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DAYS

First Passage to the West

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER RAIL TOUR – CALGARY TO VANCOUVER (WESTBOUND)

EST. 1989

PRESTIGE

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Travel onboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* into the heart of British Columbia's interior. Your journey incorporates the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta, Lake Louise and Yoho National Park.

This seven-day route from Calgary to Vancouver includes some amazing options, including a 'Sea Safari', a 'Made in British Columbia Food Tour', a 'Guided Cycling Tour' or a 'Visit to the Spectacular North Shore'.

Key Facts

- * 7 Days / 6 Nights
- * 2019 Departure Dates: Various Sunday, Thursday & Monday departure dates are available between April & October
- * Upgrades Available



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DAY 1

Calgary Arrival

Arrive in Calgary and spend the rest of the day sightseeing in 'The Heart of the New West' independently. Overnight in Calgary.

DAY 2

Calgary to Banff with Summit Helicopter Tour

Depart Calgary this morning for a full-day tour concluding in Banff. Journey to Kananaskis where you will enjoy the highlight of today, a 12-minute Summit Helicopter Tour over the remarkable landscape of the Rockies. Continue on to Banff for a sightseeing tour including Bow Falls, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. Banff Gondola included. Your tour ends on arrival in Banff late this afternoon. Overnight in Banff.

DAY 3

Banff to Lake Louise

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 PM, scheduled check-in time is not until 4:00 PM. 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.



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DAY 4

Lake Louise to Kamloops

Travel onboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* from the mountain town of Lake Louise to Kamloops, in the heart of the BC Interior. Enjoy the spectacular array of scenery as you travel between the glacier and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies, over mountain passes and through remarkable tunnels, along rocky lakeshores and across the ranchlands of the Interior. Today's highlights include the Continental Divide, the Spiral Tunnels, Kicking Horse Canyon, Rogers Pass, and Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven. Overnight in Kamloops.

DAY 5

Kamloops to Vancouver

Your journey continues west towards the Pacific Ocean and the coastal city of Vancouver. On today's journey you will again see dramatic changes in scenery, from the desert-like environment of the Interior, through winding river canyons and pristine forests, to the Coast and Cascade Mountains and the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley. Highlights include the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River and the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon. Your rail journey ends on arrival in Vancouver this evening. Overnight in Vancouver. Breakfast and lunch whilst onboard.



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DAY 6

Vancouver Sightseeing

Today, select your choice of one of four activity options (listed below), then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore Vancouver. Overnight in Vancouver.

1. Enjoy a six-hour sightseeing tour of Vancouver's spectacular North Shore. Travel across the Lions Gate Bridge and into the Coast Mountains. Experience the Capilano Suspension Bridge and Treetops Adventure, discovering the coastal temperate rainforest and British Columbia's First Nations heritage. Next, visit Grouse Mountain (gondola admission included), the Peak of Vancouver, and take in breathtaking views of the city, ocean, and surrounding mountains. Includes hotel pick-up/drop-off transportation.

2. Enjoy a five-hour guided cycling tour of Vancouver's highlights, and experience the best of Vancouver food, history, ecology and culture while being active. The 23km-ride takes in the seawall and rainforest of Stanley Park, English Bay, Granville Island (including the Aquabus ferry), False Creek, Chinatown, Gastown, and Coal Harbour (helmet and bicycle rental included).

Please Note: Guests' heights are needed to arrange appropriately-sized bicycles, and guests will need to make their own way to/from 1344 Burrard Street for the tour.

3. British Columbia's mild climate and unique geographic location, tucked between mountains and sea, provide the province with an abundance of amazing culinary bounty which guests will explore on this in-depth 'Made in BC' Vancouver food tour on Granville Island. In the company of an experienced local chef or food writer (maximum six guests per docent), this two-and-a-half-hour walk will take you to the market, and you get to meet some of the local producers and taste their delicious wares.

Please Note: Include any dietary restrictions or allergies, and the docent will adapt accordingly, as there are several tastings of fish or seafood, and guests will need to make their own way to/from 126 Davie Street for the tour.

4. Experience the Howe Sound coast line from a 30ft rigid-hull inflatable boat on a 'Sea Safari'. Take in the towering cliffs of Anvil Island, the seals at play at Pam Rocks and the caves of Bowen Island. Spend an unforgettable two hours cruising along the water, surrounded by BC's unique Coastal Mountains, taking pictures with seals bathing in the sun, or cruising through the waves on our natural roller coaster. Includes hotel pick-up/drop-off transportation.

DAY 7

Vancouver Departure

Your package ends upon checkout from your Vancouver hotel.



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- * Single-level glass-domed coach with oversized windows
- * Delicious, hot entrée options served at your seat and plated to your preference
- * Complimentary beverages served throughout your journey, along with gourmet snacks
- * Overnight accommodation in popular hotels, as detailed below:

CALGARY

Hotel Arts

BANFF

Elk + Avenue

LAKE LOUISE

Fairmont Château Lake Louise,
Fairmont room

VANCOUVER

Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront



- * Two-level glass-domed coach with full-length window
- * Exclusive dining room
- * Gourmet hot meals
- * Complimentary beverages and snacks
- * Deluxe accommodation as below:

CALGARY

Fairmont Palliser, Fairmont Room

BANFF

Rimrock Resort, Premium Room

LAKE LOUISE

Fairmont Château Lake Louise,
Fairmont Lakeview room

VANCOUVER

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Fairmont Room



- * GoldLeaf Deluxe entitles guests to travel in GoldLeaf Service onboard *Rocky Mountaineer* and benefit from upgraded room types in the designated hotels on this tour, as below:

CALGARY

Fairmont Palliser, Junior Suite

BANFF

Rimrock Resort, Grandview Room

LAKE LOUISE

Fairmont Château Lake Louise,
Deluxe Lakeview room

VANCOUVER

Pan Pacific Vancouver,
Deluxe Harbour Room

Please Note: All accommodation is subject to availability, and similar hotels may be substituted. Please be aware that for any tours that overnight in Kamloops or Quesnel, the accommodation is of moderate standard only and no upgrade is possible.



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What's Included?

- * 2-day Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf or SilverLeaf Service
- * 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches
- * 6 nights' hotel accommodation
- * Calgary Tower
- * Calgary to Banff Tour, including Banff Gondola
- * Panoramic Helicopter Tour
- * Yoho Park Tour, Banff to Lake Louise
- * One of the following:
 1. North Shore Tour with Capilano Suspension Bridge and Grouse Mountain
 2. Guided Cycling Tour of Vancouver
 3. Culinary Walking Tour of Granville Island
 4. Zodiac Tour on Howe Sound
- * Rail station transfers in Lake Louise, Kamloops & Vancouver
- * Luggage handling & National Park Pass

What's Not Included?

- * Transportation from Calgary Airport
- * Transportation to Vancouver Airport
- * Meals, other than specified
- * Activities, other than specified
- * Gratuities for rail, hotel & transfer staff

2019 Departure Dates

- * April 14th, 18th, 21st, 25th & 28th
- * May 2nd, 5th, 6th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 23rd, 26th, 27th & 30th
- * June 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 23rd, 27th & 30th
- * July 1st, 4th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 28th & 29th
- * August 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 22nd, 25th, 26th & 29th
- * September 1st, 2nd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th & 29th
- * October 3rd, 6th & 10th

All details and inclusions are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice.



Tailor-Make Your Tour

Turn your holiday into something even more special – maybe add on a cruise either at the end or at the beginning of your rail tour. Or hire a car to explore the area you travel to on the *Rocky Mountaineer*. Perhaps you would prefer an Escorted Tour once you arrive in the Rockies. Virtually anything can be combined with your journey on the most famous train in Canada. Call us to find out more.

The Next Step?

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