

# Canadian Rockies and Rainforests by Rail

June 9-18, 2025

Enjoy **THREE** days on the Train!

Since 1990, Rocky Mountaineer has elevated rail travel to match the grandeur of western Canada's most majestic landscapes. Take in the scenery through the oversized windows of the custom-designed glass dome coaches while you enjoy delicious, hot entrée options and gourmet snacks along with complimentary beverages, including wine, beer, spirits and non-alcoholic drinks served throughout our journey. This year we have picked the Gold Leaf option, which provides an even more elevated experience, with more choices for food and beverages and heated seats! The Rocky Mountaineer only runs during the day so you will not miss a moment of the breathtaking scenery during the three days we're on board. We have ridden the train before, but we are offering a different itinerary to include brand new sights along with all our favorite experiences. We are going in



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## Day 1: June 9, 2025: On our way to Canada!

Meet Dea and Declan at St. Louis Lambert Airport. We board our flight to Vancouver and begin our international adventure to visit our neighbors to the north. Upon arrival, we will board our private motorcoach, make a stop for lunch on own and head to our home for the next 2 nights in Vancouver, the Sheraton Wall Centre. Relax and unwind from a busy day of travel.



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## Day 2: June 10, 2025: Glorious Butchart Garden!

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before we meet our motorcoach and head to the charming **Victoria**, the capital of British Columbia perched upon the southern end of Vancouver Island. We explore the city from land and sea, with scenic sailing along the Gulf Islands and the charming Inner Harbour with great views of downtown. And no visit to Victoria would be complete without going to **Butchart Gardens**, one of the top botanical gardens in the world! We will enjoy a bit of free time downtown before heading to the Gardens and enjoying a buffet lunch together at the Garden. **(B, L)**



## Day 3: June 11, 2025: All Aboard the Rocky Mountaineer!

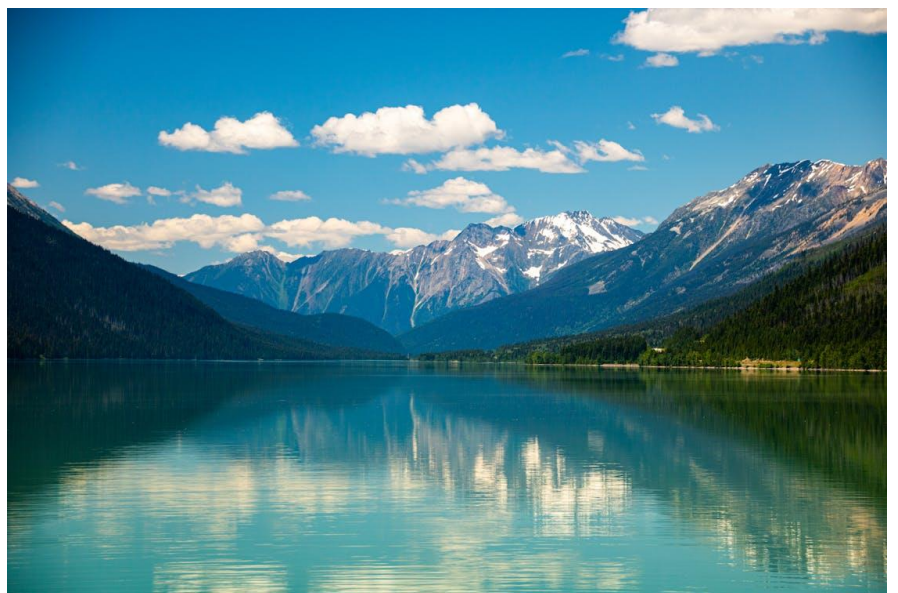
This morning we begin our rail journey, boarding the **Rocky Mountaineer** train at Vancouver Station. The Gold Leaf service on the Rocky Mountaineer is synonymous with luxury, with oversized, heated leather seats in a dual level car, with panoramic views up top and a fine dining room below. Wave farewell to the coast as with your **welcome drink** as we head into the mountains. While on the train we will be served regionally inspired meals created by award-winning chefs, as well as gourmet snacks, and complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages! Our first day on the train we embark on a breathtaking rail journey through the stunning scenery of the **Sea to Sky**



**Corridor**, including spectacular views of **Howe Sound**, the **Coast Mountains**, **Brandywine Falls**, **Mount Garibaldi** and the impressive **Cheakamus Canyon**. Upon arrival at the Pemberton Station this afternoon, we will be transferred by motorcoach to our overnight accommodation and your luggage will be brought to your room. Our journey continues tomorrow, as the train only runs during the day, so you don't miss a thing! **(B)**

## Day 4: June 12, 2025: Up in the Rockies!

This morning we transfer from the hotel to the Pemberton train station on our way to the rural town of Quesnel, the Gateway to the North Cariboo. Enjoy breathtaking and varied scenery, from the river canyons and lush farmland of the Pemberton Valley, through the desert-like conditions of the Fraser Canyon, to rolling hills and vast ranchlands of the Cariboo Plateau. Enjoy breakfast and coffee with amazing scenery. Highlights include the shorelines of **Anderson Lake** and glacier-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. Our 3-Course Lunch will complement the dazzling views out the window. Our day concludes as the train follows the banks of the Fraser River into **Quesnel** where we spend the night at a local hotel. **(B, L)**



## Day 5: June 13, 2025: Final day on the train!

Early in the morning, your journey continues eastward to the majestic Canadian Rockies and **Jasper National Park**. From Quesnel, Rocky Mountaineer follows the **Fraser River** north to



the town of **Prince George**, then travels east through the forests of northern British Columbia, home to plentiful wildlife, including a large population of **moose, caribou and bears**. Upon entering the **Rocky Mountain Trench**, you are surrounded by the steeply rising Rocky Mountains to the north and the **Cariboo Mountains** to the south. You'll continue climbing past **Mount Robson**, at 3,954 metres (12,972 feet), the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, through **Yellowhead Pass** into the province of Alberta. Your rail journey ends on arrival in Jasper in the evening. Arrive at our home for the

next 2 nights, **The Crimson Jasper**. Centrally located in this quaint mountain town, The Crimson Jasper is perfectly located for our time in the mountains! **(B, L)**

## Day 6: June 14, 2024: Free Day in Jasper, Alberta

Enjoy a free day to enjoy the best of the Rockies, with free time to explore the city or book additional adventures! **(B)**

## Day 7: June 15, 2025: The Columbia Icefields!

Depart by motorcoach for our full-day tour along the **Icefields Parkways**, one of the top scenic drives in the world. The highlight of our day is the visit to the **Columbia Icefield**, with an **Ice Explorer ride on the Athabasca Glacier**! This giant 6-wheeled vehicle is like a motorcoach with monster truck tires, perfect for heading across the ice. Dress warm for our walk on the icefield! We'll also visit the **Glacier Skywalk**, a 400 meter (1,640 feet) interpretive boardwalk and a glass-floored observation platform extending 30 meters (98 feet) out over the Sunwapta Valley. Glacier Skywalk takes spectacular scenery and a rare view of nature to unbelievable heights. The award-winning architecture of the Skywalk is a feat of contemporary design!



After lunch at the icefield, we head toward **Banff**, AB, where we stay in the heart of the National Park at the **Elk + Avenue Hotel** for the next 2 nights. **Notes:** Warm layers are recommended for the Columbia Icefield Adventure, as temperatures on the glacier can be significantly cooler. Also wear shoes with traction for walking on the glacier. Sunglasses are also recommended for the Columbia Icefield Adventure to reduce the glare of the sun off the glacier. **(B, L)**

## Day 8: June 16, 2025: Free Day in Banff

After breakfast at the hotel, **enjoy a day of leisure in Banff**, one of the most enjoyable cities in which to relax and play, you will feel as though you are in a Swiss village and time has stopped, but with all the modern conveniences. Our hotel is in the heart of town and there is plenty to do. You also have the option of booking tours with the in-house Pursuit Office off the lobby. Enjoy the day with free time to relax or book activities at your leisure. Banff has activities for all, from taking the gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain, relaxing in the Banff hot springs, exploring the bustling town, to outdoor wildlife adventures. We recommend booking activities well in advance to ensure you get your preferred



time. Banff National Park is the oldest national park in Canada, established in 1885. It is perhaps most famous for Lake Louise, a glacial lake that owes its spectacular coloring to "rock flour," when the pulverized rock particles from glacial erosion are carried by the melting ice into the lake, giving it a natural turquoise color. **(B)**

## Day 9: June 17, 2025: Banff and Calgary

After breakfast this morning, we begin our day of touring through Banff on our way to Calgary. Our first stop is the **Banff Gondola**, an eight-minute gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain with unrivaled views of Banff and the surrounding mountains and forests. After lunch we continue our scenic drive through Banff National Park, arriving at the **Delta Calgary Downtown** this evening. **(B)**



## Day 10: June 18, 2025: Farewell to Canada

Board our private motorcoach as we are transferred to the Calgary International Airport for our return flight home to St. Louis. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

Tour Includes:

- ✓ Airfare from St Louis to Vancouver and from Calgary back to St Louis
- ✓ Tour to Butchart Gardens, Victoria, Vancouver Island with lunch
- ✓ 3 days on the Rocky Mountaineer train!
- ✓ Enjoy GOLD LEAF service, with more choices of food and drink
- ✓ Breathtaking scenery seen through a panorama glass dome car!
- ✓ 13 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches
- ✓ Complimentary beverages plus gourmet meals and snacks while on the train
- ✓ 10 nights' hotel accommodation – no sleeping on the train!
- ✓ All sightseeing as outlined
- ✓ All gratuities to driver, guides, train staff, and servers at included meals
- ✓ Luggage handling at all hotels – no need to bring your large bag up!

\$10,103 per person, double occupancy

\$11,795 per person, single occupancy

\*Note: Due to riding the Rocky Mountaineer Train, single occupancies are limited. We are currently holding one. Contact us so we can check availability.

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**\$9,699 per person, double occupancy**

**when you pay with check, cash or money order!**

\$11,323 per person, single occupancy

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All pricing is based on currency exchange rate of \$1 us = \$.75 cd

In addition, airfare is based on current tax rate and fuel surcharges. If there is an increase in either, a supplement will be assessed.

A **deposit of \$2,500** per person is due when signing up for this tour and it is non-refundable due to purchasing the train tickets. Final Payment is due March 28, 2025. Feel free to make installment payments monthly to us as well.

We are currently holding 28 double occupancy seats (meaning you have a roommate sharing the room) and 1 Single. We have over 50 people requesting this tour. If you want to go, please call our office and you can also email you want to go. We will allow 7 days for your check to arrive, or you can pay with a credit card at the above rate. Other tour operators are looking for more seats. If we are able to grab more once we will these, we sure will. We do not want to turn anyone away if we do not have to.

We encourage trip interruption and cancellation insurance. You will want to send that with your deposit so as to cover pre-existing conditions.

We have group insurance policies and individual insurance policies. The pricing on group is NOT based on age, just price of tour. The individual is based on age and price of tour. We can check for best fit. We also offer Cancel Any Time policies but they are often much more expensive and you receive 80% of what you paid for the tour if reason is not a covered reason. If it is covered, you will receive the full amount once the claim information has been filed and approved by the insurance company. It takes 8-12 weeks typically. Ask Maggie when you sign up.

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