



## Come Ride with Us on October 23, 2026

Peace Train Canada (PTC) is inviting you to ride with us on the Peace Train to Ottawa this fall. It departs Vancouver on October 23. We already have 20 people booked on the train, a cohort flying into Ottawa, and a good number of Ottawa residents joining us there.

### WHAT IS THE PEACE TRAIN?

Peace Train Canada (PTC) is a citizen led effort to reclaim and renew our solidarity and Canadian identity as a culture of peace. Our purpose is to get peace back on track.

This is not a protest but an effort to lift up all those who will rise to the current global challenges of resisting polarization, rampant self-interest, and an industrial war machine that is out of control.

*We are calling on our government to commit to a culture of peace by establishing and funding an integrated, independent Canadian Centre for Peace and Justice.*

### VIA RAIL TRAIN #2, “THE CANADIAN” (Vancouver to Toronto)

The Peace Train is a VIA Rail train called the Canadian. It leaves Vancouver on Friday Oct 23 at 15:00, arriving in Toronto on Tuesday Oct 27 at 14:29. (See below for Toronto to Ottawa leg)

We will be travelling by Sleeper Class on the Canadian, which includes meals and public showers in each car. There are three options to choose from:

- Berths – are upper and lower beds that are converted into two opposing window bench seats during the day. You can book an upper or lower berth. Berths have shared bathrooms in each car.
- Single Cabin – a cubicle with a window including a private toilet and single bunk that can be converted into a bench seat during the day.
- Double Cabin – a cubicle with a window including a private toilet and an upper and lower bunk that can be converted into a bench seat during the day.

Contact Via Rail directly for current costs and sale options. Current estimate is \$1500 for a berth and \$3000 per person for a cabin. (Note: Some discounts are available through qualifying organizations including BCAA and CAA.)

**We recommend getting fully refundable tickets in case of any changes.**

**Book your ticket by phone at 1-888-842-7245. Say you are with Peace Train Canada and ask to be placed in Car 12 to 16 to keep us together on the train.**

Send us your Car and Booking Number so we can ensure you are on a car with other Trainers.

## **VIA RAIL CORRIDOR TRAIN #52 (Toronto to Ottawa)**

As the Canadian is usually late getting into Toronto, we are planning to stay overnight there in nearby hotels or with billets. We will catch the Corridor Train #52 the next morning, October 28, leaving Toronto at 8:32am, arriving in Ottawa around 1pm.

**Book your ticket by phone at 1-888-842-7245 and select a seat on Car #4** where we can be together. Tickets are about \$75.

## **OTTAWA**

We are planning to stay in nearby hotels or with billets.

A large room is reserved for us at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 84 Kent Street, near the Parliamentary Precinct, where Peace Trainers can gather to visit, have meetings, and share meals, plans, and information.

Elizabeth May is arranging an all-party MP reception for Oct 28 from 5-7. A number of Peace Trainers and key speakers will address the group, followed by a time for meeting and mingling.

We will spend Oct 29 to 31 attending events and meetings with government representatives and other organizations to assert the need for a national peace centre. As this is a very short window, some of us may stay on for meetings during the following week when the house is still sitting.

Other components to this project include broad publicity, media on the train, vigils, rallies, and initiatives from other Canadian peace organizations.

Kim Bothen of SkySong Community Choir is joining us on the train as our music master. We will need more musicians, poets, artists, writers, reporters and filmmakers to entertain and document the journey.

## **GETTING HOME**

Individuals are responsible for their own way home.

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Please distribute this invitation to your personal networks.

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