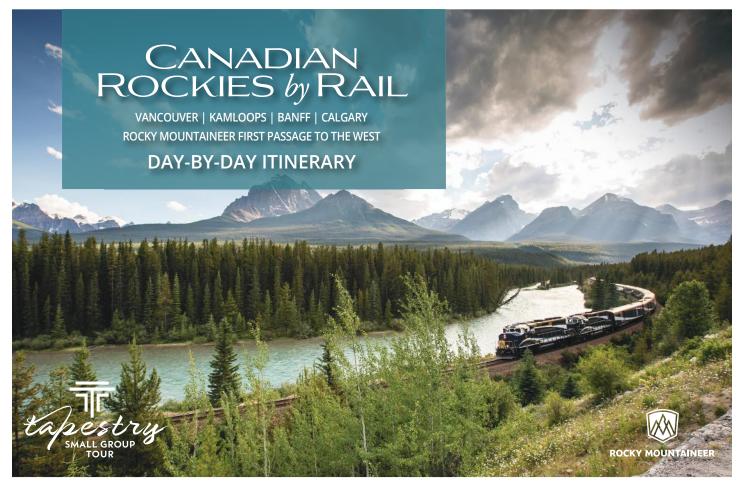
# COUNTRY HERITAGE TOURS





• Overnights  $\rightarrow$  Tour Routes

# MAY 19 - 26, 2024

# HAND-SELECTED HOTELS

VANCOUVER: Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre KAMLOOPS: TBA

BANFF:Elk + Avenue HotelCALGARY:Hotel Arts

# 7 NIGHTS

Hotel accommodations, including baggage handling

# **10 MEALS**

American breakfast <sup>(3)</sup> daily, 2 lunches <sup>(1)</sup>, 1 dinner <sup>(0)</sup>

# **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

# DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

# 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.

# 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.



#### 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 lodgeinspired hotel.

#### **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.<sup>3</sup>



### **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.

#### **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. **3** 

### **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.



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