

RAINFOREST TO GOLDRUSH EXPLORER



Be swept away by the spectacular scenery of the Canadian Rockies, explore the historic gold rush town of Quesnel and discover the popular resort town of Whistler with our incredible, 9-day package.

PACKAGE TYPE	TRAVEL UNTIL
 Rail	02 Oct 2020
TRAVEL FROM	
24 Apr 2020	

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

Be swept away by the spectacular scenery of the Canadian Rockies, explore the historic gold rush town of Quesnel and discover the popular resort town of Whistler with our incredible, 9-day package. This itinerary takes you to vibrant city of Vancouver, the famous ski resort town of Whistler and the beautiful towns of Jasper, Banff and the iconic Lake Louise. Start your adventure in the bustling city of Vancouver, one the most diverse cities in Canada. Spend your day exploring the city's most famous attractions including the Capilano Suspension Bridge, Stanley Park, Granville Island and Gastown. From Vancouver, board the Rocky Mountaineer and travel to the well-known resort town of Whistler. Enjoy fantastic views of the Coast Mountains, Howe Sound Mount Garibaldi. Explore Whistler, a renowned alpine skiing destination located in the majestic Coast Mountains. During summer, enjoy various activities such as hiking, biking or canoeing. Continue to Quesnel, a small city located between Prince George and Williams Lake. The city was the commercial centre of Cariboo Gold Rush in 1862. From Quesnel, head to the incredible town of Jasper, the commercial centre of Jasper National Park, Canadian Rockies' largest national park. Discover incredible scenery from glistening glaciers, lakes, lush forests to abundant wildlife. Highlights include Pyramid Mountain, Maligne Lake, Maligne Canyon, Athabasca Falls, Athabasca Glacier, Columbia Icefield and Jasper Skytram. From Jasper, continue to picturesque Lake Louise. Explore the natural wonders of Yoho National Park and discover the town of Banff. Your adventure ends with a panoramic helicopter of the Rockies.

2020 Departure Dates

From Vancouver April 24; June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14, 21, 28; September 4, 11, 18, 25; Oct: 2

From Calgary April 23, 30; May: 07, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18 & 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; August 6, 13, 20 & 27 September 03, 10, 17 & 24; October 1

Highlights

- Rail journey aboard the Rocky Mountaineer
- Free time to explore Vancouver
- Visit the towns of Whistler & Quesnel
- Explore Jasper National Park, the largest national park of Canadian Rockies
- Discover the incredible scenery at Yoho National Park
- Explore Banff & Lake Louise
- Panoramic helicopter tour of the Rockies

Inclusions

- 8-night hotel accommodation
- 3 days onboard Rocky Mountaineer
- 3 breakfasts & 2 lunches (travelling from Vancouver)
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 1 afternoon meal (travelling from Calgary)
- Jasper National Park
- Banff and Lake Louise

- Icefield and Glacier Experience
- Yoho National Park
- Banff Gondola
- Panoramic helicopter tour

Itinerary

Day 1, Vancouver Arrive in Vancouver and spend time exploring this scenic city on your own. Overnight in Vancouver.

Day 2, Vancouver – Whistler Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from the coastal city of Vancouver to the resort town of Whistler, renowned for outstanding skiing and year-round outdoor activities. Following your check-out at and motor coach transfer from your downtown Vancouver hotel, the Rocky Mountaineer takes you on a breathtaking rail journey through the stunning scenery of the Sea to Sky Corridor. Highlights of the trip include spectacular views of Howe Sound and the Coast Mountains, Brandywine Falls, Mount Garibaldi and the impressive Cheakamus Canyon. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Overnight in Whistler. (B)

Day 3, Whistler – Quesnel Your journey continues eastward to the charming rural town of Quesnel, gateway to the North Cariboo. Enjoy breathtaking and varied scenery, from the river canyons and lush farmland of the Pemberton Valley, through the desert-like conditions of the Fraser Canyon, to rolling hills and vast ranchlands of the Cariboo Plateau. Highlights include the shorelines of Anderson Lake and glacier-fed Seton Lake, sweeping views of the Fraser Canyon, and the crossing of Deep Creek Bridge, one of the highest railway bridges in the world. Your day concludes as the Rocky Mountaineer follows the banks of the Fraser River into Quesnel. Overnight in Quesnel. (B, L)

Day 4, Quesnel – Jasper Your journey continues eastward today to the majestic Canadian Rockies and Jasper National Park. From Quesnel, the Rocky Mountaineer follows the Fraser River north to the town of Prince George, then travels east through the forests of northern British Columbia, home to plentiful wildlife, including a large population of moose. Entering the Rocky Mountain Trench, you are surrounded by the steeply rising Rocky Mountains to the north and the Cariboo Mountains to the south. Continue climbing past Mount Robson, at 3,954 metres (12,972 feet) the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, through Yellowhead Pass into the province of Alberta. Your rail journey ends today on arrival in Jasper. Overnight in Jasper. (B, L)

Day 5, Jasper Highlights Tour Jasper National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Canadian Rockies' largest national park. Today, you will enjoy a scenic full-day tour of some of the park's natural attractions and rugged peaks, and perhaps catch a glimpse of the wildlife that calls this region home. Highlights include lunch and a lake cruise at historic Maligne Lake. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore more of Jasper independently. Overnight in Jasper. (L)

Note: In the event the lake cruise is not operating, interpretive experiences will be offered on First Nations history, foods and culture.

Day 6, Jasper – Lake Louise Travel to Lake Louise via one of the most scenic highways in the world, the Icefields Parkway. Among the highlights are Bow Lake, the Columbia Icefield, Glacier Skywalk and Athabasca Falls. The Columbia Icefield is one of the largest accumulations of ice south of the Arctic Circle and one of the most accessible icefields in North America. Here you will ride on an Ice Explorer to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier to learn more about its geological features. Lunch is included at the Columbia Icefield Glacier Discovery Centre. Afterwards, a brief stop will be made at Bow Lake before arriving in Lake Louise this afternoon. Overnight in Lake Louise. (L)

Day 7, Lake Louise – Banff This morning, you are free to explore beautiful Lake Louise on your own. After lunch, a half-day tour takes you into Yoho National Park to view some of its natural wonders. Among the attractions are the Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake and a natural rock bridge that spans the Kicking Horse River. At the end of the tour you will be transferred to Banff. Overnight in Banff.

Note: While departure from The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise will be approximately 2:00 p.m., scheduled checkout time is normally 12:00 p.m. Your luggage will be stored upon checkout and you are free to enjoy the amenities of the hotel before the tour departs.

Day 8, Banff – Calgary with Panoramic Helicopter Tour Today, you will enjoy a full-day tour concluding in Calgary. Begin the morning with a sightseeing tour of Banff. Among the points of interest are Bow Falls, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. Experience a scenic ride on the popular Banff Gondola. Continue to Kananaskis for the highlight of today's adventure, a 12-minute panoramic helicopter tour over the remarkable landscape of the Rockies. Overnight in Calgary.

Day 9, Departure Your journey ends upon checkout from your Calgary hotel.

RAINFOREST TO GOLDRUSH EXPLORER

Your Accommodation



3/4/5-Star Canada Accommodation

☆☆☆☆☆

Complete your extraordinary Canadian experience by staying at the best hotels & resorts of the country. Choose from our array of 3/4/5-star hotels, each featuring upscale facilities that will make your vacation truly unforgettable.

RAINFOREST TO GOLDRUSH EXPLORER

Your Destination