Discovering
The Rocky Mountaineer

The Rocky Mountaineer is one of the world's most extraordinary train journeys, offering an all-daylight rail experience through the breathtaking landscapes of the Canadian Rockies. This unforgettable journey reveals terrain otherwise inaccessible, showcasing towering peaks, deep gorges, and pristine wilderness. From the comfort of your spacious seat, you might spot grizzly bears moving through wildflower meadows or elk grazing in open fields.

Glass-dome coaches provide panoramic views of emerald forests, glacial rivers, and snow-capped mountains.

The route features a stunning variety of scenery—glaciers, dramatic mountain passes, winding tunnels, and rocky lakeshores. Highlights include the Continental Divide, Spiral Tunnels, Kicking Horse Canyon, Rogers Pass, and Craigellachie.

With numerous international awards, the Rocky Mountaineer is a true bucket-list experience, combining comfort, adventure, and the natural beauty of Western Canada.





Activity Level
Low level

Gratuities

For Canadian rail routes, gratuities for sightseeing tour drivers are not included. A suggested amount is $5 CAD per person, per day.

Wifi

There is no Wi-Fi service available onboard Rocky Mountaineer trains. Much of the route passes through remote areas where cell phone coverage is limited or unavailable. However, service is generally available in major urban centers such as Kamloops, Quesnel, Whistler, and Glenwood Springs. For the comfort of fellow passengers, guests are encouraged to make phone calls in the outdoor viewing area.

Average speed

One of the unique advantages of traveling on the Rocky Mountaineer is the ability of the train to slow down in the most scenic areas, giving guests the best opportunities for viewing and photography. This is referred to as traveling at "picture-perfect speed."

While the train may reach speeds of up to 90 kph (60 mph) in certain sections, the average speed is about 50 kph (30 mph), allowing plenty of time to take in the breathtaking scenery.

How far do you travel?

Travelers can look forward to spending two or more full days onboard the Rocky Mountaineer, covering approximately 450 kilometers (280 miles) per day, all during daylight hours.

Vancouver-Kamloops: 460km/285 miles
Kamloops-Lake Louise: 441 km/274 miles
Kamloops-Banff: 497 km/309 miles

Dining

Dining is one of the highlights of the Rocky Mountaineer experience. Guests are served delicious, freshly prepared meals crafted with locally sourced ingredients

GoldLeaf Service : Enjoy gourmet, multi-course meals in a dedicated dining room. Gourmet à la carte meals in the lower-level dining room, along with gourmet sweet & savoury snacks

SilverLeaf Service: Meals are served in your seat, offering a selection of breakfast and lunch options, along with snacks and beverages.

Both dining services accommodate dietary preferences and feature a variety of Canadian-inspired dishes. The dining experience is designed to complement the journey itself, allowing guests to savor regional flavors while enjoying the spectacular scenery of the Canadian Rockies.



SilverLeaf

Seat Class

The SilverLeaf Service on the Rocky Mountaineer offers comfort, scenic beauty, and attentive service. Guests travel in a custom-designed, single-level dome coach with oversized glass-dome windows for sweeping views of the Canadian Rockies. A covered outdoor viewing vestibule provides the perfect spot for fresh air and photo opportunities. Regionally inspired meals are served at your seat, where you'll enjoy spacious, reclining chairs with ample legroom. Throughout the journey, you can indulge in a variety of complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, along with gourmet sweet and savory snacks. Two dedicated onboard hosts provide personalized service and share fascinating stories about the landscapes you'll pass.

- Single-level dome coach with full-length panoramic windows
- Covered outdoor vestibule for photo opportunities
- Hot breakfasts and lunches served at your seat
- Complimentary snacks and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Two dedicated onboard hosts
- Overnight hotel accommodations in Whistler, Kamloops, or Quesnel
- Complimentary luggage delivery to your hotel in Whistler, Kamloops, or Quesnel.

Kamloops Accommodation

Your Kamloops hotel accommodation will be assigned by Rocky Mountaineer representatives and confirmed in-resort. Details will be provided on your boarding passes at the time of travel.





GoldLeaf

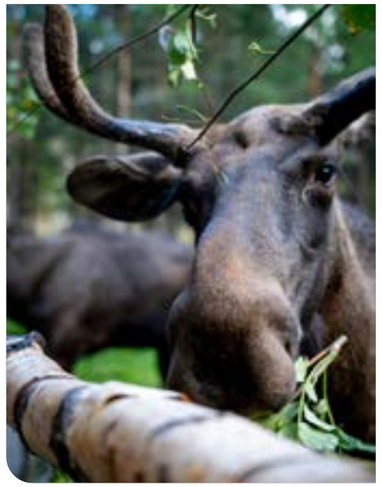
Seat Class

The GoldLeaf Service on the Rocky Mountaineer is a premier level of luxury, designed to make your journey through the Canadian Rockies even more spectacular. Guests travel in a custom-designed bi-level dome coach, with panoramic views from the upper level and an elegant dining room on the lower level. A roomy outdoor viewing platform provides fresh-air vantage points for photography and sightseeing.

- Panoramic upper-level seating with spacious, reclining seats and full glass-dome windows
- Refreshing welcome toast upon boarding
- Gourmet à la carte breakfasts and lunches, served in the lower-level dining room
- Complimentary snacks and beverages, including alcoholic and non-alcoholic options
- Attentive service from up to four onboard hosts, plus a full culinary team
- Complimentary luggage delivery to your hotel in Whistler, Quesnel, or Kamloops

Wildlife

The Rocky Mountaineer offers excellent opportunities to spot wildlife along the route, including bears, elk, deer, moose, bald eagles, ospreys, salmon, mountain goats, and bighorn sheep. However, as the saying goes, "wildlife are wild"—sightings can never be guaranteed. If you do come into contact with animals please act responsibly, maintain a safe distance and never attempt to touch or feed any wildlife and observe quietly and respectfully.



Rocky Mountaineer Merchandise

A list of available merchandise will be provided at your seat during your journey. Once you select your souvenir or gift, you may pay by credit card or by redeeming any merchandise credits you have. Purchases will be delivered directly to your seat for your convenience. Onboard purchases may be paid with VISA, MasterCard and American Express. We are unable to accept pre-paid credit cards, pre-paid travel cards, gift cards, debit cards, cash or cheques. Exchange rates and transaction fees are determined by your credit card provider.

Smoking Policy

To help preserve the fragile environments along the route and ensure the comfort of all guests, Rocky Mountaineer enforces a strict no smoking or vaping policy. This includes all forms—cigarettes, cigars, cannabis, and e-cigarettes—and applies: Onboard the train (including vestibules and restrooms), inside stations and on platforms, near the tracks and in hotel rooms provided as part of your journey. Guests are encouraged to plan ahead and prepare accordingly for this smoke-free travel experience.

Luggage Allowance

Guests are encouraged to bring a small day pack or bag that can fit comfortably at your feet while onboard, as there is no overhead or under-seat storage. Your checked luggage travels separately from the train and will not be accessible during the journey. It will be delivered to your hotel at the midpoint stop and again at your final rail destination.

Day pack or bag size guidelines:
GoldLeaf Service:
16" x 11" x 8" or 40cm x 28cm x 20cm
SilverLeaf Service:
23" x 8" x 8" or 58cm x 20cm x 20cm

All checked luggage on the Rocky Mountaineer must have: A Rocky Mountaineer luggage tag (provided before travel) and a personal identification tag with your full name, return address, and phone number.

Maximum two pieces of luggage per person. Each guest may check luggage with a total weight not exceeding 30 kg (66 lbs) per person. No single piece of luggage may weigh more than 23 kg (50 lbs).

What to pack

Essentials:
Passport & Visa: Carry your valid U.S. passport, any required visas, and supporting travel documents. Keep photocopies in a separate location. **Travel Insurance:** Strongly recommended to cover medical emergencies, trip delays, or other unexpected situations. **Money:** Credit/debit cards. **Health Kit:** Pack prescription medications in their original containers, along with a copy of the prescription. Include basic over-the-counter medicines, and keep them in your carry-on luggage.

Clothing:
For maximum comfort, dress in comfortable, breathable layers. The Rocky Mountaineer's expansive glass-dome windows let in plenty of sunlight, while air conditioning keeps the cabin cool. A light jacket or sweater is recommended, as temperatures may feel chilly to some guests. Footwear: Wear flat-soled shoes with good grip to stay steady and secure with the natural movement of the train.

Personal Items:
Consider bringing a few small personal items in your day pack: Purse or wallet, sunglasses, Jewelry (keep valuables minimal and secure) and a book or e-reader for quiet moments

Electronics:
Phone & Charger: With a local SIM card, you can have better connectivity and avoid high roaming charges. **Camera:** A camera is great for capturing your trip. Headphones

Other Useful Items:
Small Backpack/Daypack: Ideal for day trips and carrying essentials such as snacks, a jacket, or travel documents. **Reusable water bottle:** Convenient for staying hydrated; refill with safe drinking water. **Hand Sanitizer:** Useful for maintaining cleanliness while on the go.

Virtual Tour

www.rockymountaineer.com/virtual-tour