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Thompson Rivers Confluence, Kamloops
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime train trip across Canada—a small-group journey (26 guests maximum) from Toronto across the expanse of five provinces, through the Canadian Rockies to the Pacific Northwest.

Enjoy upgraded Prestige Class premium accommodations onboard VIA Rail’s The Canadian, providing the perfect combination of modern and elegant cabins, private concierge service, delightful meals prepared by onboard chefs, all-inclusive bar service, and observation cars that allow for unobstructed viewing of Canada’s great wilderness.

This is what travel was meant to be. And with time to explore Niagara Falls, Toronto, and Victoria during the optional pre-tour and post-tour, it’s a unique opportunity to get to know the beauty and history of our northern neighbor.

Space is limited. 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 and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at wustl.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Susan Cohen
Associate Vice Chancellor, Alumni and Constituent Engagement
Washington University

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
**Your 7-Day Itinerary** (subject to change)

NOTE: VIA Rail Canada, like other passenger railways in North America, operates on tracks owned by freight companies. 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. Onboard services are guaranteed and any changes to the schedule will be communicated and updated as the journey continues.

**Day 1:** Arrive in Toronto, Ontario, Canada (R)
Special welcome reception
Overnight: Fairmont Royal York

**Day 2:** Toronto / Board VIA Rail’s
*The Canadian / Hornepayne* (B,L,D)
Morning embarkation, mimosa toast, travel through Ontario
Overnight: *The Canadian*

**Day 3:** *The Canadian / Winnipeg, Manitoba* (B,L,D)
Travel through Manitoba, brief leisure time in Winnipeg, depart for Saskatoon
Overnight: *The Canadian*

**Day 4:** *The Canadian / Saskatoon, Saskatchewan / Edmonton, Alberta* (B,L,D)
Travel into Alberta, brief stops in each town
Overnight: *The Canadian*

**Day 5:** *The Canadian / Jasper / Kamloops, British Columbia* (B,L,D)
Brief stops in each town
Overnight: *The Canadian*

**Day 6:** *The Canadian / Vancouver* (B,R)
Disembarkation, guided city tour, special wine and dessert farewell reception
Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

**Day 7:** Vancouver / Depart for U.S. (B)
(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception)

**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.
Repose

• Enjoy the serenity of travel by rail as you spend four days unplugged from the outside world, with the beauty of the Canadian wilderness unfolding before you.

• Relax at leisure within your private Prestige Class stateroom—providing 50% more living space than other class cabins—featuring a picture window that’s 60% larger than standard cabin windows, a leather couch by day that transforms into a comfortable double bed with luxury linens by night, heated floors, private en suite bathroom with shower, flat screen TV, and turndown service.

• Prestige Class amenities also include personalized concierge service, priority seating in the dining car, and complimentary snacks and beverages in the Park Car 24-hours a day.

Experience

• Savor the best in Canadian cuisine with a selection of local and regional specialties prepared by onboard chefs.

Discover

• From your stateroom, or from seats in the domed observation car or Prestige Park lounge car, admire the vastness and diversity of Canada—starting at the shores of Lake Ontario, traversing across five provinces—including expansive prairies and the Canadian Rockies—and ending in Vancouver.

• Set out on a guided panoramic city tour of Vancouver.

What’s Included

• 2 nights luxury hotel accommodations
• 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 train)
• Special welcome and farewell receptions
• Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
• Admission to all activities and tours as described in the 7-day itinerary
• Private motor coach transportation for the sightseeing tour
• Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, onboard guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping staff, VIA Rail attendants, and wait staff for included meals
• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Accommodations (subject to change)

The Canadian Railway hotels, a group of historic hotels built between 1886 and 1930 by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railway companies, were designed to promote rail travel and provide modern, luxurious accommodations for passengers as they traveled across Canada. This program includes one night each at two of the most well-known, iconic hotels.

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

Experience an inviting blend of modern amenities with a sense of nostalgia, and the perfect way to unplug and enjoy nature’s beauty at a slower pace.

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.

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.
Kick off this Canadian adventure with the country’s must-do signature attraction—Niagara Falls! With the guidance of a skilled captain, get up-close and personal with Canadian Horseshoe Falls and breathtaking Great Gorge. Hear the thundering roar and feel the mighty power and unbelievable mist that come along with these natural wonders. In addition, enjoy a guided city tour through Toronto to explore a majestic castle, a vibrant farmers market, and spectacular views in all directions high from the CN Tower.

**Pre-Tour Itinerary** *(subject to change)*

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**What’s Included**

- 2 nights accommodations at the Fairmont Royal York (shown at left) or similar, with breakfast each morning
- A guided city tour of Toronto
- Access to stops on the city tour, including Casa Loma, the St. Lawrence Market, and the CN Tower
- Private transportation to/from Niagara Falls
- Niagara Falls boat tour, including a scenic lunch
- Gratuities to local guide and driver
- Airport transfer for guests arriving during the suggested times
Enjoy two nights in delightful Victoria—British Columbia’s picture-perfect capital. This 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. Savor the island’s relaxing pace by exploring its lush gardens, and admire the historical architecture while embracing Victoria’s friendly ambiance.

**Optional Post-Tour**

**Victoria**

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

**Day 7:** Vancouver / Victoria
Explore Butchart Gardens, panoramic city tour, evening at leisure

**Day 8:** Victoria (B)
Day at leisure

**Day 9:** Depart Victoria (B)
After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to Victoria International Airport for flights home

What’s Included

- A 1.5 hour ferry cruise from Vancouver to Victoria across the Strait of Georgia
- 2 nights accommodations at the Fairmont Empress (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
- A guided panoramic city tour
- Admission to Butchart Gardens
- Gratuities to local guide
- Airport transfer for guests departing during the suggested times
**Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited.**

**A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program.** Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850 per person per program and $300 per person for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program’s scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

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What Guests Are Saying...

Our travel director was an excellent guide. His lectures were very informative and he was very knowledgeable about all aspects of the area. He went above and beyond to make sure we were well taken care of and comfortable.

~Patricia Q., Houston, TX

Well planned; excellent attention to detail; eager and enthusiastic service staff. Unbelievable sights. Great food.

~Diane C., Wilmette, IL

I highly recommend this train experience. It was an excellent exposure to the Canadian provinces.

~Joe M., Burr Ridge, IL