



Rails and Jewels of the Canadian Rockies

September 27 - October 7, 2024

\$9,250 Double / \$10,450 Single

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare/transportation into Calgary and out of Vancouver.
- Private luxury vehicle from Calgary to Banff to Jasper.
- Three days aboard the Rocky Mountaineer Train from Jasper to Whistler to Vancouver. “Gold Leaf” service that includes domed windows, fine dining meals & beverages.
- 3 nights in Banff at Caribou Lodge and Spa.
- 2 nights in Jasper.
- 2 night in Banff.
- 3 nights in Vancouver at the Hyatt Regency.
- Icefields Parkway
- Vancouver City Tour and Capilano Suspension Bridge.
- All meals, with full choice of menu where available.
- Taxes, gratuities and luggage handling.
- Tour limited to 30 guests.

(Prices and itinerary subject to change.)



Supernatural British Columbia and Banff and Jasper National Parks, Alberta are a breathtaking spectacle. As autumn arrives, nature puts on a vibrant display of colors, creating a mesmerizing landscape. The mountains, usually dominated by rugged greens and snow-capped peaks, undergo a magical transition. The emerald tones give way to a palette of fiery reds, oranges, and yellows. The aspen and larch trees, in particular, contribute to this explosion of color, their leaves turning brilliant shades of yellow that stand out against the evergreen backdrop. Between our custom outfitted Globe Treks luxury vehicle with our own “Royal Class Service” and the renowned Gold Leaf Service of the famed Rocky Mountaineer train, there isn’t a more personal or comfortable way to visit this special part of the world, staying at wonderful hotels and lodges, dining at fine restaurants, and enjoying all kinds of gentle outdoor adventures immersed in some of the world’s most spectacular scenery.



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Day 1 September 27 - Fly to Calgary. For those in WNC, a Globe Treks representative will bring you to the airport for your flight to Calgary. Calgary, home to the 1988 Winter Olympics, is even more famous for its annual Calgary Stampede, the most famous rodeo in the world. We will soon be immersed in the majestic Canadian Rockies as we pass through scenic Canmore and on to majestic Banff, where we unpack for three days at the luxurious Caribou Lodge and Spa, located right on Banff Ave in the heart of this exciting mountain town. A welcome feast sets the tone for the adventures ahead.

Day 2 September 28 - Explore Banff National Park

After a delicious breakfast, discover the sweeping scenes of six mountain ranges and the Bow Valley from the Sulphur Mountain summit, which you will reach via a scenic alpine gondola, traveling over 2,000 vertical feet to the 7,700 ft summit. Once you are at the top, stroll along the boardwalk to Cosmic Ray Station and Sanson's Peak. After a delicious lunch, we will visit the Cave and Basin National Historic Site, birthplace of Banff National Park and a natural hot springs and cave that was important to the First Nations people. Next, it is a wagon ride through stunning mountain scenery with a steak cookout to celebrate the awe-inspiring beauty that surrounds us.

Day 3 September 29 - Known for its breathtaking turquoise waters and surrounded by majestic mountain peaks, Lake Louise is a postcard-perfect destination. Victoria Glacier looms in the background, adding to the dramatic and picturesque setting. The mountains reflect in the clear turquoise waters of the lake, creating a mirror-like effect. Stroll around the lakeshore before a delicious lunch at the world-famous Chateau Lake Louise. You will have a free afternoon in Banff to stroll the street, visit the shops or relax in your luxurious hotel. Enjoy dinner out at one of Banff's many fine restaurants.

Day 4 September 30 - The Icefields Parkway winds its way through the rugged and majestic glacier-filled Rockies, offering travelers panoramic views of towering mountain peaks. We will disembark at the Athabasca Glacier, part of the magnificent Columbia Icefield, one of the largest accumulations of ice and snow south of the Arctic Circle. Here we will board a Snocoach, a bus on tank tracks, specifically crafted for glacier travel. A knowledgeable guide will provide informative commentary about the glacier's formation, geological features, and the impact of climate change on these icy landscapes. We will unpack for two nights at a delightful lodge in Jasper with stunning views into Jasper National Park.

Day 5 October 1 - Jasper National Park and Maligne Lake Boat ride. Situated within the boundaries of Jasper National Park, is renowned for its stunning turquoise waters and considered one of the most picturesque locations in the park. Our boat ride includes a journey to Spirit Island, one of the most photographed and iconic locations in the Canadian Rockies. This small, pine-covered island is set against the backdrop of majestic mountain peaks, creating a scene of unparalleled natural beauty. You will have time to explore the town of Jasper this afternoon before another delicious dinner at one of Jasper's fine eating establishments.

Day 6 October 2 - Rocky Mountaineer Gold Leaf Service Jasper to Quesnel. Board the famed Rocky Mountaineer for breakfast and travel through incredible mountain scenery to the charming rural town of Quesnel, gateway to the North Cariboo. Pass through the Rocky Mountain Trench, with the steep Rocky and Cariboo Mountains on either side, and on to the rolling hills and vast forests of British Columbia's Northern Interior. Highlights include Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, Yellowhead Pass and Moose Lake. Your day concludes as the Rocky Mountaineer passes through the town of Prince George and follows the Fraser River into Quesnel.

Day 7 October 3 - Rocky Mountaineer Gold Leaf Service Quesnel to Whistler. Our spectacular train journey continues south today to the four-season resort of Whistler. Enjoy breathtaking and varied scenery, from the desert-like conditions of the Fraser Canyon, through the rolling hills and vast ranchlands of the Cariboo Plateau, to the river canyons and lush farmland of the Pemberton Valley. Highlights include sweeping views of the Fraser Canyon, the crossing of Deep Creek Bridge, one of the highest railway bridges in the world, and the shorelines of glacial-fed Seton and Anderson Lakes. Your rail journey today ends on arrival to Pemberton. Where you will be transferred by luxury vehicle to Whistler, host of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games alpine events.

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Day 8 October 4 Rocky Mountain Gold Leaf Service Whistler to Vancouver. The morning is free to explore Whistler Village at your leisure. This afternoon return to Vancouver onboard the Rocky Mountaineer through the stunning scenery of the Sea to Sky Corridor. Highlights of the trip include the Cheakamus Canyon, the dome peak of Mount Garibaldi, Brandywine Falls, and breathtaking views of Howe Sound and the Coast Mountains. An afternoon meal is served canapé style. We will transfer to the Hyatt Regency Vancouver, centrally located in the heart of downtown near Robson Street's famous shopping Stanley Park and Coal Harbor, Vancouver's picturesque waterfront area.

Day 9 October 5 - Vancouver Exploration. Start your tour with a visit to Stanley Park, one of Vancouver's most famous landmarks. Explore the Seawall, Totem Poles, Beaver Lake, and enjoy scenic views of the city skyline and mountains. Next, we will visit the historic Gastown district, known for its cobblestone streets, the famous Steam Clock, and a variety of unique shops and galleries. Then it is on to the Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. Cross the suspension bridge that spans the Capilano River, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding forest. We will try lunch at Lonsdale Quai, a vibrant market in North Vancouver that offers a variety of shops, restaurants, and a fantastic view of the Vancouver skyline. We will return to the hotel mid-afternoon giving you time to put your feet up or head to Robson Street to enjoy the many wonderful shops of the district.

Day 10 October 6 - Victoria and Butchart Gardens. Today is a long but truly memorable day as we board a coach and head to the Tsawwassen ferry for a beautiful marine ferry to Swartz Bay, Vancouver Island and Victoria, the quaint provincial capital of British Columbia. We will stroll through Butchart Gardens, a world-renowned horticultural display. The gardens are spread over 55 acres and are divided into several distinct areas, each with its own theme and plant collections. These areas include the Sunken Garden, the Rose Garden, the Japanese Garden, and the Italian Garden, among others. Next, it's a tour of Victoria, known worldwide for its historic charm, picturesque landscapes, and vibrant cultural scene. The Inner Harbour is the heart of Victoria, surrounded by landmarks such as the British Columbia Parliament Buildings and the Royal BC Museum. Instead of lunch, we will enjoy tea at the famous Empress Hotel, an experience to be remembered. We will have time to stroll along the scenic waterfront, before a ferry back to Vancouver, returning to the Hyatt, enjoying dinner along the way.

Day 11 October 7 – Travel Home. Leaving Supernatural British Columbia will be hard after ingesting so much beauty and luxury. We will board our flight to Charlotte where you will be greeted by a Globe Treks representative who will return you to your doorstep, filled with memories of a grand adventure with new friends set amidst some of the most brilliant scenery on the planet.