

# THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER EXPERIENCE IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

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DATE: OCTOBER 8 – 15, 2008

## Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

### Depart Chicago / Vancouver, British Columbia

Your exciting journey begins today with a flight to Vancouver. Upon arrival into Vancouver you will be picked up at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Our choice of the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver makes you feel special from the moment you arrive. Here, in the heart of this scenic city, you will have time to explore the shops, museums and restaurants which are located close to the hotel. Welcome dinner tonight at the hotel.

Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (D)

## Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

### Vancouver / Kamloops

This morning you will be picked up at the hotel and transferred to the Vancouver Rail Station where you board the Rocky Mountaineer. Today you will travel from the coastal city of Vancouver to Kamloops, located in the heart of British Columbia's interior which will provide you with the opportunity to see dramatic changes in scenery, from the lush green fields of the Fraser River valley, through forests and winding river canyons surrounded by the peaks of the Coast and Cascade mountains, to the desert-like environment of the interior. Highlights include the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon and the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River. Your day concludes as the Rocky Mountaineer travels along the shores of Kamloops Lake and into Kamloops for an overnight stay.

Overnight: Kamloops (B, L)



## Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

### Kamloops / Jasper

Your journey continues north and eastward into the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta. Once again you will be surrounded by dramatic scenery as you follow the banks of the North Thompson River through the Monashee and Cariboo mountains, climbing ever nearer to the high peaks of the Continental Divide. Today's highlights include Mount Robson, at 3,954 meters (12,972 feet) the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, Pyramid Falls, and the climb over the Yellowhead Pass into Jasper National Park. Your rail journey ends on arrival in the resort town of Jasper this evening.

Overnight: Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge (B, L)

## Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

### Jasper

Spend the morning or the afternoon discovering Jasper by motorcoach. During the tour, you will experience the history and beauty of the most rugged peaks in the Rockies. Explore the natural attractions of Pyramid and Patricia Lakes, Maligne Canyon and the Athabasca viewpoint. Stay alert! You have the opportunity to see wildlife in their natural environment. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore more of Jasper National Park independently.

Overnight: Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge (B)



## **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Jasper / Lake Louise**

Your reluctance to leave Jasper will pass, as you travel to Lake Louise via one of the most scenic highways in the world, the "Icefields Parkway". A stop will be made at Athabasca Falls before arriving at the Columbia Icefield. Here you will ride on an Ice Explorer to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier to learn more about its geological features. Your driver/guide will explain how glaciers are formed and point out some interesting geological features. Time will be available for lunch (not included). Afterwards, a brief stop will be made at Bow Lake before arriving in Lake Louise this afternoon. Only when you see the view from the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise can you understand why people say, "You have to see it to believe it." While in Lake Louise you will be treated to a guided lakeshore stroll.

Overnight: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise (B)

## **Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

### **Lake Louise / Banff**

A full-day tour takes you into Yoho National Park to view some of its natural wonders. Among the attractions are the Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake and a natural rock bridge that spans the Kicking Horse River. At the end of the tour you will be transferred to Banff.

Overnight: Fairmont Banff Springs (B)

## **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **Banff**

Bring your camera, as you discover Banff on a tour which takes you along Tunnel Mountain Drive for a great view of Banff. Among the highlights is a visit to the Cave & Basin National Historic Site where you will take a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain. The tour continues and includes Bow Falls, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos.

Overnight: Fairmont Banff Springs (B, D)

## **Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Banff / Calgary / Chicago**

After breakfast you will be transferred from your Banff hotel to the Calgary Airport. Bid farewell to the beautiful Canadian Rockies, with a promise to return very soon.

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**Rocky Mountaineer RedLeaf Service** –a truly civilized way to experience a great all-daylight adventure. Settle back in your roomy, reclining seat and enjoy the commentary and service provided by your Onboard Attendant. Delicious chilled breakfasts and luncheon selections, such as British Columbia salmon and Alberta beef, are served at your seat, so you will not miss a moment of the scenery. Large picture windows afford spectacular views of the ever-changing vistas, which are complemented by onboard commentary on the history, nature and culture of the region. Enjoy the thrill of the Canadian Rockies in classic style with Rocky Mountaineer RedLeaf Service.

#### *RedLeaf Coach Features:*

- Assigned seating in reclining seats, with extended legroom
- Large picture windows
- Forward-facing seats that rotate to accommodate groups of four
- Restroom facilities in each coach
- Temperature-controlled comfort

#### *RedLeaf Service Features:*

- Service and interpretive commentary by our knowledgeable and friendly Onboard Attendant
- A selection of chilled breakfasts and lunches served onboard each day
- Onboard complimentary snacks and non-alcoholic beverages served at your seat
- One night moderate accommodation in Kamloops
- Transfers between the train station and your accommodation in Kamloops
- Rocky Mountaineer Information Package

**Optional Upgrade:**

**Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service** –Discover why our guests rave about Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service. Our custom-designed GoldLeaf Dome Coach puts you right in the middle of the awe-inspiring scenery of the Canadian Rockies, and combined with the attentive service of your Onboard Attendants, this is truly one of the world's premier travel experiences. From the moment you are welcomed onboard, and from your first taste of the gourmet meals prepared from regional cuisine by our talented onboard chefs, you can be assured of luxury and comfort. Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service is quite simply, as good as it gets.

*GoldLeaf Dome Features:*

- Custom-designed bi-level GoldLeaf Dome Coach
- Panoramic views from full-length dome windows
- Assigned seating in reclining dome-level seats that rotate to accommodate groups of four
- Full galley kitchen
- 36 dining room seats (4 per table) with picture windows
- Temperature-controlled comfort
- Spiral staircase and ADA elevator to dome level

*GoldLeaf Service Features:*

- Service and interpretive commentary by our knowledgeable and friendly Onboard Attendants
- Gourmet breakfast and lunch selections served in lower-level dining room
- Complimentary snacks and beverages served at your seat
- 1 night moderate accommodation in Kamloops with luggage delivered to your room
- Motorcoach transfers between the train station and your accommodation in Kamloops
- Rocky Mountaineer Information Package

*Meals included indicated by: B=breakfast L=lunch D=dinner*

*Itinerary is subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control or for the convenience of our travelers.*