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Canadian Rockies Train Combo Circle Tour | VIA Rail | Rocky Mountaineer

2026

Canadian Rockies Circle Itinerary

6 Days / 5 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver
Priced at USD \$4,795 per person

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

INTRODUCTION

This popular Canadian Rockies rail circle tour combines Rocky Mountaineer with VIA Rail for the ultimate rail tour. Traveling from Vancouver to Banff, discover wildlife, paddle a Voyageur canoe, see Lake Louise or trail ride to an authentic cowboy cookout. Then continue to Jasper and witness breathtaking scenery of the Icefield Parkway before boarding the iconic Canadian railways overnight train to end back in Vancouver.

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

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- DAY 4** Banff to Jasper Tour | with picnic lunch
Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
Photo stop at Lake Louise
- DAY 5** Jasper to Vancouver | VIA Rail
- DAY 6** Arrive Vancouver | VIA Rail



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.

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)

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Day 2 Kamloops to Banff | Rocky Mountaineer

Departing Kamloops, follow 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, then 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 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. You will walk on ancient ice during the Glacier Adventure (included) and stand on a glass platform nearly one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included). Sightseeing stops along this beautiful highway will also include Athabasca Falls, the Weeping Wall, Bow Lake, Crowfoot Glacier, and Lake Louise. Today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for this treasured region of the Rockies. (Picnic lunch included.)

Day 5 Jasper to Vancouver | VIA Rail

This morning, board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' train for the journey from Jasper to Vancouver. Using the original steel railcars from the 1950s, sit back and relax in the dome car to enjoy a dramatic change in scenery as you travel the 'Yellowhead' route past the sprawling grandeur of Mount Robson. Watch the landscape transition from mountains to desert as you follow the Thompson River into central British Columbia. Brunch and dinner is included onboard VIA Rail, and your private quarters will once again be transformed into a bedroom for the overnight journey.

Day 6 Arrive Vancouver | VIA Rail

Waking to the coastal city of Vancouver today, your tour ends upon arrival. (continental breakfast included today onboard VIA Rail)

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INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- Rocky Mountaineer Train between Vancouver and Banff with Kamloops accommodation.
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- 1 night accommodation in Jasper
- Sleeping berth onboard VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 1 night
- Transfers between rail depot and hotel in Kamloops, 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
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- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk
- Photo stop at Lake Louise
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | SilverLeaf Service
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- VIA Rail | Semi Private Sleeper Berth

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | SilverLeaf Service
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony or Alpine Room
- VIA Rail | Cabin

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | GoldLeaf Service
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room

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- VIA Rail | Cabin

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- Rocky Mountaineer Train | GoldLeaf Service
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Mountain View Suite
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Premier Deluxe Room
- VIA Rail | Cabin

Not Included

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

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DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: Tuesday

(Tour Code: TR40)

DATE	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service & Semi-Private Berth on-board VIA Rail				
06 May 25 - 12 May 25				
13 May 25 - 29 Aug 25	\$4,806	\$5,141	\$4,720	\$4,313
30 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$5,049	\$5,629	\$4,883	\$4,313
01 Oct 25 - 10 Oct 25	\$5,222	\$5,802	\$5,055	\$4,485
Rocky Mountaineer Upgrade available to GoldLeaf Between Vancouver & Banff				
May - Aug	\$782	\$782	\$782	\$782
Sept	\$832	\$832	\$832	\$832
Oct	\$782	\$782	\$782	\$711
Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail Between Jasper & Vancouver				
2025 Season	\$543	\$543	\$543	\$543
Superior Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service & Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
06 May 25 - 12 May 25				
13 May 25 - 29 Aug 25	\$5,543	\$5,991	\$5,421	\$4,939
30 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$5,859	\$6,623	\$5,637	\$4,939
01 Oct 25 - 10 Oct 25	\$6,032	\$6,796	\$5,809	\$5,112
Rocky Mountaineer Upgrade available to GoldLeaf Between Vancouver & Banff				
May - Aug	\$782	\$782	\$782	\$782
Sept	\$832	\$832	\$832	\$832
Oct	\$782	\$782	\$782	\$711
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Jasper & Vancouver				
2025 Season	\$1,655	\$3,120	-	-
Deluxe Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service & Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
06 May 25 - 12 May 25				
13 May 25 - 29 Aug 25	\$7,231	\$8,403	\$6,908	\$5,902
30 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$7,781	\$9,504	\$7,274	\$5,902
01 Oct 25 - 10 Oct 25	\$8,015	\$9,738	\$7,508	\$6,136
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Jasper & Vancouver				
2025 Season	\$1,655	\$3,120	-	-

Deluxe Plus Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service & Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail

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DATE	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
06 May 25 - 12 May 25	\$7,374	\$8,689	\$7,003	\$5,902
13 May 25 - 29 Aug 25	\$7,924	\$9,790	\$7,370	\$5,902
30 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$8,158	\$10,024	\$7,604	\$6,136
01 Oct 25 - 10 Oct 25	\$7,924	\$9,790	\$7,370	\$5,902
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Jasper & Vancouver	-	-	-	-
2025 Season	\$1,655	\$3,120	-	-

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