# Grand Canadian Journey INDEPENDENT RAIL JOURNEY FROM VANCOUVER TO HALIFAX





This twenty-five-day tour packs in so many impressive sights.

Explore Canada from the Pacific Ocean city of Vancouver to the Atlantic Ocean city of Halifax. Along the way, discover spectacular glaciers, prairies, rivers, lakes and mountains. Every day will bring a new experience and adventure and the itinerary includes a host of sightseeing excursions.

## Key Facts

- \* 25 Days / 24 Nights
- \* 2020 Departure Dates: Various dates available between June September



#### Vancouver

Arrive and transfer to your hotel for a two-night stay. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 2

## Vancouver Sightseeing

Enjoy a city tour and Capilano Suspension Bridge excursion. The highlights of the city include Stanley Park, historic Gastown, Chinatown and Granville Market.

#### DAYS 3 & 4

## Rocky Mountaineer to Banff

Board the world-famous *Rocky Mountaineer* for the two-day, all-daylight journey via Kamloops. Sit back and relax as the scenery unfolds before your eyes. Breakfast and lunch served onboard both days.

#### DAY 5

## Banff Sightsseing

This morning enjoy a six-hour sightseeing tour of Banff, including scenic highlights such as Bow Falls, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. You will experience an eight-minute gentle ride to the summit of Sulphur Mountain in a fully enclosed gondola. A spectacular view and picture-taking opportunity await you at the top of this 360 degree panoramic vantage of Bow Valley. Complete the tour with a cruise on Lake Minnewanka which offers some of the most spectacular scenery found anywhere in the Canadian Rockies.



### Lake Louise

Early this afternoon take the short drive via the scenic Bow Valley Parkway to Lake Louise.

#### DAY 7

#### Jasper

A full day of exploration as you travel the scenic Icefields Parkway to Jasper. An Ice Explorer ride onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier is included.

#### DAY 8

## VIA Rail

Enjoy a morning at leisure. Later today board VIA Rail's The Canadian for the leisurely train journey to Toronto.

#### DAYS 9 & 10

### VIA Rail

Watch the scenery change as you leave the mountains for the prairies and great plains of Canada, then cross the scenic lake lands of northern Ontario. Breakfast, lunch and dinner served onboard.



#### Toronto

Arrive in Toronto this morning and transfer (not included) to your hotel for a two-night stay. Breakfast included.

#### DAY 12

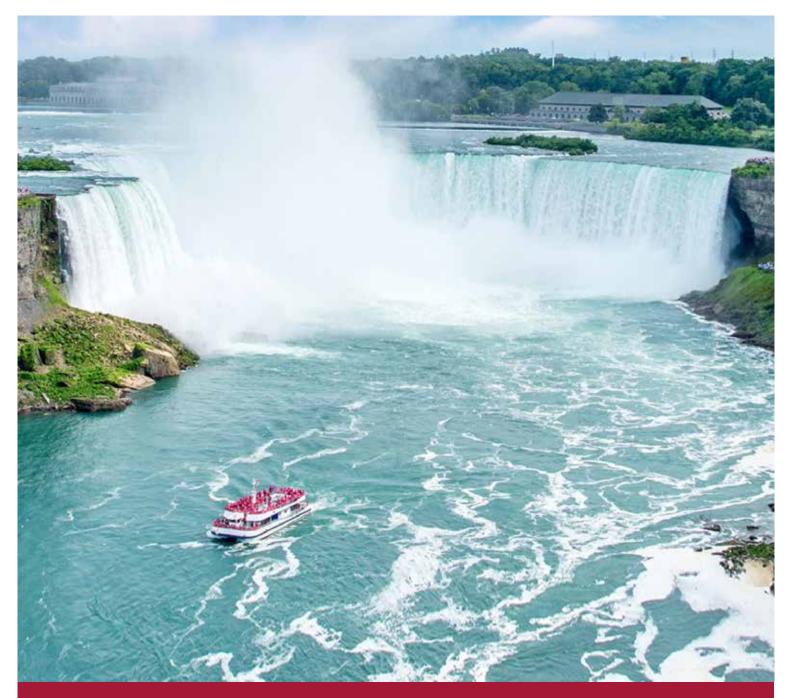
### Niagara Falls Excursion

Your excursion includes Hornblower Niagara Falls cruise or 'Journey Behind the Falls'. Enjoy lunch (included) overlooking the Falls and free time in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

#### DAY 13

### Montréal

By rail, journey to Montréal, past Lake Ontario and along the shores of the St. Lawrence River for a two-night stay.



## Québec City Excursion

The heart of French Canada and the old town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

#### DAY 15

### Moncton

Enjoy a city tour of Montréal. Points of interest include Notre Dame Basilica and Old Montreal. Board VIA Rail's *The Ocean* to travel to Moncton. Overnight in a private bedroom. Dinner included.

#### DAY 16

## Chalottetown

Wake to scenic views and shortly before lunch arrive in Moncton. Disembark and take a private transfer (included) via the Confederation Bridge to Charlottetown for a two-night stay.





## Anne of Green Gables Excursion

Enjoy the scenic views of Green Gables Shore. Tour Green Gable House, an old farm that inspired L. M. Montgomery's first novel, Anne of Green Gables. Breakfast included.

#### DAY 18

#### Moncton

This afternoon take a private transfer to Moncton for a two-night stay. Breakfast included.

#### DAY 19

## Hopewell Rocks Coastal Tour

This full-day tour will introduce you to the Bay of Fundy where the highest tides in the world have carved some dramatic rock sculptures.





## St-Andrews-by-the-Sea

A morning at leisure before your transfer (included) to this charming resort town for a three-night stay.

DAY 21

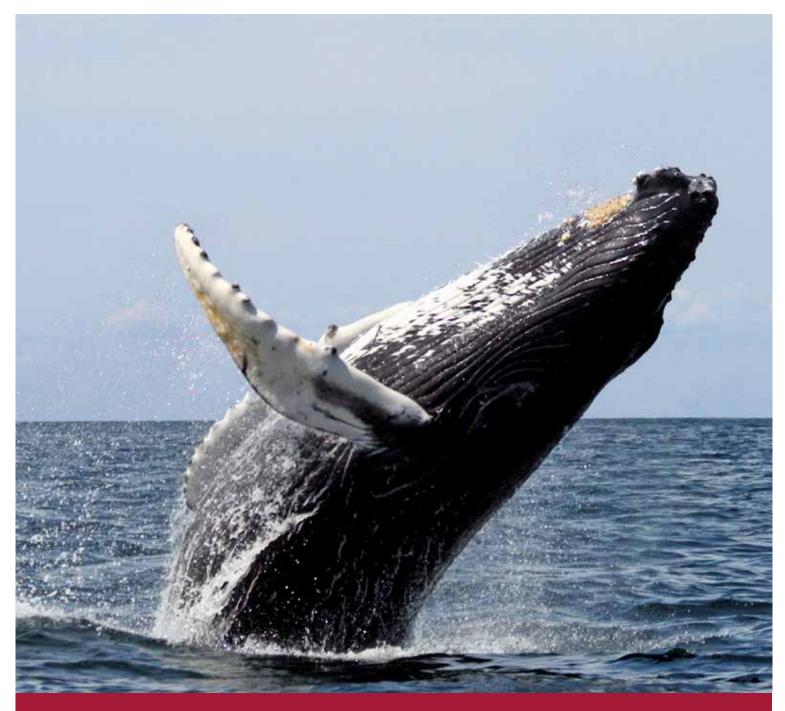
## Whale-Watching Cruise

Embark on a whale-watching tour. Look out for finback, minke, humpback and right whales.

#### DAY 22

### St-Andrews-by-the-Sea

Today is yours to enjoy this pretty coastal town. Wander the streets which are steeped in turn-of-the-century charm.





## Halifax

Transfer (included) to Moncton train station and board VIA Rail's *The Ocean* for the journey to Halifax. Transfer (not included) to your hotel for a two-night stay.

#### DAY 24

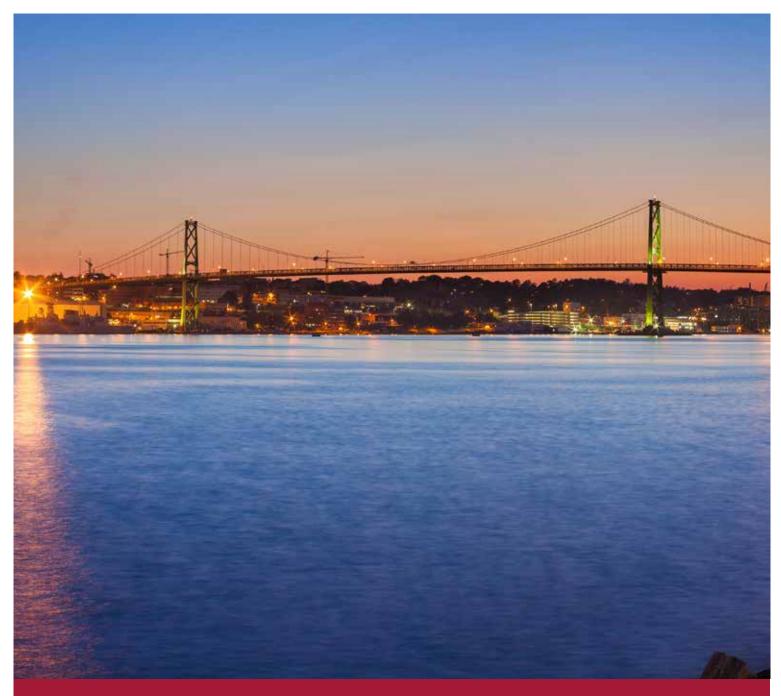
## Peggy's Cove Sightseeing

Today you will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Halifax and Peggy's Cove.

### DAY 25

## End of Tour

Arrangements end upon hotel check-out.



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## What's Included?

- \* 20 nights' accommodation
- \* *Rocky Mountaineer* from Vancouver to Banff (SilverLeaf Service)
- \* Vancouver, Banff, Québec City and Montréal sightseeing tours
- \* Full-day tour between Lake Louise and Jasper
- \* VIA Rail onboard accommodation for 3 nights, Jasper to Toronto
- \* Niagara Falls sightseeing tour
- \* VIA Rail train between Toronto and Montréal

- \* VIA Rail's The Ocean train between Montréal and Moncton (overnight accommodation in a private bedroom)
- \* Transfers as detailed
- \* Anne of Green Gables Tour
- \* Charlottetown highlights tour
- \* Hopewell Rocks & Bay of Fundy Coastal tour
- \* Whale-watching cruise
- \* National Park fees

## What's Not Included?

- \* Transportation other than specified
- \* Activities other than specified
- \* Meals other than specified
- \* Gratuities

## The Next Step?

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!

