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Canadian Rockies Train Tour Grand Circle

2026

Canadian Rockies Circle Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver
Not yet on sale

INTRODUCTION

Canadian Rockies by Rail Grand Circle Tours combines Rocky Mountaineer with VIA Rail for the ultimate train adventure. Spend a night in a private cabin on VIA Rail as you head into the Rocky Mountains. Wake as the peaks of the mountains come into view, and keep your eyes open for wildlife like elk, bears and bald eagles. Spend the next 4 days exploring Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff before boarding Rocky Mountaineer back to Vancouver.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Jasper | VIA Rail
- DAY 2** Arrive Jasper | VIA Rail
- DAY 3** Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Private Excursions
 - Option 1. Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour
 - Option 2. Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife
 - Option 3. Signature Hike with Gourmet Picnic Lunch
- DAY 4** Jasper to Lake Louise | Private Sightseeing + Gourmet Picnic Lunch
 - Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- DAY 5** Lake Louise to Banff | Private SUV Transfer
- DAY 6** Banff to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer

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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.

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. 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.

Day 2 Arrive Jasper | VIA 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)

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Day 3 Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Private Excursions

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

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. Signature Hike with Gourmet Picnic Lunch

Experience the majestic scenery of Jasper National Park on foot. This 3-hour guided nature walk will feature a spectacular array of rolling hills, jagged peaks, forests, meadows, marshes, streams and stunning glacial lakes. Your licensed interpreter will lead this leisurely walk as you explore the abundant flora and fauna along these routes that often offer incredible opportunities to spot wildlife. Marvel at snow-capped peaks during the months of May and early June, in mid-summer the forest and alpine meadows are ablaze in glorious wildflower shades of red, blue, yellow and white. By late August and through the month of September, the mountain landscapes glow with the red, orange, and gold of the Larch and Aspen trees

Day 4 Jasper to Lake Louise | Private Sightseeing + Gourmet 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 (gourmet picnic lunch included today)

Day 5 Lake Louise to Banff | Private SUV Transfer

Today's private transfer offers the flexibility to spend more time in either Lake Louise or Banff, allowing you to customize your experience between these two beautiful 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 before departing on a 45-minute journey along the breathtaking Bow Valley Parkway.

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)

**INCLUDED****CANADA BY DESIGN**

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Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 1 night accommodation in Lake Louise
- 1 night accommodation in Banff
- 1 night accommodation in Kamloops provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- Private sleeper cabin onboard VIA Rail for 1 night
- Private transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Private Excursions
- Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour
- Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife
- Signature Hike with Gourmet Picnic Lunch
- Private tour between Jasper and Lake Louise with gourmet picnic lunch
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk
- Private transfer Lake Louise & Banff
- Shared coach transfer between Banff hotel and Rail Station
- Rocky Mountaineer between Banff and Vancouver
- Return transfers between rail depot and hotel in Kamloops
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Premier Deluxe Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Mount Temple Room
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Mountainview Room
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
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- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Meals other than specified
- Portage fees

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