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DAYS

Rail & Sail Explorer

INDEPENDENT TOUR – ROUND-TRIP FROM VANCOUVER

EST. 1989

PRESTIGE

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A journey that will capture the imagination! Combining the romance of train travel with the delights of cruising, this programme offers travellers a truly unique view of Canada's dazzling scenery.

Visit Vancouver, Canada's most beautifully-located city, where you board the *Rocky Mountaineer* for an unforgettable train ride to the breathtaking wilderness of the Rocky Mountains. Spend a few days in this mountain paradise exploring the national parks of Banff and Jasper. Set out for the Pacific coast onboard VIA Rail's Jasper-to-Prince Rupert train and traverse Northern British Columbia. In Prince Rupert, embark on an enchanting cruise through the Inside Passage to Vancouver Island.

Key Facts

- * 13 Days / 12 Nights
- * 2020 Departure Dates: Wednesdays from 6th May — 30th September
- * Upgrades Available



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Arrival in Vancouver

Arrive at Vancouver International Airport and transfer independently to your centrally-located hotel. Pick up your information kit at the front desk upon check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this coastal gem. Overnight in Vancouver.

DAY 2

Vancouver

Spectacularly located between the Coast Mountains and the waters of the Pacific, Vancouver offers a world of entertainment, culture and adventure. Discover Vancouver on a Hop-on/Hop-off trolley tour, taking in the sights of historic Gastown, English Bay, Granville Island, the colourful totem poles of scenic Stanley Park and much more. Overnight in Vancouver.

DAY 3

Rocky Mountaineer – Vancouver to Kamloops

Enjoy a private transfer to the train station and embark on an unforgettable journey onboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* through the majestic landscape of Western Canada. Travel on the routes of early pioneer trails, listen to the history and legends of the West and enjoy the excellent onboard service. The train crosses the Coastal Mountains into the rugged beauty of the interior and follows the rushing torrents of the Fraser and Thompson Rivers. Overnight in Kamloops. Breakfast and lunch included.



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DAY 4

Rocky Mountaineer – Kamloops to Banff National Park

Today, relish the spectacle of snow-capped peaks, vividly-coloured lakes, glistening glaciers and alpine meadows as the train traverses Glacier, Yoho and Banff National Parks. The majestic mountain ridges of the Canadian Rockies tower high above the meandering railroad en route to the charming resort town of Banff. Overnight in Banff. Breakfast and lunch included.

DAY 5

Banff National Park

Canada's oldest national park offers a world of activities and recreation in a awe-inspiringly beautiful mountain setting. Spend the day at leisure in picturesque Banff, in the shadow of Mount Norquay, or explore the park along its vast network of hiking and horseback riding trails. The area's highlights include the Cave and Basin, Bow Falls and the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. Overnight in Banff.

DAY 6

Banff to Jasper

Leave Banff and travel north along the famous Icefields Parkway into the untamed wilderness of Jasper National Park. Every turn unveils spectacular vistas of indomitable peaks, outstretched valleys, cascading waterfalls and colourful meadows. At the Columbia Icefield, take the opportunity to tour onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier onboard an Ice Explorer (ride included). Overnight in Jasper.



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DAY 7**Jasper National Park**

Enjoy some time in the resort town of Jasper, boasting an intriguing frontier identity. Venture into Jasper National Park and hike past serene lakes and gentle meadows beneath jagged mountain peaks, or ride the Jasper Tramway and relish the commanding views of the town site and surrounding mountain vistas. Overnight in Jasper.

DAY 8**VIA Rail – Jasper to Prince George**

Today, embark on a memorable rail journey across British Columbia's northern region to the waters of the Pacific Ocean. Pass the cloud-veiled peak of Mount Robson and watch the horizons widen as the train descends from the Rockies onto the rugged interior plateau. The northern arm of the Fraser River leads to Prince George, your destination for the evening. Overnight in Prince George.

DAY 9**VIA Rail – Prince George to Prince Rupert**

Continuing west, enjoy the rugged beauty and pioneering character of a landscape once solely travelled by First Nation people and fur traders. The train follows the turbulent currents of the Skeena River and meanders through spectacular canyons and open valleys below the gaze of the ever-present mountain ridges. Overnight in Prince Rupert.



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DAY 10

Inside Passage Cruise – Prince Rupert to Port Hardy

Welcome to the glorious Inside Passage, a paradise for photographers and wildlife enthusiasts. Sail to Vancouver Island through a maze of enchanting islands, relishing the ever-changing vistas of deep fjords, densely forested shorelines, massive ice-flows and jagged inlets. Watch bald eagles soaring overhead, sea lions slumbering on the rocks and whales traversing the offshore waters. Transfer independently to your Port Hardy hotel. Overnight in Port Hardy.

Please Note: For departures with the Inside Passage sailings on or before 6th June and on or after 12th September, the cruise will depart in the afternoon and overnight will be onboard the ferry in your selected accommodation type. The cruise will end in the morning at Port Hardy where you independently transfer to the airport for your flight to Vancouver.

DAY 11

Port Hardy to Vancouver

Today independently transfer to the Port Hardy airport and embark on a scenic flight down the length of Vancouver Island. This is an excellent opportunity to truly appreciate the wild and untamed landscape of the island, the forests stretching deep into the interior with only sparse evidence of civilization. Landing in Vancouver, individually transfer to your hotel to check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Vancouver.



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DAY 12**Victoria Excursion**

This full-day trip to Victoria begins with a cruise through the scenic Gulf Islands and includes a visit to the acclaimed Butchart Gardens. Afterwards continue to Victoria for a city sightseeing tour that encompasses Victoria's stately homes and gardens as well as historic landmarks. You may see the University of Victoria and Beacon Hill Park and pass the Royal British Columbia Museum, the Parliament Buildings and the exclusive homes of the city's most affluent and historic neighbourhoods. You will return to Vancouver in the early evening. Overnight in Vancouver.

DAY 13**End of Tour**

Today your package comes to an end as you independently transfer to Vancouver International Airport in time to check-in for your return flight.



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

Day (s)	Location	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
1 & 2	Vancouver	Holiday Inn & Suites Downtown	Georgian Court Hotel or Coast Coal Harbour Hotel	Fairmont Hotel Vancouver or Pan Pacific Hotel
3	Kamloops	Thompson Hotel or similar	Thompson Hotel or similar	Thompson Hotel or similar
4 & 5	Banff	Banff Ptarmigan Inn or The Elk and Avenue Hotel	Brewster's Mountain Lodge	Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
6 & 7	Jasper	Lobstick Lodge or Marmot Lodge	Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre or Chateau Jasper	Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
8	Prince George	Sandman Hotel & Suites Prince George or Coast Prince George Hotel by APA	Sandman Signature Prince George or Coast Prince George Hotel by APA	Sandman Signature Prince George or Coast Prince George Hotel by APA
9	Prince Rupert	Pacific Inn or Crest Hotel	Crest Hotel or Prestige Hotel Prince Rupert	Crest Hotel or Prestige Hotel Prince Rupert
10	Port Hardy	Airport Inn Port Hardy or Pier Side Landing	Airport Inn Port Hardy or Kwa'Lilas Hotel	Quarterdeck Inn & Marina Resort or Glen Lyon Inn
11 & 12	Vancouver	Holiday Inn and Suites Downtown	Georgian Court Hotel or Coast Coal Harbour Hotel	Fairmont Hotel Vancouver or Pan Pacific Hotel

Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Upgrade (Banff to Vancouver)

For those travellers seeking an upgraded service aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer*, we are happy to offer special GoldLeaf Services. Onboard, GoldLeaf Service is delivered in a fully glass-domed railcar with magnificent views of the mountains, and a separate dining car that offers fine dining.

VIA Rail Touring Class Upgrade

A Touring Class upgrade is available for 17th June – 9th September departures. Please enquire for rates and availability.



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What's Included?

- * Accommodation for 12 nights
- * Hop-on/Hop-off trolley tour of Vancouver
- * Private transfer from Vancouver hotel to train station
- * Vancouver/Kamloops/Banff rail passage on the *Rocky Mountaineer* (SilverLeaf service)
- * Transfers to/from Kamloops Station
- * Full-day sightseeing transfer, Banff to Jasper including a stop at the Columbia Icefield (Ice Explorer ride included)
- * Jasper/Prince George/Prince Rupert rail passage on VIA Rail's route (economy class)
- * Prince Rupert to Port Hardy Inside Passage Cruise (passenger only).
Please Note: Until 20th May and on 23rd & 30th September the cruise will be overnight
- * Port Hardy to Vancouver flight
- * 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches onboard the *Rocky Mountaineer*
- * Full-day to Victoria, day trip from Vancouver including Butchart Gardens visit

What's Not Included?

- * Transfers unless otherwise specified
- * Airport improvement fee
- * National park entrance fees
- * Meals and attractions unless otherwise stated

The Next Step?

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

2020 Departure Dates

- * May 6th**, 13th** & 20th**
- * June 3rd & 17th
- * July 1st, 15th & 29th
- * August 12th & 26th
- * September 9th, 23rd** & 30th**

Please Note: ** These departure dates are with an overnight ferry. Passengers will not have an overnight hotel in Port Hardy. For Standard category, passengers will have an inboard cabin on overnight ferry; For Superior and Deluxe categories, passengers will have an outboard cabin on overnight ferry.

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

