

# *Toronto to Vancouver by Rail*

A Nostalgic Journey Aboard VIA Rail's  
*The Canadian* in Premium Class





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OCTOBER 12, 2021 – OCTOBER 18, 2021

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# TORONTO TO VANCOUVER BY RAIL

Discover the majestic beauty of Canada on a nostalgic rail journey that brings back the golden age of train travel.



Dear Friends,

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime train trip across Canada—a small-group journey (26 guests maximum) from Toronto across the expanse of five provinces, through the Canadian Rockies to the Pacific Northwest. This is the longest train journey in North America, gliding through gentle prairie fields, rugged lake country, and picturesque towns.

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 explore Niagara Falls, Toronto, and Victoria during the optional pre-tour and post-tour, 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 program 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 [ncsu.orbridge.com](https://ncsu.orbridge.com), by calling (800) 627-2586 or (919) 515-0508, by email at [hart@ncsu.edu](mailto:hart@ncsu.edu) or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Kathy Hart  
WolfTreks Travel Director  
NC State Alumni Association

*PS: Orbridge and NC State take your health and wellness seriously. Visit [orbridge.com/wellness](https://orbridge.com/wellness) to learn about our enhanced COVID-19 protocols.*

*Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 9/10/2020*

## Program Highlights:

- 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 and walls, private en suite bathroom with shower, flat-screen TV, and turndown service.
- Prestige Class amenities also include a small travel group size (26 guests max), dedicated concierge service, priority seating in the dining car, and complimentary snacks and beverages in the Park Car 24-hours a day.
- Awake each day to majestic, panoramic views outside your cabin's picture window. Inside *The Canadian*, many amenities await you among the first-class, art deco style cars, with abundant leisure time to enjoy them all.
- From your stateroom, or from seats in the Prestige Park lounge and dome cars, 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 and served on the dining car's elegant china. Three-course lunches and five-course dinners include specialties like Veal Chop with Cajun Spices, Canadian Lake Trout, and Pan-Seared Duck, served with complimentary beer or wine.
- Learn about the landscape, history, and people of Canada's provinces through onboard lectures and presentations.
- Set out on a guided panoramic city tour of Vancouver.
- **What's Included:** 2 nights luxury hotel accommodations; 4 nights accommodations in Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*; 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 5 dinners (snacks and bar orders are included while aboard the train); a special farewell reception; 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 airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.



## Itinerary:

*VIA Rail Canada, like other passenger railways in North America, operates on tracks owned by freight companies. While VIA Rail strives for on-time departures and arrivals, increased freight traffic on the railway will often cause delays. These delays could result in delayed departure from Toronto, delayed arrival in to Vancouver, and shortened / limited time off of the train. Onboard services are guaranteed and any changes to the schedule will be communicated and updated as the journey continues.*

### **Day 1: Arrive in Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Welcome to Canada! After arrival, transfer to the Fairmont Royal York—a beautiful, historic property ideally situated steps away from Union Station and minutes from Toronto's main attractions. This evening, relax and mingle with fellow travelers during a special welcome dinner.

*Overnight: Fairmont Royal York (D)*

### **Day 2: Toronto / Board VIA Rail's *The Canadian* / Hornepayne**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

This morning, transfer to Toronto Union Station to embark upon the journey on rails. Delight in a special mimosa brunch to celebrate the departure and an exciting week ahead.

While *The Canadian* travels across Ontario, venture into the dome car to embrace the constantly changing scenery—and capture the endless photo opportunities from inside the Prestige Park lounge and dome cars. Combine the passing views with equally outstanding cuisine in the train's dining car, prepared by onboard chefs using specially sourced, local ingredients of the regions you will pass through.

This evening, fall asleep to the steady sound of the rails, and open your blinds to greet the morning's lovely panoramic views.

*Overnight: The Canadian (B,L,D)*

**Day 3: *The Canadian* / Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Today offers scenes of boundless prairies as the train continues to Winnipeg, Manitoba, at the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. Look forward to daily informative discussions by the travel director and concierge staff, and take advantage of chances to spot wildlife including black bears, wolves, and eagles. During the stop in Winnipeg, if time allows, guests can walk and explore the sights including an outside visit to Forks Market.

*Overnight: The Canadian (B,L,D)*

**Day 4: *The Canadian* / Saskatoon, Saskatchewan / Edmonton, Alberta**

Friday, October 15, 2021

Then it's all aboard for Saskatoon. Visit one of the beautiful observation cars to witness the passing landscape, stop into the Prestige Park Car to taste some of Canada's top-tier varietals with freshly made hors d'œuvres, or perhaps grab a pal and a window seat for a friendly game of cards.

*Overnight: The Canadian (B,L,D)*

**Day 5: *The Canadian* / Jasper / Kamloops, British Columbia**

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Today is your final full day aboard the train, with brief stops in Jasper and Kamloops. Admire the dramatic and ever-changing landscape as the train navigates the Canadian Rockies and unveils a world of raw and rugged beauty. Marvel at the scenery along the Fraser River and the incredible obstacles overcome to build a railway here.

One of today's highlights will include Hell's Gate, the most slender part of the Fraser River. It is aptly named for its narrow cliff walls that create a funneling effect for hundreds of millions of liters of water rushing through every minute. For perspective, consider the volume of Niagara Falls—Hell's Gate is double that. Capture the soaring cliffs and churning waters of the mighty river with your camera during this memorable experience.

*Overnight: The Canadian (B,L,D)*

### **Day 6: *The Canadian* / Vancouver**

Sunday, October 17, 2021

This morning, breakfast will be onboard the train before disembarking in Vancouver, followed by a guided city tour. This tour includes the world famous Stanley Park and totem poles, the interesting Chinatown and Gastown, and free time for souvenir shopping in artist's stalls at Granville Island.

Afterward, enjoy free time to capture the sights and sounds of this bustling metropolis. Or perhaps indulge in the luxurious amenities at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

This evening, dinner is at leisure. Choose from dozens of restaurant options conveniently located near the hotel. Then rejoin fellow travelers for a special farewell wine and dessert reception to toast to a grand finale of this wonderful journey.

*Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (B,R)*

### **Day 7: Vancouver / Depart for U.S.**

Monday, October 18, 2021

After breakfast, guests departing during the suggested times take the complimentary transfer to Vancouver International Airport for flights home. Guests continuing on the optional post-tour will transfer to Victoria. *(B)*

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception

(Itinerary subject to change.)

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## **Activity Level:**

**Easy**



Guests should be comfortable boarding and disembarking trains without assistance, walking and moving between cars while the train is in motion, and navigating steep, narrow stairs to the upper level of the observation car. All hallways are narrow and have handrails, but train travel can be unpredictable and some unexpected movement may occur. Guests who enjoy the relaxed pace of train travel will delight in spending much of the program's time on the railway. At brief train stop locations, ground may be uneven and covered in loose gravel, with no sidewalks.

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## What's Included:

- 1 night at Fairmont Royal York in Toronto and 1 night at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, both famous, luxury Canadian Railway hotels
  - 4 nights accommodations in Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, where you'll relax while traveling through ever-changing scenery of prairies, the Canadian Rockies, and the Pacific Northwest
  - 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 5 dinners (snacks and bar orders are included while aboard *The Canadian*)
  - A special farewell reception
  - Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director as well as expert onboard guides
  - Admission to all activities and tours as described in the 7-day itinerary
  - Private motor coach transportation for the sightseeing tour
  - Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, onboard guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping staff, VIA Rail attendants, and wait staff for included meals
  - Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
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## Your Guide(s):

### Orbridge Travel Director



Every departure is accompanied by one of our premier Travel Directors, all of whom have extensive knowledge and experience as guides. Enriched by their accompaniment and enthusiasm, enjoy the cultures and locations you explore with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.

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## Program Accommodations:

### Fairmont Royal York—Toronto



October 12

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 VIA Rail's Union Station, 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. Underneath the hotel begins a 19-mile underground network of shopping and malls featuring over 1,200 stores, accessible by the direct entrance from the hotel lobby.

*Room amenities: Individual climate control, pillow top bed, flat screen HDTV, Wi-Fi (additional fee), coffee and tea maker, minibar, and en suite bathroom with hair dryer.*

### VIA Rail's The Canadian



October 13 - October 16

VIA Rail continually renovates and redesigns its fleet—originally built in the 1950s—to retain a vintage, historical feel while providing modern, comfortable, and stylish accommodations.

Aboard *The Canadian* you'll 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* offers comfortable accommodations, thoughtful service, beautiful views from the domed

Prestige Park Car, and gourmet cuisine made by onboard chefs using locally sourced ingredients.

Prestige Class provides an elegantly appointed cabin, including oversized picture window with blinds, flat screen TV, modular leather L-shaped couch seating by day and comfortable double bed with luxurious bedding at night, minibar, and private en suite bathroom featuring a shower, deluxe amenities, and hair dryer. Guests in Prestige Class also enjoy priority boarding, access to the Business Lounge at Toronto's Union Station, private concierge service with in-cabin cocktails and canapés, turndown service, and privileged access to the Park Car.

**All cabin beds are doubles. Due to cabin size and layout, separate twin beds are not possible in Prestige Class.**

*Please note: Due to the unavailability of a reliable signal along much of the route, Wi-Fi is not available onboard The Canadian. However, connecting to Wi-Fi may be possible at these stations: Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Jasper, and Vancouver. Cellular phone service may be available in some areas.*

## Fairmont Hotel Vancouver



October 17

Opened in 1939 in a partnership between the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways—and 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 hotel has hosted many famous entertainment acts and was once even home to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The recently renovated hotel features distinguished restaurants and lounges, a gym, and a spa.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, pillow top bed, flat-screen HDTV, Wi-Fi (additional fee), coffee and tea maker, minibar, bathrobes, iron and ironing board, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

(Accommodations subject to change.)

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## What Guests Are Saying:

"Well planned; excellent attention to detail; eager and enthusiastic service staff. Unbelievable sights. Great food."

—Diane C., Wilmette, IL

"Very well organized and relieved us of the normal stress involved with travel; so we were relaxed the entire time."

—Chris & Doreen S., Highland Lakes, NJ

"A quality experience with quality leadership."

—Bob & Judy G., Pittsburgh, PA

"It was great. Right speed—each day was a new ecosystem. Really liked the staff, and our travel director was terrific."

—Sam & Kathy L., Littleriver, CA

"Excellent in every regard. Highlights were the food, service, and company."

—George & Susan H., Sanibel, FL

"This program is an experience not to be missed. Both Orbridge and our alumni personnel can expertly plan and execute travel adventures that make you want to return!"

—Doug C., Baltimore, MD

"Very well organized and run. There was a very good mix of activities and free time. Our travel director did an extraordinary job of entertaining us (both in groups and one-on-one) with his humor and knowledge. There was wonderful camaraderie among the traveling group."

—Mike & Susan D., Swampscott, MA

"I felt pampered on the entire journey. It was just what my soul needed. Our travel director was extremely knowledgeable in a vast range of subjects. The program was well run. All details were taken care of."

–Christine W., Fort Worth, TX

“Our travel director was an excellent guide. His lectures were very informative and he is very knowledgeable about all aspects of the area. He went above and beyond to make sure we were well taken care of and comfortable.”

–Patricia Q., Houston, TX

“Just an outstanding experience—from Orbridge communications to the *VIA Rail* staff, to our travel director. He was personable, professional, and well-informed.”

–Tom C., Brookfield, WI

“I highly recommend this train experience. It was an excellent exposure to the Canadian provinces.”

–Joe M., Burr Ridge, IL

Optional Pre-Tour:

# NIAGARA FALLS & TORONTO



Kick off this Canadian adventure with the country's must-do signature attraction—Niagara Falls! With the guidance of a skilled captain, get up-close and personal with Canadian Horseshoe Falls and breathtaking Great Gorge. Hear the thundering roar and feel the mighty power and unbelievable mist that come along with these natural wonders. In addition, enjoy a guided city tour through Toronto to explore a majestic castle, a vibrant farmers market, and spectacular views in all directions high from the CN Tower.

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## Itinerary:

### **Day +1: Arrive in Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Welcome to Toronto, the fourth largest city in North America! This exciting, multicultural destination welcomes you to revel in leisure time for discovery. With the included CityPASS, choose between a variety of activities, including seeing incredible animals, inspiring culture, and fascinating science by visiting Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, the Royal Ontario Museum, and your choice of the Toronto Zoo or the Ontario Science Centre. Additional options included with your CityPASS are the castle *Casa Loma* and CN Tower.

*Overnight: Fairmont Royal York*

### **Day +2: Toronto / Niagara Falls**



Monday, October 11, 2021

Today embark upon what many consider to be Canada's most memorable experience. Delight in the majestic Niagara Falls followed by a tour of the town Niagara-on-the-Lake. Awaken your senses and witness the power of Mother Nature at Niagara Falls with a thrilling, guided Hornblower boat tour. Hear from passionate guides legendary stories, history, and fascinating facts about the Niagara region. Niagara Falls started forming around 12,000 years ago from glacier activity and consists of three waterfalls—the Canadian Horseshoe Falls, American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls. Did you know about 700,000 gallons of water travel down Niagara falls every second? Discover the mystery of how the combined power of the cataract falls results in a mind-boggling flow-rate that provides hydroelectric power to the entire area. In fact, it produces around one-fourth of the electricity for Ontario and the state of New York. Listen to the roar and feel the exhilarating force of the mist and wind the falls create. Don the provided poncho for a don't miss, must-see-for-yourself, wet and wild, fun experience!

Lunch is served overlooking the falls, and leisure time is available at Niagara-on-the-Lake. This picturesque town epitomizes old charm with clapboard houses, tree-lined streets, and lovely gardens—some dating from the early nineteenth century. Unpack Niagara-on-the-Lake's character and history strolling around and sightseeing landmarks such as the Memorial Clock Tower, Niagara District Court House and St. Vincent de Paul Church. There is much to see on quaint and unhurried Main Street, with its unique shops, beautiful flower beds, and historical buildings. Satisfy your sweet tooth by sampling locally produced "chimney cakes," ice cream, gelato, jams, and marmalades. If it's wine you're in the mood for, you're in luck, as Trip Advisor once voted Niagara-on-the-Lake as Canada's "#1 Food and Wine Destination." Over 20 wineries here have built a community crafting some of the best wines in the world.

*Overnight: Fairmont Royal York (B,L)*

### **Day +3: Toronto / Main Program Begins**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Today, immerse your senses during a guided tour of Toronto. Step back in time and marvel at the grandeur and elegance of a bygone era as you explore the exterior and grounds of Casa Loma, a historic castle built atop Davenport Hill overlooking downtown Toronto. Once the residence of Sir Henry Pellatt, a wealthy and eccentric Canadian financier, this grand mansion required 300 men, three years, and \$3.5 million to build. If interested, discover more of Casa Loma's fascinating past along with fabulous and fanciful gothic architecture by taking a closer look with your included CityPASS.

Bring your comfortable shoes and a hearty appetite for navigating the next stop! Food



mecca St. Lawrence Market has been hailed by *National Geographic* magazine as one of the top food markets in the world.

Next, visit the CN Tower. This recognizable and celebrated icon of Toronto's skyline at more than 1,815 feet is the tallest freestanding structure in the Americas and is listed as one of the "Seven Modern Wonders of the World." Soar to the sky in one of the glass elevators to 1,122 feet for the outdoor observation deck to feel the breeze. On a clear day, gaze at astounding views of the city and lake, Niagara Falls off in the distance, and sometimes, even helicopters flying *below* you. A revolving restaurant at the top of the tower is home to the world's highest wine cellar, which can hold up to 9,000 bottles of wine.

This evening, join fellow travelers to begin the main program. (B)

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch

*This pre-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.*

(Itinerary subject to change.)

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## Activity Level:

### Moderate

It is our expectation that guests on this program are able to walk a mile at a moderate pace (sometimes on steep or slippery surfaces), get in and out of a motor coach, board a water vessel, and walk up a flight of stairs without assistance.

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## Accommodations:

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(Accommodations subject to change.)

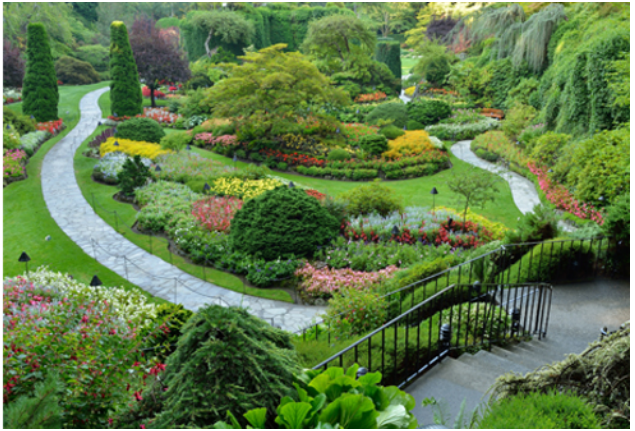
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## What's Included:

- 2 nights accommodations at the Fairmont Royal York or similar, with breakfast each morning
- A Toronto CityPASS with access to Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, Casa Loma, the Royal Ontario Museum, and choice of the Toronto Zoo or the Ontario Science Centre
- Private transportation to/from Niagara Falls
- Niagara Falls boat tour, including lunch featuring spectacular views
- A guided city tour of Toronto
- Gratuities to local guide and driver

Optional Post-Tour:

# VICTORIA



Enjoy two nights in delightful Victoria—British Columbia’s picture-perfect capital. This colorful pedestrian-friendly city is an ideal spot for whale watching, biking, shopping, and sampling from the wide variety of cafés and restaurants that line bustling Government Street.

Savor the island’s relaxing pace by exploring its lush gardens, and admire the historical architecture while embracing Victoria’s friendly ambiance. During free time, visit one of Victoria’s landmark castles or churches or enjoy a stroll along the quaint inner harbor.

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## Itinerary:

### **Day 7: Vancouver / Victoria**

Monday, October 18, 2021

This morning, take an included transfer to the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal. Aboard a BC Ferry, cruise the Strait of Georgia from Vancouver to Victoria—a passage providing unlimited scenery with a likelihood of spotting various marine wildlife. Upon arrival, explore world-famous Butchart Gardens and enjoy lunch on your own. Butchart Gardens is a national historic site of Canada. Enter and be enveloped by lush greens and colorful blooms. Blossoming for over 100 years, 55 acres of gardens with 900 bedding plant varieties, 26 greenhouses, and 50 full-time gardeners create a wonderland of beauty

everywhere you look.

Afterward, join your local guide for a panoramic tour of Victoria through Chinatown, past the Parliament buildings, along Dallas Road, and through Beacon Hill.

The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at your leisure. Explore some of Victoria's most beautiful downtown sites, including Christ Church Cathedral, with its gothic stone architecture, magnificent stained glass windows and Helmuth Wolff organ; Craigdarroch Castle, a stunning Victorian mansion; Bastion Square, site of the original Fort Victoria, with its spectacular views of the local harbor; or the renowned Royal British Columbia and other museums that can be found in the area.

*Overnight: Fairmont Empress (B)*

### **Day 8: Victoria**

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Time at leisure provides additional opportunity to explore more of this charming city. Enjoy a walking tour of the downtown to appreciate its history and culture or a whale-watching cruise to see the wildlife-filled waters off the coast. Take time for a carriage ride, English-style high tea or a stroll through some of Beacon Hill Park's 200 acres. There is an endless array of ways to fill your day. You may even choose to end the day with a renowned haunted Victoria tour or a visit to one of the many craft breweries in town. Your local guide or hotel concierge can help set up a day perfect for you.

*Overnight: Fairmont Empress (B)*

### **Day 9: Depart Victoria**

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

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

B = Breakfast

*This post-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.*

(Itinerary subject to change.)

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## **Activity Level:**

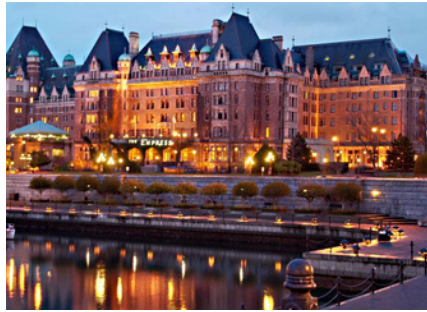
**Moderate**

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## Accommodations:

### Fairmont Empress



October 18 - October 19

Located on Victoria's Inner Harbour, this luxury hotel offers unparalleled hospitality and comfort. The Fairmont Empress has been named a *Condé Nast* Readers' Choice and Gold List hotel and honored by *Travel+Leisure* as a top Canadian hotel. Guests can enjoy the various on-site amenities, including a full spa, fully equipped gym, and indoor heated pool. Or perhaps experience Tea at the Empress—a daily tradition since 1908.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, luxurious linens and down-filled duvets, cable TV, high-speed internet and Wi-Fi (additional fee), coffee and tea maker, bathrobes, safe, and en suite bathroom with hair dryer.*

(Accommodations subject to change.)

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## What's Included:

- A 1.5 hour ferry cruise from Vancouver to Victoria across the Strait of Georgia
- 2 nights accommodations at the Fairmont Empress (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- A guided panoramic city tour
- Admission to Butchart Gardens
- Gratuities to local guide
- Airport transfer for guests departing during the suggested times



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## PROGRAM RATES\*

Prestige Class: \$5,995

Prestige Class Single: \$9,995

## PRE-TOUR RATE\*\*

Double: \$995

Single: \$1,395

## POST-TOUR RATE\*\*\*

Double: \$995

Single: \$1,395

## Reserve by Credit Card:

Online: [ncsu.orbridge.com](https://ncsu.orbridge.com)

Phone: (800) 627-2586 or (919) 515-0508

Email: [hart@ncsu.edu](mailto:hart@ncsu.edu)

## Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: NC State Alumni Association

Box 7503, NC State University

Raleigh, NC 27695-7503

## GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as printed on card): \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPOSIT:

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at [terms.orbridge.com](https://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: \_\_\_\_\_



*\*Special group rate; limited offer. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.*

*\*\*Pre-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.*

*\*\*\*Post-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.*

# Terms and Conditions

**THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020,  
AND APPLY TO NEW RESERVATIONS RECEIVED BY ORBRIDGE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2020.**

**Note: Travel credits and transfers are subject to the Terms and Conditions agreed upon at the time of the original reservation.**

## **ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT**

This Agreement includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. Any payment to Orbridge, including but not limited to deposits or full payments, constitutes your acknowledgement of, and agreement to, this Terms and Conditions, Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement Orbridge set forth below and in subsequent tour documents.

**Limitation of Responsibility.** Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, "Orbridge"), does not own or operate any entity that provides goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the "Orbridge LLC" or "Orbridge" name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience (collectively, "losses") in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging or vessel facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

**Rates.** Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares and costs (air, water, land), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour except for programs noted in (2) and (3); (2) \$2,500 per person for Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (3) a non-refundable \$1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Migration Safari's Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house ("ACH"), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 150 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date.

If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee.

If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

**Reservation Grace Period.** Reservations made no sooner than 120 calendar days prior to all programs' scheduled departure date, except Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway, and no sooner than 180 calendar days prior to Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway's departure dates may be cancelled within thirty (30) calendar days following the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund of all payments received by Orbridge to effectively terminate the reservation.

All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour are non-transferrable and non-refundable.

Notice of termination must be in writing, must be received by Orbridge during the Grace Period, and is effective only on timely receipt of such written notice by Orbridge.

For all other reservations and cancellations, the terms of the Cancellations, Credits and Refunds section below apply.

**Cancellations, Credits and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 90 or more calendar days prior to the program's scheduled departure date, a \$500 refund and a \$350 future travel credit ("FTC") will be issued for the main tour and a \$300 refund and a \$200 FTC will be issued for the pre-tour and/or post-tour. The FTC



may be applied against final payment to a future Orbridge program. The FTC is valid through December 31, two years after the current calendar year and is transferable at no additional fee. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 89 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tours and/or post-tours. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tours and/or post-tours. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tours and/or post-tours.

(b) For Antarctica and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 180 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, a \$1,500 refund and a \$1,000 FTC will be issued for the main tour and a \$300 refund and a \$200 FTC will be issued for the pre-tour and/or post-tour. The FTC may be applied against final payment to a future Orbridge program. The FTC is valid through December 31, two years after the current calendar year and is transferable at no additional fee. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 179 and 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tours and/or post-tours. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 149 and 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tours and/or post-tours. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tours and/or post-tours.

(c) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.

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, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

**Travel Insurance.** Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Travel and cancellation insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased varies by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

**Cancelled or Postponed Programs.** All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for such reasons as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge's sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join the same tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program's departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure or other events described in the Limitation of Responsibility and Cancellation, Credits and Refunds clauses, Orbridge will refund all payments made to Orbridge within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not offered.

**Itineraries.** Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge's control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, however adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

**Not Included.** Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares except as indicated in program inclusions; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship's crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability); ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the "included" list of the tour documents

**Health and Fitness to Travel.** Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant's sole expense, remove the guest from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your situation if possible.

**Accessibility.** Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States.

At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified to determine if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Neither Orbridge nor any of the providers of transportation, lodging, or other services can provide special accommodations without this advance notice.

Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person's group to be available to assist as necessary. Neither employees of Orbridge nor any suppliers of services can allow any of their employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

**Travel Advisories.** The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories about risks to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), and the CDC statements can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov>. Orbridge highly recommends everyone to review these sites.

**Children.** Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian ("Dependents") in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact

us.

**Baggage.** Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land or cruise portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers, and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

**Travel Documents.** All guests are responsible for possessing and maintaining necessary travel documents. These documents shall be valid under state, federal law and as required by foreign countries being visited. Orbridge is not responsible for invalid travel documents and repercussions thereof.

For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or reentering the United States at the conclusion of the program. If travel documents fail to meet these requirements, boarding of aircraft or ship to any international destination may be denied and entry into such countries may be denied.

**Photos and Videos.** Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant. In addition, Orbridge may use, without compensation, any photographs or video taken by tour participants and submitted to Orbridge or to Smugmug without payment of any compensation. In submitting any such photographs or videos to Orbridge or Smugmug, participant warrants that he or she took the image and that the dissemination of same does not violate the copyright rights of any person.

**Data Rights, Permissions.** Data collected and/or derived by Orbridge resulting from your use of the Website is the sole and exclusive property of Orbridge and may be used in any manner consistent with its Privacy Policy located on Orbridge's website. By submitting to Orbridge a digital or hard copy form that includes your personal contact information, including without limitation, your email address and telephone number(s), you give Orbridge and any other entity identified on the form permission to use that information to contact you and as otherwise may be described on the form and/or in the Privacy Policy.

**Other.** Dates, program details and costs are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times. It is prohibited by federal law and Orbridge policy to bring illegal drugs, firearms, or other contraband (including marijuana for medical or recreational purposes) on any program.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties' intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

**Binding Arbitration.** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

**Acceptance of Contract.** ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS OR FULL PAYMENTS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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**Please sign, date and print guest name(s).**

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Guest #1 Signature                      Date

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Print Name

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Guest #2 Signature                      Date

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Print Name

For a Minor

I, as an authorized parent or guardian of the below named minor, hereby give my permission for my child or ward to participate in the trip and further agree, individually and on behalf of my child or ward, to the terms of the above. In the event the minor is not accompanied by all legal guardians on this trip, I agree to carry with me a notarized document from each legal guardian, not on the trip, granting his or her approval for the minor to travel on this trip and to present said document(s) to any authority requesting such. In the event I am the sole guardian of the minor, I agree to carry documentation evidencing such and present to any authority when requested.

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Name of Minor

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Signature of Parent or Guardian      Date

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Print Name