

COUNTRY HERITAGE TOURS
QUILT TOURS

**CANADIAN
 ROCKIES *by* RAIL**

VANCOUVER | KAMLOOPS | BANFF | CALGARY
 ROCKY MOUNTAINEER FIRST PASSAGE TO THE WEST

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY



ROCKY MOUNTAINEER



MAY 19 – 26, 2024

HAND-SELECTED HOTELS

VANCOUVER: Sheraton Vancouver
 Wall Centre

KAMLOOPS: TBA

BANFF: Elk + Avenue Hotel

CALGARY: Hotel Arts

7 NIGHTS

Hotel accommodations, including
 baggage handling

10 MEALS

American breakfast **B** daily, 2 lunches **L**,
 1 dinner **D**

DEPARTURE TRANSFERS

Return transportation to Calgary
 International Airport (YYC)

TOP-RATED HIGHLIGHTS

- Kick-off Welcome Meeting
- Vancouver City Tour
- Stanley Park
- Granville Island
- The Cloth Shop
- Rocky Mountaineer First Passage to the West
- Rocky Mountaineer Silver Leaf Service
- Canadian Rockies Highlights
 - Hells Gate
 - Fraser Canyon
 - Rogers Pass
 - Kicking Horse Canyon
 - The Spiral Tunnels
- Kamloops, British Columbia
- Banff, Alberta
- Banff Sightseeing Tour
- Banff Gondola Ride
- Calgary, Alberta
- Calgary Quilt Shop-Hop
- Customary Farewell Dinner

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DAY 1 ARRIVE VANCOUVER – TOUR BEGINS

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure as you settle into your downtown hotel. Perhaps explore Vancouver's picturesque waterfront before meeting your Tour Manager and fellow quilt-lovers at the evening **Welcome Meeting**. Share your excitement with your new travel companions as the journey begins.

DAY 2 VANCOUVER

After a hearty breakfast, embark on a **panoramic city tour of Vancouver with a local guide**. Visit **Stanley Park** and learn the history of this Victorian landmark. At **Granville Island**, enjoy browsing bolts of high-quality quilting cottons at **The Cloth Shop**, or handspun yarns at **Maiwa**. Savor gourmet food and marvel at colorful produce in **Granville Public Market**. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure in Vancouver. Be sure to rest up for an exciting day on the rails tomorrow. **B**

DAY 3 VANCOUVER – ROCKY MOUNTAINEER – KAMLOOPS

A grand welcome greets you as you board the **Rocky Mountaineer** for travel from Vancouver to Kamloops, in the heart of British Columbia's interior. Witness 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**. See the steep slopes and rock sheds along the **Thompson River** and the rushing waters of **Hells Gate** in the Fraser Canyon. Enjoy **gourmet breakfast and lunch onboard** the Rocky Mountaineer from the comfort of your **glass-domed railcar seat**. Spend the evening exploring the city of **Kamloops** or relaxing in your downtown hotel. **B L**



DAY 4 KAMLOOPS – ROCKY MOUNTAINEER – BANFF

Board the Rocky Mountaineer train at the Kamloops Station to continue your journey east to the mighty **Canadian Rockies** and the province of **Alberta**. Travel across ranchlands, along rocky lake shores, over high mountain passes, and through the remarkable tunnels that form part of the rich rail history of the Canadian Rockies. Highlights include **Craigellachie**, where the last spike of the **Canadian Pacific Railway** was driven, the climb over **Rogers Pass**, the **Kicking Horse Canyon**, the **Spiral Tunnels**, and the glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies. Your evening arrival into **Banff** allows time for dinner on your own after checking into our mountain lodge-inspired hotel. **B L**

DAY 5 BANFF

Relish a day of pure relaxation in the serene mountain ambiance of **Banff**. Take full advantage of the laid-back atmosphere and allow your

self to sleep in and fully unwind. **Explore the charming shops and boutiques** in the downtown area, immersing yourself in the local culture at a leisurely pace. With a variety of **cozy cafés and inviting restaurants**, treat yourself to a casual lunch or a cozy fireside dinner, savoring the delicious flavors of the region. Let the magnificent snowy peaks of the Canadian Rockies captivate your senses, providing a stunning backdrop for your day of leisure in Banff. **B**



DAY 6 BANFF – CALGARY

Embark on a captivating motorcoach adventure that will take you through the awe-inspiring wonders of **Banff National Park**. Prepare to be amazed as you ascend to the summit with a thrilling ride on the **Banff Gondola**, treating your eyes to breathtaking panoramic views. Explore the iconic **Bow Falls**, make a stop at the picturesque **Surprise Corner**, and marvel at the unique rock formations known as the **Hoodoos**. Following a relaxed lunch of your choosing, sit back and unwind as we continue our journey to the vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Calgary. **B**

DAY 7 CALGARY

Set out on a delightful adventure as we delve into the world of quilts and fabrics in **Calgary**. Immerse yourself in a carefully **curated quilt shop-hop**, visiting handpicked, locally owned boutiques that specialize in all things quilting. Discover the wonders of **Out of Hand Quilting**, **Rick Rack Textiles**, and **Along Came Quilting**, where you'll be greeted by a treasure trove of the latest fabrics, patterns, notions, books, and more, perfect for enhancing your current project. Tonight, gather for our customary **Farewell Dinner**, a joyful gathering to celebrate the memorable journey we've shared together. **B D**

DAY 8 CALGARY – TOUR ENDS

After a satisfying breakfast, exchange addresses with newfound friends and reminisce about the cherished memories created together. At your leisure, make your way to **Calgary's airport**, signaling the start of your journey back home. **B**



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