

Canadian Rails *to Rockies*

September 19 - 26

Vancouver, Kamloops, Lake Louise, Banff

Explore the Beauty of Western Canada in the Fall

On this trip you will explore Vancouver, take a two-day train trip on the world-renowned Rocky Mountaineer and experience the natural wonders of Western Canada in the fall.

Highlights

- Train ride on the Rocky Mountaineer in the Canadian Rockies
- Lake Louise and Banff
- Icefields Parkway
- Roundtrip flights and motorcoach
- 7-night hotel accommodations
- 14 meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 lunches , 4 dinners

Passport required.

Always included in all GYC Tours: Deluxe round-trip motorcoach, escort and gratuities for group activities.

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Day-to-Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Sunday, September 19 | D

Today, we board our flight to Vancouver. Upon arrival, we will be welcomed by our local tour manager and board our comfortable motorcoach for a short scenic drive into the heart of the city. If time permits, we will stop at the stunning Queen Elizabeth Park, known for its beautifully manicured gardens and sweeping panoramic views of Vancouver's skyline. This evening, we will come together for a lovely welcome dinner featuring the delightful flavors of the region.

Day 2 – Monday, September 20 | B/D

Get ready for an unforgettable day as we set off on a coastal adventure filled with natural beauty and timeless charm. Our morning begins with a short drive to the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal to board the BC Ferry for a scenic cruise through the breathtaking Gulf Islands. As we sail across the Salish Sea, take in stunning views of forested isles and keep watch for seals, eagles or even an orca gliding through the water. Once we arrive on Vancouver Island, head to the iconic Butchart Gardens, a stunning destination featuring over fifty-five acres of vibrant floral displays, themed gardens and peaceful walking paths. In the afternoon, soak in the grace and grandeur of British Columbia's capital city, Victoria. We will have time to explore the picturesque Inner Harbour, marvel at the striking Parliament Buildings and admire the historic Fairmont Empress Hotel. Later, we return to the ferry for a relaxing evening cruise back to the mainland. Enjoy a light dinner onboard and unwind as the sun sets over the water.

Day 3 – Tuesday, September 21 | B/L

Prepare for a once-in-a-lifetime journey as we board the world-renowned Rocky Mountaineer for a two-day rail adventure from Vancouver to Banff. As the train glides out of Vancouver, enjoy a delicious breakfast while passing through the lush Fraser River Valley, where rugged cliffs and towering peaks of the Coastal and Cascade Mountains create a dramatic backdrop. Throughout the day, our onboard hosts provide top-notch service, offering complimentary beverages and snacks to keep us refreshed. Savor a gourmet lunch as the scenery shifts from forested valleys to the sun-warmed interior of British Columbia, following the Thompson River through striking terrain. By late afternoon, we arrive in the welcoming city of Kamloops, nestled beside its namesake lake. After a spectacular day on the rails, enjoy a restful evening at the hotel before tomorrow's breathtaking journey deeper into the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

Day 4 – Wednesday, September 22 | B/L

This morning, reboard the Rocky Mountaineer for another unforgettable day of rail travel. Savor breakfast as the train glides along the tranquil South Thompson River and the shimmering Shuswap Lakes. A true highlight awaits as we ascend through the legendary Spiral Tunnels, a marvel of engineering designed to conquer the steep slopes of Kicking Horse Pass. Emerging into Alberta and Banff National Park, the train follows the serene Bow River into the picturesque Village of Lake Louise where we will check into our hotel.





Day 5 – Thursday, September 23 | B/L

Today's adventure takes us on a journey westward, following the peaceful Bow River to the enchanting Village of Lake Louise. From there we ascend into a stunning alpine paradise, arriving at the crown jewel of the Canadian Rockies - Lake Louise. Enjoy time to stroll the lakeshore, browse the elegant shops and galleries of the iconic Chateau Lake Louise or relax with a coffee and soak in the views. After lunch, we continue into the wild beauty of Yoho National Park. This hidden gem offers beautiful natural wonders, including the vivid blue-green waters of Emerald Lake and the mighty Natural Bridge. As the day winds down, we return to Lake Louise, where your evening is free to unwind and discover more of this charming town.

Day 6 – Friday, September 24 | B/D

Following breakfast, we travel along the legendary Icefields Parkway, one of the most spectacular mountain routes in the world. Along the way, we will stop at stunning sights like Crowfoot Glacier, the turquoise waters of Bow Lake and the brilliant blue Peyto Lake. The adventure peaks with a thrilling ride on the Ice Explorer, taking us onto the ancient Athabasca Glacier for an unforgettable walk on ice. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife as we journey to the mountain town of Banff - elk, moose and even bears often make an appearance. After checking in at the lodge, we will enjoy dinner as a group.

Day 7 – Saturday, September 25 | B/D

Our morning begins with a scenic drive through town, featuring a stop at the mighty Bow Falls and a glimpse of the iconic Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, fondly known as the "Castle in the Rockies". As we wind along Tunnel Mountain Drive, awe-inspiring views await, with the option to take a short walk to the mystical Hoodoos. Next, we will journey to tranquil Lake Minnewanka, a glacial gem known for its beauty and Indigenous cultural heritage. Spend some time soaking in its peaceful atmosphere before heading back to Banff for a free afternoon to tailor your experience. Tonight, celebrate the highlights of this amazing tour as you ride the fully enclosed gondolas to the top of Sulphur Mountain and enjoy a delightful farewell dinner with panoramic views of the townsite of Banff and the spectacular Rocky Mountains.

Day 8 – Sunday, September 26 | B

We say goodbye to the towering peaks of Banff this morning and enjoy a scenic drive to Calgary. If time allows, we will take a brief city tour to see some of Calgary's highlights before heading to the airport for our flight home.







Trip Details

	Cost Per Person	*Travel Protection*
Member (Standard Double)	$8,550	$799
Non-Member (Standard Double)	$8,670	$799
Member (Standard Single)	$10,200	$987

Down Payment	**$500 + Travel Protection** Due within 10 days of placing reservation.
Final Payment	**Due May 14, 2027** A $10 fee will apply if the full payment is not received by the final due date.

Cancellation Policy All cancellations received after your down payment is paid will be subject to a $250 per person cancellation fee. The remainder of the deposit and any other payments made are fully refundable for cancellations received by **May 14, 2027**. It is highly suggested that all travelers help protect their vacation investment by purchasing an optional travel protection plan. If the reason for cancellation is due to medical or other reason that is covered by travel protection, you may be eligible for reimbursement for such fees from your travel protection plan provider. There are no refunds available after **May 14, 2027** if no travel protection is purchased.