

13 DAY GRAND RAIL CIRCLE - 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  Kamloops
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer 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. Your day concludes as the Rocky Mountaineer travels along the shores of Kamloops Lake into Kamloops. Overnight in Kamloops.

DAY 3

Destination	Kamloops  Banff
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Your journey continues Eastward to the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta. Once again you will see a spectacular array of scenery as you 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. Today's highlights include Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven, the climb over Rogers Pass, Kicking Horse Canyon, the Spiral Tunnels and, of course, the glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies. Your rail journey ends this evening in the resort town of Banff. Overnight in Banff.

DAY 4

Destination	Banff
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of Banff and Banff National Park. Among the highlights are visits to Bow Falls, the Banff Gondola (admission included), a lake cruise on Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. Overnight in Banff. Note: In the event the lake cruise is not operating, interpretive experiences will be offered on the history of the founding of Banff, sampling of authentic Canadian treats, and hands-on interpretation of local flora and fauna.

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DAY 5

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 6

Destination	Banff 🚗 Lake Louise
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

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 spanning the Kicking Horse River. The tour ends in Lake Louise where the remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy this magnificent location. Overnight in Lake Louise. Please note: While arrival at The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise will be approximately 1:00 p.m., scheduled check-in time is not until 4:00 p.m. In the event that your room is not ready, your luggage will be stored and you are free to enjoy the amenities of the hotel.

DAY 7

Destination	Lake Louise
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy a free day in Lake Louise. Local activities include canoeing, hiking in the mountains or simply relaxing and taking in the magnificent views. Overnight in Lake Louise.

DAY 8

Destination	Lake Louise 🚗 Jasper
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Banff and Jasper national parks via the Icefields Parkway. Among the highlights are Bow Lake, the Columbia Icefield, Glacier Skywalk and Athabasca Falls. 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. Here you will ride on an Ice Explorer to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier to learn more about its geological features. Lunch is included at the Columbia Icefield Glacier Discovery Centre. Arrive in Jasper late this afternoon. Overnight in Jasper.

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Destination	Jasper
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Jasper National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Canadian Rockies' largest national park. Today you will enjoy a scenic half-day tour of some of the park's natural attractions and rugged peaks, and perhaps catch a glimpse of the wildlife that calls this region home. Highlights include breakfast at Maligne Canyon teahouse and a stroll to view the canyon itself. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore more of Jasper independently. Overnight in Jasper.

DAY 10

Destination	Jasper  Quesnel
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from the mountain resort of Jasper in the Canadian Rockies to the charming rural town of Quesnel, gateway to the North Cariboo. Pass through the Rocky Mountain Trench, with the steep Rocky and Cariboo Mountains either side, and on to the rolling hills and vast forests of British Columbia's Northern Interior. Highlights include Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, Yellowhead Pass and Moose Lake. Your day concludes as the Rocky Mountaineer passes through the town of Prince George and follows the Fraser River into Quesnel. Overnight in Quesnel.

DAY 11

Destination	Quesnel  Whistler
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Your journey continues Southwestward today to the four-season resort of Whistler, host of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games alpine events. Enjoy breathtaking and varied scenery, from the desert-like conditions of the Fraser Canyon, through the rolling hills and vast ranchlands of the Cariboo Plateau, to the river canyons and lush farmland of the Pemberton Valley. Highlights include sweeping views of the Fraser Canyon, the crossing of Deep Creek Bridge, one of the highest railway bridges in the world, and the shorelines of glacial-fed Seton Lake and Anderson Lake. Overnight in Whistler.

DAY 12

Destination	Whistler  Vancouver
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

The morning is free to explore Whistler Village at your leisure. This afternoon return to Vancouver onboard the Rocky Mountaineer through the stunning scenery of the Sea to Sky Corridor. Highlights of the trip include the Cheakamus Canyon, the dome peak of Mount Garibaldi, Brandywine Falls, and breathtaking views of Howe Sound and the Coast Mountains. An afternoon meal is served canapé style. Your rail journey ends today on arrival in Vancouver. At the North Vancouver train platform, you will be transferred to your accommodation in downtown Vancouver. Overnight in Vancouver.

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DAY 13

Destination	Vancouver
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Your journey ends upon checkout from your Vancouver hotel.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

5 days Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service
Luggage handling and rail station transfers in Vancouver, Kamloops, Banff, Jasper, Quesnel and Whistler
12 nights hotel: Vancouver, Kamloops, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Quesnel and Whistler
5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 afternoon meal
Vancouver Lookout
National Parks Pass
Banff Gondola
Banff Minnewanka Lake Cruise
Banff Exclusive Interpretive Program
Ice Explorer
April Closure Dates - Ice Explorer
Glacier Skywalk
April Closure Dates - Glacier Skywalk

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

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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 \$4699 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.

HOTEL LIST

Accommodation will be assigned by Rocky Mountaineer

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares

Transfers

Gratuities

Personal Expenses

Travel Insurance

Optional activities

Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

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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 \$3800 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!

OPTIONAL TOURS

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