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DAYS

# Rockies Trail

ESCORTED COACH TOUR – CALGARY TO VANCOUVER

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The Rocky Mountains are your gateway to Canada. Experience hot springs, glacial icefields and breathtaking views of soaring snow-capped peaks. Journey over rolling foothills and through interior canyons and discover the frontier legends of homesteaders, cowboys, and gold seekers.

The mountain park settings of Banff, Jasper and Whistler give way to the port cities of Vancouver and Victoria. Revel in the Pacific experience from awesome coastal scenery to boat cruises across blue-water straits where whales travel and bald eagles soar. Ocean, mountains and lively communities with famous Western hospitality – this trip has it all.

## Key Facts

- \* 10 Days / 9 Nights
- \* 2019 Departure Dates: June 13th, July 18th, August 22nd & September 5th



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## DAY 1

## Arrival in Calgary

Arrive at Calgary International Airport. Individually transfer to your centrally-located hotel. After check-in, the remainder of the day is free. The tour director will contact you in the late afternoon to give details on joining the tour. Explore the Old West at the Glenbow Museum or Fort Calgary on your own, browse through the Eau Claire Market, ride up the Calgary Tower for a great view and savour the excellent restaurants and dynamic nightlife. Overnight in Calgary at the Delta Calgary Downtown or similar.

## DAY 2

## Calgary to Banff National Park

You begin the day with a city tour of Calgary. Leaving the city, you travel west on the Trans-Canada Highway into the rolling foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The majestic peaks of the Canadian Rockies soon fill the horizon as you approach Banff National Park, your first of several in the Canadian national parks system. You soon arrive in the charming resort town of Banff. Overnight in Banff at the Elk + Avenue Hotel or similar. Continental breakfast included.

## DAY 3

## Banff National Park

Today you will enjoy a tour of the region around Banff. The area became Canada's first national park in 1885 to protect its natural hot springs. An *optional* Helicopter Sightseeing Tour will give you the chance to see the eastern ranges of the Rocky Mountains. Alternatively you can take an *optional* gondola ride to spectacular Sulphur Mountain. Bring your camera! The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the surroundings of Banff, stroll along Banff Avenue, or relax and enjoy the scenery. Overnight in Banff at the Elk + Avenue Hotel or similar. Canadian breakfast included.



## DAY 4

## Banff National Park to Jasper National Park

Today's journey through Banff and Jasper national parks promises to be a highlight of your Rockies Trail programme. Shortly after leaving Banff you visit the famous scenery of Lake Louise, one of the most photographed lakes in Canada. Afterwards, you travel north on the famed Icefields Parkway through a rugged wilderness flanked by dramatic mountain ranges. At the Columbia Icefield we board a specially constructed Ice Explorer to ride on the surface of the ancient Athabasca Glacier. Close to Jasper, you have the chance to go on an *optional* raft trip on the Athabasca River. Your experienced guide will point out the natural and human history as you raft through short rapids and stretches of calm waters. Overnight in Jasper at the Chateau Jasper or similar. Canadian breakfast included.

## DAY 5

## Jasper National Park to Kamloops

Before leaving Jasper National Park this morning, you can take part in an *optional* Spirit Island Cruise on Maligne Lake, the most picturesque and largest glacier-fed lake in the park. Alternatively, you may take an *optional* motorcycle tour of Jasper, riding in the comfortable sidecar with an unmatched view of the forests and mountains. Then, you travel west along the Yellowhead Highway and into the heartland of British Columbia. Breath-taking, unspoiled vistas await visitors in every season of the year. The route takes you along the Thompson River through the picturesque Shuswap Highlands. Overnight in Kamloops at the Thompson Hotel or similar. Canadian breakfast included.

## DAY 6

## Kamloops to Whistler

You can expect a day of dramatic scenery changes when you drive through the ranch lands and head for the coastal mountains. A journey along the Duffey Lake Road exposes new vistas at every turn. An *optional* Floatplane Sightseeing Tour over Garibaldi Park gives you an inspiring view of a natural preserve of volcanic peaks, alpine lakes and meadows. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Whistler at the Delta Whistler Village Suites or similar. Canadian breakfast included.



## DAY 7

## Whistler to Victoria

The Sea-to-Sky Highway leads you south through spectacular coastal scenery today. From Horseshoe Bay, you cruise by ferry across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver Island and continue by coach to Victoria, British Columbia's capital city. Arriving in Victoria, you embark on a city tour of this former British enclave. Overnight in Victoria at the Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel and Marina or similar. Canadian breakfast included.

## DAY 8

## Victoria

Proud of her maritime heritage, Victoria has retained a quaint, colonial demeanour evident in the many 19th-century landmarks throughout the city. Today you treat yourself to a tour of the world famous Butchart Gardens, one of the world's great floral displays set in a reclaimed stone quarry. Time will be allocated here for browsing through the regal gardens. You can take part in an *optional* Floatplane Sightseeing Tour over downtown Victoria and the Strait of Juan de Fuca with the Olympic Mountains in the distance. You can also go on an *optional* Whale-watching Excursion aboard a Zodiac or a regular vessel. Keep a watch out for the magnificent orcas and the abundance of marine wildlife. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the city's delights. Overnight in Victoria at the Coast Victoria Harbourside Hotel and Marina or similar. Continental breakfast included.

## DAY 9

## Victoria to Vancouver

You continue through the resort region of the Gulf Islands to the Oceanside city of Vancouver. Upon arrival in Vancouver, you enjoy an interesting tour of the city, including Stanley Park, English Bay, Gastown, Chinatown, and much more. The remainder of the day is free for independent exploration or simple relaxation. This evening features your farewell dinner. Overnight in Vancouver at the Sutton Place Hotel Vancouver or similar. Continental breakfast and dinner included.

## DAY 10

## End of Tour

A time for last-minute shopping and sad farewells. Individually transfer to Vancouver International Airport in time to check in for your return flight. Continental breakfast included.



## What's Included?

- \* Jonview tour director throughout
- \* Land transportation by modern coach
- \* Experienced tour driver
- \* Baggage handling (one piece per person)
- \* Calgary city tour
- \* Vancouver city tour
- \* Victoria city tour
- \* Capilano Suspension Bridge
- \* First-class (or best available) accommodation
- \* Banff and Lake Louise region tour
- \* Columbia Icefield Ice Explorer ride
- \* Ferry cruise through the Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island
- \* Butchart Gardens tour
- \* Meals: 9 breakfasts and 1 dinner

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## The Next Step?

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!

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