

Rocky Mountaineer | Rainforest to Gold Rush at Leisure

Holiday Duration: 10 Nights



Overview

“The Most Spectacular Train Trip in the World”

The Rocky Mountaineer train, designed especially with you in mind, travels through the day and stops for the night and ensuring you don't miss any of the phenomenal scenery and yet have a comfortable bed for the night.

This spectacular Rocky Mountaineer itinerary takes you on their newest route north into pristine and rarely seen wilderness from Vancouver to Whistler and on to Jasper with overnight stops in Whistler and Quesnel. This runs in both directions every few days from mid May until mid September.

As an alternative you can choose Journey Through the Clouds which travels between Vancouver and Jasper, or the First Passage to the West which travels between Vancouver and Banff or Calgary.

Please note the Rocky Mountaineer runs from late April till early October.

This itinerary is flexible and can be tailor-made to suit you; if you want to add extra days in one area, extend the holiday or maybe change the direction of travel. Talk to one of our experts about how to make this holiday the perfect one for you.

Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Day 1



Vancouver

Arrive into Vancouver and spend time exploring this lovely city.

1 night in Vancouver.

Day 2



Vancouver to Whistler

Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from North Vancouver to the mountain resort Whistler, renowned for outstanding skiing and year-round outdoor activities. You will be transferred from downtown Vancouver and then the Rocky Mountaineer will take you on a breathtaking rail journey through the stunning scenery of the Sea to Sky Corridor. Highlights of the trip include spectacular views of Howe Sound and the Coast Mountains, Brandywine Falls, Mount Garibaldi and the impressive Cheakamus Canyon.

On arrival at the Whistler train station, you will be transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Breakfast will be included on the train.

1 night in Whistler.

Day 3

Whistler to Quesnel

Continue onboard the Rocky Mountaineer to the charming rural town of Quesnel, gateway to the North Cariboo. Enjoy breathtaking and varied scenery, from the river canyons and lush farmland of the Pemberton Valley to the desert-like conditions of the Fraser Canyon to rolling hills and vast ranchlands of the Cariboo Plateau. Highlights include the shorelines of Anderson Lake and glacial-fed Seton Lake, sweeping views of the Fraser Canyon and the crossing of Deep Creek Bridge, one of the highest railway bridges in the world. The Rocky Mountaineer follows the banks of the Fraser River into Quesnel.

1 night in Quesnel.

Day 4



Quesnel to Jasper

Your journey continues eastwards today to the beautiful Canadian Rockies and Jasper National Park. Follow the Fraser River north to the town of Prince George, then travel east through the forests of northern British Columbia, home to plentiful wildlife, including a large population of moose. View the steeply rising Rocky Mountains and to the south the Cariboo Mountains. Continue climbing past Mount Robson, at 3,954 metres (12,972 feet) the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, and through the Yellowhead Pass into Alberta. You will continue on for an evening arrival into Jasper.

2 nights in Jasper.

Day 5

Jasper

Today enjoy a scenic half-day tour of some of the park's natural attractions and rugged peaks. Maybe you will see a glimpse of the wildlife that calls this region home. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore more of Jasper.

Day 6



Jasper to Lake Louise

Travel to Lake Louise via the beautiful and scenic highway, the Icefields Parkway. A stop will be made at Athabasca Falls before arriving at the Columbia Icefield. Here you will ride on an Ice Explorer to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier. Your driver/guide will explain how glaciers are formed and point out some interesting geological features. Time will be available for lunch included at the Glacier Discovery Centre. Afterwards, a brief stop will be made at Bow Lake before arriving in Lake Louise this afternoon.

2 nights in Lake Louise.

Day 7

Lake Louise

Enjoy a free day in Lake Louise. Local activities include canoeing, hiking in the mountains or simply relaxing and taking in the magnificent views.

Day 8



Lake Louise to Banff

This morning you are free to explore beautiful Lake Louise on your own. After lunch, a half-day tour takes you into Yoho National Park to view some of its natural wonders. Among the attractions are the Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake and a natural rock bridge that spans the Kicking Horse River. At the end of the tour you will be transferred to Banff.

2 nights in Banff.

Day 9

Banff

Today you will have an entire day to spend exploring Banff National Park on your own. Optional activities include soaking in the mineral pools at Upper Hot Springs, enjoying a nature walk on nearby mountain trails, visiting Banff's historic museums, cruising on Lake Minnewanka or playing a round of golf at The Fairmont Banff Springs

Day 10



Banff to Calgary

Today you will have a sightseeing tour of Banff. Among the points of interest are Bow Falls, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner, and the Hoodoos. A trip on the Banff Gondola is included. Continue on to Kananaskis for a 12 minute Panoramic Helicopter Tour over the amazing Rockies landscape before heading to Calgary. Enjoy admission to the Calgary Tower.

Day 11

Calgary

Checkout from your Calgary hotel. Let us recommend an extension to your holiday or arrange your flight home.

GoldLeaf or SilverLeaf

The Rocky Mountaineer has 2 levels of service; both of them good but offering different experiences:

GOLD LEAF

- Two days onboard the Rocky Mountaineer with assigned seating in a bi-level dome coach
- Full glass-dome windows with panoramic views upstairs
- Private dining room with large picture windows on the lower level
- Gourmet a la carte meals
- Complimentary snacks and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Large, exclusive outdoor viewing platform
- One night moderate accommodation in Kamloops or Quesnel
- Transfers and Luggage delivered to hotel room in Kamloops, Whistler or Quesnel

SILVER LEAF

- Two days onboard the Rocky Mountaineer with assigned seating in a single-level dome coach
- Oversized glass-dome windows
- Delicious hot-entree options served in the comfort of your own seat
- Complimentary snacks and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Outdoor viewing between coaches
- One night moderate accommodation in Kamloops or Quesnel
- Transfers and Luggage delivered to hotel room in Kamloops, Whistler or Quesnel

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