

CANADIAN ROCKIES & ROCKY MOUNTAINEER



Departure | July 22-29, 2020

8
Days

Twin /Coach– \$4,395
Single/Coach– \$5,295
Per person (Land only, Silver Class)

All aboard the storied rails of the Rocky Mountaineer for a journey into Canada's picturesque Rocky Mountains. Our journey begins in Vancouver, a coastal metropolis that boasts a thriving art scene, stunning views of both the mountains and the ocean, and sightseeing opportunities that pique the interest of nearly every traveler. We have a full day to enjoy the city before boarding our daylight-only chariot into the Rockies, the Rocky Mountaineer. The train makes an overnight stop in Kamloops, then continues through forests, canyons,

mountain passes and canyons en route to Jasper. In Jasper, excursions to Maligne Lake and Spirit Island answer the call of the wild. Moving further into the Canadian Rockies, we make a stop at Columbia Icefield to explore Athabasca Glacier before arriving in Banff. This destination is a year-round hub of adventure, with all the amenities of a resort town and the beauty of one of Canada's most beloved national parks at your fingertips. Eight days have never been so memorable.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

- 2 days of scenic rail travel on Rocky Mountaineer
- Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- 11 meals
- Vancouver City Tour
- Visit to Maligne Lake and Spirit Island
- Columbia Icefields, including a ride on an Ice Explorer
- Banff Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain
- Transportation by a deluxe motorcoach
- Services of a professional tour manager
- Baggage handling

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Day 1 - Arrive in Vancouver

Arrive in Vancouver, and make your way to your centrally located hotel for check-in. Enjoy a welcome dinner that gives you the first taste of the city's excellent cuisine. Overnight Vancouver. (D)

Day 2 - Vancouver City Tour

Vancouver is chock-full of history and culture, and we get a hefty dose of both on this morning's city tour. As we travel between popular locales, such as Stanley Park, historic Gastown, Granville Island and Chinatown, our guide offers interesting commentary to enhance the experience. The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore the city on your own terms. Soak in the beauty of nature from high above the treetops with a walk along the Capilano Suspension Bridge, marvel at the Pacific from the scenic seawall or one of the beaches at Stanley Park or browse the great variety of shops, galleries, museums and restaurants throughout the city. Overnight Vancouver. (B)

Day 3 - Rocky Mountaineer to Kamloops

Today we board the iconic *Rocky Mountaineer*. We will be transferred to Vancouver's train station from our hotel, and it is here that our train awaits. You will have ample space to spread out in your seat for this full-day journey, and you will be treated to some of the best railway cuisine in Canada with breakfast and lunch aboard the train. Today's train ride takes us along the Thompson River, past Hell's Gate and through the dramatic peaks and valleys of the region before arriving in Kamloops. Overnight Kamloops, BC. (B, L)

Day 4 - Rocky Mountaineer/Jasper

It is back on the rails for another grand day of pampering by your railcar attendant, impressive sightseeing and little-seen glimpses at the Canadian Rockies today. We will reboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* this morning in Kamloops and set out through the vast landscape, following the banks of the North Thompson River en route to Jasper. Highlights of today's journey include Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, Pyramid Falls and the climb over Yellowhead Pass. Upon arriving in Jasper this evening, we will check into our hotel, and enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure. Overnight Jasper, AB. (B, L)

Day 5 - Maligne Lake and Spirit Island

Jasper is surrounded by natural beauty, thanks to Jasper National Park, and we get a taste of it with our visit to Maligne Lake. We set out onto the lake by boat, allowing us to take in all the glory and to learn more about the flora and fauna of the region. Our cruise ventures out to one of the most photographed locations in all of Canada, Spirit Island. Gather this evening for a group dinner at the hotel. Overnight Jasper, AB. (B)

Day 6 - Banff/Columbia Icefield

Surrounded by protected National Park land, Banff has appeal as both a resort town and a destination for nature lovers. Before arriving in the quaint town, we will make a stop at the Columbia Icefield for in-depth look at it and Athabasca Glacier. The Ice Explorer vehicle makes for an easy, and unique, ride across the icefield. Following the tour, we reboard our motorcoach and make our way to the world-famous Lake Louise. After checking into our Banff hotel, you have the rest of the evening to get acquainted with

this charming town. Overnight Banff, AB. (B)

Day 7 - Banff/Columbia Icefields

Gain a different perspective of the Canadian Rockies today with a ride aboard the Banff Gondola. Each gondola car offers space for four passengers and is completely enclosed in glass, providing a 360-degree view of the surrounding mountains, Bow Valley and Banff town. At the top, there is a short self-guided walkway, as well as an observation deck from which to take in all the surrounding mountain majesty. Following our descent of the mountain, we will return back to Banff, and you will have the afternoon and evening to hike, explore the local shops and art galleries or even take a dip in the hot springs. The group will reconvene tonight for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Banff, AB. (B, D)

Day 8 - Tour Conclusion

As you savor your breakfast this morning and take one final look around Banff, your time in Western Canada comes to a close. Transfers to Calgary International Airport will be provided for flights departing after 2 p.m. (B)

- Hotels include Sheraton Seattle, Georgian Court Hotel (Vancouver), Sawridge Inn & Conference Center (Jasper), and Delta Banff Royal Canadian Lodge or Elk & Avenue Hotel (Banff)
- Hotel properties are subject to change.
- \$750 deposit due at time of reservations
- Final payment due 90 days prior to departure (April 22, 2020)
- Travel insurance is recommended
- Round trip airfare is not included in price. Please contact Barb Jachna @ (630) 466-6804 to book your air.
- An optional pre-night hotel stay is available on July 21, 2020 in Vancouver @\$399.00 per room, per night.
- Airport Transfers (Arrival): Please contact Barb Jachna @ (630) 466-6804 to book your arrival transfer
- Airport Transfers (Departure): Included in price. Transfers to Calgary Airport are provided for departures after 1:30pm local time (July 29, 2020)
- Gold Class also available at additional cost

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