

MORE OCEAN TRAIN DEPARTURES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Montréal, October 16, 2017 – Are you planning to travel to or from the Atlantic region during the holiday season? VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) has added six departures to its *Ocean* train schedule over the holidays, as part of its dedication to providing better service to the communities along its route. Travel with peace of mind, and experience VIA Rail's exceptional service! The updated holiday schedule, which runs from December 15, 2017 to January 7, 2018, now offers 28 trains, and an increase in total capacity of 64% over the period.

"Every year for the past four years, we have been committed to providing residents of Eastern Canada with more departures during the holiday season, giving more passengers the opportunity to take the train to celebrate with their loved ones. In all, we are offering them 28 reasons to avoid the traffic and stress related to winter driving, and a wonderful time on board."

– President and Chief Executive Officer of VIA Rail, Yves Desjardins-Siciliano

As of October 16, a campaign will be deployed online as well as in several local media outlets in the Maritimes.

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Holiday departures for the *Ocean* are scheduled for the following dates:

From Montréal to Halifax – train # 14

Friday, December 15
 Sunday, December 17
 Wednesday, December 20
Thursday, December 21+
 Friday, December 22
 Saturday, December 23**
Tuesday, December 26+
 Wednesday, December 27
 Friday, December 29
 Saturday, December 30**
Monday, January 1+
 Wednesday, January 3
 Friday, January 5
 Sunday, January 7

From Halifax to Montréal – train # 15

Friday, December 15	Thursday, December 28+
Sunday, December 17	Friday, December 29
Wednesday, December 20	Tuesday, January 2**
Friday, December 22	Wednesday, January 3
Saturday, December 23**	Thursday, January 4+
Tuesday, December 26+	Friday, January 5
Wednesday, December 27	Sunday, January 7

*In Sleeper Plus class

**Departures on Sunday, December 24 and 31 have been rescheduled for another date.

+Added departures

For more information regarding the holiday schedule, visit viarail.ca/en/frequencies. To book your trip now, visit viarail.ca or call 1-888-VIA RAIL (1-888-842-7245) or 1-800-268- 9503 (ATS for the hearing impaired).

Need some inspiration? Visit the VIA Rail blog, where you'll find many great getaway ideas in the Maritimes.

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About VIA Rail's *Ocean* service

Since 1904, the *Ocean* has travelled the 1,346 kilometers of track along the St. Lawrence through the Matapedia valley, linking the cities of Campbellton, Moncton, Truro, and Halifax with the rest of the country. Every year, this service —with its 28 stops — offers tens of thousands of passengers from across Canada and the world the opportunity to discover the Eastern Canadian provinces. Wi-Fi connection is available in the service cars.

About VIA Rail Canada

As Canada's national rail passenger service, VIA Rail (viarail.ca) and its 2,700 employees are mandated to provide safe, efficient and economical passenger transportation service, in both official languages of our country. VIA Rail operates intercity, regional and transcontinental trains linking over 400 communities across Canada, and about 180 more communities through intermodal partnerships, and safely transports nearly four million passengers annually. The Corporation was awarded seven Safety Awards by the Railway Association of Canada over the last eight years. For more information, visit: <http://www.viarail.ca/en/about-via-rail>.

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