Great Resorts Of The Canadian Rockies With The Rocky Mountaineer

Day 1 ARRIVE IN CALGARY, ALBERTA Stetsons and Skyscrapers Welcome to Calgary, where cowboys still ride tall in the saddle below the skyline of Alberta's "Cow Town." At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome drink.

Day 2 CALGARY-LAKE LOUISE City Slickers and Sapphire Shores Take an orientation drive through cosmopolitan Calgary before heading to Lake Louise. Upon arrival, take a leisurely [LF] guided heritage walk along the legendary lakeshore. Free time this afternoon and evening at the exclusive Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. (B,D)

LOCAL FAVORITE

WILDERNESS IN WATERCOLOR Explore the breathtaking shores of Lake Louise where its bright blue surface mirrors the sky between Banff's high peaks. Hear its storied history-from the early Stoney Nakoda First Nations people who named it "lake of the little fishes" to the bold railroad barons of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Hear fascinating stories of frontiersmen and First Nations who first discovered the exquisite waters of Lake Louise.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT Named for a Victorian princess, Lake Louise is the perfect setting for the architecture, amenities, and atmosphere of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise-designed to pamper the heartiest of alpine adventurers. Slip into the indoor pool and hot tub, or soothe the soul at the fitness center and spa. With attention to your comfort and enjoyment amid the rugged Rocky Mountains, you'll enjoy concierge service, gift shops, a variety of restaurants, lounge, and room service.

Day 3 LAKE LOUISE–JASPER Natural Wonders in the Rockies Scenic drive on Icefields Parkway reveals spectacular vistas, including the picturesque Peyto Lake (weather permitting). Next stop, Jasper National Park, a Dark Sky Preserve and the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. Enjoy free time this afternoon. (B,D)

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PICTURE PERFECT Nestled between the pines and peaks, see for yourself why Peyto Lake is one of the most photographed natural beauties in North America. This azure alpine lake strikes the pose as a model of perfection, delivering a visual feast you must see to believe!

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT Settle in for a cozy cabin-style 2-night retreat in superbly appointed guest rooms. The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge delivers all the comforts of home with a touch of luxury in the wilderness. Set deep in the Canadian Rockies, the lodge's rugged elegance makes it the embodiment of peace, tranquility, and natural beauty. Enjoy a wide variety of onsite amenities to welcome you home from a day of exploring with views of surrounding mountains and Beauvert Lake.

Day 4 JASPER. EXCURSION TO MALIGNE LAKE The Wilderness Spirit A scenic cruise on Maligne Lake to Spirit Island reveals the wild beauty of an alpine wonderland. Free time this afternoon and evening in Jasper National Park. (B)

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

NATURAL WONDERS Find your head in the clouds with a cruise across the waters of Maligne Lake. Between the silver and green glacial peaks, experience the views from the largest lake in Jasper National Park. Glide on the waters to Spirit Island, one of the most photographed spots on Earth. Keep your camera ready for further chances to capture a photo of deer, moose, eagle, or bears in this Rocky Mountain paradise.

Day 5 JASPER–COLUMBIA ICEFIELD–BANFF Moving Mountains and Lifting Hearts Depart Jasper with a scenic drive on Icefields Parkway en route to Columbia Icefield. Explore how landscapes are shaped with an epic ride aboard the mighty Columbia Ice Explorer all-terrain vehicle with a Glaciologist Guide. Continue through Banff National Park to discover breathtaking beauty beyond imagination. Drive through Banff's mountain cathedrals that tower above Natural Bridge, Kicking Horse River, and Emerald Lake. Free time this evening.(B)

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

EPIC RIDE Be moved by an expedition across the Athabasca Glacier. Traverse this massive glacier aboard the all-terrain Columbia Ice Explorer and walk on the surface where the Earth's geology is changing beneath your feet. Feel the force of nature's strength on an ancient glacier that still carves the face of the Rocky Mountains today.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT For over a century, the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, has been the destination for luxury in the heart of Alberta's Canadian Rockies. The Scottish-style "Castle of the Rockies" welcomes guests to retire each night with dining choices and lounges, Afternoon Tea, and room service. In Scottish tradition, a 27-hole golf course offers a game or two, with added diversions of a spa, tennis courts, indoor and outdoor pool, hot tub, horseback riding, gift shops, convenience store, and concierge service.

Day 6 BANFF Peak Perfection and Royal Tradition Explore Banff National Park with a scenic drive around Tunnel Mountain and witness the wonder of Bow River Falls with views of the peaks of the Canadian Rockies. Later, take advantage of an optional helicopter flightseeing trip with dramatic aerial views of the Rocky Mountains and Banff, or stroll the town's colorful streets. Meet an [LF] officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to hear tales in true Mounties tradition. Farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

LOCAL FAVORITE

HEROES ON HORSEBACK As the song goes, Canadian Mounties "always get their man." Since the early days of the Northwest Territory, these brave members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have patrolled the mountains of Alberta and beyond with dignified duty. While visiting Banff, visit with a Canadian Mountie as a tip of the signature wide-brimmed hat begins the tales of adventure since the turn of the century, including the tradition behind the famous red jackets and regulation jodhpurs"

Day 7 BANFF–ROCKY MOUNTAINEER–KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA All Aboard in Banff! This morning, board the Rocky Mountaineer and travel over the Continental Divide and along the Kicking Horse River. Westward to Shuswap Lake, then overnight in Kamloops. Tonight, enjoy free time in Kamloops. (B,L)

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

TRAIN SPOTLIGHT Travel in style aboard the legendary Rocky Mountaineer train service from Banff to Kamloops. Ride in comfort with exceptional service as you take in the panoramic views through your custom-designed glass-dome coach. Snap the perfect shots of spectacular landscapes from the comfort of your seat or step out on the outdoor viewing area for a wide-open view. Enjoy Rocky Mountaineer's SilverLeaf service with everything you need and more to experience the majesty of the Rocky Mountains in luxury: panoramic views, delicious meals and beverages brought right to your seat, friendly Hosts and miles and miles of memories.

Day 8 KAMLOOPS–ROCKY MOUNTAINEER–VANCOUVER Back aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, your journey passes through the fertile Thompson Valley and the Fraser Canyon. This afternoon, arrive in Vancouver, where you'll be transferred to your hotel for a 2-night stay. (B,L)

FREE TIME TIPS

EXPLORE MORE in Vancouver with your pick of the freshest seafood in the Canadian Rockies. The buzzing downtown scene is rich in culinary delights from sushi or wild-caught salmon to pizza and pasta. Don't forget to indulge in an iconic British Columbia confection of coconut, chocolate, and nutty Nanaimo bars.

Day 9 VANCOUVER A full day at leisure to explore this vibrant city. (B)

Day 10 VANCOUVERSafe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)