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CANADA

Cross-country rail tour

Ride the rails from Montreal to Vancouver on a 10-day trans-Canada trip that celebrates the nation's 150th anniversary — a yearlong nationwide party marking the date when the colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick agreed to form the Canadian Confederation. Kick off your celebration in Montreal with a guided tour and a two-day stop to explore the city; then travel aboard VIA Rail's Corridor Service to Toronto. Participants will get an introduction to the city, followed by a full-day excursion to nearby Niagara Falls. The tour group then boards VIA Rail's signature train, the Canadian, for the four-night trip across five provinces to Vancouver, viewing prairies, lakes and the snow-capped Canadian Rockies. The train travels through Jasper National Park, a Rocky Mountain highlight. In Vancouver, participants will have a day to explore the city's attractions on a hop-on, hop-off tour.

Dates: Tours available May 2 through April 27

Price: From \$2,195 per person, double occupancy. Includes rail transportation, hotel accommodations for five nights and sleeper car for four nights, all meals on the train, city tours and some transfers. International airfare not included.

Info: Vacations by Rail/VIA Rail, (877) 929-7245, www.lat.ms/transcanada

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