Toronto to Vancouver by Rail

A Nostalgic Journey Aboard VIA Rail’s
The Canadian in Luxury Class

AUGUST 24-30, 2018

Special Traveling Aggies Rate
SAVE MORE THAN $1,000 per couple

* All aboard, eh? *
Howdy, Ags!

Join former students and friends for a once-in-a-lifetime train trip across Canada—a journey from Toronto across the expanse of five provinces, through the Canadian Rockies and into the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy upgraded Prestige Class premium accommodations onboard VIA Rail’s The Canadian, providing the perfect combination of modern and elegant cabins, private concierge service, delightful meals prepared by onboard chefs, all-inclusive bar service, and observation cars that allow for unobstructed viewing of Canada’s great wilderness.

This is what travel was meant to be. And with time to also explore Niagara Falls, Toronto, and Vancouver, it’s a unique opportunity to get to know the beauty and history of our northern neighbor.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at http://texas-am.orbridge.com, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig ‘em,

Jennifer Bohac
Jennifer Bohac ’87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel Programs
Discover the majestic beauty of Canada on a nostalgic rail journey that brings back the golden age of train travel.

Embark upon a trip that many travelers spend their lives dreaming about as you travel across Canada by rail. Delight in the magnificent views from the dome car and indulge in inspired meals prepared by onboard chefs.
Your 7-Day Itinerary  (subject to change)

Day 1:  Arrive in Toronto, Ontario, Canada (D)
• Special welcome dinner
• Overnight: Fairmont Royal York

Day 2:  Niagara Falls / Toronto / Board VIA Rail’s The Canadian (B,D)
• Guided tour of Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake, Hornblower boat ride, wine tasting
• Overnight: The Canadian

Day 3:  VIA Rail’s The Canadian / Hornepayne (B,L,D)
• Travel through Ontario and Manitoba
• Overnight: The Canadian

Day 4:  VIA Rail’s The Canadian / Winnipeg, Manitoba (B,L,D)
• Arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, complimentary panoramic city tour, depart for Saskatoon
• Overnight: The Canadian

Day 5:  VIA Rail’s The Canadian / Edmonton / Jasper, Alberta (B,L,D)
• Edmonton, Jasper, Kamloops with brief stops at each city
• Overnight: The Canadian

Day 6:  Vancouver, British Columbia (B,L)
• Panoramic city tour, Stanley Park, Gastown, Granville Island, special farewell lunch
• Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Day 7:  Depart Vancouver (B)

Optional Extension: Days 7-9 in Victoria

Program Highlights

• Experience the thundering beauty of Niagara Falls up close, with the spray on your face and your skilled captain guiding you safely close to its amazing power.
• Dine at the top of Toronto—delight in a three-course dinner in the iconic CN Tower, featuring a revolving view of Toronto more than 1,150 feet below.
• Enjoy the serenity of travel by rail as you spend four days unplugged from the outside world, with the beauty of the Canadian wilderness unfolding before you.
• Relax at leisure within your private Prestige Class stateroom—providing 50% more living space than other class cabins—featuring a picture window that’s 60% larger than standard cabin windows, a leather couch by day that transforms into a comfortable double bed with luxury linens by night, heated floors, private en suite bathroom with shower, flat screen TV with video selection, and turndown service.
• Prestige Class amenities also include personalized concierge service, priority seating in the dining car, and complimentary snacks and drinks in the Park car 24-hours a day.
• From your stateroom, or from seats in the domed observation car or Prestige Park lounge car, admire the vastness and diversity of Canada—starting at the shores of Lake Ontario, traversing across five provinces—including expansive prairies and the Canadian Rockies—and ending in Vancouver.
• Savor the best in Canadian cuisine with a selection of local and regional specialties prepared by onboard chefs.
• For a grand finish, cosmopolitan Vancouver awaits, with its renowned sights and fabulous seafood.

What’s Included:
• 2 nights hotel accommodations;
• 4 nights accommodations in Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail’s The Canadian;
• 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 5 dinners including special welcome reception and a farewell lunch;
• Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director;
• Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, onboard guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping staff, VIA Rail attendants, and wait staff for included meals; and transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Activity Level: Guests should be comfortable boarding and disembarking trains without assistance, walking and moving between cars while train is in motion and navigating stairs to upper level of observation car. All hallways have handrails, but train travel can be unpredictable and some unexpected movement may occur. At brief train stop locations, ground may be uneven and covered in loose gravel, with no sidewalks or marked trails.

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Accommodations (subject to change)

The Canadian Railway hotels, a group of historic hotels built between 1886 and 1930 by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railway companies, were designed to promote rail travel and provide modern, luxurious accommodations for passengers as they traveled across Canada. This program includes one night each in two of the most well-known, iconic hotels.

**FAIRMONT ROYAL YORK**

Built by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1929, it was the tallest building in Canada at the time, and featured magnificent architecture and luxury, including over 1,000 en suite guest rooms, a glass-enclosed roof garden, and a concert hall with a 50-ton pipe organ. It has recently undergone a five-year, multimillion dollar renovation to combine stunning, redesigned guest rooms with carefully preserved historic elements.

Located directly across from Union Station—and conveniently connected to the depot by an underground pedestrian walkway—this elegant downtown property is minutes away from the city’s best attractions, and features five restaurants, four lounges, an indoor pool, gym, spa, and business center.

**VIA RAIL’S THE CANADIAN**

Experience an inviting blend of modern amenities with a sense of nostalgia, and the perfect way to unplug and enjoy nature’s beauty at a slower pace.

*The Canadian’s Prestige Class provides an elegant and spacious cabin with oversized picture window with blinds, flat screen TV with video selection, modular leather L-shaped couch seating by day and comfortable double bed with luxurious bedding for two at night, mini-bar, and private bathroom with shower and deluxe amenities. Passengers in Prestige Class also enjoy priority boarding, access to the Business Lounge at Union Station, private concierge service with in-cabin cocktails and canapes, turndown service, and privileged access to the Park car.*

**FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER**

Opened in 1939—just in time for a visit by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, this opulent gem known as the “Castle in the City,” quickly became a landmark in Vancouver. The newly-renovated hotel features distinguished restaurants and lounges, an indoor pool, gym, and spa.
Your Travel Director:
From their knowledge of the areas you will traverse to their assistance onboard the train, your Orbridge Travel Director will make all the difference. Enriched by their expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of Canada’s rich history, natural beauty, and diverse people—to go with your beautiful photographs, of course.

Optional Extension
Victoria
Enjoy two nights in delightful Victoria—the lush capital of British Columbia. Savor the island’s relaxing pace as you explore vibrant gardens, admire historical architecture, and take in the city’s friendly ambience.

Extension Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 7:  
Vancouver / Victoria, British Columbia  
Explore Butchart Gardens, panoramic city tour, afternoon and evening at leisure

Day 8:  
Victoria (B)
Day at leisure

Day 9:  
Depart Victoria (B)
After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take a complimentary transfer to Victoria International Airport for flights home

What’s Included
• A 1.5 hour ferry cruise from Vancouver to Victoria across the Strait of Georgia
• Two nights accommodations at the Fairmont Empress (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
• Admission to Butchart Gardens
• A guided panoramic city tour
• Access to a local guide in Victoria to assist with your leisure plans, gratuities to the local guide, and private group transfers for guests departing at the suggested times
Option 1: Reserve online now at http://texas-am.orbridge.com or call (800) 633-7514.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

Guest Information:

Guest #1 Name: __________________________________________ Class Year _____________
Guest #2 Name: __________________________________________ Class Year _____________

Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________________State: ___________Zip: __________

Email:_____________________________Phone:___________________ Alt. Phone:____________________

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice _____________________ 2nd choice_________________

Deposit:

(#) _______ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) _______ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $

Deposit Payment:

☐ Check enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card #:_____________________________________________Exp. date: ____________ CVV:_____________

Billing address (if different from above):____________________________________________________

Name (as printed on card): __________________________________________________________________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature:__________________________________________________________ Date:__________________

Mail or fax reservation form:

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Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee (“Cancellation Fee”) as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 275 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all deposits will be fully refunded; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person for the program and $300 per person for extensions; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any extension; (d) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

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What Guests Are Saying...

We will forever cherish our amazing memory of trips taken with the Traveling Aggies, as well as wonderful new friendships we have made! Now, whenever we travel on ‘non-Aggie’ trips, we realize nothing can compare!
~Randy ’74 & Gail Parker

We have done several trips with the Traveling Aggies, and just can’t say enough about how wonderful it is to have our instant family traveling with us. And to have everything arranged so that we know we’re getting the best option is terrific! So much fun!
~Robert ’73 & Linda ’75 Flesher

I really enjoy traveling with other Aggies. It doesn’t matter what classes we are, we have a great thing in common, Texas A&M!
~Marta Hollowell ’82