CANADIAN ROCKIES

AUGUST 9-15, 2019

with optional post-tour:
BANFF TO VANCOUVER BY RAIL
August 15-18, 2019

Parks & Resorts
Howdy, Ags!

Join former students and friends as we venture north for a well-paced journey to Canada’s glorious Rocky Mountains. Relax at legendary resorts including Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, and Fairmont Banff Springs. Each resort offers a range of outdoor activities to consider: canoe, golf, or walk nearby trails to take in the fresh air, inspiring landscapes, and Rocky Mountain wildlife.

Marvel at the natural splendors of the crystal waters of Lake Louise and Moraine Lake, and the magnificent ranges in Jasper and Banff National Parks.

Enjoy a breathtaking cruise around the glacial blue waters of Maligne Lake, sightsee aboard a gondola at Lake Louise Ski Resort, and visit Kootenay National Park to view the fascinating Paint Pots.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at texas-am.orbridge.com, by calling (800) 633-7514 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Gig ‘em,

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Free Expedition Library  
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by December 14, 2018, to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Tucked away in the most breathtaking corners of the majestic Canadian Rockies are the legendary resorts of Lake Louise, Jasper, and Banff.

Head north to experience the humbling proportions and famed beauty of Canada’s mountain landscapes as you revel in the opulence, history, and hospitality of its most celebrated lodges.
Your 7-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Calgary, Alberta, Canada / Lake Louise (D)
Leisure time, welcome dinner
Overnight: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Day 2: Lake Louise (B)
Whyte Museum, guided Banff historical walk, Lake Louise Village, guided historical tour at hotel, evening at leisure
Overnight: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Day 3: Lake Louise / Moraine Lake / Jasper (B,L,D)
Scenic drive, gondola sightseeing, Wildlife Interpretive Centre guided hike, leisure time
Overnight: Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

Day 4: Jasper National Park / Maligne Lake (B)
Narrated cruise to Spirit Island, Maligne Canyon walk, afternoon at leisure in Jasper or optional float trip on Athabasca River
Overnight: Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

Day 5: Jasper National Park / Banff National Park (B,L)
Scenic drive with photography stops, Sunwapta Falls, Tangle Creek Falls, Peyto Lake, Bow Lake, Num-Ti-Jah Lodge visit and tour, lake lunch, evening at leisure
Overnight: Fairmont Banff Springs

Day 6: Banff / Kootenay / Yoho National Parks (B,L,D)
Paint Pots, Emerald Lake, farewell dinner
Overnight: Fairmont Banff Springs

Day 7: Banff National Park / Calgary / Depart for U.S. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Program Highlights

- Discover the epic natural beauty of Canada’s Banff National Park, featuring two nights at beautiful Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise including a guided historical walk of the property.
- Visit the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies and enjoy a guided historical walk of Banff to learn about the first pioneers of the region.
- Ascend the Lake Louise Ski Resort gondola and take an interpretive Trail of the Great Bear hike.
- At Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, fresh mountain air and lake trails beckon. A narrated cruise on the glacial blue waters of Maligne Lake brings you to spectacular viewpoints, including a visit to iconic Spirit Island.
- Enjoy additional time to explore the town of Jasper or choose to join an optional leisurely rafting excursion on the Athabasca River.
- Visit the hidden Num-Ti-Jah Lodge on Bow Lake followed by lunch.
- Find luxurious comfort at picturesque Fairmont Banff Springs including a guided Heritage History Tour.
- Hike to and view the Paint Pots at Kootenay National Park.
- Enjoy panoramic sightseeing at Emerald Lake in Yoho National Park.

What’s Included: 6 nights accommodations; 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; all activities listed on the 7-day itinerary (except where noted); luggage porterage; all gratuities; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy outdoor walking on uneven ground, be sure-footed on uneven terrain, get in and out of a motor coach without assistance, and be able to manage stairs.

Maximum elevation: 7,705 ft.
Your Expedition Leader:
From identifying a wildflower to describing the Kootenay National Park Paint Pots, the company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference. Enriched by their expertise, you’ll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, cultural history, and natural characteristics of the Canadian Rockies—to go with your beautiful photographs, of course.

Accommodations (subject to change)

FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE
Situated in one of the world’s most breathtaking settings, Chateau Lake Louise evokes a sense of timeless beauty, warmth, comfort, and Old World charm. Located next to majestic mountains and the vibrant blues and greens of glacier-fed Lake Louise, the resort affords incredible opportunities for sightseeing, recreation, photography, shopping, and dining. Relax at the resort’s luxury spa and enjoy the heated indoor swimming pool, whirlpool and fitness center.

FAIRMONT JASPER PARK LODGE
The charming cabins and rugged comforts of Jasper Park Lodge make this property the embodiment of peace, tranquility, and natural beauty. With one of the world’s finest golf courses (additional charges apply), spectacular outdoor adventure opportunities, gracious hospitality, and fine cuisine, Jasper Park Lodge is an ideal place to unwind after an exciting day of exploration.

FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS
With its unique blend of opulence and seclusion, the Fairmont Banff Springs has been a favorite spot in the Canadian Rockies for over a century. Styled after a Scottish baronial castle, Banff Springs offers stunning vistas, an award-winning spa (additional charges apply), and luxurious comfort in a pristine wilderness.

Due to the historic nature of Chateau Lake Louise, Jasper Park Lodge, and Banff Springs, air conditioning may not be available in all guest rooms.

Deluxe Accommodations: Room upgrades are available at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise (upgrade is to Deluxe Mt Temple Room), Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge (upgrade is to Junior Fireplace Suite), and Fairmont Banff Springs (upgrade is to Gatehouse Room). Upgrade availability is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.
Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 7: Banff / Rocky Mountaineer / Kamloops (L)
This morning, board the Rocky Mountaineer to travel by rail over the Continental Divide and along Kicking Horse River. Enjoy the vistas as you continue westward to Shuswap Lake with its thousand miles of shoreline. Tonight, enjoy free time in Kamloops.

Day 8: Kamloops / Rocky Mountaineer / Vancouver (B,L)
Back aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, pass through fertile Thompson Valley and Fraser Canyon. Arrive early evening to Vancouver.

Day 9: Vancouver (B)
With a day at leisure, take time to explore beautiful Vancouver, perhaps venturing to the waterfront, Chinatown, or Stanley Park. You may also choose to participate in the optional full day excursion to Victoria including a panoramic city tour and a visit to Butchart Gardens (excursion availability subject to participation).

Day 10: Depart Vancouver (B)

What's Included

• Rocky Mountaineer rail transport with SilverLeaf or GoldLeaf Service (see service descriptions below)

• One night accommodations in Kamloops (hotel determined by Rocky Mountaineer)

• Two nights at Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel (or similar)

• Breakfast each morning and two lunches

• Gratuities to drivers and porters

• Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

SilverLeaf Service: Car includes oversized windows, reclining dome-level seats, and seat-side food service.

GoldLeaf Service: Bi-level dome car with full-length panoramic windows, reclining dome-level seats that rotate to accommodate groups of four, and exclusive meal service and dining room access on the first level with a full galley kitchen offering a gourmet menu with hot food.
What Guests Are Saying...

Traveling with the Aggies is the only way to travel internationally. As soon as you meet your group, you are instant friends and are never alone in a foreign country.
~Cathy Ward

We will forever cherish our amazing memory of trips taken with the Traveling Aggies, as well as wonderful new friendships we have made! Now, whenever we travel on ‘non-Aggie’ trips, we realize nothing can compare!
~Randy ’74 and Gail Parker

Traveling Aggie trips are always “special” whether in large groups or small and we look forward to our next one soon.
~Will ’71 and Carolyn ’81 Dierksen