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**ALUMNI**

AUGUST 12-18, 2026

with optional  
Victoria Pre-Tour

# CANADIAN ROCKIES BY RAIL

Orbridge

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



## Alumni

Dear EXPLORERS 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 [uillinois.orbridge.com](https://uillinois.orbridge.com) or call (866) 639-0079.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'David Bambrey'.

David Bambrey  
President

University of Illinois Alumni Association  
<https://uiaa.org/explorers/>

A blue and yellow Rocky Mountaineer train car is shown in the background, with the words 'ROCKY MOUNTAINEER' visible on its side. The train is set against a backdrop of green hills and a blue sky with light clouds. The foreground is filled with lush green grass and wildflowers.

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

**Day 1** EN ROUTE FROM U.S. | ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA (R) Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. As with many Fairmont properties, the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver carries a rich historical legacy having welcomed dignitaries and celebrities since its opening in 1939. After settling into your room gather with fellow travelers for a special welcome reception.  
Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

**Day 2** VANCOUVER (B) After breakfast set out for guided touring of Vancouver including Stanley Park, Kitsilano, the scenic views from the Spanish Banks, and the University of British Columbia. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Granville Island at leisure. This inviting oasis was once an industrial manufacturing area that transformed into a thriving marketplace and cultural district. Wander the colorful aisles at Public Market to discover an array of fresh produce, artisanal foods, international delicacies and local crafts. Visit a myriad of studios and galleries to witness skilled artisans at work, creating everything from handcrafted jewelry and ceramics to glass art and textiles. With its location along False Creek, Granville Island provides picturesque waterfront views. The maritime ambiance adds an extra layer of charm to the island experience. Enjoy a meal by the waterfront or opt for a quick bite from one of the food stalls for a true taste of local flavors.  
Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

**Day 3** VANCOUVER | ROCKY MOUNTAINEER | KAMLOOPS (B,L) After an early morning check-out transfer to Rocky Mountaineer Station to board the *Rocky Mountaineer*. Freshly baked scones and a celebratory beverage will be served to toast the beginning of your rail adventure. As the train glides through ever-changing landscapes settle into plush reclining seats and admire the panoramas passing by. Following a delicious hand-crafted 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

**Day 4** KAMLOOPS | ROCKY MOUNTAINEER | BANFF, ALBERTA (B,L) Climb back aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* heading east to Banff. Enjoy a lovely breakfast, then step onto the outdoor viewing platform to capture photographs of the enigmatic landscape. Today's highlights include Craigellachie—where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven, the climb over Rogers Pass, the Spiral Tunnels, Kicking Horse Canyon and the glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies. Your engineers and onboard hosts will be on the lookout for wildlife—animals often spotted include grizzly and black bears, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, elk and eagles. The rail journey concludes in Banff where you'll disembark and transfer to your mountain retreat for an immersive experience amidst the Rockies.  
Overnight: The Rimrock Resort Hotel

**Day 5** BANFF (B) Ascend to the summit of Sulphur Mountain during a scenic gondola ride. Each fully enclosed four-passenger gondola cabin provides endless views of six magnificent mountain ranges, the Bow Valley and the town of Banff. At the top visit the interactive interpretive center and the Sulphur Mountain Boardwalk. Returning to the base of the mountain by gondola enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.  
Overnight: The Rimrock Resort Hotel

**Day 6** BANFF | LAKE LOUISE | MORAINÉ LAKE (B,L,D) This morning set out on a picturesque excursion to renowned Lake Louise—a pristine setting world famous for its turquoise lake and marvelous glacier peaks. Walk along the shoreline before entering the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise for a delicious lunch. Continue to Moraine Lake in the rugged Valley of the Ten Peaks, another postcard-perfect setting ideal for photography enthusiasts. This evening rejoin fellow travel companions for a special farewell dinner to reflect upon your Canadian rail adventure.  
Overnight: The Rimrock Resort Hotel

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

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



## 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

**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.



Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service



## Orbridge Standard of Excellence

Orbridge understands travel today can be complicated. From cabin or room selection to airport transfers, dietary requests, or pre- or post-tour details—we are dedicated to making your journey seamless and special from the moment you leave home.

Our curated destinations—featuring outstanding properties and ships, meticulously crafted itineraries, and knowledgeable guides, travel directors and expedition leaders—offer life-changing experiences you'll never forget.

Our Guest Services team is staffed by well-traveled professionals who provide personalized attention, ensuring all your questions are answered and all the details of your trip are explained to you.

Our air partners can make flight arrangements for guests. In the event of flight delays and/or schedule changes, they will provide guests with personalized assistance. To book flight reservations with our air partners, contact (206) 319-5011 and select the option for your destination to discuss flight details with our air colleagues. Upon ticketing, a fee will be charged.

## 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.



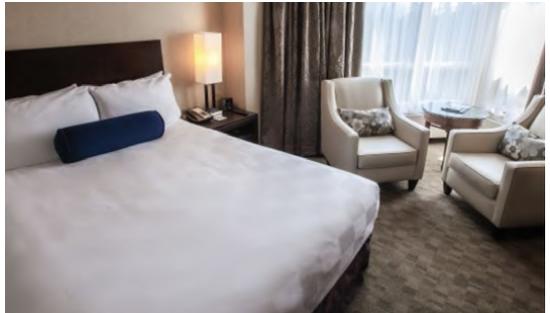
### KAMLOOPS LODGING

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.

*NOTE: The Rimrock Resort Hotel will undergo renovations between October 2025 and May 2026.*



# 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, CANADA** 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 Royal British Columbia. Overnight: Fairmont Empress

**Day +2** **VICTORIA (B,L)** Join your guide for an easy half-day walking tour of Victoria featuring tastings of delicious local specialties that may include pierogies, southern-style biscuits, meatballs, pastries, chocolates and other treats. Gain insight into the area's history while strolling the inner harbor, Fort Victoria, Market Square and Chinatown. The afternoon is open for additional opportunities to explore more of this charming city. Overnight: Fairmont Empress

**Day +3** **VICTORIA | VANCOUVER | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS (B)** Following breakfast meet your guide for a panoramic tour past the Parliament Buildings. Continue to world-famous Butchart Gardens—a national historic site of Canada replete with lush greens and colorful blooms. Blossoming for more than 100 years, it offers 55 acres of gardens with 900 bedding plant varieties, 26 greenhouses, and 50 full-time gardeners who create a wonderland of beauty everywhere you look. Afterward take a short ride to the ferry terminal for the 90-minute cruise over to mainland Vancouver. Upon arrival transfer to the hotel for a welcome reception to connect with fellow travelers joining the main program.

## What's Included

- 2 nights hotel accommodations with breakfast each morning
- Guided panoramic city tour plus a walking food tasting 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: August 10-12, 2026

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Deluxe Single	\$13,399	\$12,895
Victoria Pre-Tour	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$1,699	\$1,495
Single	\$2,199	\$1,995

**DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON**  
 \$500 pre-tour • \$850 main tour

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

\*Special group rates; limited offer. All rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Unless noted otherwise, airfare is not included.  
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*I always enjoy being with fellow alumni and making new friends when visiting a new location.*

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*Orbridge is an amazing company, I really appreciate and enjoy their approach to the details and comfort of our trip.*

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