

The GRAND CANADIAN ROCKIES



Tour begins [at 6:00 PM](#) at The Fairmont Waterfront. A transfer is included from Vancouver Int'l Airport to The Fairmont Waterfront. Your hotel is located within easy walking distance of Vancouver's lively Gastown and Stanley Park. Meet your Tour Director and travel companions at the welcome reception followed by dinner. Lodging The Fairmont Waterfront –

Your tour of western Canada tour starts with guided sightseeing including Chinatown and Stanley Park, introducing you to the history and vibrant cultural life of Vancouver, site of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Have lunch on your own, then hop aboard a ferry to Victoria, British Columbia's capital, where you'll spend two nights at the Hotel Grand Pacific, in a balconied, Grand Harbor View room overlooking Victoria's beautiful waterfront. Lodging Hotel Grand Pacific –

Throughout your stay in Victoria, you'll discover more than a bit of British influence in its double-decker buses, horse-drawn carriages and formal gardens, all surrounded by the rustic beauty of the Pacific coast. You'll find floral beauty in exceptional form at The Butchart Gardens, begun over a century ago. During your visit this morning, explore what has grown to encompass 55 magnificent acres of flowers and show gardens, including the Japanese, Italian and Rose gardens. The rest of the day is free to explore one of the oldest cities in the Pacific Northwest; downtown restaurants and

shops and the attractions of Fisherman's Wharf are within walking distance. Lodging Hotel Grand Pacific –

Morning is free to spend as you wish, perhaps visiting the Royal BC Museum with your tickets included. Meet up this afternoon for a short walk from the hotel to board a float plane; enjoy flightseeing over the pristine Gulf Islands en route to Coal Harbour in the city of Vancouver. Your next stop is Vancouver's historic Gastown district; explore at leisure before a champagne send-off on VIA Rail's The Canadian for an overnight journey to the awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies. Board the sleek, newly restored rail cars of VIA Rail's The Canadian, and celebrate the start of your overnight journey to the Canadian Rockies with a champagne toast. Sleep on board the train [tonight](#) – you will be nothing less than stunned by the spectacular alpine scenery that dawn reveals! Lodging Aboard The Canadian –

The vistas are nothing short of spectacular from our Specially reserved seats aboard VIA Rail's beautiful new panorama car aboard The Canadian, as your western Canada tour continues across British Columbia, where towering peaks and glaciers highlight the route. Cross the Continental Divide into the province of Alberta; arrive in Jasper National Park for a two-night stay at The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. Join us for a BBQ dinner in the Clubhouse [tonight](#). Lodging The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge



The day is yours to spend just as you wish among the carefully protected ecosystems – and "photographer's paradise" of Jasper National Park, where optional choices at your resort (at additional cost) include horseback riding or tennis. Rent a canoe or paddleboat on Lake Beauvert; go on a trail ride or a guided nature walk; play a round of golf on a top-rated course; or visit the historic town of Jasper on your own. This evening, a presentation by a Parks Canada official precedes dinner at your choice of restaurants at the lodge. Lodging The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

Drive the Icefields Parkway, featuring jaw-dropping views of mountains, waterfalls, glaciers, and snowfields around every turn. Watch for bears, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats, especially in the spring and fall. View Athabasca Glacier flowing from the Columbia Icefield, and take a memorable climb across the glacier's surface on an Ice Explorer, a specially designed vehicle. Continue on to your chateau-style hotel on the edge of Lake Louise overlooking Victoria Glacier, for a night in a Lake View room. Lodging The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Travel via the Bow River Valley to Moraine Lake, a photographer's paradise, then continue through Kicking Horse Pass into Yoho National Park. See the Natural Bridge, a rock formation over the Kicking Horse River; the Spiral Tunnels, a century-old railway engineering feat; and the Continental Divide before setting off for The Fairmont Banff Springs for a two-night stay inside Banff National Park. Often referred to as "the Castle in the Mountains," your resort has been a Rocky Mountain icon since the 1880s; enjoy dinner at leisure this evening. The Fairmont Banff Springs

Embark on a float trip along the Bow River*, then spend the rest of the day at leisure at your grand hotel, built more than a century ago to resemble a Scottish baronial castle. Or discover the town of Banff as you please. Your resort offers a full range of optional activities (some available at additional cost) to try; perhaps take a guided nature walk, book a treatment at the renowned Willow Stream Spa, enjoy horseback riding or a round of golf, or ride the scenic Banff Gondola. Or head over to explore the town of Banff itself. Wrap up your western Canada tour this evening by joining us for a festive farewell reception followed by dinner. The Fairmont Banff Springs

Travel from Banff National Park to Calgary, Alberta this morning, approximately 80 miles. Your western Canada tour and mountain adventure ends [at 10:00 AM](#) at Calgary International Airport. Direct flights to the U.S. will clear U.S. customs in Calgary we can arrange additional nights at The Westin Calgary for guests wishing to extend their stay; an airport transfer is included for these bookings. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in. Note: Activities marked with an asterisk (*) are at your own risk; a signed liability waiver will be required -

CALL US WITH YOUR PREFERRED DATE AND DEPARTURE AIRPORT AND WE WILL PACKAGE THIS TOUR TOGETHER WITH ANY PRE OR POST STAY YOU MAY WISH TO ADD