

Your journey will begin with a visit to the fabulous west coast cities of **Vancouver and Victoria**, then journey through the Rocky Mountains of Alberta on the world's most spectacular rail journey, the "Rocky Mountaineer", which delivers it's passengers to the doorstep of the Icefield Parkway, the Athabasca Icefields and Jasper and Banff National Parks.

Some Highlights include:

- Victoria & Butchart Gardens
- Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Three nights Vancouver
- Three Nights Banff
- 2- day Rocky Mountaineer Rail (Gold LEAF)
- Banff & Jasper National Parks
- Lake Louise & Bow River Valley
- Icefields Parkway / Ice Explorer
 Tour
- Sulphur Mt Gondola / Bow Falls
- Thirteen Meals!

Lodging: Sutton Place, Vancouver Delta Royal Canadian Lodge

Price includes:

Fully Escorted Tour & Thirteen Meals, Luggage Handling, Tour Gratuities (including gratuities for Driver, included meals and guides)



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Day One - June 8, 2021 - Sutton Place, Downtown Vancouver

Welcome to Canada and one of its most beautiful cities, Vancouver. Past host of the 2010 Winter Olympics, Vancouver is located on a large natural harbour, surrounded by the rugged Coastal Mountains. If time permits, on the way from the airport we'll visit Queen Elizabeth Park and do a little sightseeing before arriving at our hotel, the beautiful *Sutton Place*, for the next 3 nights..

Dinner tonight will be at Steamworks, a cheery restaurant and brew pub in historic Gastown. (*Welcome Dinner Reception*)

Day Two - Sutton Place, Downtown Vancouver

An early morning departure will take us to the BC Ferry for a spectacular 90-minute cruise through the Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island. Our first stop will be at the world-famous Butchart Gardens where there will be lots of time to explore the 50-acres of color and floral beauty. Later we'll travel the short distance to Victoria, capital city of British Columbia and one of the most beautiful cities in Canada. After a short city tour there will be time to explore the shops, museums and galleries of this little bit of "Old England". Late in the afternoon we board our deluxe BC Ferry and enjoy a fine buffet dinner as we cruise back to the mainland through the Gulf Islands . (*Breakfast & Dinner*)

Day Three - Sutton Place, Downtown Vancouver

Arise this morning for a guided city tour of Vancouver to include the University of British Columbia, Chinatown, Gastown, Stanley Park and Canada Place. While at Canada Place the group will experience FlyOver Canada, an immersive ride that allows individuals to soar over Canada's breathtaking scenery. After our included lunch we take a walk on the wild side, on the Capilano Suspension Bridge. Crossing the Capilano river, this is certainly one of Vancouver's most popular attractions. (*Breakfast & Lunch*)

Day Four & Day Five - Rocky Mountaineer Rail/Kamloops Hotel

Board Rocky Mountaineer Rail for our spectacular 2-day journey in "Gold Leaf Class", from Vancouver to Banff. On day one the train travels along the rugged cliffs of the Fraser River surrounded by the peaks of the Coastal and Cascade mountains, later in the day we join the Thompson River system and climb to the British Columbia's interior plateau. On day two we pass along the shores of the Shuswap Lakes where we'll enter the Purcell Mountains and cross the majestic Columbia River. We tunnel under Rogers Pass and into Yoho National Park. Traveling through the famous Spiral Tunnels, the train enters the province of Alberta and Banff National Park. A leisurely pace along the banks of the Bow River brings us to the end of our memorable rail journey as we arrive in the iconic Alpine resort of Banff, where we spend the next three nights in the *Delta Banff Royal Canadian Lodge. (Breakfast, Lunch, gourmet snacks* both days)

On this train we enjoy the highest level of quality, the "*Goldleaf*" service which truly makes this a *Five Star Experience*! Goldleaf service includes the following:

- Bi-level dome with seating above and dining below
- Fully domed windows with panoramic views upstairs
- Private dining room with large picture windows on the lower level
- Gourmet meals and full staff & culinary team
- Gourmet snacks
- Reclining, comfortable seating with ample leg room
- Complimentary alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages throughout the journey
- Viewing in a large, exclusive outdoor viewing platform
- Full storvtelling included
- Luxurious hotel accommodations and luggage handling in KamloopsDay

Day Six - Delta Banff Royal Canadian Lodge, Banff

Travel on one of the most scenic highways in the world – The Icefields Parkway. We'll journey through two majestic mountain passes, as well as, Banff and Jasper National Parks on our way to the amazing Columbia Icefields, one of the largest glacier masses in North America. We'll ride on the Athabasca Glacier in a specially built Ice Explorer and learn about the incredible geological history of the glaciers and mountains. On our return we'll view azure-blue Peyto and Bow Lakes and the intriguing Crowfoot Glacier. (*Breakfast*)

Day Seven - Delta Banff Royal Canadian Lodge, Banff

Today we discover Banff, Lake Louise and Yoho National Park. Following the Trans-Canada Highway and the Bow River we visit Castle Mountain, Lake Louise, and of course, the famous Fairmont Chateau. Other stops include thundering Bow Falls, the mysterious "Hoodoos," and the famous Banff Springs Hotel. A little shopping time is in order in the heart of Banff. Our farewell dinner tonight will be at the top of 7500 ft Sulphur Mountain, which we climb via the famous Banff Gondola. Here we will enjoy superb Alberta cuisine while viewing the amazing Rocky Mountain vista that surrounds us on all sides. (*Breakfast & Farewell Dinner*)

Day Eight - June 15 or 22, 2021 - Home

This morning we transfer to the Calgary airport for a restful trip home with amazing memories of our Canadian Rockies tour! (*Breakfast*)

1. Inclusions:

- Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Butchart Gardens/Victoria
- City tour of Vancouver & Victoria
- BC Ferry through San Juan Islands
- 2 days Rocky Mountaineer Rail Gold Leaf
- Banff National Parks tour & entrance fees
- Jasper National Park tour & entrance fees
- National Park tours by Expert and Author "Ward Cameron"
- Athasbasca Glacier Explorer
- Lake Louise
- Bow Falls
- Banff Gondola to Sulphur Mountain
- Farewell dinner at top of Sulphur Mountain

2. Hotels

Sutton Place, Vancouver, three nights Kamloops TBD, one night Delta Royal Canadian Lodge, Banff, three nights

- 3. 13 Meals seven breakfasts, three lunches, three dinners
- 4. Luggage handling at all hotels.
- 5. Fully escorted and all gratuities included for driver and all step on guides.
- 6. Photo book of your tour.