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Circle Tour by Train through the Canadian Rockies | VIA Rail | Rocky Mountaineer

2026

Canadian Rockies Circle Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver
Priced at USD \$5,219 per person

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

INTRODUCTION

Dreaming of a Canadian Rockies Train Trip that travels on both the overnight Trans-Continental Canadian Train & Rocky Mountaineer then this Circle Tour from Vancouver is for you. Enjoy panoramic views of snow-capped mountains and majestic glacial lakes on this unforgettable journey through Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff and Kamloops with your choice of a gondola ride, bear viewing or a cowboy cookout in Banff. Travel expert tip: Upgrade to deluxe grade to experience the iconic Fairmont properties, the comforts of a cabin on VIA Rail and to enjoy GoldLeaf Service aboard Rocky Mountaineer.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Jasper | VIA Rail
- DAY 2** Arrive Jasper (Rail)
- DAY 3** Jasper to Lake Louise Tour | with picnic lunch
Includes Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- DAY 4** Lake Louise to Banff Transfer | Coach
- DAY 5** Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Banff Gondola

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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 6 Banff to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer

DAY 7 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. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.

Day 1 Vancouver to Jasper | VIA Rail

This afternoon, board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' train for the famous rail journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Step back in time to the days of classic rail travel, riding in the original steel 'streamliner' railcars made famous by the 'Canadian' in the 1950s. Each car has been lovingly restored with air conditioning, a dining car, lounge car, and dome car. Pass through the rich fields of the Fraser Valley and the towering peaks of the Coastal Mountains before entering the Fraser Canyon. Follow the Thompson River through spectacular landscapes as you enjoy dinner (included), then retreat to your private quarters that have been converted into a bedroom.

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Day 2 Arrive Jasper (Rail)

Rise to the snowy peaks of the Canadian Rockies today as you arrive in Jasper and transfer to your hotel. The day is free to explore this unique alpine community. (breakfast included today onboard VIA Rail)

Day 3 Jasper to Lake Louise 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)

Day 4 Lake Louise to Banff Transfer | Coach

Start your day with a leisurely morning exploring the stunning beauty of Lake Louise. With either a mid or late afternoon transfer to Banff, you have the flexibility to canoe on the lake, hike to the Glacier Teahouse, or indulge in afternoon tea at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise before departing for the 45-minute journey along the breathtaking Bow Valley Parkway. Whether you choose the scheduled transfer (included) or a private transfer, both options allow you to customize your time between these two stunning destinations.

Day 5 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 1 1/2 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 6 Banff to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer

All aboard Rocky Mountaineer for the scenic rail journey to Kamloops in the interior of British Columbia. As the train crosses over the continental divide you pass through the spiral tunnels in Yoho National Park, a remarkable engineering achievement. Continue on through the Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park with endless views of snow capped mountains and stunning glaciers. Pass by Craigellachie, where the last spike was driven completing the Canadian Pacific Railway Trans Canada link in 1885. (breakfast & lunch is included today)

Day 7 Kamloops to Vancouver | Rocky Mountaineer

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

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INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- Sleeping berth onboard VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 1 night
- 1 night accommodation in Kamloops provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- 1 night accommodation in Jasper
- 1 night accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- Rocky Mountaineer Train between Banff and Vancouver
- Transfers between rail depot and hotel in Kamloops, Banff, Jasper
- Full day tour between Jasper and Lake Louise with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- Scheduled transfer between Lake Louise and Banff
- 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
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- VIA Rail | Semi Private Sleeper Berth
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Rocky Mountaineer Train | SilverLeaf Service

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- VIA Rail | Cabin
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony or Alpine Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- VIA Rail | Cabin
- 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
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
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Not Included

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

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DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: Friday

(Tour Code: TR49)

Departs from Vancouver: Monday, Friday | Reverse Direction

(Tour Code: TR50)

DATE	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Rocky Mountaineer SilverLeaf Service & Semi-Private Berth on-board VIA Rail				
Departing Vancouver to Jasper VIA Rail				
02 May 25 - 10 May 25	-	-	-	-
11 May 25 - 22 Aug 25	\$5,221	\$5,930	\$5,035	\$4,343
23 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$5,723	\$6,931	\$5,370	\$4,343
03 Oct 25 - 03 Oct 25	\$5,895	\$7,104	\$5,542	\$4,515
	\$5,468	\$6,422	\$5,200	\$4,343
Departing Vancouver to Banff Rocky Mountaineer				
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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				
Departing Vancouver to Jasper VIA Rail				
02 May 25 - 10 May 25	-	-	-	-
11 May 25 - 22 Aug 25	\$5,959	\$6,778	\$5,736	\$4,969
23 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$6,533	\$7,925	\$6,123	\$4,969
03 Oct 25 - 03 Oct 25	\$6,706	\$8,098	\$6,296	\$5,142
	\$6,393	\$7,647	\$6,030	\$4,969
Departing Vancouver to Banff Rocky Mountaineer				
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	\$6,393	\$7,647	\$6,030	\$4,969
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	-	-

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DATE	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Deluxe Grade with Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service & Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
Departing Vancouver to Jasper VIA Rail				
02 May 25 - 10 May 25	-	-	-	-
11 May 25 - 22 Aug 25	\$7,782	\$9,462	\$7,313	\$5,932
23 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$8,590	\$11,077	\$7,851	\$5,932
03 Oct 25 - 03 Oct 25	\$8,824	\$11,310	\$8,085	\$6,166
	\$8,590	\$11,077	\$7,851	\$5,932
Departing Vancouver to Banff Rocky Mountaineer				
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01 Oct 25 - 10 Oct 25	\$8,824	\$11,310	\$8,085	\$6,166
	\$8,590	\$11,077	\$7,851	\$5,932
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

Departing Vancouver to Jasper VIA Rail				
02 May 25 - 10 May 25	-	-	-	-
11 May 25 - 22 Aug 25	\$7,925	\$9,748	\$7,409	\$5,932
23 Aug 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$8,733	\$11,363	\$7,947	\$5,932
03 Oct 25 - 03 Oct 25	\$8,967	\$11,596	\$8,180	\$6,166
	\$8,733	\$11,363	\$7,947	\$5,932
Departing Vancouver to Banff Rocky Mountaineer				
02 May 25 - 10 May 25	-	-	-	-
11 May 25 - 30 Aug 25	\$7,925	\$9,748	\$7,409	\$5,932
01 Sep 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$8,733	\$11,363	\$7,947	\$5,932
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