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DAYS

# First Passage to the West Highlights

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER RAIL TOUR – VANCOUVER TO CALGARY (EASTBOUND)

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
- \* 2020 Departure Dates: Wednesday & Saturday departures are available between 11th April – 7th October
- \* Upgrades Available



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**DAY 1****Vancouver Arrival**

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

**DAY 2****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 3****Vancouver to Kamloops**

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. Breakfast and lunch whilst onboard.

**DAY 4****Kamloops to Lake Louise**

Your journey continues eastwards 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 mountain hamlet of Lake Louise. Overnight in Lake Louise. Breakfast and lunch whilst onboard.





**DAY 5****Lake Louise to Banff**

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. Overnight in Banff.

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

**DAY 6****Banff to Calgary with Summit Helicopter Tour**

Today you will enjoy a full-day tour concluding in Calgary. Begin the morning with a sightseeing tour of Banff. Among the points of interest are Bow Falls, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. Banff Gondola included. Continue on to Kananaskis for the highlight of today's adventure, a 12-minute Summit Helicopter Tour over the remarkable landscape of the Rockies. Overnight in Calgary.

**DAY 7****Calgary Departure**

Your vacation ends upon checkout from your Calgary 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:

VANCOUVER

Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront

LAKE LOUISE

Fairmont Château Lake Louise,  
Fairmont room

BANFF

Elk + Avenue

CALGARY

Hotel Arts

  
GOLDLEAF™

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

VANCOUVER

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Fairmont Room

LAKE LOUISE

Fairmont Château Lake Louise,  
Fairmont Lakeview room

BANFF

Rimrock Resort, Premium Room

CALGARY

Fairmont Palliser, Fairmont Room

  
GOLDLEAF™  
— DELUXE —

- \* 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:

VANCOUVER

Pan Pacific Vancouver,  
Deluxe Harbour Room

LAKE LOUISE

Fairmont Château Lake Louise,  
Deluxe Lakeview room

BANFF

Rimrock Resort, Grandview Room

CALGARY

Fairmont Palliser, Junior Suite

**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
- \* Vancouver Lookout
- \* 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 Vancouver's Granville Island
  4. Zodiac Tour on Howe Sound
- \* Yoho Park Tour, Lake Louise to Banff
- \* Banff to Calgary tour including Banff Gondola
- \* Panoramic Helicopter Flightseeing
- \* Calgary Tower
- \* Rail station transfers in Vancouver, Kamloops & Lake Louise
- \* Luggage handling & National Park Pass

### What's Not Included?

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

### 2020 Departure Dates

- \* April 11th, 15th, 18th, 22nd, 25th & 29th
- \* May 2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 23rd, 27th & 30th
- \* June 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 20th, 24th & 27th
- \* July 1st, 4th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 18th, 22nd, 25th & 29th
- \* August 1st, 5th, 8th, 12th, 15th, 19th, 22nd, 26th & 29th
- \* September 2nd, 5th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 19th, 23rd, 26th & 30th
- \* October 3rd & 7th

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!