

RAILS THROUGH THE SCENIC CANADIAN ROCKIES

July 12-18, 2025

Spend your days exploring Canada's breathtaking Rocky Mountains! The beauty of spectacular national parks will be revealed as we wind past sparkling lakes by motorcoach, across a glacier by Ice Explorer, and to the top of a mountain by gondola. Stunning vistas and majestic wildlife can be found around every turn!

Space is limited.
**Register
today!**

1. Rocky Mountaineer

DAY 1 SATURDAY, JULY 12

VANCOUVER

(Dinner)

Today, we will transfer to the airport for our flight to **Vancouver, Canada**, where we'll be met by our local guide and motorcoach. If time permits on the way from the airport, we'll tour the iconic neighborhoods of Gastown and Chinatown and do a little sightseeing before arriving at **Rosedale on Robson Suite Hotel** (or similar) for the next two nights. After settling in and freshening up, our group will gather for a lovely welcome dinner.

DAY 2 SUNDAY, JULY 13

VANCOUVER

(Breakfast)

We will depart for the BC Ferry terminal after an early breakfast and embark on a wonderful **cruise through the Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island**. Upon arrival, we'll first stop at the world-famous **Butchart Gardens** to explore the fifty acres of color and floral beauty. Next, we will travel a short distance to **Victoria**, the capital city of British Columbia and one of the most beautiful cities in Canada. After a brief city tour, there will be time to explore the shops, museums, and galleries of this little bit of "Old England." Late in the afternoon, we will board our deluxe BC Ferry and enjoy dinner on our own while soaking in the stunning coastal scenery.

DAY 3 MONDAY, JULY 14

KAMLOOPS

(Breakfast, Lunch)

Our motorcoach will transfer us to the rail station early this morning to **board the famous Rocky Mountaineer** for our spectacular two-day journey by train from Vancouver to Jasper. We'll ride in the luxury of SilverLeaf Service with comfortable reserved seating and amazing views of the Canadian wilderness from the domed windows. A hot gourmet breakfast will be served as the train pulls out of Vancouver and heads east through the lush Fraser River Valley. Soon, we will be traveling along the rugged cliffs of the Fraser River, surrounded by the peaks of the Coastal and Cascade mountains. A hot lunch will be served during the journey, along with plentiful snacks and fresh cookies, a complimentary bar, and non-alcoholic drinks. As the day progresses, we'll join the Thompson River system and climb to the desert-like environment of British Columbia's interior plateau. Our day concludes as we travel along the shores of Lake Kamloops to the city of **Kamloops**. We'll transfer to our overnight accommodations provided by **Rocky Mountaineer** and enjoy dinner on our own.

DAY 4 TUESDAY, JULY 15

BANFF

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

We head out early this morning for our second day aboard the Rocky Mountaineer. As a hot breakfast is served, we'll depart from Kamloops and work our way east along the South Thompson River Valley. Passing along the shores of Shuswap Lake, our train will take us through the Purcell Mountains and cross the majestic Columbia River near the alpine community of Revelstoke. We'll then tunnel under Rogers Pass and follow the rugged Illecillewaet River into Yoho National Park. Traveling through the famous Spiral Tunnels, the train will enter the province of Alberta and Banff National Park and move along the banks of the Bow River to bring us to Jasper and the end of our memorable rail journey. We'll transfer by coach to the alpine resort town of **Banff**. After checking into **Mount Royal Hotel** (or similar), we'll enjoy a relaxing dinner as a group.

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

BANFF

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Another spectacular day lies ahead as we travel through the heart of the Canadian Rockies along the world-famous **Icefields Parkway**. This road boasts a unique and irreplaceable landscape rich in history and natural beauty. Today's journey will traverse two 6,000-ft mountain passes, five separate river systems, dozens of mountain streams and lakes, and the largest glacial mass south of the Arctic Circle. Our adventure begins with a visit to the azure-blue Bow and Peyto Lakes, renowned for its mesmerizing turquoise waters set against a backdrop of majestic mountains, offering an ideal setting for capturing stunning pictures. Continuing onward, at the top of the Sunwapta Pass, we'll enter Jasper National Park and catch our first glimpse of the massive Columbia Icefield, where we will have the opportunity to **ride on the Athabasca Glacier in a specially built Ice Explorer**. During the ride, our driver/guide will teach us about the incredible geological history of the glaciers and mountains. Afterward, our journey continues along glacial rivers, returning to our overnight accommodations.

DAY 6 THURSDAY, JULY 17**BANFF****(Breakfast, Dinner)**

Enjoy breakfast this morning before departing on a wonderful day of sightseeing around Banff. Today's journey leads along the picturesque banks of the Bow River towards the awe-inspiring "Jewel of the Rockies," **Lake Louise**. Here, soak in the lake's breathtaking vistas and the Victoria Glaciers' grandeur, admiring the captivating natural beauty surrounding us. We'll take some time to explore the magnificent lake and visit the iconic **Chateau Lake Louise**, a historic hotel originally constructed as a modest log cabin in 1890. We'll return to Banff for free time to explore the shops and galleries and enjoy lunch on our own. Later, we'll embark on a brief tour of the iconic Banff resort town, beginning with a glimpse of the world-famous **Banff Springs Hotel**, a historic luxury landmark nestled in the heart of the Rockies. Our tour will also include visits to the thundering **Bow Falls**, the mysterious **Hoodoos**, and the picturesque gardens of the **Park Headquarters**. This evening, we will travel in an enclosed **gondola to the top of the 7,500-foot-high Sulphur Mountain**, taking in the amazing mountain vistas surrounding us on all sides. Once we arrive at the top, there will be time available to explore the museum and gift shop, capturing breathtaking panoramic photos. Afterward, we will gather for a delightful farewell dinner at the beautiful Northern Lights restaurant. It will truly be an amazing evening!

DAY 7 FRIDAY, JULY 18**HOME****(Breakfast)**

After breakfast, we will say goodbye to Banff and head east through the prairies of Alberta to Calgary for our flight home.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airport transfers
- Round-trip air to Vancouver & return from Calgary (air allowance of \$750)
- Private motorcoach transportation
- 6 nights' accommodations
- 12 meals (6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners)
- Admission to attractions as stated on itinerary
- Porter service of one bag per person at hotel
- Taxes and gratuities for included services
- Professional local tour manager

Not included in the price of this tour: meals other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, travel protection plan, passport fees, visa fees (if applicable), current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

Activity Level: Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, **you must:**

- Be able to walk/stand 3-4 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to regularly maneuver stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

For further information or questions, please contact:

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TOUR PRICING*

\$7,129 per person, double

\$8,249 per person, single

*Tour cost subject to 3% credit card transaction fee

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A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

(Deposit becomes non-refundable December 20, 2024)

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

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