



## FACT SHEET

### WHO

Rocky Mountaineer offers over 45 Canadian vacation packages and four unique rail routes, rich in history and natural wonders, through British Columbia and Alberta. This world renowned, luxurious train travels by daylight through the wild beauty of Canada's West and is the best way to experience the majestic Canadian Rockies. Over the past 22 years, Rocky Mountaineer has grown to become the largest privately owned passenger rail service in North America and has welcomed over more than one million guests onboard from around the world. In 2010, Rocky Mountaineer received its fifth World Travel Award as "World's Leading Travel Experience by Train" and was acknowledged for the first time as "World's Leading Luxury Travel Product of the Year." Rocky Mountaineer has also been recognized by *National Geographic* as one of the "World's Greatest Trips", by the *Society of American Travel Writers* as "The Best Train Experience in the World" and recently, by *Condé Nast Traveller* as one of the "Top 5 trains in the World."

### WHAT

Travelling onboard the Rocky Mountaineer is an unforgettable experience. The all daylight rail journey recaptures the romance of rail travel as it follows the historic rail routes constructed over 125 years ago, uniting the country from coast to coast. The entire train ride takes place during daylight hours to ensure guests enjoy every minute of the breathtaking scenery, which includes glacier-fed lakes, majestic mountain ranges and ferocious rivers. On all four Rocky Mountaineer rail routes, travellers experience exemplary guest service, for which the company is renowned.

### WHERE

Rocky Mountaineer travels on four routes, in both eastbound and westbound directions. The First Passage to the West route takes guests between the beautiful coastal city of Vancouver, and Rocky Mountain resort town of Banff or Calgary, Alberta while the Journey Through the Clouds route runs between Vancouver and Jasper, Alberta. On both routes, guests overnight in the historic rail town of Kamloops, BC. On the Rainforest to Gold Rush route, travellers experience BC's Cariboo and Chilcotin regions between Whistler, BC and Jasper with an overnight stay in the quaint town of Quesnel, BC at the end of day one. Rocky Mountaineer travels approximately 1000 kilometres (650 miles) on these routes. The Whistler Sea to Sky Climb route provides a three and a half hour service between North Vancouver and Whistler, travelling northbound in the morning and southbound in the early afternoon. The train to Whistler operates Thursday through Monday and covers a distance of 118 kilometres (73 miles), one-way.

## SIGHTS

Breathtaking views of the Canadian Rockies along with spectacular sights such as Hell's Gate, the narrowest point on the Fraser River, the Spiral Tunnels, an engineering feat and Mount Robson, which at 3,956.5 m/12,972 feet is the highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies. Rugged canyons, desert landscapes, shimmering lakes, cascading waterfalls and spectacular glaciers inspire even the most discerning of travellers.

## WHEN

The Rocky Mountaineer train departs three times per week (eastbound and westbound) on both the First Passage to the West and the Journey Through the Clouds routes during its season from the end of April until the beginning of October. The Rainforest to Gold Rush route runs from the middle of May until the end of September, as does the Whistler Sea to Sky Climb route. Please see the current schedule online for specific departures.

## HOW

Rocky Mountaineer offers three choices of service for its two-day rail journeys:

**GOLDLEAF SERVICE** guests enjoy reserved seating in two level, glass domed coaches, featuring panoramic views on the upper level and an elegant private dining room on the main level, where specially prepared à la carte breakfasts and lunches are served. Onboard Attendants provide friendly service and informative commentary of the regions through which the train travels.

**SILVERLEAF SERVICE** is the newest level of service available on all First Passage to the West trains between Vancouver, BC and Banff or Calgary, AB. Guests enjoy panoramic views in a single level dome coach, with assigned seating and hot meal service at their seats. Onboard Attendants provide exemplary service and tell of the history and ecology of the regions passing by.

**REDLEAF SERVICE** provides guests with assigned, spacious, comfortable reclining seats, large picture windows, and at-your-seat meal service, in a non-smoking, air-conditioned traditional rail coach environment. The trip is highlighted by the individual attention and colourful, interpretive commentary provided by a dedicated Onboard Attendant.

\* Please refer to the Whistler Sea to Sky Climb Fact Sheet for service specifics on that route.

## ROLLING STOCK

Rocky Mountaineer's rolling stock consists of over 75 pieces of equipment. Powering Rocky Mountaineer's consists are nine locomotives; four re-manufactured by Alstom in Montreal, Quebec, and five rebuilt in Capreol, Ontario by National Railway Equipment. The 32 RedLeaf Service coaches are classically styled railcars built in 1954 by Canadian Car and Foundry and have been refurbished and upgraded a number of times. The two styles used on the Rocky Mountaineer train consist are the 5700 and 3200 series. The 16 GoldLeaf dome coaches were custom-built for the Rocky Mountaineer by Colorado Railcar Manufacturing LLC in Fort Lupton, Colorado. The first dome coach was introduced in 1995. In 2011, Rocky Mountaineer invested in a new maintenance facility to house and maintain rolling stock in Kamloops, BC.

Website

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