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with optional
Victoria Pre-Tour

CANADIAN ROCKIES BY RAIL



Orbridge

An unrivaled expedition through the
Canadian Rockies featuring two days by rail
aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* in GoldLeaf class

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join our small group on a well-paced journey by rail from Vancouver through Canada's majestic Rocky Mountains to Banff—featuring two days traveling aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* in GoldLeaf Service. En route, be mesmerized by the ever-changing panoramas from the train's glass-domed coach and private outdoor viewing platforms as you wind through lush green ranchlands and flowing river canyons surrounded by mountain peaks.

Arriving in Banff, enjoy guided tours of picturesque Sulphur Mountain, Lake Louise and Moraine Lake, including leisure time to explore the small hamlets and Banff National Park.

After each inspiring day, relax amidst well-appointed properties including three nights at the four-star Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. To reserve, visit ua.orbridge.com, call (866) 639-0079 or return the attached reservation form.

Sincerely,

Julia Service

Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement

Canadian Rockies by Rail | Itinerary and Highlights *(subject to change)*

Day 1: EN ROUTE FROM U.S. | ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA Upon arrival an Orbridge Expedition Leader will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. Later, join the group for a welcome reception.

Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (R)

Day 2: VANCOUVER Set out for guided touring of Vancouver and Gastown followed by free time to explore Granville Island at leisure.

Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (B)

Day 3: VANCOUVER | ROCKY MOUNTAINEER |

KAMLOOPS Transfer to Rocky Mountaineer Station to board the train. The *Rocky Mountaineer* offers unparalleled hospitality, comfort and unobstructed views. Following a delicious lunch, return to the dome car to listen to expert commentary to gain a deeper understanding of the region's history and natural wonders. Arriving to Kamloops, disembark the train for dinner on your own.

Overnight: Kamloops Lodging (B,L)

Day 4: KAMLOOPS | ROCKY MOUNTAINEER | BANFF, ALBERTA Re-board the train heading east to Banff. Throughout the day, engage in insightful lectures or simply revel in the passing scenery. Disembark in Banff and transfer to your mountain retreat with breathtaking views.

Overnight: The Rimrock Resort Hotel (B,L)

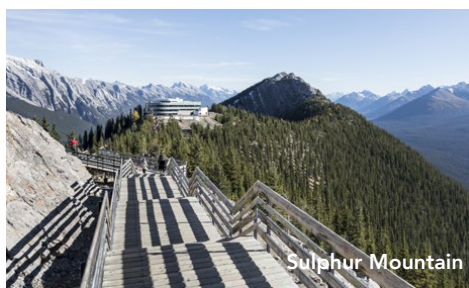
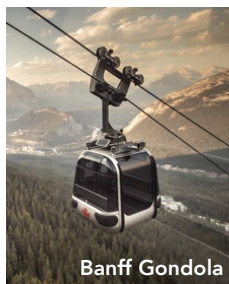
Day 5: BANFF After breakfast ascend to the summit of Sulphur Mountain during a scenic gondola ride. At the top, visit the interactive interpretive center and the Sulphur Mountain Boardwalk, capture photos from the observation deck, or grab a snack at one of the restaurants. Returning to the base of the mountain by gondola, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Following an exciting day of exploration, take advantage of the hotel's luxurious amenities including a fitness room, and indoor pool and hot tub.

Overnight: The Rimrock Resort Hotel (B)

Day 6: BANFF | LAKE LOUISE | MORAINÉ LAKE Set out on a picturesque excursion to renowned Lake Louise. Walk along the lakeshore before entering the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise for a delicious lunch. Continue to Moraine Lake—another perfect setting ideal for photography enthusiasts. This evening rejoin fellow travel companions for a special farewell dinner to reflect upon this indelible Canadian rail adventure.

Overnight: The Rimrock Resort Hotel (B,L,D)

Day 7: BANFF | CALGARY | DEPART FOR U.S. After breakfast guests departing during the suggested time take the complimentary group transfer to Calgary International Airport for flights home. (B)



(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)



Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service

What's Included

- 5 nights accommodations in 4-star hotels and 1 night comfortable lodging in Kamloops
- 2 full days on board the *Rocky Mountaineer* in premium GoldLeaf Service
- A special welcome reception, 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches and a farewell dinner
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
- All activities listed on the 7-day itinerary
- Private deluxe motor coach transportation with air conditioning and reclining seats
- Luggage portage
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, Rocky Mountaineer staff, drivers, porters, housekeeping and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Your Travel Director:

Enriched from the wealth of expertise provided by your Orbridge Travel Director, you'll enjoy the cultures and locations you explore with added confidence, understanding and appreciation.

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Activity Level: Guests should be comfortable boarding and disembarking trains without assistance, walking and moving between coaches while the train is in motion and navigating stairs to upper level of the coach. Guests should also be able to enjoy outdoor walking with sure-footing on uneven terrain, get in and out of a motor coach without assistance, and be able to manage stairs.

Accommodations *(subject to change)*

FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER

Opened in 1939—just in time for a visit by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth—this opulent gem, known as the “Castle in the City,” quickly became a landmark in Vancouver. The newly-renovated hotel features distinguished restaurants and lounges, an indoor pool, gym and spa.

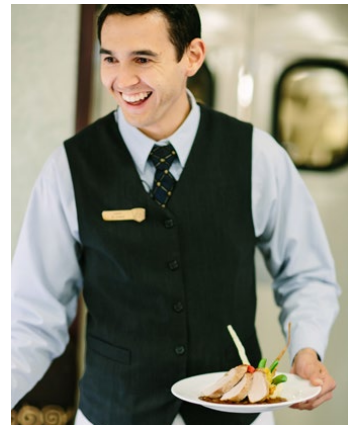


KAMLOOPS LODGING

Accommodations in Kamloops are determined by Rocky Mountaineer. Kamloops properties are considered moderate three-star hotels or motor inns, satisfy our standards of cleanliness and comfort and are the best available in the area.

THE RIMROCK RESORT HOTEL

Prepare for a truly remarkable experience that features superb hospitality, deluxe amenities and unmatched décor. Located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies—on Sulphur Mountain in Banff National Park—The Rimrock Resort Hotel offers exceptional views of the Rockies, delightful fine dining options and a luxury spa.



Optional Pre-Tour Victoria

Enjoy two nights in delightful Victoria—British Columbia's picture-perfect capital. Savor the island's relaxing pace as you explore vibrant gardens, admire historical architecture, and take in the city's friendly ambience.



Day +1: ARRIVE IN VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA Settle into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Explore some of Victoria's most beautiful downtown sites, including: Christ Church Cathedral, with its gothic stone architecture, magnificent stained glass windows and Helmut Wolff organ; Craigdarroch Castle, a stunning Victorian mansion; Bastion Square, site of the original Fort Victoria, with its spectacular views of the local harbor; or the renowned Royal British Columbia. Overnight: Fairmont Empress

Day +2: VICTORIA After a light breakfast join your guide for an easy walking tour of Victoria, featuring samplings of delicious local foods while learning about important sites along the way. The afternoon is open for additional opportunities to explore more of this charming city. Enjoy a walking tour of the downtown to appreciate its history and culture or a whale-watching cruise to see the wildlife-filled waters off the coast. Take time for a carriage ride or stroll through some of Beacon Hill Park's 200 acres. There is an endless array of ways to fill your day. Your local guide or hotel concierge can help set up a day perfect for you. Overnight: Fairmont Empress (B,L)

Day +3: DEPART VICTORIA | VANCOUVER | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS Following breakfast, meet your guide for a panoramic tour of Victoria through Chinatown and past the Parliament Buildings. Continue to world-famous Butchart Gardens—a national historic site of Canada. Afterward take a short 20-minute ride to the ferry terminal to cruise over to mainland Vancouver. After arriving in Vancouver for the main program, join fellow travelers at the hotel for a welcome reception. (B)

What's Included

- 2 nights at the Fairmont Empress (or similar)
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- A guided walking tour and panoramic city tour
- Admission to Butchart Gardens
- 1.5 hour ferry cruise from Victoria to Vancouver across the Strait of Georgia
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping and wait staff for included meals
- Private group airport transfer for guests arriving at the suggested times



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Victoria Pre-Tour: June 16-18, 2025

Reserve by Credit Card:

Online: ua.orbridge.com

Phone: (866) 639-0079

Fax: (206) 452-5655

Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 1376

Poulsbo, WA 98370

Contact: Julia Service at jmservice@alumni.ua.edu
or 205-348-1553.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check ACH (Automated Clearing House) MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name (as printed on card): _____

Billing Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:


Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

_____ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.

*Special group rate; limited offer. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$7,499	\$6,995
Deluxe Double	\$8,799	\$8,295
Single	\$11,799	\$11,295
Deluxe Single	\$13,199	\$12,695

Deluxe Double category includes upgrades at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (to Junior Suite) and The Rimrock Resort Hotel (to Deluxe View Room). Availability is limited; first-come, first-served.

Victoria Pre-Tour: \$1,295*
Single Pre-Tour: \$1,795

Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars.

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FREE EXPEDITION LIBRARY
AN EXCLUSIVE EARLY
RESERVATION BONUS

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Special Alumni Rate:

Save more than \$1,000 per couple

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What Guests Are Saying...

This was our first experience traveling with a tour group. It will be hard to beat. Everything about it was really better than we expected. Do hope to travel with Orbridge again!

~Kelly A., Tarboro, NC

The program was well organized, full of the best of the Canadian Rockies with fantastic places to stay with congenial people.

Our Expedition Leader was fantastic! He was welcoming, efficient, pleasant, full of information, light-hearted, and articulate. He was a good teacher and leader! There were so many beautiful lakes and lovely places to stay. We enjoyed the trip immensely.

~Susan B., Baton Rouge, LA

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