

Canadian Rockies in Luxury - Best of the West

Featuring 2 Days Aboard the Rocky Mountaineer

Luxury Train Experience

June 18 - 28, 2027 (11 Days)

Tentative Tour Itinerary



We are thrilled to welcome you aboard our Luxury Rail and Coach Tour in British Columbia and Alberta! Below, you'll find the tour itinerary that we're confident you will find to be both exciting and full of thoughtful details. This tour is designed to offer you exceptional service and a memorable experience including two days aboard the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer train. Be sure to review the **"Important Information"** section at the end of this itinerary and don't hesitate to contact us if you need further clarification. Your Tour manager looks forward to meeting you and creating an exciting, carefree, and well-managed tour.

Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

Day 1 – Friday, June 18 - Flight to Victoria BC direct from Toronto – 5-Star Marriott Inner Harbour (Welcome to the West Reception)

- For those who have purchased the Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package, arrive at your local airport for your flight to Victoria, BC. Meet your tour manager at Lester B. Pearson International Airport (Toronto) before boarding the aircraft to travel directly to Victoria International Airport. After collecting your luggage at baggage claims, meet your tour manager and your private shuttle to transfer to a unique harbour front area of this BC capital city.
- You will have time for lunch (your expense) and have time to explore the city before arriving at the 5-star Marriott Inner Harbour, centrally located in beautiful seaside Victoria at the southern tip of Vancouver Island. Your tour manager will handle the group check-in at the hotel, distribute your room keys, and have your bags sent to your room (bag handling fee of 1 bag per person included) - all part of the Collins Tours signature group check-in service!
- This evening, we will join our fellow travellers for a welcome reception at the hotel, featuring a selection of hot and cold appetizers (included). It's a perfect opportunity to get acquainted, share our excitement, and toast to the beginning of an unforgettable Western Canada adventure!
- Dinner is on your own this evening (your expense).

Day 2 – Saturday, June 19 - Victoria (B)

- Enjoy your hot full breakfast inside the hotel **(included)** this morning.
- Following breakfast, we board the motor coach for a **professionally guided tour of Victoria with a local guide**. Victoria is a city that is proud of its Victorian architecture. Your city tour will also include admission to Butchart Gardens, with 55 acres of vivid floral displays, water features and a carousel.
- Following the city tour, you have free time to explore the city as you desire. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at your own leisure (your expense).
- Dinner is on own this evening (your expense).



Day 3 – Sunday June 20 – **Victoria to Vancouver, 5-Star Fairmont Waterfront Hotel (B, Welcome D)**

- Enjoy a full hot breakfast once again before checking out of the hotel and boarding the motor coach.
- This morning, enjoy a late morning checkout providing extra time to enjoy your fabulous hotel and more of the surrounding area before we make our way to beautiful Vancouver, for our two-night stay on the lower mainland of British Columbia.
- We will travel by ferry, approximately a 1 hour and 35-minute crossing, before our mid-afternoon arrival in Cosmopolitan Vancouver at the elegant 5-star Fairmont Waterfront Vancouver. Our hotel has direct access to the seawall for walking, biking or jogging as well as many nearby shops and restaurants.
- Tonight, we gather for a fabulous welcome group dinner (meal, gratuity & complimentary glass of wine or beer included) to share stories of our amazing experience so far in the West!
- Following dinner, your evening is free to explore Vancouver and its many options your way (your expense).

Day 4 – Monday, June 21 – **Vancouver (B)**

- Hot buffet breakfast is included at your hotel this morning.
- We have included a **4.5-hour guided city tour with local guide** this morning featuring Stanley Park, a temperate rainforest surrounded by ocean and famous for old growth trees, colourful totem poles, popular beaches, and spectacular views of Coal Harbour, the North Shore Mountains, and English Bay. You'll also visit Prospect Point for a view of the famous Lions Gate Bridge - a suspension bridge built for vehicles during the Great Depression. This engineering marvel connects downtown Vancouver with its mountain-filled sibling, North Vancouver. We will end this tour in the Granville Island Market for some time on own and coffee (your expense) before heading back to the hotel for the afternoon at your leisure.
- This afternoon or this evening take time to walk the seawall, visit Chinatown, take a ride up Grouse Mountain, shop or relax at the hotel (on own; your expense).
- Dinner will be on your own this evening (your expense).



Day 5 – Tuesday, June 22 – **Vancouver - 5 Star Rocky Mountaineer to Kamloops, BC (B, L) – ALL ABOARD!**

- Check out of your room in time to board the coach for our early morning transfer to the Rocky Mountaineer Train station (**transfer included**). Please note this morning, a full brunch will be served on the train at approximately 10:00am, we recommend only a light snack this morning before departing the hotel (your expense).
- Get set for the highlight of the trip, your Rocky Mountaineer daytime rail journey, with assigned seats in your Silverleaf or Goldleaf **Rocky Mountaineer Rail Experience!**
- Gourmet brunch (**included**) will be served onboard the train this morning. For Goldleaf Service guests please note, your meal is served in the first-level dining car with a full a la carte menu, for Silverleaf guests, brunch will be served at your seat.
- Scenic highlights along our “Journey Through the Clouds,” include the Coastal Mountains and the Fraser River Valley – stunning!



- This afternoon you will be served another gourmet meal in the lower level of your private dining car, complete with a la carte menu for appetizer, entrees, desert, tea/coffee in Goldleaf service, or be served at your seat in Silverleaf service with a limited selection.
- The train arrives in Kamloops BC (hotel provided through Rocky Mountaineer and is TBA) this evening. Once we arrive at the Kamloops train station, transfers to your local deluxe hotel are included and luggage will be waiting for you in your hotel room once you arrive.
- Dinner is on your own this evening (your expense).

Day 6 – Wednesday, June 23 – Rocky Mountaineer – Kamloops to Jasper, AB (B, L)

- Early this morning, board your coach again for transfer to the train station in Kamloops. Your seats from yesterday will be assigned again today. There is no rotation of seats.
- Brunch will be served once again mid-morning as well as lunch onboard the Rocky Mountaineer Train.
- **Note: Collins Tours recommends eating a light snack this morning as brunch is served onboard the train beginning at approximately 9:30am**
- This afternoon you will be served another gourmet meal in the lower level of your private dining car, complete with a la carte menu for appetizer, entrees, desert, tea/coffee in Goldleaf service, or will be served at your seat in Silverleaf service with a limited menu.
- Today's highlights are crossing the Continental Divide, seeing Pyramid Falls and Mount Robson, the highest peak in British Columbia, all from the comforts of the Rocky Mountaineer train with your close-up view and running narration of the natural and manmade sights.
- Arrive this evening at our 4.5 Star centrally located hotel in Jasper with natural beauty of the peaks of Jasper National Park! Enjoy the amenities of your mountain resort.
- Dinner this evening is on your own (your expense).

Day 7 – Thursday, June 24 – 4-Star Tonquin Inn - Jasper National Park, AB (B, Group D)

- After a full hot breakfast this morning, we travel by motor coach for our **"Highlights of Jasper" tour to Maligne Canyon, and Jasper National Park (entrances included)**. Today's highlight is the boat cruise on Maligne Lake to Spirit Island – this is one of Canada's most photographed areas, and accessible only by boat. Enjoy a feast for the eyes!
- Lunch on own today (your expense) before returning to our hotel this afternoon.
- This evening, join your fellow travellers for an impeccable dining experience in one of the hotel restaurants overlooking the iconic mountain scenery **(included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure (your expense).



Day 8 – Friday, June 25 – Lake Louise – Banff – 5-Star Rimrock Resort (B)

- After an included full hot breakfast this morning we will check out of the hotel for our journey through Alberta's Rocky Mountains via deluxe motorcoach. First, we make our way to the Columbia Icefields on Athabasca Glacier. We will arrive at the Discovery Centre and board our "Ice Explorer" for an unforgettable excursion onto the Athabasca Glacier **(Ice Explorer included)**. Following this, enjoy our bonus inclusion - the Glacier Skywalk. This stunning glass-bottom walkway offers awe-inspiring, unobstructed views of the Rockies that you simply won't find anywhere else **(Skywalk entrance included)**.
- You will have time to enjoy lunch on your own (your expense) at the Discovery Centre before we continue south for a photo stop at beautiful Lake Louise. From there, we make our way to the crown jewel of Alberta's resort towns - Banff, AB.

- Your tour manager will check the group into the Banff hotel for our 2-night stay at the 5-star Rimrock Resort. This resort is built on the side of Sulphur Mountain to avoid obstructed views of the Bow River Valley and the beautiful natural area.
- Dining this evening is on your own (your expense).

Day 9 – Saturday, June 26 - Banff, AB (B, Group D)

- Start the day right, with full hot breakfast **(included)**.
- We embark on a half-day guided tour of the Banff area which includes a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain! Weather permitting, the views from Sulphur Mountain can be incredible!
- We will then make our way to view the Bow River and Bow Falls up close and personal, followed by a short drive to view Hoodoos, a local favourite!
- Take the afternoon to discover the shops, sights, and atmosphere of downtown Banff (your expense). Shuttles are available from downtown to hotel for a nominal fee, please inquire at hotel for shuttle cost information. There is plenty of time to explore this tourist-friendly town and dine for lunch, on own.
- Join us this evening as the group dine's together **(included)** for a special Collins Tours Dinner inside the Primrose dining room at the Rimrock resort **(included)**!
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy your way.

Day 10 – Sunday, June 27 – Banff – Calgary, AB – 4.5 Residence Inn Hotel (B, Farewell D)

- A full hot breakfast is included this morning before our leisurely departure from Banff and the Rocky Mountains.
- This afternoon we arrive in **Calgary for a short professionally guided tour** with a local guide. We will enjoy the city's highlights and ticket to ascend the top of the Calgary Tower (included in your tour cost for a view of the city that cannot be found anywhere else).
- We will check into the Residence Inn Hotel later this afternoon. Our centrally located hotel is close to restaurants and located in the Downtown/Beltline District.
- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers this evening for our group Farewell Dinner with a glass of wine or beer **included** with your meal. Toast to the wonderful friends you've made and the experiences you've had through Western Canada together.



Day 11 – Monday, June 28 - Home

- Today is an early start to the morning as we return home to the Maritimes.
- For those who purchased the Collins Tours Air Inclusive package, your transfers to the airport coincide with your departure for your flight(s) home.

Hotel Contact Information:

Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel, 728 Humboldt St., Victoria BC Ph: 250-480-3800
Fairmont Waterfront, 900 Canada Pl, Vancouver, BC V6C 3L5 Ph: 604-691-1991
Accommodations in Kamloops BC (TBA) as per Rocky Mountaineer reservation
Pyramid Lake Lodge, Km North On Pyramid Lake Rd #6, Jasper AB Ph: 800-541-9779
Rimrock Resort Hotel, 300 Mountain Ave., Banff AB Ph: 403-762-3356
Residence Inn Hotel, 610 10th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB Ph: 587-885-2288

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are a guideline and may need to be adjusted by Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd operations or your tour manager which can/ are impacted by unforeseen factors such as weather, traffic, construction on roads, changes to concert or sporting event times, ferry crossings, bridge closers, and/or act of God, emergencies, or global pandemics. Collins Tours is not responsible for any refunds, reimbursements, credits, or liable, due to any changes in itineraries, modifications, or lost time in any one area, or missed events, due to any such unforeseen events described above or potential occurrences causing similar outcomes not described above. All passengers are responsible to meet at the appropriate times for pick ups, departures, and event schedules. Missed times, events, pick up locations, any methods of missed or delay transportation, are each individual's responsibility and Collins Tours accepts no responsibility for such missed times. No refunds, credits, travel vouchers or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences. *Seat Rotation Policy will be in effect for this tour and will be explained by your tour manager once on board. We ask that everyone respect the final timelines, as determined by your tour manager and keeping scents to a minimum, due to some passenger having allergies this will help ensure ALL clients are able to enjoy themselves to the fullest.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Canada: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension: 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg)
- All liquids and gels that you are planning to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag and kept in your carry-on. Keep prescription medications in original containers or carried with you.
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- Tour prices do NOT include people's incidental room charges, such as movie rentals, internet, phone calls, etc. Give the front desk your credit card information to cover these fees.
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- **REMEMBER:** Your Tour Manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation at Concerts and Customs and Immigration. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or her experience to the fullest.
- Gratuities for your Tour Manager and driver are not included in your tour price. Tipping is your way of saying 'Thank You,' for a job well done.
 - **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**
 - Collins Tours Manager - Ranging from \$7.00 - \$8.50 per person, per day.

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- Bus driver - \$5.00 - \$6.00 per person, per day.
- Private city tour guides - \$3.00 per person, per day