

INDEPENDENT SELF-DRIVE & RAIL TOUR - CALGARY TO VANCOUVER





Enjoy the stunning scenery of Banff and Jasper National Parks before boarding the Rocky Mountaineer for a fabulous rail journey to Vancouver.

This suggested tour allows you to take in some stunning sights – such as Lake Louise, which is acclaimed as the 'Jewel of the Rockies', the Athabasca Glacier and Maligne Lake. You also get the chance to explore Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia's charming capital.

## **Key Facts**

- \* 10 Days / 9 Nights
- \* 2019 Departure Dates: Dates are available from 27th April to 8th October







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#### DAY 1

## Calgary to Banff (145km)

Arrive in Calgary. Pick-up your hire car and drive to the mountain resort of Banff for a two-night stay.

#### DAY 2

#### Banff

Today is a day at leisure to explore Banff and the surrounding area. Take the Banff Gondola (included), ride to the summit of Sulphur Mountain and visit other attractions such as Bow Falls, the Hoodoos and Surprise Corner.

### DAY 3

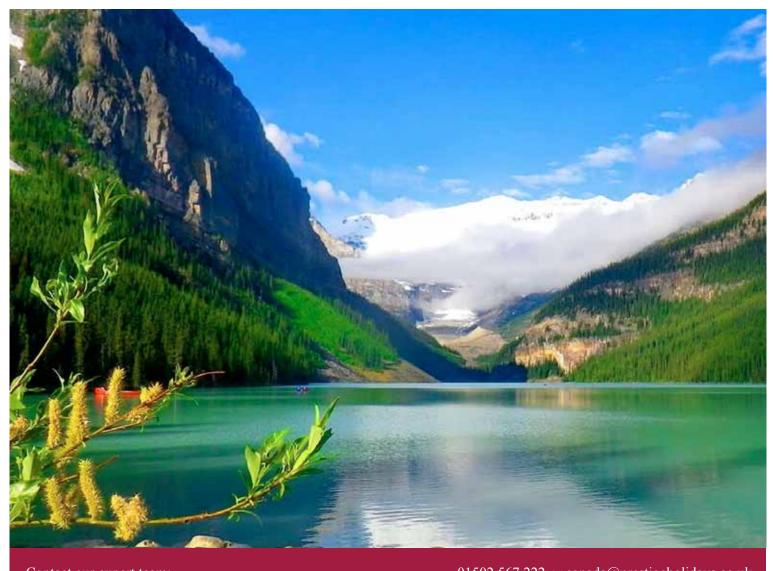
## Banff to Lake Louise (75km)

Take a leisurely drive via the Bow Valley Parkway, and perhaps stop at Johnston Canyon for a short nature walk, then continue to Lake Louse, the 'Jewel of the Rockies'.

#### DAY 4

## Lake Louise to Jasper (285km)

Said to be one of the most scenic routes in the world, journey along the spectacular Icefields Parkway, with recommended photo stops at Peyto and Bow Lakes. At the Columbia Icefield, walk on the Athabasca Glacier in a specially-designed Ice Explorer, for an included tour. On arrival in Jasper, check into your hotel for a two-night stay.





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#### DAY 5

### Jasper

Today is a day at leisure to explore Jasper and the surrounding area. We recommend a drive to Maligne Lake to enjoy a 90-minute cruise to Spirit Island; the road to the lake is well-known for wildlife sightings, so keep your camera handy. Later today, return your car to the downtown rental office.

### DAY 6

## Rocky Mountaineer to Kamloops

This morning, transfer by coach to the station, then board the world-famous *Rocky Mountaineer*, travelling in SilverLeaf Service for the two-day rail journey. The route today passes Mount Robson and follows the mighty Thompson River to Kamloops, where a coach transfer will take you to a moderate hotel which is provided by Rocky Mountaineer.

#### DAY 7

## Rocky Mountaineer to Vancouver

Transfer by coach to the station and re-board the train for today's journey which takes you through the Fraser Canyon and the fertile Fraser Valley before reaching Vancouver late afternoon. On arrival, a coach transfer will take you to your hotel for a three-night stay.





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#### DAY 8

## Vancouver

Today enjoy a five-hour city tour and tour of Capilano Bridge (included). Points of interest include Canada Place, Robson Street, Granville Island and historic Gastown as well as Stanley Park on the way to the Capilano Suspension Bridge. The 450-foot-long bridge crosses over a spectacular canyon to the Treetops Adventure structure.

#### DAY 9

### Victoria

Enjoy a full-day tour to Victoria by coach and ferry, including a stop at the world-famous Butchart Gardens (admission included) to view the stunning floral displays and water features. The city of Victoria boasts many impressive architectural wonders, including the Parliament Buildings and the Fairmont Empress Hotel, and you'll have free time to view the bustling Inner Harbour. Return to Vancouver by coach and ferry.

### **DAY 10**

## End of Tour

Arrangements end with check-out from your hotel, or perhaps you'd like to add on a cruise to Alaska?





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## Accommodation (Subject to availability, similar hotels may be substituted)

Day (s)	Location	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
1 & 2	Banff	Elk and Avenue Hotel	Moose Hotel	Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel / Rimrock Hotel
3	Lake Louise	Deer Lodge	Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise	Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
4 & 5	Jasper	Chateau Jasper	Sawridge Inn	Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
6	Kamloops	Accommodation provided by Rocky Mountaineer		
7 – 9	Vancouver	Rosedale on Robson	Georgian Court Hotel	Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

## What's Included?

- Accommodation as detailed in your chosen category
- \* 5 days of intermediate car hire with GPS
- \* Banff Gondola
- \* Ice Explorer ride
- \* Coach transfer from Jasper hotel to station
- \* Rocky Mountaineer in SilverLeaf Service (GoldLeaf available at a supplement)
- \* Coach transfer from station to Vancouver hotel
- \* 5-hour Vancouver city tour
- \* Excursion to Victoria, including Butchart Gardens admission
- \* Comprehensive documentation pack

## 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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