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## Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge | Canadian Rockies Train Trip Combo

2026

Canadian Rockies One-Way Itinerary

12 Days / 11 Nights Vancouver to Calgary  
Not yet on sale

### INTRODUCTION

Combine a Canadian Rockies train trip aboard Rocky Mountaineer with the ultimate in glamping at Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge – a tented safari resort in Tofino. See majestic landscapes, curious wildlife and stay in the iconic Fairmont properties of Canada's west as you travel from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Jasper, Banff and Calgary in Alberta. This popular 12-day itinerary tempts an award-winning train, BC's best luxury properties and the beautiful national parks of the Canadian Rockies for a trip you'll never forget.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge | Floatplane
- DAY 2 – 3** Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge | Included Activities
- DAY 4** Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge to Vancouver | Floatplane
- DAY 5** Vancouver | Day at Leisure
- DAY 6** Vancouver to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer Goldleaf Service
- DAY 7** Kamloops to Jasper | Rocky Mountaineer Gold Leaf Service
- DAY 8** Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
  - Option 1. Morning Maligne Valley with Medicine Lake Tour
  - Option 2. Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife

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Option 3. Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River

Option 4. Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour

Option 5. Jasper Personalised Tailor-made Excursion

**DAY 9** Jasper to Lake Louise Tour | with picnic lunch

Includes Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk

**DAY 10** Lake Louise to Banff Transfer | Coach

**DAY 11** 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

**DAY 12** Banff to Calgary Transfer | Coach



## MAP



## DETAILED ITINERARY

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*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 Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge | Floatplane**

Enjoy scenic views of the Strait of Georgia and Vancouver Island on the 45-minute floatplane ride from YVR South River Terminal. Deplane and climb into a horse-drawn wagon for a ride along the estuary to the Outpost. Upon arrival, enjoy champagne and hors d'oeuvres awaiting at the Cookhouse. After a brief orientation, you'll be given a private tour of the resort and escorted to your guest tent. Enjoy time to unpack, relax, go for a stroll, meet with our activities coordinators or take in a pre-dinner spa treatment if time allows. (Dinner included today)

#### **Day 2 – 3 Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge | Included Activities**

From your base on Vancouver Island's magnificently rugged west coast, you'll explore pristine wilderness like pioneers (but elegant ones). Travel miles of First Nations paths on foot or on horseback, follow waterways deep into the old-growth forests in canoes or kayaks, or discover abundant wildlife, including bears and whales, on guided zodiac tours. Other options include fresh water and ocean fishing. At night, luxuriate in the wood-fueled outdoor cedar hot tub and sauna. Accommodations are at the Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge in an Ensuite Family Tent. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner included)

#### **Day 4 Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge to Vancouver | Floatplane**

Before getting ready to depart, join one last morning meditation or yoga class or a trail run along the Bedwell River. After breakfast is served, you will have one last activity. One last lunch will be served at the lodge before guests' luggage is picked up and guests are transferred to the floatplane dock for the flight back to Vancouver. (Breakfast & lunch included today)

#### **Day 5 Vancouver | Day at Leisure**

Today is free to experience Vancouver's vibrant blend of stunning natural beauty and urban flair. Explore Stanley Park's expansive trails, enjoy breathtaking views from the Capilano Suspension Bridge, and dine in diverse Gastown. Visit the bustling Granville Island market, appreciate First Nations art at the Museum of Anthropology, and soak in panoramic city and ocean vistas from Grouse Mountain. Vancouver: a captivating mix of culture and adventure.

#### **Day 6 Vancouver to Kamloops | Rocky Mountaineer Goldleaf Service**

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)

#### **Day 7 Kamloops to Jasper | Rocky Mountaineer Goldleaf Service**

Back onboard the Rocky Mountaineer follow the Thompson River through rolling plateaus to the snowy peaks of the Monashee Mountains. View Pyramid Falls and the expansive glaciers of the Albrede Icefields. Pass by Mount Robson, at 3954 metres (12,972 feet), which is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Arrive in Jasper late afternoon. (Breakfast & lunch is included today)

#### **Day 8 Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 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. Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River*

Experience Jasper National Park's natural beauty with a small group float trip on the Athabasca River. Cover several miles on Class II rapids, offering mild excitement with a few splashes. Enjoy your guide's engaging storytelling about local history and wildlife throughout this gentle adventure.

##### *Option 4. Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour*

Embark on a stunning hike in Jasper National Park, exploring the deepest accessible canyon in the Canadian Rockies. Learn about the Maligne Valley, Karst topography, and the mysterious disappearing Medicine Lake. Enjoy breathtaking views of rushing rapids and waterfalls along the canyon's five bridges. An added bonus is the shuttle service back to the top, saving you from a steep uphill hike.

##### *Option 5. Personalised Tailor-made Excursion*

Talk with one of our local specialists to tailor your day in Jasper to your preferences. Choose from a variety of experiences, including a Maligne Valley tour & lake cruise, an exhilarating Harley Davidson motorcycle sidecar tour of Jasper National Park, a Jasper food tour to experience the local cuisine, hiking and cooking tour in the backcountry, or 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.

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**Day 9 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 10 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 11 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 12 Banff to Calgary Transfer | Coach**

Today you will leave behind the fresh mountain air and colourful sights of the Rockies. We will schedule a transfer to bring you to downtown Calgary, or to the Calgary Airport to connect with your flight home.

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**Package Includes:**

- 3 nights luxury tent accommodation at Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge with:
- Return floatplane transfer from Vancouver to Clayoquot
- Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge Inclusions:
- Evening turndown service and room amenities
- All gourmet meals and snacks
- All beverages (house bar, wine and beer)
- Guided activities include: kayaking, horseback riding (min age 12), mountain biking, wildlife viewing (whales, eagles, bears), archery, rappelling & rock climbing, stand-up paddle boarding, yoga classes, fresh water fishing and fly casting, meditation, and trail running
- Saunas, hot tubs and cold plunge, fitness room
- 1 hour massage per adult
- Gratuities
- 2 nights accommodation in Vancouver
- 1 night accommodation in Kamloops provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 1 night Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- Private SUV transfer from Vancouver Clayoquot Flight Terminal to Hotel
- Private SUV transfer from Hotel to Rocky Mountaineer Train Station
- Rocky Mountaineer Train between Vancouver and Jasper | Goldleaf Service
- Return transfers between rail depot and hotel in Kamloops
- Transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
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- Evening Discover Jasper & its Wildlife
- Gentle Raft Float on the Athabasca River
- Maligne Canyon Hiking Tour
- Personalised Tailor-made Excursion
- 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
- Scheduled coach transfer between Banff and Calgary
- Meals as per itinerary
- National Park fees

**Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade**

- Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge | Luxury Waterfront Tent with Ensuite

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

**Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade**

- Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge | Luxury Waterfront Tent with Ensuite
- Vancouver - Fairmont Hotel Vancouver | Deluxe City View Room
- Rocky Mountaineer Train | GoldLeaf Service
- Kamloops - Moderate Hotel | Provided by Rocky Mountaineer
- 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

**Not Included**

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

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