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Classic Rocky Mountain Rail Circle Tour | Rocky Mountaineer

2026

Canadian Rockies Circle Itinerary

8 Days / 7 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver

Priced at USD \$7,808 per person

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 10 yrs & under

INTRODUCTION

Travel aboard our iconic 8-Day Rocky Mountain Train Trip from Vancouver. This circle train tour travels along both popular rail routes with stops in Kamloops, Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper with Silver or GoldLeaf Service on Rocky Mountaineer. Not only do you stay in the best places the Canadian Rockies, you also have the freedom of choice of tours in both Banff and Jasper, an Ice Explorer Ride on the Athabasca Glacier in Lake Louise and plenty of wildlife viewing of Grizzly bears, moose, elk and more. This is eight straight days of authentic Canadian adventure, personalized to your preferences.

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1 Vancouver to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer

DAY 2 Kamloops to Banff | Rocky Mountaineer

DAY 3 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions

- Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Banff Gondola
- Option 2. Banff National Park Explorer Moraine Lake & Lake Louise | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch
- Option 3. Rockies Hidden Gems Yoho & Kootenay National Parks | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch
- Option 4. Cowboy Horseback Cookout BBQ Lunch or Dinner
- Option 5. Banff Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

DAY 4 Banff to Lake Louise Transfer | Coach

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DAY 5 Lake Louise to Jasper Tour | with picnic lunch
Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk

DAY 6 Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
Option 1. Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour
Option 2. Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife
Option 3. Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River
Option 4. Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour
Option 5. Jasper Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

DAY 7 Jasper to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer

DAY 8 Kamloops to Vancouver | Rocky Mountaineer



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

The below itinerary reflects our recommendations for this specific trip. We also offer tailored private excursions, allowing you to personalize the itinerary to match your custom preferences.

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Day 1 Vancouver to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer

All aboard Rocky Mountaineer for the scenic rail journey to Kamloops in the interior of British Columbia. Pass through the rich fields of the Fraser River Valley and the towering peaks of the Coastal Mountains before entering the Fraser Canyon. Follow the Thompson River through spectacular landscapes to historic Kamloops. (breakfast & lunch is included today)

Day 2 Kamloops to Banff | Rocky Mountaineer

Back on-board the Rocky Mountaineer following the South Thompson River to Shuswap Lake with its thousand miles of shoreline. Pass Craigellachie, where the 'last spike' was driven completing the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885. Enter Rogers Pass, with its tunnels, snow-sheds and glistening Glaciers. The Kicking Horse river leads you to Kicking Horse Pass, the Spiral Tunnels and over the Continental Divide to Banff, and Banff National Park. (breakfast & lunch is included today)

Day 3 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions.

Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Banff Gondola

Discover Banff's natural wonders on this half-day, small-group tour. Marvel at sights like Bow Falls, Hoodoos rock formation, and Lake Minnewanka. Conclude your exploration with a relaxing gondola ride to Sulphur Mountain's peak, maximizing your views of Banff National Park effortlessly. Enjoy the enchanting beauty of these landmarks with minimum exertion.

Option 2. Banff National Park Explorer Moraine Lake & Lake Louise | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch

Join this small group tour for a curated experience of Banff National Park's highlights, with the added chance to spot wildlife through expert local guidance. Enjoy unhindered access to Moraine Lake & Lake Louise, spending over 11/2 hours at each, discovering hidden gems and serene trails. The final phase of the tour is tailor-made in Banff by your guide, considering recent wildlife sightings and your interests, ensuring the day concludes on a high note.

Option 3. Rockies Hidden Gems Yoho & Kootenay National Parks | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch

Avoid the crowds with this full-day adventure in the Kootenay and Yoho National Parks, featuring picturesque waterfalls and Canadian Rockies views. Start with a relaxing stroll in Kootenay National Park's Marble Canyon, marveling at turquoise glacial waters and striking canyon walls. Enjoy Emerald Lake's neon blue waters, where optional canoe rentals, hiking trails, and lakeside picnics are available. The day concludes with a visit to Canada's 2nd tallest waterfall, Takakkaw Falls, accessible through backroads offering mountain vistas and wildlife sightings.

Option 4. Cowboy Horseback Cookout BBQ Lunch or Dinner

Saddle up for a ride along the Bow River in Banff and a Western style cookout. Choose from riding on horseback or in a covered wagon through the beautiful Rocky Mountain terrain.

Option 5. Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

Talk with one of our local Canada specialists to tailor your day in Banff to your preferences. Choose from a variety of experiences, including guided hikes, evening wildlife e-bike tours, river explorer canoe tours, a foodie tour at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, or upgrade to a selection of private tours of the region. Alternatively, you can spend the day relaxing and enjoying the fresh mountain air, and we'll credit the cost of your excursion.

Day 4 Banff to Lake Louise Transfer | Coach

Today offers the flexibility to spend more time in either Banff or Lake Louise. You have the choice of a mid or late-afternoon 45-minute scheduled transfer (included), or a private transfer. Both options allow you to customize your time between these two stunning destinations. At Lake Louise, you can enjoy activities like canoeing on the lake, hiking to the Glacier Teahouse, or savoring afternoon tea at the renowned Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

Day 5 Lake Louise to Jasper Tour | Glacier Adventure, Skywalk & picnic lunch

Your sightseeing tour today will encompass the ultimate glacier exploration as you travel along the spectacular Icefields Parkway. From walking on ancient ice with the Ice Explorer ride (included), to standing on a glass platform almost one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included), today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for this treasured region of the Rockies. (Picnic lunch included today)

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Day 6 Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions

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Option 1. Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour

Experience the most incredible sights in Jasper National Park's Maligne Valley during this guided excursion to the region's most scenic lakes & majestic canyons, enjoy a gentle guided walk along the shores of this pristine lake.

Option 2. Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife

Admire diverse animal life in the Canadian wilderness on this evening wildlife tour. Delve into Jasper National Park with your guide.

Travel through the mighty Athabasca Valley and marvel at the park's beautiful landscapes by twilight.

Option 3. Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River

Experience Jasper National Park's natural beauty with a small group float trip on the Athabasca River. Cover several miles on Class II rapids, offering mild excitement with a few splashes. Enjoy your guide's engaging storytelling about local history and wildlife throughout this gentle adventure.

Option 4. Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour

Embark on a stunning hike in Jasper National Park, exploring the deepest accessible canyon in the Canadian Rockies. Learn about the Maligne Valley, Karst topography, and the mysterious disappearing Medicine Lake. Enjoy breathtaking views of rushing rapids and waterfalls along the canyon's five bridges. An added bonus is the shuttle service back to the top, saving you from a steep uphill hike.

Option 5. Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

Talk with one of our local specialists to tailor your day in Jasper to your preferences. Choose from a variety of experiences, including a Maligne Valley tour & lake cruise, an exhilarating Harley Davidson motorcycle sidecar tour of Jasper National Park, a Jasper food tour to experience the local cuisine, hiking and cooking tour in the backcountry, or a selection of private tours of the region. Alternatively, you can spend the day relaxing and enjoying the fresh mountain air, and we'll credit the cost of your excursion.

Day 7 Jasper to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer

All aboard Rocky Mountaineer for a scenic rail journey to Kamloops in the interior of British Columbia. Leaving Jasper National Park, travel the 'Yellowhead' route past the sprawling grandeur of Mount Robson 'the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies and follow the mighty Thompson River, the route of early fur traders, before arriving in Kamloops. (breakfast & lunch is included today)

Day 8 Kamloops to Vancouver | Rocky Mountaineer

Leaving Kamloops, follow the Thompson River through Ashcroft, one of Canada's driest towns, with an average rainfall of just 18 centimetres. Pass through Rainbow Canyon, named for its cliffs striped with pinks, greens and greys creating a stunning rainbow effect. Continue on to the Fraser Canyon, where at Hell's Gate watch water torrent past the canyon walls at its narrowest point. The last leg of the journey takes you through the fertile farming region of the Fraser Valley to arrive in the Pacific port of Vancouver late afternoon. (breakfast & lunch is included today)

**INCLUDED****Package Includes:**

- 4 days on board Rocky Mountaineer Train: Vancouver to Banff | Jasper to Vancouver
- 2 nights accommodation in Kamloops provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff

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- 1 night accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- Transfer between hotel & rail station in Banff & Jasper
- Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
- Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Banff Gondola
- Banff National Park Explorer Moraine Lake & Lake Louise | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch
- Rockies Hidden Gems Yoho & Kootenay National Parks | Small Group Tour with Picnic Lunch
- Cowboy Horseback Cookout BBQ Lunch or Dinner
- Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- Coach transfer between Banff & Lake Louise
- Full day tour between Jasper and Lake Louise with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
- Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour
- Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife
- Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River
- Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour
- Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | SilverLeaf Service
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | SilverLeaf Service
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony or Alpine Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | GoldLeaf Service
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Mount Temple
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | GoldLeaf Service
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer

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- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Premier Deluxe Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Mount Temple
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Mountain View Room

Not Included

- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Meals other than specified
- Portage fees

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DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: Monday & Friday

Not Operating: Jun 8, 12, 22, 26; Jul 6, 10 (Tour Code: TR250)

DATE		DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service					
01 May 26 - 08 May 26					
11 May 26 - 31 Aug 26		\$7,808	\$8,953	\$7,488	\$6,399
04 Sep 26 - 28 Sep 26		\$8,489	\$10,236	\$7,970	\$6,480
02 Oct 26 - 05 Oct 26		\$8,836	\$10,583	\$8,318	\$6,828
Rocky Mountaineer Upgrade available to GoldLeaf Between Vancouver & Banff					
May		-	-	-	-
Jun - Aug		\$782	\$782	\$782	\$782
Sept		\$890	\$890	\$890	\$890
Oct		\$832	\$832	\$832	\$832
Oct		\$774	\$774	\$774	\$774
Rocky Mountaineer Upgrade available to GoldLeaf Between Jasper & Vancouver					
May		-	-	-	-
Jun - Aug		\$782	\$782	\$782	\$782
Sept		\$890	\$890	\$890	\$890
Oct		\$832	\$832	\$832	\$832
Oct		\$774	\$774	\$774	\$774
Superior Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service					
01 May 26 - 08 May 26					
11 May 26 - 31 Aug 26		\$7,736	\$8,810	\$7,441	\$6,399
04 Sep 26 - 28 Sep 26		\$8,650	\$10,556	\$8,077	\$6,480
02 Oct 26 - 05 Oct 26		\$8,997	\$10,903	\$8,425	\$6,828
Rocky Mountaineer Upgrade available to GoldLeaf Between Vancouver & Banff					
May		-	-	-	-
Jun - Aug		\$782	\$782	\$782	\$782
Sept		\$890	\$890	\$890	\$890
Oct		\$832	\$832	\$832	\$832
Oct		\$774	\$774	\$774	\$774
Rocky Mountaineer Upgrade available to GoldLeaf Between Jasper & Vancouver					
May		-	-	-	-
Jun - Aug		\$782	\$782	\$782	\$782
Sept		\$890	\$890	\$890	\$890
Oct		\$832	\$832	\$832	\$832
Oct		\$774	\$774	\$774	\$774
Deluxe Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service					
01 May 26 - 08 May 26		\$10,780	\$12,974	\$10,163	\$8,324
11 May 26 - 31 Aug 26		\$12,189	\$15,445	\$11,217	\$8,671
04 Sep 26 - 28 Sep 26		\$12,393	\$15,648	\$11,421	\$8,876
02 Oct 26 - 05 Oct 26		\$11,780	\$15,036	\$10,809	\$8,263
Deluxe Plus Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service					

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DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
01 May 26 - 08 May 26	\$10,985	\$13,383	\$10,298	\$8,324
11 May 26 - 31 Aug 26	\$12,352	\$15,771	\$11,326	\$8,671
04 Sep 26 - 28 Sep 26	\$12,556	\$15,975	\$11,530	\$8,876
02 Oct 26 - 05 Oct 26	\$11,944	\$15,363	\$10,918	\$8,263

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