

Canadian Rockies by Train With the Rocky Mountaineer Train Vancouver * Victoria * Kamloops * Banff

August 1 - 8, 2018
8 days / 7 nights

Spend two days on the Rocky Mountaineer Train viewing coastal forests, roaring river canyons and lofty mountain peaks!

Day 1: Vancouver, British Columbia - Fly from Hartford/Bradley to Vancouver & Tour Begins - Set out to explore the beautiful Canadian Rockies by train. This timeless adventure begins in the beautiful city of Vancouver.

Day 2: Vancouver - Enjoy a memorable breakfast at the Capilano Suspension Bridge. Such an incredible sight to see! Next we begin our Vancouver sightseeing tour at beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Stop in at picturesque Granville Island Public Market for time to stroll through its fascinating stalls of handmade crafts & artisan food producers. Continue through Chinatown, the city's waterfront, and Gastown, a turn-of-the-century center comprised of pubs, art galleries, boutiques and the world-famous steam-powered clock. **B, D**

Day 3: Vancouver - Victoria - Vancouver - This morning we will take a scenic ferry to Vancouver Island to visit the lovely Butchart Gardens. These gardens are among the world's most beautiful and are a veritable explosion of color and fragrances. Next, take a short sightseeing tour of Victoria, the "City of Gardens." Enjoy some leisure time to explore this lovely seaside spot. This evening you will journey back to the mainland via a short ferry ride. **B**

Day 4: Vancouver - Rocky Mountaineer® Train - Kamloops - Board your train for the scenic journey of a lifetime. The Rocky Mountaineer® train takes you on a spectacular voyage from Vancouver to Banff in SilverLeaf Service. Today your route begins with a journey through the verdant farmlands of the Fraser Valley and the towering peaks of the Coast Mountains. You'll see the mighty Fraser River & the raging white waters of Hell's Gate. The landscape then transforms again to semi-arid desert as you travel toward the city of Kamloops for your overnight hotel stay. **B, L**

Day 5: Kamloops - Rocky Mountaineer® Train - Banff, Alberta - Continue east toward the spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountains. History comes alive as you travel the rail route that united Canada as a nation. You'll journey alongside the powerful Kicking Horse River and ride through the Spiral Tunnels, a century-old engineering feat. In addition to the breathtaking scenery, you may even catch a glimpse of fleeting wildlife, including moose, elk, bighorn sheep, bears and soaring eagles. This evening arrive in Banff for a 3-night stay. **B, L**

Day 6: Banff - Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Hoodoos – known as the "Land of the Sleeping Giants." Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During an afternoon at leisure, perhaps you will take a stroll through Banff's delightful downtown. **B, D**

Day 7: Banff - Icefields Parkway - Banff - A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as we set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Marvel at lofty waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and the picture-perfect snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Columbia Icefield where you will have a choice of tours. This afternoon, stop at stunning Peyto Lake, a turquoise glacier-fed lake that evokes pure serenity. Be on the lookout for bears and stately elk on your return to Banff. Join your fellow travelers this evening at a farewell dinner where you'll enjoy regional cuisine and toast the end of a wonderful trip. **B, D**

Day 8: Banff - Fly home to Hartford/Bradley
Your adventure comes to a close, leaving you with many memories of your extraordinary journey through the incomparable Canadian Rockies. **B**

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