Canadian Rockies...by Rail

Presented by WENDT TOURING

~8 days~



This great adventure takes us out west to the stunning Canadian Rockies, the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. See one of the most majestic mountain ranges in the world! Marvel at the crystal blue waters. Search for incredible wildlife. Experience unforgettable train rides. All the must-see attractions are included in this vacation.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Vancouver ~ Queen Elizabeth Park ~ Victoria ~ Butchart Gardens Stanley Park ~ Athabasca Glacier Snowcoach Ride ~ Icefields Parkway Moraine Lake & the Valley of the Ten Peaks ~ Bow River Valley Banff National Park ~ Maligne Lake Boat Cruise ~ Calgary, Alberta Jasper National Park ~ Lake Louise ~ *Rocky Mountaineer* Train

TOUR INCLUDES:

- * Round-trip scheduled air transportation
- * Deluxe motorcoach & rail transportation
- * Seven nights lodging
- * 11 meals 4B, 2L & 5D
- * All sightseeing and entrance fees
- * Gratuities for drivers, city guides & porters
- * Baggage handling
- * Professional Tour Manager

TOUR FARE:

Call for current pricing and availability.

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- <u>Day 1: Buffalo Vancouver, British Columbia</u> Fly to Vancouver, British Columbia. Nestled between the mountains and the sea, Vancouver is the crown jewel of western Canada. Today's sightseeing includes 1,000-acre Stanley Park, the beautiful Sunken Gardens of Queen Elizabeth Park, the magnificent homes and floral displays of Point Grey, Gastown and Chinatown, second in size to those in San Francisco. Enjoy a two-night stay in Vancouver.
- <u>Day 2: Victoria Butchart Gardens</u> This morning we sail across the Strait of Georgia to lovely Vancouver Island. Upon arrival, visit magnificent Butchart Gardens. Located in an abandoned limestone quarry, Butchart Gardens rival any garden in the world for a myriad of colors and styles. Next, tour the provincial capital of British Columbia: Victoria. Regarded as Canada's greatest city, Victoria is elegant and modern with a touch of England preserved amid the primitive beauty of the Pacific coast. Return to Vancouver for the overnight.
- <u>Pay 3: Vancouver Rocky Mountaineer Train Kamloops:</u> Today we board the <u>Rocky Mountaineer</u> for an unforgettable journey through the Canadian Rockies to Jasper, Alberta. Follow the mighty Fraser River as the train winds its way through valleys and tunnels and into some of North America's most spectacular mountain scenery. Later this afternoon arrive in the town of Kamloops for the night.
- <u>Day 4: Canadian Rockies by Rail ~ Jasper, Alberta</u> This morning we continue our rail journey into the Canadian Rockies. Enjoy some of North America's most spectacular scenery from the comfort of your coach seat. Be on the lookout for wildlife as we glide along towering peaks which line the route. Bighorn sheep, mountain goats, bear, deer and moose flourish throughout this area. Later today, we arrive in the town of Jasper for a two-night stay.
- <u>Day 5: Jasper National Park ~ Maligne Lake</u> Jasper National Park, named after Jasper Hawes, in charge of a Hudson Bay Company Trading Post in the early 1800s, was established in 1907. The majestic mountains, valleys and lakes offer spectacular views of Rocky Mountain wilderness. Enjoy a scenic boat cruise on Maligne Lake, the largest of the numerous lakes located within the park. Later this afternoon, we arrive back to our lodge with time to enjoy the various hotel amenities or absorb the pristine grandeur of the surrounding terrain.
- **Day 6:** Columbia Icefields Parkway ~ Banff, Alberta Travel south along the beautiful Icefields Parkway from Jasper to Banff. Following the Great Divide, the 143-mile route offers spectacular vistas of snow-capped mountains interspersed with pristine lakes, towering waterfalls, and numerous rivers that drain the meltwaters of the Columbia Icefields into the Arctic, Pacific and Atlantic oceans. Our scheduled snowcoach ride on the Athabasca Glacier will provide us with the opportunity to see and walk on a glaciated icefield formed by snow falling as long as 400 years ago. Later today we arrive in the quaint town of Banff for a two-night stay.
- <u>Day 7: Banff National Parks ~ Lake Louise</u> A memorable day is scheduled as we motor through the picturesque Bow River Valley, past the historic Banff Springs Hotel and climb high into the heart of Banff National Park. Visit the "Jewel of the Rockies," Lake Louise, known for its icy blue-green waters which mirror the majestic 11,365 foot Mount Victoria. Continue over the Continental Divide into Yoho National Park and see Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks, Emerald Lake and Takakkaw Falls, third highest in North America. Return to Banff for our final overnight.
- <u>Day 8: Calgary ~ Journey Home</u> Travel east through the foothills to Calgary. Once considered a cowtown, Calgary is a city of skyscrapers, contemporary houses, shopping complexes and was the site for the 1982 winter Olympics. Our return flight home will depart from Calgary International Airport.