



# Canadian Rockies by Rail

Plus the Calgary Stampede, the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth

## July 6-14, 2022

Since 1990, Rocky Mountaineer has elevated rail travel to match the grandeur of western Canada's most majestic landscapes. You do not overnight on the Rocky Mountaineer train, ensuring you don't miss a moment of the breathtaking scenery you will be travelling through the next two days. Take in the scenery through the oversized windows of the custom-designed, single level glass dome coaches while you enjoy delicious, hot entrée options and gourmet snacks served at your seat along with complimentary beverages, including wine, beer, spirits and non-alcoholic drinks will be served throughout our journey.

Day 1: July 6 - On our way to Canada!



Depart Waterloo and Columbia aboard our private shuttle to the St. Louis airport. We board our flight to Vancouver and begin our international adventure to visit our neighbors to the north on Alaska Airlines. We then head to our home for the next two nights, the Sheraton Wall Centre, in the heart of Vancouver.

Day 2: July 7 - High Elevation Highlights!

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before we meet our motorcoach and enjoy a full day of Vancouver area sightseeing, from the city to the wilderness. We enjoy a city highlights tour as we learn about this amazing city, one of the fastest growing in the world.



Then make sure your camera is charged as we head to Capilano Canyon, with its famous 450 feet long suspension bridge that has amazing views! Then we walk atop the forest along the Treetops Adventure, a series of seven suspension bridges nestled through the massive evergreens.

We then head to Grouse Mountain, where adventure awaits on the Red Super Skyride, North America's largest aerial tramway system! We soar high above towering Douglas firs, enjoying breathtaking views of the city of Vancouver, sparkling Pacific Ocean, Gulf Islands, and snowy peaks as we journey up the mountainside. We then return to the hotel, where the evening is yours to explore the city! (B)

### Day 3: July 8 - All Aboard the Rocky Mountaineer!



Today we begin our rail journey through the Rockies, boarding the Rocky Mountaineer train at the Vancouver Station at 7:30am. Our destination is Kamloops, located in the heart of British Columbia's interior. After our welcome drink, we enjoy unparalleled views from our single-level dome coach with panoramic views through oversized windows. During the day, we will be served regionally inspired meals created by award-winning chefs, gourmet snacks, and complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, all right at our seats, so sit back and enjoy the ride!

Today's journey will see the scenery change dramatically, 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. Our day concludes as the Rocky Mountaineer travels along the shores of Kamloops Lake into Kamloops.

Upon arrival at the Kamloops Station, we will be transferred by motorcoach to our overnight accommodation, and your luggage will be brought to your room. Our journey continues tomorrow, as the train only runs during the day so you don't miss a thing! (B,L,D)

### Day 4: July 9 - Up in the Rocky Mountains

We reboard the train and continue our journey, from Kamloops to Lake Louise and Banff in the mighty Canadian Rockies. We 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. Our rail journey ends this evening in Banff, where we board our private motorcoach and transfer to our hotel, the The ELK+Avenue Hotel, centrally located in Banff National Park and steps away from the downtown area. This mountain hotel is a great escape to the Canadian Rockies, with breathtaking mountain views and numerous outdoor activities. (B,L,D)



### Day 5: July 10 - Banff and Yoho National Parks

Depart by motorcoach for our full-day tour of Banff and Yoho National Park. The word "Yoho" is a Cree expression of amazement or awe, which describes the natural splendor of the park perfectly! Yoho has a spectacular landscape of ice fields and mountain peaks along with magnificent natural wonders like the Spiral Tunnels, the turquoise serene waters of Emerald Lake and the Kicking Horse River Rock Bridge.



Banff National Park is the oldest national park in Canada, established in 1885. It is perhaps most famous for Lake Louise, a glacial lake that owes its spectacular coloring to "rock flour," when the pulverized rock particles from glacial erosion are carried by the melting ice into the lake, giving it a natural turquoise color.

We then return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 6: July 11 - Free Day, or Optional Tour to the Columbia Icefields!

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a day of leisure in Banff, one of the most enjoyable cities in which to relax and play, you will feel as though you are in a Swiss village and time has stopped but you will enjoy all the modern conveniences.

Or enjoy an Optional 8 Hour tour to the Columbia Icefield!

Venture to the Columbia Icefield where a massive all-terrain vehicle will take you out onto the Athabasca Glacier, where you can walk on a glacier! Then, after a hot lunch, step out onto the glass-floored platform of the Columbia Icefield Skywalk, for mountain adventure at its finest!



Notes: Warm layers are recommended for the Columbia Icefield Adventure, as temperatures on the glacier can be significantly cooler. Also wear shoes with traction for walking on the glacier. Sunglasses are also recommended for the Columbia Icefield Adventure to reduce the glare of the sun off the glacier.

2021 pricing has not been announced, but we will let you know as soon as we have it. 2019 pricing was \$275, pp, including a hot lunch! (Availability for 2022 and pricing still being determined.)

Enjoy this final evening in Banff. (B)

Day 7: July 12 - Calgary Downtown and Stampede!

After breakfast this morning, we leave Banff and head to Calgary, where we stop at the Calgary Tower, with a stellar view from 525 feet above the city! Our home for the next two nights is the Delta Calgary Downtown, located at the intersection of the city's business and cultural districts. This evening we head to the Calgary Stampede, the

Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth! Tonight's top attraction is the thrilling Chuckwagon Races, where a team of riders have to quickly "breaking camp", by tossing tent poles and a barrel representing a camp stove into the back of their wagon before mounting their horses and following the wagons as they complete a figure eight around two barrels before circling a race track.



The outriders thunder down the track as if chased by a herd of stampeding cattle! The evening concludes with the award-winning grandstand show, with a feature performer and some of the best fireworks in the land. It's something that must be seen to believe! (B)

## Day 8: July 13 - Calgary Stampede Day 2!



Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we return to the Stampede for a full day of activities and Calgary Rodeo's Richest afternoon, with top prizes reaching millions of dollars! There are many other amazing activities as well, such as the First Nation Village, agriculture auction, a midway with games, a market, and much, much more!

## Day 9: July 14 - Farewell to Canada

Board our private motorcoach for a farewell tour of the city as we are transferred to the Calgary International Airport for our return flight home to St. Louis. Upon arrival we will be picked up in our private shuttle to return to Columbia and Waterloo. Thank you for traveling with us! (B)

### Tour Includes:

- ▶ Airfare from St Louis to Vancouver and from Calgary back to St Louis on Alaska Airlines
- ▶ Shuttle from Columbia and Waterloo to the airport – no need for airport parking!
- ▶ Tour Vancouver and surrounding areas, including Capilano Canyon and Mt. Grouse
- ▶ 2 days riding on the Rocky Mountaineer train, with a panorama glass dome car!
- ▶ Complimentary beverages plus gourmet meals and snacks while on the train
- ▶ 8 nights' hotel accommodation – no sleeping on the train!
- ▶ All breakfasts at the hotels, plus ALL MEALS when on the Rocky Mountaineer
- ▶ Reserved seats for Calgary Stampede for Chuckwagon Races & Grandstand Show
- ▶ Reserved seats for afternoon rodeo at the Calgary Stampede
- ▶ All sightseeing as outlined
- ▶ All gratuities to driver, guides and servers at included meals
- ▶ Luggage handling at the hotel – no need to bring your large bag up!

Group Tour Cancellation and Interruption Travel Protection has been purchased for all tour members by First National Bank of Waterloo.

\$6,998 per person, double occupancy

\$8,790 per person, single occupancy

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Group airfare has been booked and we do not anticipate an increase prior to final ticketing unless jet fuel escalates and they reprice our fare. You will be notified at that time.