

# **11 DAY FIRST PASSAGE TO THE WEST & SONORA RESORT - GOLDLEAF**

## **DESTINATIONS**

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**VANCOUVER  
ROCKY MOUNTAINEER**

## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination	Vancouver
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Arrive in Vancouver and spend time exploring this scenic city on your own. Overnight in Vancouver.

### DAY 2

Destination	Vancouver → Sonora Resort
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Take full advantage of a free day at leisure in Vancouver, and check out Vancouver's must-see attractions like the Vancouver Aquarium (admission not included), Stanley Park, or Granville Island, or explore the city's museums, art galleries, gardens, and varied neighbourhoods. This afternoon, transfer to Vancouver International Airport for your flight to Sonora Resort in the Discovery Islands. Upon arrival at Sonora, check into your room and then explore some of Sonora's luxurious amenities. Your accommodation at Sonora Resort includes gourmet meals, liquor and wine, beer, juice and soft drinks (additional charges may apply for premium spirits and wines), as well as complimentary wireless internet and unlimited worldwide phone calls. Tonight, enjoy a delicious wine-paired dinner featuring the seasonal best of BC created by Chef Terry Pichor. Overnight at Sonora Resort.

### DAY 3

Destination	Sonora Resort
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

After a delicious breakfast, take advantage of the wealth of included activities at Sonora Resort. Sonora's all-inclusive outdoor amenities include a swimming pool, hiking and biking trails, tennis court, a putting green, fly fishing ponds (equipment supplied) and more. For guests seeking adventure beyond what's included, three optional touring activities are available at additional cost: (1) a guided eco-tour in a Polaris vessel (a 1-hour tour of the surrounding area, learning about the history and taking in amazing views along the shoreline, including viewing wildlife and marine life in their natural environment), (2) world-class guided salmon-fishing in 22-25' Cruiser boats, (4 hours, and includes all bait & tackle, floater suits, lifejackets, raingear and boots, fish care and boxing for transportation, and Saltwater Fishing Licensing), and (3) in September/October, grizzly bear viewing tours up Bute Inlet (5 hours, and includes transportation and up-close viewing from one of five grizzly stands stationed on the Orford River). Overnight at Sonora Resort.

### DAY 4

Destination	Sonora → Vancouver
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today, get out and enjoy the amenities of the resort, or perhaps go on another optional tour. When you're ready to relax, enjoy Sonora's roof top hot tubs, mineral pools, movie theatre, 9 hole putting green, virtual golf, or saunas. Later this afternoon, bid a fond farewell to Sonora Island and fly back to Vancouver, where you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Vancouver. Please note: While departure from Sonora will be approximately 4:00 p.m., scheduled checkout time is normally 12:00 p.m. Your overnight bag will be stored upon checkout and you are free to enjoy the amenities of the resort before your flight departs for Vancouver.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Vancouver 🚗 Kamloops
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Board the Rocky Mountaineer train at the Vancouver Station at 7:30am PT. Travel from the coastal city of Vancouver to Kamloops, in the heart of British Columbia's interior. On today's journey you will see dramatic changes in scenery, from the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley, through forests and winding river canyons surrounded by the peaks of the Coast and Cascade Mountains, to the desert-like environment of the BC Interior. Highlights include the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon and the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River. Breakfast & lunch included onboard. Your day concludes as the Rocky Mountaineer travels along the shores of Kamloops Lake into Kamloops between 6:00pm and 7:30pm PT. Spend the evening exploring the city of Kamloops or relaxing in your hotel room. All hotels in Kamloops are of moderate standard: your hotel will be assigned post-booking.

### DAY 6

Destination	Kamloops 🚗 Lake Louise
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Board the Rocky Mountaineer train at the Kamloops Station at 6:25am PT, to continue your journey east to the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta. Travel across ranchlands, along rocky lakeshores, over high mountain passes and through the remarkable tunnels that form part of the rich rail history of the Canadian Rockies. Highlights include Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven, the climb over Rogers Pass, the Kicking Horse Canyon, the Spiral Tunnels and, the glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies. Your rail journey ends upon arrival in Lake Louise between 7:00pm and 8:30pm MT.

### DAY 7

Destination	Lake Louise
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today, enjoy a full-day tour along one of the most scenic highways in the world as you travel to Jasper National Park on the Icefields Parkway. The Columbia Icefield is one of the largest accumulations of ice south of the Arctic Circle and one of the most accessible icefields in North America. At the Columbia Icefield Centre, time is provided for lunch (not included) after you have had a chance to experience the Columbia Icefield Glacier Adventure (admission included). Here you will ride on an Ice Explorer to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier to learn more about its geological features. Afterward, brief stops will be made at Bow and Peyto Lakes before arriving back in Lake Louise this afternoon. Overnight in Lake Louise.

### DAY 8

Destination	Lake Louise 🚗 Banff
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

This morning you are free to explore beautiful Lake Louise on your own. After lunch, a half-day tour takes you into Yoho National Park to view some of its natural wonders. Among the attractions are the Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake and a natural rock bridge that spans the Kicking Horse River. At the end of the tour, you will be transferred to Banff.

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Overnight in Banff. Please note: While departure from The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise will be approximately 2:00 PM, scheduled check-out time is normally 12:00 PM. Your luggage will be stored upon checkout and you are free to enjoy the amenities of the hotel before the tour departs.

### DAY 9

Destination	Banff
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today you will have an entire day to spend exploring Banff National Park on your own. Optional activities include soaking in the mineral pools at Upper Hot Springs, enjoying a nature walk on nearby mountain trails, visiting Banff's historic museums, cruising on Lake Minnewanka or playing a round of golf at The Fairmont Banff Springs. Overnight in Banff.

### DAY 10

Destination	Banff  Calgary
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Begin the morning with a motorcoach sightseeing tour of Banff. Among the points of interest are Bow Falls, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner, and the Hoodoos. A trip on the Banff Gondola is included. Continue on to Kananaskis for a 12 minute Panoramic Helicopter Tour over the remarkable landscape of the Rockies before you transfer to Calgary. Enjoy admission to the Calgary Tower. Overnight in Calgary

### DAY 11

Destination	Calgary
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Your vacation ends upon checkout from your Calgary hotel.

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

2 days Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service  
Flight - Vancouver to Sonora Resort  
Flight - Sonora Resort to Vancouver  
Luggage handling and rail station transfers in Vancouver, Kamloops and Lake Louise  
10 nights hotel: Vancouver, Sonora, Kamloops, Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary  
Vancouver Lookout  
National Parks Pass  
Ice Explorer  
April Closure Dates - Ice Explorer  
Glacier Skywalk  
April Closure Dates - Glacier Skywalk  
Panoramic Helicopter Tour  
Banff Gondola  
Calgary Tower

### Fine Print

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### ROCKY MOUNTAINEER INFORMATION

Within the unique world of rail travel, Rocky Mountaineer is so much more than just a train. It's the key to unlocking a hidden world of unparalleled beauty as you carve through otherwise inaccessible terrain in the Canadian Rockies. And your job aboard their all-dome fleet? To indulge in the most luxurious journey you've ever experienced. It's a tall order, but you're moving in the right direction. Hot gourmet breakfasts and lunches served at your spacious seat means you won't have to miss a moment of the splendor out your window. Nor will you miss a moment of the latest captivating yarn or historical tidbit from your onboard Host.

#### GoldLeaf Service:

A refreshing welcome aboard toast

Regionally inspired meals created by our team of award-winning chefs

Gourmet meals plated to your preference and serviced at your seat

Complimentary beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and gourmet snacks

Complimentary baggage delivery to your hotel

A custom-designed bi-level dome coach with meal service below and seating up top

An exclusive outdoor viewing platform

Hot gourmet breakfasts and lunches, morning scones and afternoon wine and cheese

Upgraded hotel experiences

## TOUR ITINERARY

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

#### Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$4999 subject to availability.

#### Triple Share

Not available.

#### Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

#### Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### EXCLUSIONS

International Airfares

Transfers

Gratuities

Personal Expenses

Travel Insurance

Optional activities

Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

## TOUR ITINERARY

### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with a AUD \$1000 deposit per person.

Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$3449 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)

Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected

Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests

Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab

Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)

Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking

Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

### HOTEL LIST

Accommodation will be assigned by Rocky Mountaineer

### OPTIONAL TOURS

A range of optional excursions can be booked on tour through your Travel Director.