# ALASKA CRUISE & CANADA ROCKY MOUNTAINEER TRAIN



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Canada Rocky Mountaineer Rail & Alaska Cruise

**Duration:** 15 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 7 nights in hotels, 7 nights on cruise ship

Travel style: Cruise & independent touring

Booking code: CRCAKT15M

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# 15 days Canada Rocky Rail with Alaska Cruise

# About the holiday

This special USA and Canada rail and cruise trip is packed with wow-factor highlights!

Begin in Calgary, where you'll overnight before enjoying a full day of spectacular touring that concludes in Banff. In the famous resort town, you'll have two nights to explore at your leisure and could opt to take a gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain or relax in the Banff hot springs.

Next, it's time to board the magnificent Rocky Mountaineer for a rail experience unlike any other. The train journey offers a spectacular range of scenery as you travel between the high peaks of the Canadian Rockies, over mountain passes and through remarkable tunnels, along rocky lakeshores and across the ranchlands of the interior. Overnight in Kamloops and continue west towards the Pacific, as the train winds through river canyons, pristine forests and lush green valleys.

After stopping in Vancouver for three nights to experience the vibrant city, board the 7-night cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's 'Brilliance of the Seas'.

Witness amazing views and wildlife as you sail through Alaska's magical Inside Passage. Cruise by Tracy Arm Fjord and dock in Alaska's remote capital of Juneau and culturally-rich town of Ketchikan. Sail past evergreen-clad cliffs and floating frozen "bergy bits" on this scenic voyage.

With the magical Rocky Mountaineer Railway, a Royal Caribbean cruise, many meals, hotel accommodation and more, don't miss your chance to see the Canada and the USA's most remarkable landscapes in one unbeatable package!

## **Travel dates**

2024 - departs Calgary on select dates from May to September

Note: Departures are subject to availability and prices will vary depending on travel dates. View our website and contact us for the latest details.

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# **Holiday includes:**

Hotels - 7 nights in selected hotels or similar, standard rooms

1 night Calgary - Ramada Hotel

2 nights Banff - Moose Hotel or Aspen Hotel

1 night Kamloops - hotel to be advised

3 nights Vancouver - Moda Hotel or Barclay Hotel Atrium

Coach Transfer - Calgary to Banff via full day tour

Canada Rocky Mountaineer - 2 days Rocky Mountaineer train trip

Silver Leaf Service from Banff to Vancouver

Meals served to seat

Overnight hotel stay in Kamloops

Sightseeing- Vancouver Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour 48-Hour Pass

Cruise - 7 nights Ultimate Alaska Glacier Cruise, roundtrip from Vancouver

Choice of cabin aboard Royal Caribbean's Brilliance of the Seas

All non-chargeable meals & entertainment on board

All pre-payable cruise taxes and port fees

# Package excludes:

Visa/ESTA fees for USA & Canada

International flights to Canada - please contact us for the latest airfare deals Airport & cruise port transfers

Meals, except for those on the ship & Rocky Mountaineer, as per the itinerary Optional shore excursions, sightseeing & activities

Chargeable entertainment & specialty dining on the ship

Tipping for tour guides, drivers and cruise crew

Other personal items, such as drinks, shopping, laundry, WiFi etc.

Travel insurance, including cruise cover, is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by the hotels, rail company, cruise line & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.



# **Itinerary**

## Day 1: Arrive in Calgary

After checking in to the hotel, spend time exploring this cosmopolitan city on your own. That could be going to the top of the Calgary Tower, exploring Prince's Island Park or much more. Overnight in Calgary Ramada Suites Hotel or similar.

## Day 2: Calgary to Banff

Depart Calgary this morning for a full-day tour concluding in Banff. Journey to Banff where you will enjoy a spectacular boat cruise on Lake Minnewanka. Continue on to a sightseeing tour including Bow Falls, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. Banff Gondola included. Your tour ends on arrival in Banff late this afternoon. Overnight in Banff at Moose Hotel or Banff Aspen Inn or similar.

# Day 3: Banff

Enjoy the day with free time to relax or book your own activities at your leisure. Banff has activities for all, from taking the gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain, relaxing in the Banff hot springs, exploring the bustling town, to outdoor wildlife adventures. Overnight in Banff at Moose Hotel or Banff Aspen Inn or similar.

# Day 4: Banff to Kamloops

Make you own way to the railway station. Travel aboard the famously scenic Rocky Mountaineer from the mountain resort town of Banff to Kamloops, in the heart of the British Columbia Interior. Your journey takes you through everchanging scenery as you travel between the iconic glacier and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies over mountain passes and through remarkable tunnels, along rocky lakeshores and across the ranchlands of the Interior. Today's highlights include the Continental Divide, the Spiral Tunnels, Kicking Horse Canyon, Rogers Pass and Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven. Overnight in Kamloops. B, L.

## Day 5: Kamloops to Vancouver

Your journey continues west towards the Pacific Ocean and the coastal city of Vancouver. On today's journey, you will again see dramatic changes in scenery, from the desert-like environment of the B.C. Interior, through winding river canyons and pristine forests, to the Cascade and Coast Mountains and the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley. Highlights include the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River and the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon. Your rail journey ends on arrival in Vancouver this evening. Accommodation for 3 nights at Moda Hotel or similar. B, L

## Day 6 & 7: Free days Vancouver

The next two days are free to explore amazing Vancouver with a Hop-On Hop Off Vancouver Bus Pass for 48 hours. Choose which stop you Hop-On and Hop-Off to explore the city! Your view of the city will be like no other as you tour the streets with the wind in your hair, experiencing our vibrant downtown with all of your senses. You will be accompanied by a recorded commentary that is available in multiple languages.

## Day 8 - Depart on Alaska Inside Passage Cruise

Today catch a taxi to the port to check in for your Alaska Inside passage Cruise aboard award-winning Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's *Brilliance the of Seas* ship.

Sailing Itinerary:

Date	Ports of Call	Activity	Arv	Dep
Day 8	Vancouver, British Columbia	Boarding		5:00 PM
Day 9	Inside Passage	Cruising		
Day 10	Sitka, Alaska	Docked	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
Day 11	Tracy Arm Fjord, Alaska	Cruising	5:00 AM	9:00 AM

Date	Ports of Call	Activity	Arv	Dep
Day 11	Juneau, Alaska	Docked	1:00 PM	10:00 PM
Day 12	Haines, Alaska	Docked	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
Day 13	Ketchikan, Alaska	Docked	11:00 AM	10:00 PM
Day 14	Cruising	Cruising		
Day 15	Vancouver, British Columbia	Departure	7:00 AM	

# Day 15 - Cruise Arrives back in Vancouver

Your Alaska cruise arrives back in Vancouver this morning. This is where this spectacular Canada and Alaska journey ends and memories begin!

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, ocean, road and rail conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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# **About Rocky Mountaineer**

The custom-designed, single-level, glass-domed SilverLeaf coach puts you right in the middle of the awe-inspiring scenery of the Canadian Rockies. Relax and take in the dazzling vistas, and enjoy delicious meals at your seat.



#### **Train Features**

- · Single level glass domed coach with oversized windows
- Breakfast and lunch served at your seat (choice of entrees)
- · Complimentary non-alcoholic beverages and snacks
- Overnight accommodation in popular hotels



#### SilverLeaf Service features

- Service and interpretive Commentary by knowledgeable and friendly onboard attendants
- Enjoy panoramic views from oversized windows in our single-level dome coach;
   167% larger viewing area than RedLeaf service
- Relax in reclining dome-level seats which can rotate to accommodate groups of four
- · Enjoy temperature-controlled comfort
- Overnight in moderate hotel accommodation in Kamloops with luggage delivered to your hotel
- Transfers to and from the train on your package tour

Looking for the ultimate Rocky Mountaineer experience? Ask us about upgrading to GoldLeaf Service.

## **GoldLeaf Train Features**

- Custom-designed, state-of-the-art, bi-level dome car
- 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 elevator to dome level
- Overnight accommodation in popular hotels

#### GoldLeaf Service Features

- Service and interpretive commentary by knowledgeable and friendly onboard Hosts
- · Gourmet breakfast and lunch selections served in lower-level dining room
- Onboard complimentary snacks and beverages served at your seat
- 1 night moderate accommodation in Kamloops with luggage delivered to your room
- Transfers between the train station and your accommodation in Kamloops
- Upgraded amenities
- Rocky Mountaineer information package complete with detailed maps
- Commemorative GoldLeaf pin

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# Alaska cruise ports

# Vancouver, B.C.

Between the colourful architecture of Chinatown and the Native American influences rooted in Totem Pole Park, Vancouver boasts a cosmopolitan of ethnicities. Hop on board a comfortable motorcoach to the ever-bustling Chinatown where you can sip freshly-steeped green tea or taste the rousing flavours of pork belly alongside refreshing sesame noodles. Or, settle down and unwind on the sandy shores of Stanley Park — Vancouver's very own oasis in the heart of the city — and revel in visions of expansive forestry and mesmerizing horizons. In Gastown, walk in the footsteps of bygone settlers as you wander down groomed streets and listen for the regal chimes from the steam clock each hour. With Vancouver at your fingertips, experience authentic European flair without ever leaving the Western hemisphere.

#### Sitka

Sitka radiates Alaskan history. The New Archangel Dancers — dressed in crimson skirts and patterned aprons — gallop and twirl across the wooden stage to the sounds of 18th-century folk music. Outside, festive fishermen cast their frayed nets into the open sea, eager to reel in delectable treasures amidst this sportfishing paradise. With artefacts aplenty, travel in the path of Alaskan ancestors through these enchanting grounds.

At Sitka National Historical Park - Alaska's oldest national preserve - observe seasoned artists as they carve, weave, bead and metal work together new masterpieces reflecting ancient Tlingit and Haida cultures. Visit St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral and marvel at the grand stained-glass windows, hand-painted biblical scenes and lustrous gold crosses that embellish the interior. Or, admire orphaned cubs as they meander through enclosed habitats at the Fortress of the Bear sanctuary.

#### Juneau

Rolling mountains — standing over 3,000 feet tall — overlook the still waters below, waiting for the majestic 20-foot Orcas to break the tranquil surface and make their grand debut. Meanwhile, the sweeping, 12-mile long Mendenhall Glacier rests nearby, slowly retreating under the steadfast sun.

Nothing about Juneau is small. From the gaping landscapes to the dignified wildlife, there's more than meets the eye in this unique port of call. Home to some of the largest gold mines in the world, Juneau has experienced its fair share of movement and continues to do so as the emblematic capital of Alaska. Relish in panoramic views of these precious lands atop Mount Roberts or immerse yourself in it all as you zipline through breathtaking elevations, dogsled along a trail and hike across serene meadows.

#### **Haines**

Visions of open roads and staggered mountains surround the tranquil town of Haines. This seemingly quiet port of call holds some of the most memorable and photo-worthy opportunities in the Great Land.

Feel the soft tickle of cloud-coloured fur as you get an up-close experience with Alaska's wolves. At Kroschel Wildlife Center, experience encounters with some of Alaska's furry residents — including bears, moose, foxes, and reindeer — like never before. Or, head to the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve to see over 200 of these classic creatures soaring through the crisp air and resting amidst undressed trees. However you choose to spend your time on land, walk away with unforgettable adventures and ever-lasting memories.

#### Ketchikan

Small white boats, with slender fishing reels suspended over the stern, float together in uniform lines off the coast of Ketchikan. As the "Salmon Capital of the World", this port of call harvests a collection of personalities, all yearning for the refreshing taste of salmon varieties. Fisherman donning nylon jumpsuits and rubber boots readily trot down the wooden pier to their aquatic abodes. Meanwhile, grizzly bears enrobed in chestnut-coloured fleeces meander through the shallow waters in search of their next meal.

Past the multi-coloured homes lining the tranquil shores lies an emblem of Ketchikan's antiquities — Totem Bight State Historical Park. Embellished in vibrant colours and chiselled faces, hand-carved totem poles stand tall around the replica Native clan house, inviting visitors to experience Alaska's past and present. Down on Creek Street, dollhouse-style homes line the wooden boardwalk inviting visitors to explore what's left of the city's red-light district days. With all that remains in this lively port of call, it's no wonder why Ketchikan is one of the most sought-after destinations in Alaska.

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