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# Canada CANADIAN ROCKIES 9 Days TOUR PACKAGE with VIA Rail MAY - SEP 2018

### DAY 1. CALGARY.

Welcome to Calgary! Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Hotel: International Hotel Calgary (Sup.First)

#### DAY 2. CALGARY-BANFF NATIONAL PARK.

The discovery of oil converted this cattle ranching town into a thriving, sophisticated city. Sightseeing shows off downtown, Fort Calgary, Stampede Park, the Saddledome, and Canada Olympic Park. Next, drive west through the foothills of the Rockies into BANFF NATIONAL PARK. (B)

Hotel: Mount Royal or Inns of Banff (Standard)

#### DAY 3. BANFF NATIONAL PARK.

Full day at leisure. Banff is one of Canada's favourite resortsyour Tour Director will suggest an optional helicopter ride over the Canadian Rockies.

### **DAY 4.** BANFF NATIONAL PARK-LAKE LOUISE-COLUMBIA ICEFIELD-JASPER NATIONAL PARK.

First stop is Lake Louise, whose cold waters reflect the surrounding mountains and glaciers. Precipitous gorges, snowcapped mountain ranges, and exquisite lakes come into view as the motorcoach scales two mountain passes. Another highlight today is a stop at the COLUMBIA ICEFIELD to experience the Ice Explorer, an all-terrain vehicle that travels on ice measuring 1,200 feet (365 metres) thick. Late this afternoon, join our optional float trip down the historic Athabasca River. In Jasper, an orientation tour showcases the unspoiled beauty. Accommodation for the next two nights is in JASPER NATIONAL PARK. *Hotel: Marmot Lodge (First Class)* 

#### DAY 5. JASPER NATIONAL PARK.

Join the optional narrated cruise on Maligne Lake to Spirit Island. On the return journey, you'll be mesmerised by dramatic Maligne Canyon. With much of the afternoon and evening free, consider hiking or exploring Jasper's local charm. *DAY 6.* JASPER NATIONAL PARK-VIA RAIL THE CANADIAN.

On VIA Rail's the Canadian, a late-afternoon departure allows you one last chance to explore Jasper before you transfer to the train station for the overnight run west across Canada's Rocky Mountains to Vancouver. The Canadian features renovated cars, comfortable cabin accommodations in Sleeper Plus class, and delicious meals. Enjoy regional cuisine over a 3course dinner in the dining car. Spend time in the Skyline car, with dome seating and a lounge area, or relax in the Park car and meet other travellers. The comfortable cabins come with

bed turndown service, in-car shower access, & lots of little extras, such as a personal toiletry kit. (D)

#### DAY 7. VIA RAIL THE CANADIAN- VANCOUVER.

Continue through the ranchlands along the South Thompson River, the fertile fields of the Fraser Valley, and snowcapped Coast Mountains. Upon arrival, city sightseeing focuses on Vancouver's beautiful beaches and harbour, Chinatown, Gastown, and lovely Stanley Park. (B)

Hotel: Holiday Inn & Suites Downtown (First class)

#### DAY 8. VANCOUVER-FERRY CROSSING- VICTORIA.

This morning, sail across the Strait of Georgia through the spectacular Gulf Islands, known for its Mediterraneanlike climate. Afternoon sightseeing in Victoria includes worldfamous BUTCHART GARDENS, Bastion Square, and Thunderbird Park with its collection of totem poles.

## DAY 9. VICTORIA-FERRY CROSSING- VANCOUVER.

Morning departure for Vancouver. The trip ends today with guests departing on individual schedules. Transfers to Vancouver International Airport are included. Please schedule flights after 1:30 pm.

#### **TOUR PRICE** Departure-End Dates 2018

**US\$ 3,828** 01 May – 09 May, 15 May – 23 May

**\$ 4,038** 29 May – 06 Jun

**\$ 4,168** 12 Jun –20 Jun, 26 Jun –04 Jul 2018, 24Jul–01Aug, 07–15 Aug, 21–29 Aug, 04–12 Sep, 11–19 Sep

Minimum of 2 persons; Above dates subject to availability

**Includes:** Round-trip airfare and taxes via Phil. Airlines Sightseeing in Calgary & Vancouver, orientation tour in Jasper, Ice Explorer ride, Stanley Park, Butchard Gardens. Services of a professional Tour Director.

Transportation: On VIA Rail's Canadian – private bedroom from Jasper to Vancouver in Sleeper Plus class, ferry crossing to/from Vancover Island, private deluxe motorcoach.

Meals: 1 hotel breakfast, on VIA Rail – 1 dinner, 1 breakfast

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