



## Canadian Rockies Rail Circle

This awe-inspiring rail journey takes you to the most sought after places in the Canadian Rockies to experience nature—from mountains to moose, gondolas to glaciers—up close.



10 days/9 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Vancouver Arrival

Arrive in Vancouver from your home city and transfer on your own to your downtown hotel. Surrounded by the Coastal Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, Vancouver is often considered to be the most beautiful city in the world. Its sandy beaches, green spaces and mountain backdrop provide a playground for all ages. With glorious summers and mild winters the locals like to say that you can golf in the morning and ski in the afternoon. And, it just so happens, that it's true.

Overnight in Vancouver.

Silverleaf: Hampton Inn and Suites, king standard or queen double room

Goldleaf: Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver, deluxe city view room

Goldleaf Deluxe: Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver, premier city view room

#### Day 2: Vancouver to Kamloops

Explore the Canadian Rockies by rail. Experience three train routes that carry you off on a sightseeing sojourn from alpine-inspired Whistler and Banff, to the wildlife-rich stomping grounds of Jasper and back to the Pacific Ocean's stunning coastal city of Vancouver.

Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from the coastal city of Vancouver to Kamloops. 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. Overnight in Kamloops.

#### Day 3: Kamloops to Banff

Your journey continues east to the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta. 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 the glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies. Your rail journey ends this evening in the resort town of Banff.

Silverleaf: Banff Caribou Lodge and Spa, hotel room  
Goldleaf: Fairmont Banff Springs, Fairmont room  
Goldleaf Deluxe: Rimrock Resort Hotel, Grandview room

#### **Day 4: Banff**

This morning explore Banff on your own. After lunch, enjoy a half-day sightseeing tour of Banff and Banff National Park including Bow Falls, the Banff Gondola (admission included), Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. Climb Sulphur Mountain in a record-breaking eight minutes and get a bird's-eye view of six mountain ranges. Sorry, did we say 'climb'? We mean 'ascend in style' in your fully enclosed four-passenger gondola cabin! Phew! If you're keen to break in your hiking boots, try the 1-kilometre self-guided walk along the summit ridge and keep your eyes open for bighorn sheep and various bird species.

Overnight in Banff.

#### **Day 5: Yoho National Park, Banff to Lake Louise**

A half-day tour takes you into Yoho National Park to view some of its natural wonders, including the Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake, and a natural rock bridge that spans the Kicking Horse River. The tour ends in Lake Louise where the remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure.

Overnight in Lake Louise.

Silverleaf, Goldleaf and Goldleaf Deluxe: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, deluxe lake view room

#### **Day 6: Lake Louise to Jasper**

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Banff and Jasper National Parks via the Icefields Parkway. Highlights include Bow Lake, the Columbia Icefield, and Athabasca Falls. At the Columbia Icefield, ride on an Ice Explorer to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier. Tour the Athabasca Glacier in a giant six-wheel drive Ice Explorer vehicle while your guide explains the history of this ancient glacier and points out interesting geological features. Think of it like a "monster-truck meets glacier" adventure where you learn new things! Arrive in Jasper late this afternoon and overnight.

Silverleaf: Marmot Lodge, standard room  
Goldleaf: Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Fairmont room  
Goldleaf Deluxe: Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, deluxe room

#### **Day 7: Jasper**

Jasper National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Canadian Rockies' largest national park. Enjoy a scenic half-day tour of some of the park's natural attractions and rugged peaks. The remainder of the day is free to explore Jasper on your own. Overnight in Jasper.

#### **Day 8: Jasper to Kamloops**

Travel onboard Rocky Mountaineer to Kamloops. You will be surrounded by the dramatic scenery of the Continental Divide and by the river valleys of the Monashee and Cariboo mountains. Highlights include Mount Robson, Pyramid Falls, Yellowhead Pass, and the journey along the North Thompson River.

Overnight in Kamloops.

#### **Day 9: Kamloops to Vancouver**

After being transferred from your hotel back to the train station your rail adventure continues back west towards the Pacific Ocean and the coastal city of Vancouver. 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 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. On arrival to Vancouver you will be transferred from the train station to your hotel for your overnight in Vancouver.

Silverleaf: Hampton Inn and Suites, king standard or queen double room  
Goldleaf: Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver, deluxe city view room  
Goldleaf Deluxe: Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver, premier city view room

#### **Day 10: Departure from Vancouver**

Your vacation ends with check-out from your Vancouver hotel.

You may choose to add on extra days in Vancouver before or after your rail journey. Please ask us for the options to add in extra nights of accommodation and any optional tours you may wish to take.

#### **Rocky Mountaineer Service Levels and Optional Add-ons**

##### **SilverLeaf**



Unwind in a classic rail experience in custom-designed, single-level dome cars with roomy, reclining seats. Don't miss a minute of action through the oversized, domed windows and from the outdoor, viewing platform located between coaches. Enjoy a selection of delicious hot entrées, plated to your preference and served in the comfort of your seat. Relax with on-board complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and gourmet snacks. Two hosts plus a culinary team and full commentary will ensure your experience has a silver lining! The hotel accommodation with SilverLeaf Service is in comfortable hotels with restaurants on the property or within walking distance.

### GoldLeaf

Sit back, relax and soak in the unparalleled panoramic views from our custom-designed bi-level GoldLeaf Dome Coach. The GoldLeaf coaches feature full domed windows with panoramic views upstairs and a private dining room on the lower level with large picture windows. There is also a large, exclusive open-air vestibule for added viewing and photography opportunities. Indulge in delectable gourmet à la carte meals served in the dining room. Relax with on-board complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and gourmet snacks. Three to four hosts plus a full culinary team and full commentary will ensure you have a golden experience from beginning to end! The hotel accommodation with GoldLeaf Service is in luxurious hotels with premium room category and restaurants on property except in Kamloops and Quesnel where all accommodation is charming but of moderate standard and cannot be upgraded.

### Upgraded Gold Leaf

Gold Leaf Deluxe consists of all of the features of Gold Leaf service on-board the Rocky Mountaineer, plus upgraded hotel accommodation to deluxe hotels with superior views and/or larger rooms, except in Kamloops and Quesnel where all accommodation is charming but of moderate standard and cannot be upgraded.

#### • Optional add-ons:

- Vancouver extension; add on an extra hotel night for more time to explore this amazing city
- Sightseeing tours; add on an optional sightseeing tour (touring options will be provided for your tour dates at the time of your reservation)
- Dining; opportunity to add a meal plan at your hotel
- Cruising; add on a cruise before or after your rail journey
- Airport transfers; arrive at your hotel in style with a private pick-up from the airport

## Details

### Trip Code:

002121 - R14

### INCLUDED

- 9 nights of hotel accommodation
- Admission to Vancouver Lookout
- Rail station transfers in Vancouver, Kamloops, Banff and Jasper
- Luggage handling
- 4 days on-board the spectacular Rocky Mountaineer in the Service Level of your choice
- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches
- Banff tour including Banff Gondola
- Yoho Park tour
- Icefield Parkways tour including Ice Explorer
- Jasper Highlights tour
- Canada National Park Pass

### NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare from your home city to Vancouver and return
- Fuel surcharges
- Meals other than indicated
- Extra nights in Vancouver or Seattle
- Optional tours
- Gratuities
- Applicable HST/GST



## TOUR NOTES

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