

SELECT HOLIDAYS  *Rural & Cultural Tour*

Alberta Farm Tour

With



ROCKY MOUNTAINEER®

July 09 - 18, 2017 ~ 10 Days



This tour takes you into the rural areas of Alberta as well as join others onboard the Rocky Mountaineer for two days of all-daylight rail travel through Canada's West and the Canadian Rockies. Be ready to expect seeing a lot of wildlife and beautiful scenery.

Day 1: July 09, 2017: Calgary

Arrive Calgary and transfer to local hotel to freshen up before heading to the world famous Calgary Stampede, including admission to the grounds, attractions, chuckwagon races and the TransAlta Grandstand Show. Brace yourself for the thunder and wonder of the GMC Rangeland Derby, and the TransAlta Grandstand Show. The best of chuckwagon racing is followed by an epic stage show, making for a memorable evening topping it off with amazing fireworks display. This will be a late evening.

Day 2: July 10, 2017: Calgary - Strathmore

A late start this morning before making your way once again to the world famous Calgary Stampede to enjoy the afternoon rodeo events. Travel to Strathmore for an overnight stay. [B/D]

Day 3: July 11, 2017: Strathmore - Lethbridge

Traveling to Southern Alberta today with farm visits that are producing dill, mint, hemp, and canola for seed. Later on visit a potato/sugar beet farm near Lethbridge. Overnight in Lethbridge tonight. [B/D]

Day 4: July 12, 2017: Lethbridge - Olds

Today you visit famous Head Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, followed by a stop in Nanton before heading to High River for a Feed Lot tour. Later this afternoon, drive to Central Alberta and the town of Olds for the night. [B/D]

Day 5: July 13, 2017: Olds – Innisfail

Morning tour to a local Hutterite Colony, followed by a visit to a local farm family, who specializes in oil seed and grain production. Time permitting there will be a visit to a farm producing Timothy Hay for the overseas market. Overnight in Innisfail. [B/D]

Day 6: July 14, 2017: Innisfail - Canadian Rockies

Travel west into the Canadian Rockies with a stop at the Columbia Icefields. Enjoy an amazing ride on a snow coach over the Athabasca Glacier and take a stroll along the cliff-edged walkway of the Glacier Skywalk, where giant glaciers rest above and the spectacular glacier-formed Sunwapta Valley teems with wildlife below. Travel to the Jasper Banff Parkway for an overnight stay. [B/D]

Day 7: July 15, 2017: Canadian Rockies - Banff

Your drive today takes you through more breath-taking mountain scenery with visits to the amazing blue-green colored Peyto Lake, Bow Lake Summit and picturesque Lake Louise. This afternoon, your travels will take you to Banff where you will visit Bow Falls, the historic Banff Springs Hotel followed by a gondola ride. This is an eight minute journey to the summit of Sulphur Mountain in a modern, fully-enclosed four passenger gondola cabin. The views become increasingly spectacular as you climb 698m (2,292 feet) to an elevation of 2,281metres (7,486 feet) at the Upper Summit. Banff will be your destination for tonight. [B/D]

Day 8: July 16, 2017: Banff

This morning you will transfer to the Rocky Mountaineer train. Travel across ranchlands, along rocky lakeshores, over high

mountain passes and through the remarkable tunnels that form part of the rich rail history of the Canadian Rockies. Today's highlights include Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven, the climb over Rogers Pass, Kicking Horse Canyon, the Spiral Tunnels, and the glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies. Overnight in Kamloops. [B/L/D]

Day 9: July 17, 2017: Banff – Kamloops ~ Rocky Mountaineer Train

Today you will see dramatic changes in scenery, from the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley, through forests and winding river canyons surrounded by the peaks of the Coast and Cascade Mountains, to the desert like environment of the BC Interior. Highlights include the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon and the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River. Your rail journey ends this evening in the coastal city of Vancouver. Overnight Vancouver. [B/L/D]

Day 10: July 18, 2017: Kamloops – Vancouver ~ Rocky Mountaineer Train

Breakfast at hotel, and time to explore Vancouver on your own before flight home. [B]

You may wish to extend your vacation by spending extra time in Vancouver or connecting with an Alaska Cruise - Call our office for details or to book.

INCLUDES:

Private, air conditioned motor coach transportation

Accommodations

Meals & Attractions as Outlined

Farm/Technical Visits

Entrance fee to "Discovery Wildlife Park"

Visit a Hutterite Colony

Columbia Icefields

Lake Louise

Banff National Park

Entrance fee for Sulphur Mountain Gondola in Banff

Entrance fee to Calgary Stampede including evening "Grandstand Show & Chuckwagon Races" AND afternoon rodeo AND preferred seats

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