











# Canadian Rockies by Train: Banff, Lake Louise & Vancouver

with Vancouver extension

9 DAYS

October 2 - 10, 2020 Tour #67662976

\$4,859 per person, double occupancy; \$1,100 single supplement Price available to 9.20.19

Includes SilverLeaf Service on the Rocky Mountaineer train, upgradeable to GoldLeaf Includes full tour itinerary and round-trip airfare from Greenville/Spartanburg International Airport For more information or to reserve, call EF Go Ahead Tours at 1-800-438-7672

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#### YOUR TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

8 nights in handpicked hotels
8 breakfasts
3 lunches
3 dinners with beer or wine
7 guided sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach & ride on Rocky
Mountaineer train

#### INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Calgary Tower
Banff National Park
Icefields Parkway
Athabasca Glacier
Lake Louise
Moraine Lake
a ride on the Rocky Mountaineer
Vancouver

#### **TOUR PACE**

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and dirt paths, with some hills and stairs.



### See the Canadian Rockies from every angle.

Explore Canada's Rocky Mountains as you take in the jewel-colored lakes and snowy summits in Banff National Park. Just when you think the scenery can't get any more spectacular, climb aboard the Rocky Mountaineer to ride the rails through the soaring peaks and twisting valleys of the Coastal Range to Vancouver. With endless dazzling landscapes, this tour will open your eyes to western Canada's gems.

## **Itinerary**

#### Calgary, Alberta | 1 NIGHT

#### Day 1: Arrival in Calgary

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to Canada! Arrive in Calgary and settle in to your hotel before getting to know your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

#### Banff, Alberta | 4 NIGHTS

#### Day 2: Guided tour of Calgary & travel to Banff

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Head out on a guided sightseeing tour of Calgary, site of the 1988 Winter Olympics.

- Pass by the Calgary Olympic Park
- $\bullet$  Enjoy sweeping views of the city from a top the Calgary Tower

Later this afternoon, transfer to Banff and sit down for an included dinner.

#### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Banff

Included meals: breakfast

With your Tour Director as your guide, set out into Banff National Park.

- Pass by Bow Falls, the Banff Springs Hotel, and Lake Minnewanka
- Admire Banff's beautiful landscapes, which are rich in history and home to a wide variety of wildlife

Enjoy a free afternoon in Banff or add an excursion.

+ Banff River Float

#### Day 4: Icefields Parkway & glacier experience

Included meals: breakfast

Soak in the beauty of one of the most scenic drives in North America as you journey along the Icefields Parkway to see the Athabasca Glacier.

- $\bullet$  Keep your eyes open for a variety of wildlife such as bears, elk, and moose as you drive past stunning lakes, soaring mountains, and picturesque valleys
- Stop to admire Peyto Lake before arriving at the Columbia Icefield Centre, where you'll learn more about Jasper National Park
- $\bullet$  Board a snow coach to travel up to the Athabasca Glacier and take a short walk on the ice

Please note: Mountain weather changes fast, and the stop at Peyto Lake is weatherdependent. We recommend wearing extra layers and walking shoes or sneakers, as walking may involve steep inclines. Additionally, Peyto Lake access will be closed beginning mid August 2019 due to renovations to the facilities and infrastructure.

#### Day 5: Lake Louise via Moraine Lake

 $Included \, meals: breakfast, \, lunch$ 

Make your way to Lake Louise this morning.

- Pass through the Valley of the Ten Peaks in Banff National Park to stop at Moraine Lake and take in its beautiful turquoise water (seasonal, June–September)
- Soak in panoramic mountain views and eat a buffet lunch while you ride the Lake Louise Gondola
- $\bullet$  View Château Lake Louise and then spend your free time canoeing or walking around the lake

#### Kamloops | 1 NIGHT

#### Day 6: Travel to Kamloops

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Board a vintage Rocky Mountaineer train in Banff for a ride through the untamed beauty of the Rockies to the city of Kamloops.

- Admire glacial lakes, towering mountain peaks, and raging rivers on your day-long journey
- Enjoy an included lunch aboard the train

#### Vancouver | 2 NIGHTS

#### Day 7: Travel to Vancouver

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

Continue your scenic journey on the Rocky Mountaineer.

- Make your way south to Vancouver, crossing through the coastal range of British Columbia
- · Enjoy an included lunch aboard the train

#### Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Vancouver

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Today, tour the multicultural, cosmopolitan city of Vancouver with your guide before enjoying a free afternoon for exploration of your own.

- Visit Granville Island and Stanley Park, a 1,000-acre public space
- · See the historic Gastown district
- · View Canada Place and the Vancouver waterfront

Tonight, celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner with your group.

#### Flight Home

#### Day 9: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue exploring Vancouver.

#### **Post-tour extension**

#### Vancouver | 2 NIGHTS

#### Day 9: Free day in Vancouver

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day to explore Vancouver on your own or add an excursion.

+ Victoria Sightseeing

#### Day 10: Free day in Vancouver

Included meals: breakfast

Spend another day in Vancouver at your leisure or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Vancouver: Scenic Landscapes & Gondola Ride

#### **Flight Home**

#### Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Extension is available on select departure dates. Space is limited. Minimum of 10 travelers is required.

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## Customize your experience

Day 3: Banff River Float I  $$59^*$  (3 hours, departure time

Go off the beaten path and get a whole new perspective on the Canadian Rockies as you float down the Bow River on today's excursion. You'll start just outside of Banff, where you'll join a local guide and hop aboard a river raft. As you drift through Banff National Park, admire staggering mountain scenery and a variety of local wildlife, including water birds, from your boat. Then, pass by the hoodoo rock spires that dot the northern face of Mount Rundle, before disembarking at the base of the mountain. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from mid-June to late-August. It requires mild physical activity. Shoes will stay dry in the raft, but warm clothing including a sweater or jacket is recommended. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked by 20 days prior to departure.

#### **Extension optional excursion**

Day 9: Victoria Sightseeing I  $\$195/\$205^*$  (10 hours,

departs in the morning)

Board a ferry for a scenic ride to Victoria, where a local guide will introduce you to the city's downtown area. Next, take in a passing view of the Parliament Buildings, the Inner Harbour, and the iconic Empress Hotel. After a few hours to eat lunch and explore on your own, travel through the countryside for a guided tour of the famed Butchart Gardens, home to 55 acres of stunning floral displays. Your evening comes to a close as you head back to the docks to catch your return ferry to Vancouver.

#### Day 10: Vancouver: Scenic Landscapes & Gondola

Ride I \$99/\$109\* (7 hours, departs in the morning)
With an underground train ride at the Britannia Mine
Museum and a breathtaking ascent on the Sea to Sky
Gondola, this adventurous excursion takes you from the
depths of the earth to the heights of the mountains. Today,
you'll visit the charming town of Horseshoe Bay; view the
impressive Stawamus Chief, the world's second largest
granite monolith; cross the 210-foot-high Sky Pilot
Suspension Bridge; and see Canada's southernmost glacial
fjord. Please note: Warm layers and comfortable walking
shoes are recommended. This excursion is seasonal and
runs from the end of May through September.

Create a more personal journey by adding optional excursions that speak to your interests. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose—you're free to do as much or as little as you'd like. Save \$10\* when you book your excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs. Please note: Excursions that require advance reservation will only have this discounted price listed. Call or go online to start customizing your tour:

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