

## Best of the Great Canadian Rockies - Alberta & British Columbia

**2012 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS**

### Day 1: Home City / Vancouver, BC

Depart home city and arrive in the cosmopolitan city of Vancouver. The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy a get acquainted dinner this evening. (D)



### Day 2: Victoria, BC

Travel via BC Ferry from the mainland of British Columbia to Vancouver Island. A short drive brings you to Victoria, the capital city of the Province of BC. Enjoy a city tour of this elegant old world city and see the spectacular gardens and unique Victorian era architecture. There will be time to walk along the harbour, visit the parliament buildings or shop at nearby British stores. Take an optional whale watching tour to see orcas, gray, humpback and other whales as well as hundreds of Stellar and California Sea Lions. (B)

### Day 3: Whistler, BC

No visit to Victoria would be complete without a stop at the beautiful Butchart Gardens to stroll through the famous gardens and elaborate fountains. Return to the mainland via ferry and travel the Sea to Sky Highway that follows the valley of the Cheakamus, which plunges over a considerable escarpment at Brandywine Falls. Arrive in the mountain resort of Whistler, home to jagged peaks, glistening lakes and lush coastal forests. Browse through the boutique shops and saunter through the "pedestrian only" village of Whistler. See some of the venues and sites made famous during the 2010 Winter Olympics!

### Day 4: Vancouver BC

Return back to the exciting city of Vancouver, delight in a city tour that includes Stanley Park, Chinatown, English Bay, as well as some prestigious residential areas of Vancouver. Visit Capilano Suspension Bridge and breathe in the cedar-scented rainforest air as you make your way across Vancouver's famous landmark.



### ITINERARY INCLUDES:

**7 MEALS - 4 BREAKFASTS, 1 LUNCH, 2 DINNERS**

- ▶ Vancouver City Tour
- ▶ Stanley Park
- ▶ Gastown
- ▶ Capilano Suspension Bridge
- ▶ Victoria City Tour
- ▶ Butchart Gardens / Whistler Village
- ▶ Sun Peaks Resort
- ▶ Mount Robson
- ▶ Jasper Sightseeing / Jasper Tramway
- ▶ Maligne Canyon Walk
- ▶ Athabasca Falls / Columbia Icefields
- ▶ Ice Explorer Ride
- ▶ Emerald Lake / Peyto Lake
- ▶ Yoho National Park
- ▶ Lake Louise / Moraine Lake
- ▶ Johnston's Canyon / Continental Divide
- ▶ Banff Sightseeing
- ▶ Calgary City Tour / Calgary Tower
- ▶ Airport Transfers



TOUR CODE	TOUR DATES	DOUBLE	SINGLE
RKEB1	MAY 28 – JUNE 7	CDN\$2839	CDN\$3869
RKEB2	JUNE 18 – JUNE 28	CDN\$2839	CDN\$3869
RKEB3*	JULY 2 – JULY 12	CDN\$2925	CDN\$4029
RKEB4	SEP 3 – SEP 13	CDN\$2839	CDN\$3869
RKEB5	SEP 24 – OCT 4	CDN\$2839	CDN\$3869

All prices are per person in Canadian dollars including 5% GST

\* Works in conjunction with 2012 Centennial Calgary Stampede.

**WESTBOUND ITINERARY IS AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:**  
(Starting in Calgary and ending in Vancouver)

TOUR CODE	TOUR DATES	DOUBLE	SINGLE
RKWB1	MAY 18 – MAY 28	CDN\$2839	CDN\$3869
RKWB2	JUNE 8 – JUNE 18	CDN\$2839	CDN\$3869
RKWB3*	JULY 13 – JULY 23	CDN\$2925	CDN\$4029
RKWB4	AUG 24 – SEP 3	CDN\$2839	CDN\$3869
RKWB5	SEP 14 – SEP 24	CDN\$2839	CDN\$3869

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Optional Rocky Mountaineer Rail Jasper to Whistler via Quesnel is available for all Westbound Tours. (Gold or Red Leaf Service)

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### Day 5: Sun Peaks, BC

Continue east towards the Cariboo Plateau offering breathtaking and varied scenery. Arrive at Sun Peaks Resort, a cozy European-style village complete with bell tower. The narrow streets are great for strolling and are lined with restaurants and shops exuding warmth and hospitality. (B)

### Day 6: Jasper, AB

Follow the North Thompson, a beautiful blue-green river, weaving through heavy forest of Cedar, Fir and Spruce. Travel west past Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies and arrive in the quaint mountain town of Jasper. This evening enjoy an optional float trip down the Athabasca River.

### Day 7: Jasper

Begin today with a gentle ride up Whistler Mountain into Jasper National Parks alpine tundra on the Jasper Tram and enjoy breakfast at the top. A full day of sightseeing follows including a gentle walk down Maligne Canyon to see how the water has carved spectacular crevices out of the mountain. A short drive and you arrive at Maligne Lake, the largest natural lake in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. (B)



### Day 8: Icefields Parkway

Today, with cameras ready, drive one of the world's most spectacular mountain highways through the Icefields Parkway. See unsurpassed mountain scenery paralleling the Great Divide with opportunities to see elk, moose, goats, sheep and possibly a bear. Visit the powerful and breathtaking Athabasca Falls. Not to be missed is the experience of a lifetime - a ride on the Ice Explorer at the Columbia Icefields for a close up look at Athabasca glacier. Continue south, stop at the summit of Bow Pass to see the beautiful soft baby blue waters of Peyto Lake and the rugged beauty of the Mistaya River Valley. (L)

### Day 9: Lake Louise / Takakkaw Falls / Yoho National Park / Emerald Lake

This morning travel the famous Bow Valley Parkway. Stop at Johnston Canyon for an easy walk through a deep rugged canyon littered with waterfalls. Then pass where the forest parts to reveal outstanding views of the fortress-like Castle Mountain. Continue to Lake Louise known as the Diamond in the Wilderness and one of the most photographed places in the world. See the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise surrounded by glistening glaciers and overlooking the crystal clear lake. Visit the nearby Moraine Lake, a crystal clear blue-green lake in a valley hemmed in by ten lofty mountain peaks. Cross the Continental Divide where the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean divide and into Yoho National Park with some of the most sublime scenery in North America. Visit Takakkaw Falls, (higher than Niagara Falls) and Emerald Lake, filled with glacial run-off water that makes it glisten with the blue-green hue of an emerald. (B)

### Day 10: Banff / Calgary

Explore Banff on a sightseeing tour with stops at Cascade Gardens, one of Canada's finest historic landscapes and beautiful Bow Falls located near the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, a symbol of Rocky Mountain magnificence for more than a century. Great viewpoints exist along footpaths on both side of the river. Watch the towering mountains disappear as you travel east to Calgary, the Heart of the New West, nestled in the foothills of Canada's Rocky Mountains. Enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel with new found friends. (D)

### Day 11: Calgary / Home City

Discover Calgary on a city tour including Downtown, Chinatown, Au Claire Market and the Kensington District. Take a short elevator ride to the top of the Calgary Tower and see an unsurpassed view of the Rocky Mountains to the west. Be sure to walk "out into space" by venturing onto the new glass floor and look directly below at the heart of the city. Transfer to the International Airport in the afternoon for your return flight home.



### OPTIONAL ROCKY MOUNTAINEER RAIL VANCOUVER TO JASPER RED LEAF SERVICE

Take the Rocky Mountaineer Train on Day 5 and Day 6 and experience "The Most Spectacular Train Trip in the World". Each Rocky Mountaineer train tour features breathtaking scenery and spectacular onboard service during the day with an overnight stay in comfortable accommodation in Kamloops, BC.

EASTBOUND ITINERARY			
TOUR CODE	TOUR DATES	DOUBLE	SINGLE
RKBC12	MAY 28 – JUNE 7	CDN\$4015	CDN\$5099
RKBC14	JUNE 18 – JUNE 28	CDN\$4015	CDN\$5099
RKBC16	JULY 2 – JULY 12	CDN\$4099	CDN\$5275
RKBC18	SEP 3 – SEP 13	CDN\$4015	CDN\$5099
RKBC20	SEP 24 – OCT 4	CDN\$4015	CDN\$5099

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Gold Leaf Service on the Rocky Mountaineer Rail is also available - additional \$930 + GST

### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CALGARY STAMPEDE THE GREATEST OUTDOOR SHOW ON EARTH JULY 6 – JULY 15, 2012

- ▶ 3 nights accommodation
- ▶ Ticket to the Afternoon Rodeo including a souvenir program
- ▶ Ticket to the Evening Chuckwagon Races including a souvenir program
- ▶ Entrance to the Stampede Grounds for 2 days
- ▶ 2 Day C-Train Pass to Stampede Grounds
- ▶ Calgary Tower Elevation Pass
- ▶ Calgary Stampede Polo T-Shirt & Carry Bag
- ▶ Skyride over Stampede Grounds

**Package Price Starting at \$699 CDN per person including GST based on double/twin share.**



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