



TRAVEL OBSERVATIONS

THOUGHTFUL TRIPS FOR DISCERNING TRAVELERS, BY ANNA HARRISON

Proposal: Rocky Mountaineer train tour followed by Alaskan Cruise

Rocky Mountaineer's most popular Service, SilverLeaf offers a bright and comfortable domed car with excellent viewing options and plenty of room to move around. Hot breakfasts and lunches are served at your seat. Complimentary BC wine and beer are served with lunch.

SilverLeaf Features

- Roomy seating in the single level Dome Car
- Rotating seats accommodate families and groups that want to face each other
- Hot breakfast and lunch served at your seat
- Complimentary alcoholic or non alcoholic beverages available all day
- Excellent service, commentary and history provided by 2 trained attendants.
- Overnight accommodations in Kamloops
- Access to open windows between cars for picture taking and communing with nature
- Hotel to train and train to hotel transfers available in Kamloops
- Luggage handling in Kamloops
- Souvenir Rocky Mountaineer Pin

Upgrades to the GoldLeaf service (private dining cars and upgraded experiences such as domed viewing cars) are available for additional fee.

Please note the hotels are considered "moderate", **not** "deluxe" accommodations, except for the beautiful Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise and the Fairmont in Vancouver.

Flight 1: Newark – Calgary

Mon, Aug 8



7:55 am – 11:05 am

Newark (EWR) – Calgary (YYC)

Air Canada 585 · Economy Class · Embraer RJ-190

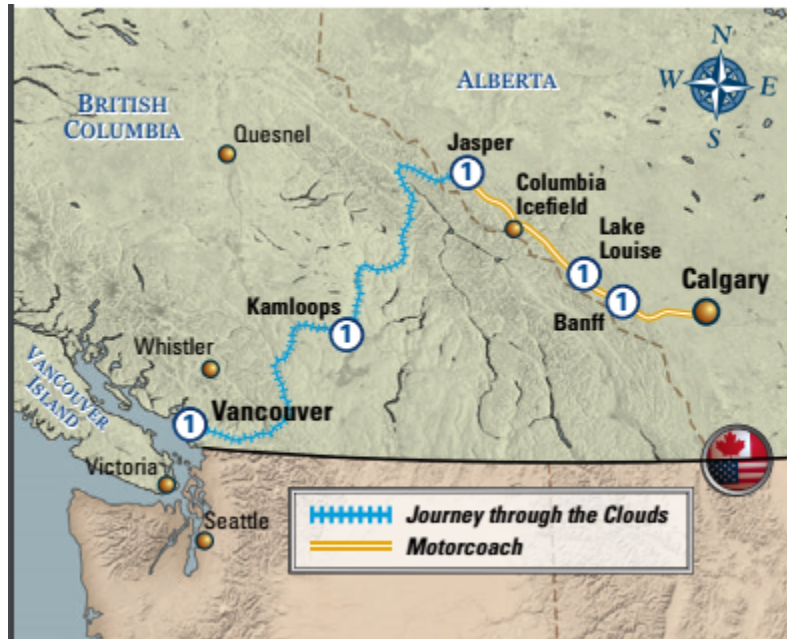
Average legroom (31")

5h 10m

Wi-Fi

In-seat & USB power

On-demand video



August 8: Depart Newark at 7:55am. Arrive in Calgary, Canada at 11:05am. Length of flight: 5h10min.

Begin 6 Day/5 night package with Rocky Mountaineer train/coach bus.

Calgary to Banff

Coach Transfer Calgary Airport to Banff upon arrival.

Local activities (not included) include canoeing, hiking in the mountains, or simply relaxing and taking in the magnificent views. Overnight in Banff. *Hotel: Banff Caribou Lodge and Spa (with breakfast).*

August 9: Banff to Lake Louise

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 spanning the Kicking Horse River. The tour ends in Lake Louise where the remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy this magnificent location. Overnight in Lake Louise. Please note: While arrival at The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise will be approximately 1:00 p.m., scheduled check-in time is not until 4:00 p.m. In the event that your room is not ready, your luggage will be stored and you are free to enjoy the amenities of the hotel.

Hotel: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise (with breakfast)

August 10 Lake Louise to Jasper

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Banff and Jasper national parks via the Icefields Parkway. Among the highlights are Bow Lake, the Columbia Icefield 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. Time will be available for lunch (not included).

Arrive in Jasper late this afternoon. Overnight in Jasper. Hotel: Whistlers Inn (with breakfast)

August 11 Jasper to Kamloops

Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from Jasper in the Canadian Rockies to Kamloops, in the heart of the British Columbia Interior. As you journey west and south you will be surrounded by the dramatic scenery of the Continental Divide and by the river valleys of the Monashee and Cariboo Mountains. Today's highlights include Mount Robson, Pyramid Falls, the climb over Yellowhead Pass, and the journey along the North Thompson River as you approach Kamloops. Overnight in Kamloops. Breakfast and lunch are provided on the train.

Kamloops SilverLeaf Service Accommodation - **Note: there are no sleeper cars onboard the train from Jasper to Vancouver. The train stops in Kamloops and the train assigns you your lodging at a moderate hotel – all accommodation is considered “basic” in Kamloops, there are no deluxe accommodations.**



August 12: Kamloops to Vancouver

Your journey continues west towards the Pacific Ocean and the coastal city of Vancouver. On today's journey you will again see dramatic changes in scenery, from the desert-like environment of the Interior, through winding river canyons and pristine forests, to the Coast and Cascade Mountains and the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley. Highlights include the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River and the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon. Your rail journey ends on arrival in Vancouver this evening. Overnight in Vancouver. Breakfast and lunch are included on the train.

Hotel: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (with breakfast)

August 13 – cruise portion begins.

CRUISESHIP: STAR PRINCESS

- Interior cabin will keep you well below your budget (about \$400 below budget per person)
- Oceanview cabin will take you about \$150 per person over budget.



Day	Port / Date	Arrive	Depart
1	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Saturday, August 13		04:30 PM
2	At Sea Sunday, August 14		
3	Ketchikan, Alaska Monday, August 15	06:30 AM	02:00 PM
4	Juneau, Alaska Tuesday, August 16	08:00 AM	09:00 PM
5	Skagway, Alaska Wednesday, August 17	05:30 AM	08:30 PM
6	Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska (Scenic Cruising) Thursday, August 18	06:15 AM	03:15 PM
7	College Fjord, Alaska (Scenic Cruising) Friday, August 19	06:00 PM	08:30 PM
8	Anchorage (Whittier), Alaska Saturday, August 20	12:30 AM	

Return home:

Direct flight from Anchorage, departs **6:58pm** and arrives in Newark at **6:06am**. Length: 7hours

Breakdown of costs:

- Airfare portion approximately \$700 per person for direct flights Newark-Canada and Alaska-Newark
- Interior cabin on Princess cruise ship: \$2,095.84
- Rocky Mountaineer coach and train vacation package: **\$5538.90**
- **TOTAL: \$9034.74 or \$4517.37 per person**

During the train/coach bus portion, you have the option of pre-paying for your dinners at the hotels. This is an additional cost if you are interested.

EXCLUSIONS: *Not covered:*

- Train portion: All meals are excluded unless they are noted on the itinerary
- Any activities on the train/coach portion unless they are mentioned in the itinerary
- Gratuities and tips (train and cruise portion)
- Taxi from Vancouver hotel to the cruise port is not included.
- Travel insurance is not included in this quote
- Transportation from Whittier to Anchorage airport
- Baggage fees for airline