

Spirit of Rockies (Canada)

Create a lifetime of incredible memories traveling through the unforgettable Canadian Rockies! Begin your vacation in Vancouver with a tour that includes Chinatown and the famed totem poles of Stanley Park. Then, board the Rocky Mountaineer train and head for historic Kamloops, east to Shuswap Lake, and over the Continental Divide to breath-taking Banff National Park. This train ride through breath-taking scenery takes you back to a time when getting to your destination was part of the fun. Along the way, see wild rivers, majestic mountain ranges, and beautiful lakes.

Spend two nights in Banff at the internationally recognized Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, a chateau-style hotel developed into one of the top three getaways in North America. En route to Lake Louise, enjoy a side trip to one of the crown jewels of the Canadian Rockies—Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks, where ten mountain peaks soar 10,000 feet and surround the tranquil waters of the lake. In Lake Louise, stay at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a world-famous resort built in 1890.

Travel on Icefields Parkway past towering peaks and hanging glaciers to Jasper National Park, Canada's largest national park. View sapphire Peyto Lake and thundering Athabasca Falls, and ride an Ice Explorer on the Athabasca Glacier. Stay at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, nestled between majestic mountains and mountain lakes. Drink in the scenery as you pass Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Then on to Sun Peaks and the mountain resort of Whistler, where you'll stay at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler, nestled at the base of spectacular Blackcomb Mountain. Ferry across to Victoria, spend two nights, and visit Butchart Gardens, with its 55 acres of stunning floral displays. Finally, return via ferry to mainland Vancouver, a great ending to your exciting Canadian Rockies vacation.

11 Nights/12 Days

Vancouver – Kamloops – Banff – Lake Louise – Columbia Icefield – Jasper – Sun Peaks – Whistler – Victoria – Vancouver.



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Day 1: Arrive in Vancouver, BC

Welcome to Vancouver, your gateway to the Canadian Rockies!

At 6 pm, meet your traveling companions for a welcome drink. Your Tour Director will prepare you for your upcoming adventure.

Day 2: Vancouver

This morning, tour Vancouver, including the waterfront, Chinatown, and Stanley Park with its old-growth evergreen forests and totem poles. The rest of the day is free to explore the many attractions at your leisure. (B)

Day 3: Vancouver–Rocky Mountaineer®–Kamloops

At Vancouver’s Rocky Mountaineer Station, board the ROCKY MOUNTAINEER. Follow the Fraser Canyon and the Thompson River through beautiful landscapes to historic Kamloops. Tonight, enjoy free time in Kamloops. (B,L)

NOTE

Kamloops properties are considered moderate 2- or 3-star hotels or motor inns. The city does not offer any hotels in the superior category. Your chosen hotel is determined by Rocky Mountaineer Railtours; however, you can rest assured it satisfies our high standards of cleanliness and comfort. For your convenience, baggage that will not be needed during the train journey will be checked through to Banff. Checked luggage will not be accessible during the journey. Plan to pack an overnight bag with necessities for the train portion of the tour including medications, eyeglasses, and other important items (SilverLeaf and GoldLeaf passengers will have their luggage delivered to their Kamloops hotel).

Day 4: Kamloops–Rocky Mountaineer–Banff

Back aboard the ROCKY MOUNTAINEER, journey from Kamloops eastward to Shuswap Lake with its many miles of shoreline.

Follow the Kicking Horse River and pass over the Continental Divide into BANFF NATIONAL PARK. (B,L)

SPECIAL FEATURE: *Spend the next two nights at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, internationally recognized as the symbol of Canadian hospitality. Opened by Canadian Pacific Railway in 1888, this chateau-style hotel developed into one of the top three getaways in North America.*

Day 5: Banff

Breathe in the fresh mountain air! This morning, tour the highlights of Banff: Bow Falls, Tunnel Mountain, and Surprise Corner. Enjoy your choice of activities this afternoon: take a leisurely [LF] NATURE WALK with a picnic lunch or enjoy AFTERNOON TEA at the Banff Springs Hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Banff–Lake Louise

En route to Lake Louise, a side trip showcases one of the crown jewels of the Rockies—Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks. Here, 10 mountain peaks soar above 10,000 feet and surround the tranquil waters of the lake. Later, we arrive at enchanting Lake Louise. After checking into our rooms, the rest of the day is free to enjoy the beauty, romance, and serenity of this famous location. (B,D)

NOTE

The visit to Moraine Lake is normally possible from late May to early September.

SPECIAL FEATURE: *Overnight at the spectacular Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Built as a log cabin in 1890, the historic chateau has become world famous, hosting celebrities and royalty including Queen Elizabeth II, Alfred Hitchcock, and Marilyn Monroe. Take a leisurely stroll along the pristine lake, pamper yourself in the spa, or just relax with Afternoon Tea.*

Day 7: Lake Louise–Columbia Icefield–Jasper

Travel on awe-inspiring Icefields Parkway past towering peaks and immense hanging glaciers to JASPER NATIONAL PARK. Ride an exciting ICE EXPLORER on the 1,000-foot-thick Athabasca Glacier, and see thundering Athabasca Falls. Your overnight destination is the charming village of Jasper in Jasper National Park. (B,D)

SPECIAL FEATURE: *Spend this evening at the beautiful Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. Originally built by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and called “Tent City,” it is now a 4-star resort nestled between majestic mountains and enchanting lakes. Take a nature hike, play a game of croquet, enjoy a canoe trip on the lake, or just bask in the beauty of this tranquil setting.*

Day 8: Jasper–Sun Peaks

Departing Jasper, watch the scenery unfold while traveling the Yellowhead Highway along the Fraser and Thompson Rivers. This is the same route followed by the early fur brigades of the Hudson’s Bay Company as they paddled fully laden canoes to the Pacific Coast. Pass regal Mount Robson; at 12,972 feet, it is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. (B)

Day 9: Sun Peaks–Whistler

A spectacular day lies ahead! This morning, travel past some of the most beautiful and rugged lakes and mountains in British Columbia. This afternoon, we arrive in Whistler—one of Canada’s newest and most exciting mountain resorts, and host of the 2010 Winter Olympics—and settle into the deluxe Fairmont Chateau Whistler. (B)

SPECIAL FEATURE: *Overnight at the all-season luxury resort, the Fairmont Chateau Whistler. Nestled at*

the base of breath-taking Blackcomb Mountain, the chateau brings old and new together in a seamless meld of historical style and modern beauty. Enjoy impeccable service and outstanding cuisine in this pristine mountain wilderness.

Day 10: Whistler–Victoria

This morning, enjoy a visit and private breakfast at the [LF] SQUAMISH LIL'WAT CULTURAL CENTRE, dedicated to the history and culture of the First Nations peoples.

Afterward, Victoria awaits you! Board a BC FERRY for a picturesque cruise to Vancouver Island and the charming, very British “Garden City” of Victoria. This afternoon, discover British Columbia’s capital on a city highlights tour. Later, perhaps stroll around the Parliament buildings or do some shopping. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in this delightful harbour city. (B)

Day 11: Victoria

Today, choose your experience activity! Enjoy traditional AFTERNOON TEA at the grand Fairmont Empress Hotel or, for the more adventurous, choose the WHALE-WATCHING excursion from Victoria’s Inner Harbour. This afternoon, visit the world-famous [LF] BUTCHART GARDENS. This estate offers more than 700 varieties of flowers on 55 acres and includes Italian, Japanese, and English-style gardens. Later, your Tour Director hosts a festive farewell dinner in the original Butchart family residence. (B,D)

Day 12: Victoria–Vancouver

This morning, travel via BC FERRY through the Gulf Islands back to the British Columbia mainland for a transfer to Vancouver International Airport.

Please schedule flights after 2 pm. (B)