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Rocky Mountaineer: Grand Circle

From £7,099 per person // 14 days



Take the ultimate Rocky Mountaineer tour through the Canadian Rockies in a scenic loop from Vancouver. Enjoy jaw-dropping scenery plus the chance to explore Banff National Park, Lake Louise, Jasper, Quesnel and Whistler.

The Essentials

- Overnight in Calgary, home of the famous Stampede
- Banff and Lake Louise with fantastic tours en route
- A two-day journey aboard the world famous Rocky Mountaineer with meals and all drinks onboard
- A full day in Vancouver at the end of your holiday to explore

Tailor make your holiday

- Choose your departure date
- Upgrade your package to Gold Leaf
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Arrival and departure airport transfers in Vancouver
- Travel on the Rocky Mountaineer train from Vancouver to Kamloops and Jasper to Vancouver
- 13 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Excursions including a trip on the Banff Gondola and Icefields Parkway tour on the Athabasca Glacier
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Itinerary -



Day 1 - Arrive Vancouver

On arrival in Vancouver, transfer to the Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel for an overnight stay. Stretch your legs and enjoy a stroll around the centre of the city once you've settled in at your hotel. Your holiday includes admission to the Vancouver Lookout, boasting fantastic views over Vancouver, the surrounding waters and distant mountains.



Day 2 - Vancouver To Kamloops Aboard The Rocky Mountaineer

Board the famous Rocky Mountaineer today for your first journey. Leaving the arable lands of the Fraser Valley behind, your route takes you towards the distant peaks of the Coast Mountains. Snake alongside the mighty Fraser River past Hell's Gate, where the river narrows into a narrow canyon of whitewater rapids. A dramatic change in the landscape sees scrub brush and desert appear outside the oversized-picture windows of the train before you pull into Kamloops for an overnight stop. Please note accommodation in Kamloops will be assigned closer to departure and is of a moderate standard.



Day 3 - Kamloops To Banff Aboard The Rocky Mountaineer

The second day of your Rocky Mountaineer journey takes you into the heart of the mountains. You'll continue east along the banks of the South Thompson River to the spot where the last spike was driven home on the Canadian Pacific Line at Craigellachie. Look out for mountain-top glaciers, waterfalls and crystal clear lakes on your way to Banff. There may even be some wildlife to be seen along the way and your host will be sure to point out a moose or grizzly bear if they come into view. On arrival in Banff, check in at the Banff Park Lodge, where you will stay for 3 nights.



Days 4 & 5 - Banff

Enjoy two days in Banff, at the centre of the stunning National Park of the same name. You'll have time to discover this outstanding area of natural beauty independently, including tickets to ride the Banff Gondola up to the summit of Sulphur Mountain for spectacular views. On your first day, you'll also be taken on a half-day tour which includes Bow Falls, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos (pictured).



Day 6 - Banff To Lake Louise

Spend another morning at leisure in Banff and then, in the afternoon, you'll take a motorcoach tour into Yoho National Park. Yoho is a Cree word for 'awe and wonder', which is an appropriate name for this beautiful area. One of the highlights of the park is Emerald Lake, the largest stretch of water in the region. Due to its high altitude, the lake is frozen over from November until June. Later on in the afternoon, arrive into Lake Louise and check in for your 2-night stay at the magnificent Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.



Day 7 - Lake Louise

Rest and relax in the serene surroundings of Lake Louise today. There's a great program of activities on offer through the hotel, depending on the time of year, including hikes, cruises and even cave tours. Alternatively, you might like to take one of a range of classes in the hotel's health centre, enjoy a swim or pamper yourself with a luxurious spa treatment. You can also just stretch your legs with a stroll around the lake at your own pace.



Day 8 - Lake Louise To Jasper

It's time to leave Lake Louise today for a scenic tour by motorcoach of Banff and Jasper National Parks. Travel along the Icefields Parkway, bordering Canada's Continental Divide and make stops at stunning Bow Lake and the dramatic Athabasca Falls. You'll also have the opportunity to ride in an Ice Explorer onto the Columbia Icefield and walk along the gravity-defying Glacier Skywalk. Lunch en route is included. On arrival in Jasper, check in for a 2-night stay at Lobstick Lodge.



Day 9 - Jasper

Welcome to Jasper! This morning, you'll be taken on a tour of the local highlights of Jasper National Park, the largest National Park in the Canadian Rockies, covering an area of over 6,300 square miles. Lunch is included on the tour and the remainder of the day is then free for you to explore at your own leisure. Alternatively, you might like to just sit and relax by the indoor pool at your hotel.



Day 10 - Jasper To Quesnel Aboard The Rocky Mountaineer

Your 'Rainforest to Goldrush' journey begins today aboard the Rocky Mountaineer as you leave Jasper and head south with the majestic peak of Mount Robson as a backdrop. The route descends through the Rocky Mountains, via pristine lakes and thundering waterfalls, eventually arriving in Quesnel, one of the towns in the area which surged in population during the Caribou Gold Rush in the mid to late 19th century. Your overnight accommodation in Quesnel will be assigned closer to departure and is of a moderate standard.



Day 11 - Quesnel To Whistler Aboard The Rocky Mountaineer

Leaving Gold Rush capital Quesnel behind this morning, you'll enjoy breakfast on the train as you continue through ranchland into more rugged landscapes, with sheer cliffs on one side of the train and glacial lakes on the other. Discover the beauty of Seton and Anderson Lakes before travelling down the Pemberton Valley and into the famous resort town of Whistler. Enjoy a relaxing overnight stay at one of the town's hotels.



Day 12 - Whistler To Vancouver Aboard The Rocky Mountaineer

There's time to explore the former host city of the Winter Olympic games this morning before you rejoin the Rocky Mountaineer for your last journey back to Vancouver. Passing spectacular cliffs, canyons and bridges, your journey eventually takes you along the picturesque fjord of Howe Sound and into the British Columbian city of Vancouver. Here, you'll check back in at the Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel for a 2-night stay.



Day 13 - Vancouver

At the end of your Rocky Mountaineer journey, enjoy a full day at leisure in Vancouver to explore independently. Walk along the lovely seawall at Stanley Park, take a wander around Granville Island Public Market or perhaps visit Gastown, the original neighbourhood of Vancouver with its funky coffee shops and independent stores. Vancouver is also one of Canada's culinary capitals, so it's well worth enjoying a leisurely dinner somewhere special. Ask the concierge at your hotel for suggestions.



Day 14 - Depart Vancouver

At the end of your exciting holiday, it's time to transfer back to the airport for your flight back to the UK. Let us know your flight details so that we can arrange a transfer from your hotel to the airport.

Pricing

From £7,099 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room in the hotels and travelling in Silver Leaf class aboard the Rocky Mountaineer. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. Best prices are at the beginning and end of the season.

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