

## INDEPENDENT VACATION

**MOUNTAINS, PEAKS & GLACIERS – VIA RAIL**

**6 NIGHTS & 7 DAYS**



**Highlights:** Grouse Mountain & Capilano Suspension Bridge Tour, Vancouver City Tour, Overnight travel on Via Rail, Discover Jasper Tour, Ice Explorer Ride at Columbia Ice-fields, Lake Louise, Discover Banff Tour with Sulphur Mountain Gondola, 12 Minutes Summit Helicopter Tour

### Day 01: Vancouver

On arrival transfer from Vancouver International Airport to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure, overnight at hotel.

### Day 02: Vancouver

After breakfast proceed on Grouse Mountain and Capilano Suspension Bridge Tour. This tour starts from sea level to 4,000 feet above Vancouver. Cross the Lions Gate Bridge, see British Property's exclusive homes, gardens and vistas. Visit Capilano Salmon Hatchery to observe at close range salmon returning to spawn at this beautiful river site. Later proceed to the 230 ft. Capilano Suspension bridge overlooking the magnificent canyon. See traditional totem pole carvers, large totem pole and native displays, occasional dancing and historic logging exhibits. Walk through and admire the impressive living forest exhibit. At Grouse Mountain - ride the famous Skyride to this 3700 ft. high mountaintop playground. Ample time to visit Theatre in the Sky's "Born to Fly", seasonal logging shows, Peak Chairlift and other activities. Overnight in hotel.

### Day 03: Vancouver/Jasper

After breakfast morning at leisure, afternoon checkout and proceed on Vancouver City Tour. This tour offers the very best of Vancouver's sights, sounds and spectacular scenery. See Canada Place, Robson Street, the Public Library, Sports Venues, Theatres, Chinatown and Gastown. Soak in the natural splendour of Stanley Park's Totem Poles sightsee from Prospect Point, pass the West End high-rises and the beaches of English Bay. Visit the vibrant Granville Island with its public market, unique shops, restaurants and galleries along the water. Visit The Lookout to take the glass elevator to the 360° views. Later drop off at Pacific Central Station to connect Via Rail Train at 8.30 pm for overnight journey to Jasper.

### Day 04: Jasper

On arrival at 4.00 pm, transfer to hotel. Rest of the day at leisure, overnight at hotel.

### Day 05 : Jasper

After breakfast proceed on Discover Jasper Tour. Jasper nestled within Jasper National Park is the largest and most northerly of the mountain parks. Its beauty and history is set amid some of the most rugged peaks in the Rockies. Explore the natural attractions of Maligne Canyon, Medicine Lake and Maligne Lake with our driver guide. At Maligne Canyon stroll along the 50 meter walls while learning about its unique underground water system. Discover the mystery of the disappearing lake and stroll along the shores of Maligne Lake, visit the giftshop or enjoy a snack in their restaurant. This excursion offers the opportunity to see wildlife in their natural environment. Afternoon at leisure, overnight at hotel.

### Day 06 : Jasper/Lake Louise/Banff

After breakfast checkout and transfer to Banff. Built in 1940, the famous Icefields Parkway links Jasper and Banff National Parks along one of Canada's highest mountain roadways. Climbing from the low valleys to nearly treeline, experience three life zones, the montane, the subalpine and the alpine. Along the way stop at major viewpoints of Athabasca Falls, Columbia Icefield, Crowfoot Glacier, and Peyto Lake. At the Icefields Centre you have time to visit the giftshop, the Glacier Gallery or snack at the restaurant and ride on an Ice Explorer (included). On your way to Banff, experience the breathtaking waters of Lake Louise and the dominant Victoria Glacier. Upon arrival in Banff, you will be dropped off at the hotel.

### Day 07 : Banff/Calgary

After breakfast proceed on Discover Banff Tour. The resort town of Banff is set amongst the towering mountains of Rundle, Tunnel, Cascade and Norquay. With a driver guide learn about the natural attractions of the wind-shaped hoodoos which tower majestically over the valley. Visit the classic viewpoint of Surprise Corner along Tunnel Mountain Drive. A gentle ride on the Banff Gondola (included) in a four

passenger car for 8-minutes takes you to the summit of Sulphur Mountain for a 360 degree panorama of the Bow Valley. Afternoon checkout and transfer to Calgary. On the way stop at Kananaskis for the most powerful experience in the

Rockies, a 12 minute Summit Helicopter Tour offering stunning views and remarkable landscape of the Rockies. Later continue your journey to Calgary Airport to connect flight to onward destination.

#### INCLUSIONS

- Five nights accommodation.
- Daily breakfast at restaurant in the hotel.
- Arrival transfer on private basis.
- Overnight travel Vancouver/Jasper by VIA rail chair car.
- Train station transfers on private basis.
- Inter-city transfers Jasper/Lake Louise/Banff/Calgary on SIC basis.
- Sightseeing tours on SIC basis with local English speaking driver/guide.
- Entrance fees to visit attractions as per itinerary.
- Hotel taxes.

#### Hotels

City	Value	Moderate	Deluxe
Vancouver	Empire Landmark	Sheraton Wall Centre	Fairmont Waterfront Centre
Jasper	Lobstick Lodge	Chateau Jasper	Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
Banff	Banff Ptarmigan Inn	Rimrock Resort Hotel	Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

#### Recommended Optional Tours

City	Tour	Duration
Vancouver	Vancouver Scenic Float Plane Tour	30 Minutes
Jasper	Maligne Lake Cruise	1.5 Hours
Jasper	Whitewater Rafting Tour	2.5 Hours
Jasper	Athabasca River Raft Float Tour	2.5 Hours
Banff	Minnewanka Boat Ride	1.5 Hours

**Departure: Sunday Wednesday & Friday.**