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**Canada Train Vacation | Globus® Vancouver** 

Nothing lifts your spirits like sunny days, blue skies, and even bluer water – not to mention soaring peaks, stunning glaciers, and heartwarming wildlife.

This lofty tour of Western Canada leads you to see the inspirational sights of British Columbia and Alberta – and from a variety of vantage points. Enjoy a two-day scenic rail journey from bustling Vancouver to the still beauty of Banff National Park; cross the Columbia Icefield aboard an exciting Ice Explorer; then get ready to melt as you ferry to the "garden city" of Victoria to tiptoe through the tulips.

You'll also relish the timeless scenery of Jasper National Park and the newer resorts of Sun Peaks and Whistler. These dream sights are complemented by the dreamiest of hotels as you rest your wonder-filled head at the best of the Fairmont Collection, including the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Banff Springs Hotel, Chateau Lake Louise, Jasper Park Lodge, and the Chateau Whistler Resort.



# INTINERARY

#### Day 1

ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### WELCOME TO VANCOUVER!

At 6pm, meet your travel companions for a welcome drink. Your Tour Director will prepare you for your upcoming adventure.



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#### Day 2 VANCOUVER

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA TREASURES

Tour Vancouver, including the waterfront, Chinatown, and Stanley Park with its old-growth evergreen forests and totem poles. The afternoon is free to explore the many attractions at your leisure before dinner at a local restaurant.



#### CITY SIGHTS

Created in 1888, Stanley Park is considered the 'crown jewel' of Vancouver. The oldest park in the city of Vancouver, the dramatically beautiful and panoramic setting of Stanley Park spans more than 1000+ acres right next to downtown Vancouver. Here, Native culture is preserved with a striking collection of First Nations Totem Poles, carved from western red cedar and each carving tells of a real or mythical event with each carving bearing significant meanings – the eagle representing the kingdom of air; the whale as the lord of the sea; and the wolf as the genius of the land – to name a few.





#### Day 3 VANCOUVER-ROCKY MOUNTAINEER-KAMLOOPS

#### **RIDING THE RAILS**

At Vancouver's Rocky Mountaineer Station, board the Rocky Mountaineer train to follow the Fraser Canyon and the Thompson River through beautiful landscapes to historic Kamloops. Tonight, enjoy free time in Kamloops.

🜔 Breakfast - Lunch

#### TRAIN SPOTLIGHT

Travel in style aboard the legendary Rocky Mountaineer train service from Vancouver to Kamloops. Ride in comfort with exceptional service as you take in the panoramic views through your customdesigned glass-dome coach. Snap the perfect shots of spectacular landscapes from the comfort of your seat or step out on the outdoor viewing area for a wide-open view. Enjoy Rocky Mountaineer's SilverLeaf service with everything you need and more to experience the majesty of the Rocky Mountains in luxury: panoramic views, delicious meals and beverages brought right to your seat, friendly Hosts and miles and miles of memories.



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#### Day 4

#### KAMLOOPS-ROCKY MOUNTAINEER-BANFF, ALBERTA

#### THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

Back aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, journey from Kamloops eastward to Shuswap Lake with its many miles of shoreline. Follow the Kicking Horse River and pass over the Continental Divide into Banff National Park.



#### Breakfast - Lunch

#### ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT

Spend two nights at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, internationally recognized as the symbol of Canadian hospitality. Opened by Canadian Pacific Railway in 1888, this majestic chateau-style hotel is one of the top three getaways in North America.





#### Day 5

#### BANFF

#### BREATHTAKING BANFF

Breathe in the fresh mountain air! This morning, tour the highlights of Banff: Bow Falls, Tunnel Mountain, and Surprise Corner. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy all that Banff has to offer. You may wish to ride on the Banff Gondola, visit the shops on Main Street, or perhaps take an optional helicopter flightseeing trip for impressive views of the Rocky Mountains and Banff.

#### 🚺 Breakfast - Dinner

#### PICTURE PERFECT

Get ready for a spectacular adventure to explore the beauty of Rocky Mountain peaks, turquoise glacial lakes in Banff National Park - Canada's first national park. This awe-inspiring natural wonder, where soaring peaks and sapphire lakes meet the heavens for a breathtaking experience like no other on Earth!

### Day 6

#### BANFF-LAKE LOUISE

#### ROCKY MOUNTAIN MAJESTY

En route to Lake Louise, a side trip showcases one of the crown jewels of the Rockies—Moraine Lake and the Valley of the Ten Peaks (weather permitting). Here, 10 mountain peaks soar above 10,000 feet and surround the tranquil waters of the lake. Arrive enchanting Lake Louise for a Globus Local Favorite guided heritage walk along the lake. Enjoy an overnight and dinner at the exclusive Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

#### Breakfast - Dinner

#### ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT

Stay overnight at the spectacular Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Built as a log cabin in 1890, the historic chateau has become world famous, hosting celebrities and royalty, including Queen Elizabeth II, Alfred Hitchcock, and Marilyn Monroe. Take a leisurely stroll along the pristine lake, pamper yourself in the spa, or just relax with afternoon tea. Today, you'll also enjoy a guided heritage walk along the lake to hear about the area's first settlers, some unique characters, and the history of this incredible setting.



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#### Day 7 LAKE LOUISE-COLUMBIA ICEFIELD-JASPER

#### ON THE ICE

Travel on awe-inspiring Icefields Parkway past towering peaks and immense hanging glaciers to Jasper National Park. Ride an exciting Ice Explorer with a Glaciologist Guide on the Athabasca Glacier and see thundering Athabasca Falls. Your overnight destination is the charming village of Jasper in Jasper National Park.

#### Breakfast - Dinner

#### ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT

Spend the night at the beautiful Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. Originally built by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and called "Tent City," it is now a 4-star resort nestled between majestic mountains and enchanting lakes. Take a nature hike, play a game of croquet, enjoy a canoe trip on the lake, or just bask in the beauty of this tranquil setting.

#### Day 8

#### **JASPER-SUN PEAKS**

#### LEGENDARY PATHWAYS

Departing Jasper, watch the scenery unfold while traveling the Yellowhead Highway.

🔘 Breakfast

#### ICONIC FOOTSTEPS

Travel on the legendary Yellowhead Highway along the Fraser and Thompson Rivers – the same route followed by the early fur brigades of the Hudson's Bay Company as they paddled fully laden canoes to the Pacific Coast. Pass regal Mount Robson; at 12,972 feet, it is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies on this inspiring and mesmerizing road.

#### Day 9

#### SUN PEAKS-WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### RUGGED BEAUTY

A spectacular day lies ahead! This morning, travel past some of the most beautiful and rugged lakes and mountains in British Columbia. This afternoon, we arrive in Whistler—one of Canada's newest and most exciting mountain resorts, and host of the 2010 Winter Olympics— and settle into the deluxe Fairmont Chateau Whistler.



#### ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT

The luxurious Fairmont Chateau Whistler resort is located at the base of Blackcomb Mountain where you'll enjoy spectacular mountain setting in this stunning architecture that blends with the natural alpine views. Relax in the spa, by the pool, or with a stroll through the Olympic village.



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#### Day 10 WHISTLER-VICTORIA

#### ANCIENT TRADITIONS

Visit the Globus Local Favorite Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, dedicated to the history and culture of the First Nations people, for a private presentation and breakfast. Afterward, Victoria awaits! Board a BC Ferry for a picturesque cruise to Vancouver Island and the charming, very British "Garden City" of Victoria. This afternoon, discover British Columbia's capitol on a city highlights tour. Later, you may want to stroll around the Parliament buildings or do some shopping. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many restaurants in this delightful harbor city.

#### 🔘 Breakfast

#### CULTURAL GEMS

Visit the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre before opening hours where you will be greeted with a First Nations welcome followed by breakfast. The centre is a spectacular setting, which brings to life the history of Native peoples whose traditions and beautiful culture still resonate today.

## Day 11

#### VICTORIA

#### CITY OF GARDENS

Free time this morning before an afternoon visit to world-famous Globus Local Favorite Butchart Gardens.



#### PICTURE PERFECT

Butchart Gardens, named for the woman who founded this botanical oasis of blooming shades and horticultural design. This National Historic site, recognized for its legacy and lush treasure - millions of flowering beds and over 900 varieties of plants in exquisitely landscaped gardens bring fairytales to life. Enjoy the gardens and a special farewell dinner in the original, now restored, greenhouse.



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## Day 12 VICTORIA-VANCOUVER

#### SAFE TRAVELS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

Travel on a scenic BC Ferry crossing through the Gulf Islands to Vancouver. Your vacation ends at the Vancouver International Airport or the Vancouver tour hotel for those with post-nights. Schedule flights from Vancouver International Airport after 2 pm.



Breakfast





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