

Weather & Destination Specific Information

# Canadian Rockies, Vancouver & Victoria

For any questions or concerns about your upcoming tour not addressed here, please call 1-800-826-2266

**Time Zones:** This tour is in the Mountain Time Zone and Pacific Time Zone.

**Weather:** Average High/Low

City	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
Calgary	69°F/45°F	74°F/49°F	73°F/48°F	63°F/39°F
Banff	66°F/42°F	72°F/45°F	71°F/44°F	61°F/37°F
Vancouver	66°F/51°F	71°F/54°F	71°F/55°F	65°F/50°F
Victoria	67°F/51°F	71°F/53°F	71°F/54°F	67°F/51°F
Seattle, WA   USA	70°F/52°F	75°F/56°F	76°F/56°F	71°F/52°F

## Travel to Canada

**Passport Required:** Travel on these tours requires a valid passport. Passports should be valid for six months beyond your return date. While on tour the safety of your passport is your responsibility. Always keep your passport with you, not in your luggage. It is recommended that you keep two copies of your passport; one with you on tour in a separate location from the actual passport and one at home where someone can access it if necessary. Your passport will be needed at airport ticket counters, border crossings, immigration and customs.

**Currency:** The unit of currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar. Currency exchange rates fluctuate on a daily basis.

A helpful website for referencing current rates is [www.oanda.com](http://www.oanda.com). The US dollar can often be used in Canada but you may receive Canadian currency as change for these transactions.

**Electrical Current:** Canada runs on the same electrical current and uses the same electrical outlets as the United States. You will not need to purchase a converter or adapter for your travels in Canada.

**A Note on Travel to Canada:** Even with a required passport, Canada considers people with certain criminal records as inadmissible. Canada classifies DWI's, DUI's, OWI's, DUAI's, and DWAI's as felonies and automatically considers a person inadmissible if they have one of these on their record. Other offences such as shoplifting, theft, or assault can bar entry even if committed decades ago. More information can be found at [www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca) or contact a lawyer. Holiday Vacations does not accept any responsibility for losses or expenses due to inadmissibility or an individual's legal status.

**Gratuities:** Gratuity to Motorcoach Drivers Gratuity to motorcoach drivers is not included in your tour price and may be given at your discretion. This tour will have two motorcoach drivers – one that takes us from Seattle to Vancouver and the other will take us from Jasper to Calgary. Holiday Vacations' suggested gratuity to the Calgary - Jasper driver \$7-8 USD/day. The suggested gratuity to the Vancouver -Seattle driver is \$7-8 CAD/day.

## For Tours Featuring Rail: Via Rail's Canadian Train

While onboard VIA Rail, train space is limited. It is suggested that you pack a small overnight bag for your time on the train. Be sure to pack clothing, toiletries, medication, and other necessities in this bag as you will not have access to your large luggage.

**VIA Rail's Sleeper Plus Accommodations:** Your private sleeping compartment is a comfortable sitting room during the day and a cozy bedroom at night (bunk bed style). Cabins are first-class accommodations aboard VIA Rail. All rooms include a large picture window, mirrors, entrance door, and electrical outlets. All compartments are furnished with hand towels and washcloths.

**VIA Rail Toilets & Showers:** Each cabin accommodation has a private toilet and vanity. In addition, there are two public restrooms and shower in each car. Bath towels and amenities are provided.

**Sleeping Car Attendant:** Your Sleeping Car Attendant is available to assist you while on the train. They will be able to convert your compartment into sleeping accommodations at night and then back into seats during the day. You may contact your Sleeping Car Attendant by pressing the call button in your compartment. If good service is provided it is customary to tip the



Sleeping Car Attendant. The suggested gratuity is 4 CAD per person, per night on the train. This gratuity can be given to the individual at the end of the train ride.

**VIA Rail Dining Car:** As first-class passengers you will enjoy included, full-course meals in the Dining Car. Meal times may vary depending on scheduled stops and will be announced in advance.

**Telephones:** VIA Rail trains do not have public phones on board. If friends or family need to contact you while you are traveling on the train, they can do so by calling VIA Rail at 1-800-842-7245. VIA Rail will relay any messages to you at the next train station.

**VIA Rail Routes & Scheduling:** Train schedules and/or routes are subject to change by VIA Rail. You will be advised by Holiday Vacations if any changes occur. No liability shall be incurred by Holiday Vacations for subsequent changes to train schedules and/or routes.

**Smoking:** While on board the train smoking is prohibited.