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## Trans Canadian Rail Tour Toronto to Jasper

18 Day Conducted Tour

only **\$6,375** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This is excellent value for a panoramic tour across Canada. The price includes:

- Return Economy Class air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Toronto and out of Vancouver with Air Canada.
- A fascinating 15 day tour of Canada, including a three night stay in Toronto, before boarding VIA Rail's 'The Canadian' on a Trans-Canadian rail journey from Toronto to Jasper in 'Sleeper Plus' class. The tour also includes a coach tour of the Canadian Rockies from Jasper to Vancouver, as well as a two night stay on Victoria island in British Columbia.
- Good accommodation.
- All meals while on the train.
- All transport and transfers.
- Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and driver.
- Services of local tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.

This tour would be of particular interest to train enthusiasts, allowing you to experience the magic of Canada from a different perspective.



If you don't have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try to assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra charge of \$1,245.

**Tour departs Australia 20<sup>th</sup> May and returns 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for Trans Canadian Rail Tour**

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### **20.05.19 Australia – Vancouver – Toronto, Canada**

Depart Melbourne at 6.00am on flight QF 600, arriving in Brisbane at 8.10am. Melbourne & Brisbane passengers then depart Brisbane at 10.40am on Air Canada flight AC 36, arriving in Vancouver at 7.10am the same day (you cross the international Date line).

Depart Sydney at 10.10am on flight AC 34, arriving in Vancouver at 7.30am the same day.

All passengers then depart Vancouver at 9.00am on flight AC 34, arriving in Toronto at 4.20pm.

Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel.

Accommodation: Chelsea Hotel or similar

### **21.05.19 Toronto**

Today is at leisure in Toronto. Our tour director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Accommodation: Chelsea Hotel or similar

### **22.05.19 Toronto (Excursion to Niagara Falls)**

We leave bustling Toronto and travel along the shores of Lake Ontario to Niagara Falls. Sightseeing here includes a boat cruise past the world famous falls. Later we visit picturesque Niagara-on-the-Lake. We return to Toronto. The evening is at leisure for your own exploration. You may wish to visit Harbourfront Centre, Ontario Place and Chinatown.

Note: Operation of Niagara Falls sightseeing cruise is subject to favourable weather and/or river conditions. When unfavourable conditions exist, a walking tour through the scenic tunnels will be substituted.

Accommodation: Chelsea Hotel or similar

### **23.05.19 Toronto – Via Rail the Canadian**

Setting Toronto's exciting architectural pace are City Hall, the downtown banking district, Roger's Centre and stunning CN Tower, more than a third of a mile high. See all this and more on our city sightseeing tour. This evening you may wish to join the optional outing that combines dinner with the spectacular sight of Toronto's lights from the CN Tower. Afterwards we transfer to Union Station for a late evening departure on the Canadian, Via Rail's premier transcontinental train. We spend the next three days and nights on this classic rail journey across Canada's heartland. Our Sleeper Plus class rail cars are refurbished art-deco cars from the 1950's. Domed observation cars let us enjoy views of the Canadian countryside as we roll past Ontario's landscapes. All meals are included and we won't want to miss any of them as the chef offers a tempting array of soups, salads, main courses and desserts. In addition, non alcoholic beverages are included in the dining car during meal times and complimentary tea, coffee, fruit and cookies are available in the lounge cars.

Accommodation: Overnight onboard

- 24.05.19 Via Rail the Canadian**  
**(B/L/D)** Today watch the scenery as we whisk by the ever-changing Canadian landscape and travel the full length of the Canadian National Railway's breathtaking mainline. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today.  
Accommodation: Overnight onboard
- 25.05.19 Via Rail the Canadian - Winnipeg**  
**(B/L/D)** We have an early arrival into Winnipeg, Manitoba's capital, a city rich in history and culture. In the early afternoon we continue our journey through Manitoba's prairies and into Saskatchewan. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today.  
Accommodation: Overnight on board
- 26.05.19 Via Rail the Canadian – Jasper National Park**  
**(B)** Wake early and enjoy a delicious breakfast/brunch as we continue on the Canadian into the very heart of the Canadian Rockies. Arrive in Jasper this afternoon. An orientation tour includes Jasper's unspoiled beauty. You may wish to take an optional float trip on the Athabasca River to end the day. The evening is free to enjoy the ambience of this delightful mountain setting.  
Accommodation: Lobstick Lodge or similar
- 27.05.19 Jasper National Park**  
With free time this morning, maybe hike on the trails and watch for wildlife, or stroll the streets of Jasper. This afternoon consider an optional trip to Maligne Lake for a narrated cruise to the much photographed Spirit Island. On the return journey, stop to view mighty Maligne Canyon.  
Accommodation: Lobstick Lodge or similar
- 28.05.19 Jasper National Park – Columbia Icefield – Lake Louise – Banff National Park**  
Today we board our motorcoach and journey through Jasper National Park, stopping along the way at the Columbia Icefield to experience the Ice Explorer, an all-terrain vehicle that travels on ice that is 250 metres thick. We continue down Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise, where cold waters mirror the surrounding mountains and glaciers. Arrive in Banff National Park for a leisurely two night stay.  
Accommodation: Irwin's Mountain Inn or similar
- 29.05.19 Banff National Park**  
This morning, consider an optional helicopter ride over the Canadian Rockies. The day is free to independently explore this resort town located within Banff National Park. Stroll Banff Avenue, the main thoroughfare of boutiques and souvenir shops. The surrounding 2,564 square miles of parkland are home to wildlife including elk and grizzly bears. This evening your tour director will suggest an optional horse drawn wagon ride along scenic trails followed by a BBQ steak dinner.  
Accommodation: Irwin's Mountain Inn or similar
- 30.05.19 Banff National Park – Yoho National Park – Glacier National Park – Kamloops**  
This morning we leave Banff National Park and travel over Kicking Horse Pass on the Continental Divide. We travel through Yoho National Park, where pre-Cambrian fossils were discovered, and Glacier National Park, where recreational mountain climbing was introduced to North America a century ago. Late this afternoon we

arrive at the cattle ranching centre of Kamloops.  
Accommodation: Quality Inn Kamloops or similar

**31.05.19 Kamloops – Ferry Crossing – Victoria**

As we travel through the Coast Mountain Range to the majestic Pacific coastline, the vegetation changes from desert landscape to lush alpine forests. We board an afternoon ferry for the spectacular crossing to Vancouver Island. Sightseeing in Victoria includes the world famous Butchart Gardens, the Inner Harbour, Bastion Square and Thunderbird Park. This evening consider strolling along the Waterfront Promenade.

Accommodation: Royal Scot Hotel & Suites or similar

**01.06.19 Victoria**

Today is at leisure in Victoria. Be sure to discover some of the attractions this splendid city has to offer, including the Royal British Columbia Museum, afternoon tea at the Empress Hotel, a whale-watching cruise on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and fine shopping along Government Street.

Accommodation: Royal Scot Hotel & Suites or similar

**02.06.19 Victoria – Ferry Crossing – Vancouver**

This morning set sail across the Strait of Georgia and through the spectacular Gulf Islands, an archipelago known for its climate. In Vancouver, city sightseeing includes Stanley park, Gastown, Chinatown and many other famous landmarks. The remainder of the day is free to explore Robson Street and experience British Columbia's premier shopping and entertainment location.

Accommodation: Sandman Suites on Davie or similar

**03.06.19 Vancouver**

Today is at leisure for independent sightseeing. Maybe take a water taxi to lively Granville Island with its outdoor markets, street musicians and waterfront cafes. Or re-visit historic Gastown with its steam-powered clock, antique shops, art galleries and street vendors.

Accommodation: Sandman Suites on Davie or similar

**04.06.19 Vancouver – Australia**

Today is at leisure in Vancouver. We will be able to stay in our hotel rooms until our evening transfer to the airport for our flights home.

Brisbane passengers depart Vancouver at 11.50pm on flight AC 35, arriving in Brisbane at 7.25am two days later (06.06.19 - you re-cross the International Date Line).

Sydney and Melbourne passengers depart Vancouver at 11.50pm on flight AC 33, arriving in Sydney at 8.15am two days later (06.06.19 - you re-cross the International Date Line).

**5.06.19 In flight**

**06.06.19 Arrive Australia**

Brisbane passengers arrive into Brisbane at 7.25am this morning.  
Sydney and Melbourne passengers arrive into Sydney at 8.15am.

Melbourne passengers then depart Sydney at 10.00am on Qantas flight QF 423, arriving in Melbourne at 11.35am.

**Note:** The ground operator in Canada is Cosmos and the train operator is VIA Rail.



### Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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### Tour Difficulty Level 4

This tour rating typically involves an above average level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, boarding trains quickly with your luggage, walking distances of up to 2 kilometres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as early departures and full tour days. The berths on the train are couch-style seats by day, which convert to upper and lower beds at night. It is required that guests are able to climb a ladder to reach the upper berth in a double cabin. Unfortunately this tour rating is not recommended for individuals who cannot walk unaided.



## BY NIGHT – SLEEPER PLUS CLASS

Sleeper Plus offers the added comfort of amenities, including access to the in-car shower, as well as great service and your choice of a cosy berth, a cabin for one or two (single supplement applies for single berth cabins).

## À LA CARTE

Inside the dining car, enjoy freshly cooked meals, regional specialties, Canadian wines and a view that won't quit.



## BY DAY

The show continues inside the train with wine tastings, presentations, musical acts on certain departures, access to lounges and cars with glass ceilings.

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## PRESTIGE CLASS

At an additional cost, clients can upgrade to Prestige Class, with an upgraded cabin, private washroom with shower, all-inclusive meal and bar service, and personalized concierge service. This upgrade is on a request basis only. Please contact our office for pricing and availability.



## Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Trans Canadian Rail Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 12 weeks prior to departure. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travelers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. Passengers entering Canada will require an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA), which is applied for online and requires your passport details, credit card and an email address. The current cost for this ETA is \$7 Canadian Dollars and is valid for five years.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature e.g. phone calls, drinks, travel insurance, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the merchant fees charged by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$150 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know. Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation on the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

**MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM**

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

**A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM**

Name of Tour : \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 1** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 2** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PostCode** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone / Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Passport Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

**Single room / Twin beds / Double bed:** (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Extensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person and the Health & Fitness form.

**DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.**



**HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

- 1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details and severity: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
- 3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No  
If no, please provide details about these limitations: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
- 10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No  
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
- 11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: \_\_\_\_\_

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

**DISCLAIMER**

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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