

Quebec & Ontario with VIA Rail | Capital Experience

Holiday Duration: 9 Nights



Overview

The major attractions of Quebec and Ontario by train.

VIA Rail connects Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City, and you will see Canada's most populous region by travelling comfortably in VIA Rails modern rail cars.

You will experience the exciting ambiance of multicultural Toronto, visit world famous Niagara Falls. You will ride through rural Ontario to Ottawa. Don't miss the numerous museums, galleries and boutiques in charming Ottawa! Then hop back on the train and head for the Laurentians.

You will discover 400 year old Quebec City, with its historic heart, European flavour and distinct French-Canadian character. Your final destination will be bustling Montreal for an unforgettable impression of the modern French-Canadian lifestyle.

All sightseeing tours and train travel are included in this holiday

This itinerary is flexible and can be tailor-made to suit you; if you want to add extra days in one area, extend the holiday or maybe

change the direction of travel. Talk to one of our experts about how to make this holiday the perfect one for you.

Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Day 1



Toronto

Fly from the UK to Toronto and on arrival, make your own way to your downtown hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Canada's commercial and cultural centre.

3 nights in Toronto

Day 2



Discover the many identities of this cosmopolitan city on a hop-on/hop-off sightseeing tour of Toronto. Highlights include City Hall, the financial district, Chinatown, residential areas, the waterfront and admission to the CN Tower, standing 335.33 metres tall. Ride the glass-fronted elevators to the top of the world's tallest structure and take in un forgettable views of Toronto and Lake Ontario. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration, shopping or simple relaxation.

Day 3



Toronto to Niagara Falls

Enjoy a full-day sightseeing excursion to Niagara Falls. The route takes you through the lush fruit growing district and wine region of the Niagara Peninsula. Marvel at the spectacle of the famous Niagara Falls and step aboard the Hornblower Niagara Cruises Voyage To The Falls boat tour for a fantastic boat trip to the foot of the Horseshoe Falls. You will have ample time at the Falls to take pictures and admire the thundering waters or stroll into town. Highlights include a meal and a trip along the beautiful

Niagara Parkway, which winds its way along the Niagara Gorge. Pass through the historic community of Niagara-on-the-Lake before returning to Toronto for the evening.

Lunch included.

Day 4



Toronto to Ottawa

This morning, transfer independently to Union Station to board VIA Rail's The Corridor train to Ottawa. You will be passing quaint little towns along Lake Ontario, the historic city of Kingston and the Thousand Islands region. As of Brockville, you'll be travelling straight north into the direction of the capital region. Upon arrival in Ottawa, the remainder of the day is free to explore the charms of Canada's capital city. Take a stroll along the famous Rideau Canal (designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site) or discover what the bustling Byward Market has to offer.

2 nights in Ottawa.

Day 5



Enjoy a hop-on/hop-off panoramic sightseeing tour of Ottawa today. You will see the Parliament Buildings, Embassy Row, the Royal Canadian Mint, the National Gallery of Canada, the National Aviation Museum, the residence of the Prime Minister and Governor-General, the RCMP Museum and Stables, the National Arts Centre and much more. You will drive through scenic gardens and parklands and along the Rideau Canal. This comprehensive sightseeing tour is special as it allows you to step on and off at any of the stops along the route to fully experience the charming nation's capital.

The remainder of the day is free to explore the city's many museums, galleries and boutiques.

Day 6



Ottawa to Quebec City

Today is your departure from Ottawa to Quebec City on board VIA Rail's The Corridor. You'll be leaving the capital region of Ottawa behind and

heading for the Laurentians. Past Montreal, the train will be riding along the southern shore of the St. Lawrence River passing charming little towns and villages in the beautiful French-Canadian countryside.

The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore fascinating Quebec City and experience its energetic nightlife.

2 nights in Quebec City

Day 7



Today you will explore historic and modern Quebec City on a morning sightseeing tour. Quebec City is the only city in North America with city walls and gates earning it a United Nations World Heritage Site distinction in 1985. Discover the historical treasures and wonderful “joie de vivre” atmosphere of Quebec. Your guide provides narration while you see the Latin Quarter, the Plains of Abraham, the Fortifications, the National Assembly, Place Royale, the Basilica and many more points of interest.

The rest of the day is at your leisure to further explore the city or indulge at one of many fine restaurants.

Day 8



Quebec City to Montreal

Hop on the train today for a short ride to Montreal. This time, you'll be travelling along the northern shore of the St. Lawrence River passing Trois-Rivières and charming Cap-de-la-Madeleine with its national shrine to the Virgin Mary. Upon reaching the bustling metropolis of Montreal, prepare for an afternoon of exploring the second largest French-speaking city after Paris. Sample the fine cuisine and exuberant nightlife!

2 nights in Montreal

Day 9



Today, you will be going on a 3-hour sightseeing tour of Montreal. You will see numerous highlights, such as the Notre Dame Basilica, the financial and residential districts, historic Old Montreal, the charming Latin Quarter and much more. You will visit the Olympic Complex, travel through the campus of McGill University and marvel at the panoramic views from an observation point on top of Mont Royal.

Day 10



Montreal to Toronto

Today is your departure from Montreal to Toronto on board VIA Rail's The Corridor. Upon arrival at Toronto's Union Station, your holiday has come to an end.

You can add some extra time in Ontario to your holiday or head to the airport for your return flight to the UK.

Classes

Economy Class

Enjoy spacious seating and pleasant landscapes through large picture windows. *Possibility to purchase a blanket and pillow kit for \$10.00 which includes a polar fleece blanket, earplugs, a neck pillow and eyeshades.

Business Class

With ergonomic, comfortable seats and meals and drinks included, as well as two pieces of luggage and a personal item, it is worth upgrading to Business Class on your VIA Train. Ask us for details of prices and availability.