

# RAIL AND SAIL



## DAY 1 - ARRIVAL IN VANCOUVER

Arrive at Vancouver International Airport and transfer independently to your centrally-located hotel. Pick up your information kit at the front desk upon check in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this coastal gem. Overnight in Vancouver.

## DAY 2 - VANCOUVER

Spectacularly located between the Coast Mountains and the waters of the Pacific, Vancouver offers a world of entertainment, culture and adventure. Discover Vancouver on a Hop-on Hop-off trolley tour, taking in the sights of historic Gastown, English Bay, Granville Island, the colourful totem poles of scenic Stanley Park and much more. Overnight in Vancouver.

## DAY 3 - ROCKY MOUNTAINEER VANCOUVER TO KAMLOOPS

Enjoy a private transfer to the train station and embark on an unforgettable journey onboard the Rocky Mountaineer through the majestic landscape of Western Canada. Travel on the routes of early pioneer trails, listen to the history and legends of the West and enjoy the excellent onboard service. The train crosses the Coastal Mountains into the rugged beauty of the interior and follows the rushing torrents of the Fraser and Thompson Rivers. Overnight in Kamloops. Breakfast and lunch included.

## DAY 4 - ROCKY MOUNTAINEER KAMLOOPS TO BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Today, relish the spectacle of snow-capped peaks, vividly-coloured lakes, glistening glaciers and alpine meadows as the train traverses Glacier, Yoho and Banff National Parks. The majestic mountain ridges of the Canadian Rockies tower high above the meandering railroad en route to the charming resort town of Banff. Overnight in Banff. Breakfast and lunch included.

## **DAY 5 - BANFF NATIONAL PARK**

Canada's oldest national park offers a world of activities and recreation in a mountain setting resplendent with awe-inspiring beauty. Spend the day at leisure in picturesque Banff, in the shadow of Mount Norquay, or explore the park along its vast network of hiking and horseback riding trails. The area's highlights include the Cave and Basin, Bow Falls and the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. Overnight in Banff.

## **DAY 6 - BANFF TO JASPER**

Leave Banff and travel north along the famous Icefields Parkway into the untamed wilderness of Jasper National Park. Every turn unveils spectacular vistas of indomitable peaks, outstretched valleys, cascading waterfalls and colourful meadows. At the Columbia Icefield, take the opportunity to tour onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier onboard an Ice Explorer (ride included). Overnight in Jasper.

## **DAY 7 - JASPER NATIONAL PARK**

Enjoy some time in the resort town of Jasper, boasting an intriguing frontier identity. Venture into Jasper National Park and hike past serene lakes and gentle meadows beneath jagged mountain peaks, or ride the Jasper Tramway and relish the commanding views of the town site and surrounding mountain vistas. Overnight in Jasper.

## **DAY 8 - VIA RAIL / JASPER TO PRINCE GEORGE**

Today, embark on a memorable rail journey across British Columbia's northern region to the waters of the Pacific Ocean. Pass the cloud-veiled peak of Mount Robson and watch the horizons widen as the train descends from the Rockies onto the rugged interior plateau. The northern arm of the Fraser River leads to Prince George, your destination for the evening. Overnight in Prince George.

## **DAY 9 - VIA RAIL / PRINCE GEORGE TO PRINCE RUPERT**

Continuing west, enjoy the rugged beauty and pioneering character of a landscape once solely travelled by First Nation people and fur traders. The train follows the turbulent currents of the Skeena River and meanders through spectacular canyons and open valleys below the gaze of the ever-present mountain ridges. Overnight in Prince Rupert.

## **DAY 10 - INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE PRINCE RUPERT TO PORT HARDY**

Welcome to the glorious Inside Passage, a paradise for photographers and wildlife enthusiasts. Sail to Vancouver Island through a maze of enchanting islands, relishing the ever-changing vistas of deep fjords, densely forested shorelines, massive ice-flows and jagged inlets. Watch bald eagles soaring overhead, sea lions slumbering on the rocks and whales traversing the offshore waters. Transfer independently to your Port Hardy hotel. Overnight in Port Hardy. For departures with the Inside Passage sailings before June 3 and after August 30, the cruise will depart in the afternoon and overnight will be on board the ferry in your selected accommodation type. The cruise will end in the morning at Port Hardy where you independently transfer to the airport for your flight to Vancouver.

## **DAY 11 - PORT HARDY TO VANCOUVER**

Today independently transfer to the Port Hardy airport and embark on a scenic flight down the length of Vancouver Island. This is an excellent opportunity to truly appreciate the wild and untamed landscape of the island, the forests stretching deep into the interior with only a sparse evidence of civilization. Landing in the seaside metropolis of Vancouver, Individually transfer to your hotel check into your hotel and take the rest of the day to experience the services, shops, restaurants and amenities of this world-class city. Overnight in Vancouver.

## **DAY 12 - VICTORIA EXCURSION**

This full-day trip to Victoria begins with a cruise through the scenic Gulf Islands and includes a visit to the acclaimed Butchart Gardens. Afterwards continue to Victoria for a city sightseeing tour that encompasses Victoria's stately homes and gardens as well as historic landmarks. You may see the University of Victoria and Beacon Hill Park and pass the Royal British Columbia Museum, the Parliament Buildings and the exclusive homes of the city's most affluent and historic neighbourhoods. You will return to Vancouver in the early evening. Overnight in Vancouver.

## **DAY 13 - END OF TOUR**

Today your package comes to an end as you independently transfer to Vancouver International Airport in time to check in for your return flight.