

# GoMedia **Canada 2020**

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## **Alberta**

## **Rocky Mountaineer**

**September 13-16, 2020**

## **Theme**

[Rocky Mountaineer](#) is a luxury train that travels between Vancouver and the spectacular [Canadian Rockies](#). It's a must-do travel experience, with glass-domed train cars, incredible scenery, delicious cuisine, friendly service, and a relaxed, social atmosphere. In 2020, Rocky Mountaineer is celebrating 30 years of a leading travel experience in Canada and has welcomed more than two million people onboard.

## **Description**

Relax and join us onboard the Rocky Mountaineer for two days of all-daylight rail travel through Canada's West and the breathtaking Canadian Rockies.

Hop on board and embrace the Wellness and Slow Travel trend. A journey on Rocky Mountaineer provides the perfect environment to sit back, relax, unplug, and take in the incredible scenery. Start on the shores of the Pacific Ocean in Vancouver, travel through the foothills and end your journey in the grandeur of the Canadian Rockies. Travel through the legendary [Spiral Tunnels](#), traverse the Continental Divide, and be inspired as you wind through mountain passes and dramatic canyons.

Travelling in our award winning GoldLeaf Service, which features bi-level rail cars with dome windows in the seating area on the upper level, and large windows in the lower-level dining area where meals are freshly prepared from a selection of regionally inspired dishes.

The team of onboard hosts offer award-winning service and rich, historic storytelling as the train passes highlights and momentous pieces of Canadian history. Our engaging hosts and intimate travel experience often result in guests becoming friends with fellow travellers as they enjoy the journey together.

## **Considerations**

- A perfect way to switch off and enjoy the breathtaking scenery between Vancouver and the Canadian Rockies
- There is limited internet and cell service access onboard, but full access in the evenings and at the hotels
- Please advise of any dietary restrictions in advance of the tour
- A credit card will be taken at the hotel to cover any personal incidentals such as long distance calls, movies, laundry, etc.
- Transfers to and from the airport are included

## **Itinerary**

### **Day 1 – Sunday, September 13**

Day Flight to Vancouver by Harbour Air, arriving before 4:30 pm.

At leisure Check-in at a downtown Vancouver hotel. If rooms aren't ready we'll store the luggage and provide passes to explore Vancouver at your leisure.

- 6:00 pm Welcome dinner (optional) at one of the city's top restaurants. Vancouver is lauded for its culinary scene and we take food seriously. Our location puts fresh sustainable seafood as a must to try, and the city's cultural diversity is reflected in the variety of culinary options from around the world.
- Overnight Vancouver, British Columbia

### Day 2 – Monday, September 14

- 6:30 am It's an early morning but well worth it. You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to the Rocky Mountaineer train station for your trip of a lifetime.
- 8:00 am All aboard! Your first day on Rocky Mountaineer starts at sea level and dramatic changes take you from lush fields of the Fraser Valley, through forests and winding river canyons, to desert-like expanses in the BC Interior, and you'll gradually be surrounded by peaks of the Coast and Cascade mountain range. Today's highlights include the rushing waters of [Hell's Gate](#) in the Fraser Canyon and the steep mountain slopes the train hugs as it travels along the Thompson River. Oh, and delicious meals and snacks served on board throughout.
- 7:00 pm Your day concludes as we travel along the shores of Kamloops Lake into [Kamloops](#). Stretch your legs with a walk around town, stop in for a microbrew in a pub, or relax in your hotel room.
- Evening Light refreshments and snacks on arrival in Kamloops.
- Overnight Kamloops, British Columbia (All hotels in Kamloops are of moderate standard)

### Day 3 – Tuesday, September 15

- 6:30 am An early start - but wait to see what's in store for you. You'll be provided with a transfer from the hotel to Rocky Mountaineer station for another spectacular day.
- 7:00 am Day Two departs from the expansive ranchlands of the interior and takes you along rocky lakeshores, over mountain passes and through the remarkable tunnels that form part of the rich rail history of the Canadian Rockies. Today's highlights include [Craigellachie](#), where the last spike of the [Canadian Pacific Railway](#) was driven, the climb over Rogers Pass, Kicking Horse Canyon, the renowned [Spiral Tunnels](#) and, of course, glaciers and snow-capped mountain peaks. We also depart the province of British Columbia as we head east and enter the province of Alberta.
- Day Breakfast and lunch is served onboard.
- 7:00 pm Your rail journey ends when we reach the charming mountain town of [Banff](#), Alberta between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm.
- Light refreshments and snacks on arrival.
- Overnight Banff, Alberta

### Day 4 – Wednesday, September 16

- Morning Breakfast.
- TBD Highlights tour of Banff (depending on flight times).
- TBD Depart at leisure. A transfer from Banff to the Calgary International Airport is provided (Allow 2 hours' drive time).

## Recommended items to bring

- A camera!
- Comfortable clothing for the train.
- Weather in the Rockies can be temperamental so we suggest clothes that can be layered.
- Sunscreen and sunglasses.