden statue of Saint Anne, hundreds of stained glass windows, a spectacular nave and valuable works of art. Evening refreshments in the Gold Lounge, then dinner at leisure and overnight Quebec.



Thursday 11 August 2022 (B/ER) – Quebec

This morning we continue our exploration of Quebec, and in the afternoon there is time to explore - stroll the streets of Montcalm right up to the Musée des Beaux-Arts (Fine Arts Museum) and historic Plains of Abraham; marvel at the English architecture and bourgeois feel of the neighbourhood. Walk along Braves Avenue and see the mansions once built to house ambassadors from around the world; step on Cartier Street and enjoy the epicurean shops, fine restaurants, cinemas, and indoor food markets; or take a breath of fresh air in the luxuriant Jardin Jeanne d'Arc. Stroll along Dufferin Terrace, or explore the shopping and culinary treats of the city centre. Perhaps join us on a ferry crossing across the St Lawrence to Levis and view the magnificent skyline from the ideal vantage point. Our hotel is perfectly located for you to easily explore the city. Dinner at leisure and overnight Quebec.

Friday 12 August 2022 (B/L/D) – Quebec, Montreal and to New Brunswick on Via Rail's *Ocean*

A relaxing morning to recharge your batteries, explore on foot, or visit one of Quebec's city churches. At lunchtime join our Via Rail service for Montreal, with Business Class seating and luncheon with drinks served aboard. We arrive in Montreal a little after 4pm, and then prepare to join our overnight sleeping train service, Via Rail's ***Ocean***, to Moncton, New Brunswick. With comfortable sleeping compartments aboard the train, enjoy dinner in the dining car, and then an evening drink in the Park Car as we watch the lights of Montreal disappear. (All travellers will be allocated a lower sleeping berth – those travelling together will be allocated adjoining compartments where possible.) Overnight the ***Ocean***.

Saturday 13 August 2022 (B/L/D) – to Prince Edward Island (PEI)

After breakfast and an early luncheon aboard, we arrive at Moncton, New Brunswick, in the early afternoon. We join our chartered coach and head across the Constitution Bridge to Prince Edward Island. One of eastern Canada's maritime provinces in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the large island is marked by red-sand beaches, lighthouses, fertile farmland and is renowned for its seafood, especially lobster and mussels. Famed for its fictional character Anne of Green Gables, the island offers myriad sights of culture nature, gourmet cuisine and beautiful landscapes. Our hotel is located on the edge of New London Bay, that opens into the Gulf of St Lawrence. Enjoy the evening sunset outside as we take dinner looking over the bay. We enjoy dinner together and overnight Prince Edward Island.

Sunday 14 August 2022 (B/D) – Points East Coastal Drive

Over the next three days we explore Prince Edward Island (PEI to the locals) - arguably the most picturesque region of the Island, the Points East Coastal Drive reads as a 'best of list of Prince Edward Island points of interest. Romantic inns, legendary hole-in-the-wall eateries, sleepy fishing communities and tranquil beaches - red cliffs, unique harbours and farmland. We'll enjoy a scenic day exploring the island's eastern fringes, before returning to our hotel for an evening drink at sunset, and dinner included overlooking New London Bay. Overnight Prince Edward Island.



Monday 15 August 2022 (B/D) – North Cape, Cavendish & Anne of Green Gables (PEI)

After breakfast, we head out to explore the popularity of Lucy Maud Montgomery's *Anne of Green Gables* – the stories based around the scenic hotspot of Cavendish on the beautiful North Shore of PEI. Green Gables, a museum dedicated to the fictional story is a 'must visit' for every 'Anne' fan. We visit Prince Edward Island National Park, then experience the North Cape Coastal Drive, which explores picturesque fishing villages, including Malpeque Bay, the home breeding ground for the famous PEI Malpeque Oyster. Return to our accommodation, enjoy the evening light at sunset, and then feast on one of PEI's famed lobster suppers for dinner tonight, as well as a taste of PEI's famed potatoes. Dinner is included and overnight Prince Edward Island.

Tuesday 16 August 2022 (B/D) – Charlottetown and Central PEI

Today we'll explore the island's capital Charlottetown - equal parts urban and historic, the island's capital city has all the trappings of a big city set in the ambience of a small town. Charlottetown is the capital of Canada's Prince Edward Island. It's on the southern coast of the province. The Province House National Historic Site hosted the Charlottetown Conference of 1864, spurring the country's birth. Victoria Row has shops, restaurants and the Confederation Centre of the Arts, with its musical based on "Anne of Green Gables." Nearby is the Gothic Revival St. Dunstan's Basilica. Enjoy a relaxing stroll and luncheon before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight Prince Edward Island.

Wednesday 17 August 2022 (B) – to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland

After breakfast, we board our coach and depart PEI by ferry at the north-eastern end of the island at Woods Island, crossing to Pictou, then through New Glasgow and Antigonish to North Sydney, NS. We board our overnight ferry crossing to Argentia, Newfoundland. Dinner and accommodation tonight are aboard the vessel in cabin accommodation with two lower beds and ensuite facilities.

Thursday 18 August 2022 (D) – Argentia and St Marys Ecological Reserve, Newfoundland

Vikings, Maritime Archaic Indians, Palaeo-Eskimo, the English, French, and Irish have each claimed Newfoundland and Labrador as hunting ground or home at some point. We arrive in Argentia on the east coast of Newfoundland, and explore St Mary's Ecological Reserve. Cape St. Mary's is the most accessible seabird rookery in North America. Bird Rock is the third-largest nesting site and southernmost colony of northern gannets in North America. Cape St. Mary's is also the southernmost breeding area for thick-billed murres in the world and the southernmost major breeding site for common murres in the northwest Atlantic Ocean. The site is overflowing with perching, diving, and scrambling birds from edge to edge – melding together into an awesome moving, breathing spectacle of colour and sound. Then to St John's for two nights accommodation in the capital.



Friday 19 August 2022 (B) – St Johns, Newfoundland

Today the province's capital, St. John's, lives on as North America's oldest English-founded settlement, with some five hundred years of history informing its character. Though small and on Newfoundland Island, separated from most of the province, the city has a youthful, cosmopolitan feel, particularly in contrast to the peaceful isolation found throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. We explore in and around the city. Dinner at leisure and overnight St John's.

Saturday 20 August 2022 (B) – the Bonavista Peninsula, Newfoundland

We head out of town towards the Bonavista Peninsula - running 85km to the north east - the peninsula contains some of the oldest settlements on the island of Newfoundland, particularly the towns of Bonavista and Trinity. Italian explorer John Cabot is reported to have landed at Cape Bonavista in 1497 claiming this part of the New World for the King of England. Trinity is the Bonavista Peninsula's most popular town, an historic location of crooked seaside lanes, story- book heritage houses and gardens with white picket fences. Trinity Bight is the name given to the twelve communities in the vicinity – and it may all seem familiar if you've seen *The Shipping News* which was partly filmed here. We stay two nights on the peninsula.



Sunday 21 August 2022 (B/D) – Trinity and Bonavista, Newfoundland

Houses, museums, art galleries, and other historic buildings preserved from the 19th century fill Trinity and its surrounding communities. Trinity Bight is home to picturesque villages, and the peninsula boasts geological sights and wildlife – we will explore the coastline and village, visit Bonavista with its lighthouse, and drive through coastal villages such as Spillars Cove, Champney's West and more. Dinner is included and overnight on the peninsula.

Monday 22 August 2022 (B/D) – to Gros Morne National Park

An early start as we have a full day of driving across to the western coast of Newfoundland and the impressive Gros Morne National Park. We head to the junction of the Trans Canada Highway, one of the longest in the world, surpassed probably only by Australia's Highway No 1 ! The Trans Canada dissects Terra Nova National Park, and although not as impressive as our destination, we'll pass lakes, bogs and woods. Gander - which was once a major stop-over point for propellor-driven trans-Atlantic airplane flights provides a convenient stop, and then on through Badger to Deer Lake. We'll pass many small lakes, rocky outcrops and unique ecosystems, before our arrival at Gros Morne National Park. Soaring fjords and moody mountains tower above a diverse panorama of beaches and bogs, forests and barren cliffs. Shaped by colliding continents and grinding glaciers, Gros Morne's ancient landscape is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We stay two nights in the area and explore the park and its coastline.

Tuesday 23 August 2022 (B/D) – Gros Morne National Park

It took 485 million years for Mother Nature to create Gros Morne National Park, a place unlike any other on earth. A UNESCO World Heritage Site covering 1,805 square kilometres, the park is a never-ending series of wonders and delights, and a demonstration of the spectacularly raw and enigmatic beauty of the physical world. We will explore a little of the park by coach and water. Dinner and overnight in the park.

Wednesday 24 August 2022 (B/D) – to Port aux Basques and overnight to North Sydney

This morning we leave Gros Morne National Park and head south towards Port aux Basques. Located at the extreme southwestern tip of Newfoundland fronting on the western end of the Cabot Strait, it is the main port of arrival and departure for visitors to Newfoundland by ferry. We will enjoy sightseeing enroute, some time to explore the town, and then dinner before we board our overnight ferry crossing to North Sydney. Accommodation aboard is in cabins with two lower berths, and ensuite facilities.

Thursday 25 August 2022 (B/D) – Cape Breton Island and the Cabot Trail

After breakfast we disembark the vessel, and rejoin our coach to head for a magnificent scenic drive along some of the most stunningly beautiful coastline in Canada! The drive skirts Cape Breton Highlands National Park, whose Skyline Trail footpath overlooks the Gulf of St. Lawrence, known for migratory whales. We head along the north-western shore of Cape Breton, stopping at some of the many places for fine views, before descending to Pleasant Bay. We'll explore around the northern point of Nova Scotia at Meat Cove; stop at Neil's Harbour or White Point and look for eagles and whales; visit the artsy St Ann's Bay with a hat maker, leather maker, glass blower and pewter-smith. We arrive in the late afternoon at our hotel in Baddeck, with views towards the water, where dinner is included. Overnight Baddeck, Cape Breton Island.



Friday 26 August 2022 (B) - Cape Breton Island to Halifax, Nova Scotia

We leave Cape Breton Island and head south to Halifax. As the biggest city in Nova Scotia, it boasts a range of historic and cultural features, with the unique cultural site of the Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 - a National Historic Site which was the gateway to Canada for one million immigrants between 1928 and 1971. It also served as the departure point for 500,000 Canadian Military personnel during the Second World War. This afternoon you can explore the city at leisure, visit the Citadel Hill National Historic site, or walk through the Seaport Farmers Market to view the produce that Nova Scotia is proud to supply to its local Haligonians. Dinner is at leisure in one of the many restaurants along the waterfront, and overnight Halifax.



Saturday 27 August 2022 (B) – Peggy's Cove and Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

After breakfast, we head south to what is probably the most photographed lighthouse in Canada – at Peggy's Cove. Nova Scotia is home to over 160 historic lighthouses and these majestic beacons can be found throughout the province. Located in the quaint fishing village of Peggy's Cove along the South Shore, Peggy's Point Lighthouse was built in 1915. Peggy's Cove is famed for its picturesque and typically East-Coast profile, with houses perched along a narrow inlet and on wave-washed boulders facing the Atlantic. Then to Old Town Lunenburg - one of only two urban communities in North America designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Considered to be the best surviving planned British colonial town in North America, you can still see the tall ships moored off the port and hear the smith's hammer. Lunenburg's harbour-side streets are lined with unique shops and restaurants that blend with the well-preserved and colourfully painted historic homes, much of it like a living museum from the 18th century. Visit the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic to explore wharf-side vessels and their extraordinary aquarium, and the famous Bluenose II, a replica of the original world famous racing schooner. We return to Halifax for dinner at leisure and overnight.



Sunday 28 August 2022 (B/D) – Halifax and to Montreal on Via Rail's Ocean

This morning there is time to walk along the waterfront, visit the Botanic Gardens, the Farmers Market, or explore Citadel Hill or the Maritime Museum. Enjoy an early lunch in one of Halifax's many interesting cafes. In the early afternoon we meet at the hotel and transfer to Halifax's Via Rail station to board our overnight train for the journey south to Montreal. The afternoon provides lovely sightseeing from the Park Car as we travel across Nova Scotia, and then through New Brunswick, and overnight along the St Lawrence Gulf to Montreal. We stop at Moncton where you can stretch your legs, and enjoy a pre-dinner drink in the Park Car and then dinner aboard in the restaurant. Return to your comfortable sleeping compartment and retire. (All travellers will be allocated a lower sleeping berth – those travelling together will be allocated adjoining compartments where possible.) Overnight Via Rail's *Ocean*.



Monday 29 August 2022 (B/L) – Montreal and to Australia

After breakfast in the restaurant car, a mid-morning arrival in Montréal - the largest city in Canada's Québec province – where our tour ends. Those returning to Australia transfer to Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport for flights back to Australia, arriving on 1 or 2 September. 2020.

Tuesday 30 or Wednesday 31 August 2022 (B/L/D) – in flight to Australia

Arrive Australia





GENERAL COMMENTS AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Accommodation is in 4 - 4½ star hotels, except in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec where accommodation is in 5 star hotels of the Fairmont Hotels. Accommodation included Fairmont Gold Lounge access with evening refreshments and private lounge use throughout our stay. Breakfast is included almost every morning, and lunches and dinners as identified in the itinerary. Meals included are indicated as (B) Breakfast, (L) Luncheon, (ER) Evening Refreshments and (D) Dinner. Where there is a range of lunch and dinner options, we have not included these in the itinerary to provide choice in style and time of dining.

CAPACITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOUR

Fitness and mobility is necessary for participation in the tour. Tour passengers must be able to manage their own luggage, and to carry/wheel it on and off trains, from stations to hotels, and if necessary, up or down a flight of stairs. The tour involves travel on the public transport networks of some cities, and exploration of locations requires walking. By payment of your deposit and tour fare you confirm that you are of a suitable level of mobility and fitness to participate in the tour, and are aware of the nature of the tour.

FARES AND BOOKING PROCEDURES

The tour is limited in size to 24 guests, and bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt of a deposit of \$2,000 per person. Additional payment will be required in advance for the pre-tour option. The tour fares are:

Toronto to Montreal (5 to 31 August 2022) – Canada's East Coast by Rail

- \$18,850 per person on a twin share basis, plus airfares to/ from Canada.
- \$4,980 single hotel room supplement

Vancouver to Toronto Pre-tour option (30 July to 5 August 2022) – Vancouver and the *Canadian* across Canada

Fare includes overnight accommodation in Vancouver prior to the *Canadian's* departure, and accommodation and all meals aboard the *Canadian*. Double/twin accommodation is available in either *Prestige Class* which includes large, ensuite cabins, complimentary drinks throughout the journey, priority dining and full access to the Park Car; or in *Sleeper Plus Class* which includes twin compartments with a lower and upper berth, with ensuite toilet, but shower located in the centre of the carriage. Single *Sleeper Plus* accommodation includes a single cabin with showers at the end of the carriage, and restricted access to the Park Car during certain hours. Please contact us for sole use of a Twin cabin or *Prestige* cabin.

- \$9,290 per person on a double/twin share basis, in *Prestige Class* cabins aboard the *Canadian*, and in hotels
- \$4,950 per person on a double/twin share basis, in *Sleeper Plus Class* cabins aboard the *Canadian*, and in hotels
- \$4,950 total for single cabin aboard the *Canadian*, and single hotel rooms in Vancouver and Toronto

The tour fare includes first / business class rail travel when available (some rail services may not have first/business class accommodation and on these trains standard rail accommodation is provided); all bus, tram, metro and light rail transfers when part of the group; all accommodation on a twin/double share basis (single accommodation is available on payment of the single supplement); sightseeing and entrance fees as indicated, and meals as shown in the itinerary for each day. The fare does not include meals not identified, drinks, excess baggage charges, gratuities except when part of a group lunch / dinner, telephone calls, laundry, any items of a personal nature, travel outside the organised group, or taxi usage when not part of the planned transport means. Inspection and entry fees when not part of the planned group activity are not included in the tour cost. Additional or optional activities such as some cable car journeys, boat cruises or entrance fees are not included in the cost. Bookings should be made on the attached form.

The deposit of \$3,000 per person should be forwarded by cheque, payable to St James Rail, along with the booking form, to: SJR, PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220. You can also pay by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

Bank:	Westpac
Account Name:	Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB:	033 364
Account Number:	612826
Reference:	Your name and 'Canada'

If paying by EFT, please include the Reference above, and email to sjr@digitor.com.au to advise you have done so – or if you have used a different reference. Please forward the booking form to the address above, or scan and email it. You can also pay by credit card – please call to provide details.

COVID VACCINATION STATUS AND COVID TESTING

It is highly likely that some airlines, and entry to Canada, may require proof of full vaccination. Undertaking COVID testing prior to flights and on arrival in Canada, may also be required. As the specific requirements applicable in August 2022 are currently not defined, it is your responsibility to meet these requirements.

BOOKING, CANCELLATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Bookings will be accepted on the attached form. **Changes to the itinerary** - as the tour operates to some remote parts of Canada, where accommodation and travel options are limited, the tour organiser reserves the right to change and amend the itinerary at his sole discretion based on necessary changes to travel plans due to air, sea and land schedule changes and hotel availability. **Currency fluctuations** – the tour organiser reserves the right to adjust the tour price based on significant foreign exchange movement between the Australian Dollar and the Canadian Dollar. **Cancellation** fees apply as follows: the initial deposit is non-refundable. After payment of further deposits towards the final tour cost, costs for tickets, accommodation, sightseeing etc made on your behalf will incur cancellation charges equal to the cancellation charges incurred to us, imposed by suppliers/operators, plus a fee to cover administrative costs – more than three months prior to departure, \$1000 per person; within three months, \$2000 per person. No refund will be made for cancellations after 1 March 2022. All cancellation or administration charges imposed by the suppliers/operators of components of this tour must be borne by you, the passenger. **Responsibility** - St James' Rail acts only as the organiser of the tour. On acceptance of tickets and travel documents for this tour, which may be evidenced in writing by a ticket, voucher, letter, or other document, you accept that neither St James' Rail nor representatives from any other firm supplying services in conjunction with this tour programme, shall be liable in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, loss, damage, accident, sickness, delay or additional expense to you or your possessions arising directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part, including, but not limited to, civil disturbance, fire, floods, acts of God, acts of Governments or other authorities, changes in itinerary, weather, strikes, war, transportation disruption, failure of machinery or equipment, industrial action, pandemic, quarantine or any other cause. Where travel is by scheduled carrier, or charter service, that carrier's responsibility is limited in accordance with their conditions of carriage. Similarly all luggage is your responsibility, and we cannot be held liable for any loss or delay however caused. The care of your travel documents are your own

responsibility. All expenses incurred by loss must be borne by you. Airline regulations and conditions are written on the airline tickets and are issued to passengers subject to their acceptance of these conditions. Changes in exchange rates, taxes and any land arrangements costs may alter the price of the tour, and St James' Rail reserves the right to change, amend or cancel this tour and/or itinerary if necessary. We reserve the right to amend the itinerary en route to account for unforeseen changes or conditions, or to improve the tour experience for the majority, as determined by the tour leader.

Passports, visas, vaccinations, health requirements – a valid passport with six months validity from the end of the tour is required. Obtaining all visas, vaccinations or other health requirements to meet the expectation of airlines or foreign governments is your responsibility. St James' Rail cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred as a result of a passenger not holding valid and necessary passport, visa, vaccination or health documents.

Special conditions relating to COVID-19 – if the tour is unable to proceed due to Government restrictions, SJR may at our election: postpone your travel arrangements to a future date, in which case we will issue you with a credit note equal to amounts paid at the time of postponement; or cancel your travel arrangements, in which case our contract with you will terminate. If we cancel your travel arrangements and our contract terminates, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund. SJR will refund payments it is able to recover or not incur from the various suppliers of services to this tour. Refunds will be made when the funds have been received by SJR from third party suppliers. **Full details of terms and conditions:** if you would like a copy of the full terms and conditions applicable to all SJR tours please contact us and we will forward a copy to you.

INSURANCE

A condition of travel on this tour is that you have a comprehensive travel insurance policy to protect yourself against cancellation fees, health and other travel risks. An insurance policy can be forwarded from our travel agent at Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington, NSW 2021. Obtaining insurance cover is your responsibility. Securing insurance at the time of paying your deposit, or shortly after, is highly recommended.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact us on (02) 9326 9660 or 0418 585 838, or email to sjr@digitor.com.au



CANADA'S EAST COAST BY RAIL

Friday 5 – Wednesday 31 August 2022

Optional four-nights across Canada by rail - Vancouver to Toronto on *The Canadian*
Saturday 30 July – Friday 5 August 2022

BOOKING FORM

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name:
Address: Suburb: Postcode:
Home tel: Work tel: Mobile:
Email:

BOOKING DETAILS (Full passenger names EXACTLY as shown in your passport:)

Passenger 1 Name:
Date of Birth: Passport No: Expiry Date:
Frequent Flyer No: Airline No:
Passenger 2 Name:
Date of Birth: Passport No: Expiry Date:
Frequent Flyer No: Airline No:

PAYMENT

I enclose \$ as deposit (\$3,000 per person) for the above. Cheques payable to St James Rail to PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) details below. A letter acknowledging receipt will be forwarded.

Bank; Westpac
Account name: Scenic Journeys by Rail (trading as St James Rail)
BSB: 033 364
Account: 612826
Reference: Canada (and your surname)

Debit/credit card payment is available, with merchant fees of 1.00% for Visa/MasterCard. Please call us to make payment by debit/credit card.

AIR TRAVEL TO/FROM CANADA - we will contact you to discuss your flight preferences.

PRE AND POST TOUR OPTIONS

I/we wish to travel to Vancouver and join the **Canadian** across Canada to Toronto

TRAIN ACCOMMODATION

Single bedroom: Twin bedded cabins: Prestige Class

For single travellers we will contact you to discuss the train accommodation options.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Single rooms: Double rooms: Twin (two bedded) rooms: Triple bedded room

DIETARY REQUESTS (we will do our best to accommodate and advise accordingly)

Please indicate any dietary request :
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INSURANCE

..... Please send an insurance policy from Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington.

YOUR SIGNATURE

I have read the reservation conditions outlined above and accept them on behalf of myself and my party by whom I am authorised to make this agreement.

Signature of person making reservation: Date:

Cancellation charges will apply as advised in this itinerary. An insurance policy can be forwarded from our travel agent at Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington.

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