

JULY 31 - AUGUST 6, 2024

with optional VICTORIA PRE-TOUR

Discover the CANADIAN ROCKIES by Rail **BOOK WITH** CONFIDENCE 30-day refund guarantee An unrivaled expedition through the Canadian Rockies featuring two days by rail aboard the Rocky Mountaineer in GoldLeaf class



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Traveling Bulldogs

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are pleased to invite you to join this well-paced sojourn through Canada's glorious Rocky Mountains—highlighted by two days traveling aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* in GoldLeaf Service—with visits to the stunning areas of Lake Louise and Banff.

En route, embrace the dynamic changes in scenery as you wind through lush green ranchlands and flowing river canyons surrounded by mountain peaks.

Enjoy guided tours of Lake Louise and Moraine Lake, and take advantage of leisure time to explore the small hamlets as well as Banff National Park.

Splendid evenings await at the close of each inspiring day, including three nights of relaxation at a well-appointed and memorable resort property.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 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.

Please reserve online at msstate.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Davis Executive Director Mississippi State University Alumni Association

Leanna P. Smith

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Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.



### Your 7-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

- Day 1: En Route from U.S. / Arrive in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (R) Welcome reception Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
- Day 2: Vancouver (B) Guided city tour, afternoon at leisure Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
- Day 3: Vancouver / Rocky Mountaineer / Kamloops (B,L) Fraser Canyon, fertile Thompson Valley Overnight: Kamloops Lodging
- Day 4: Kamloops / Rocky Mountaineer / Banff, Alberta (B,L) Shuswap Lake, Continental Divide, Kicking Horse River Overnight: The Rimrock Resort Hotel
- Day 5: Banff (B) Banff Gondola, leisure time in town, Overnight: The Rimrock Resort Hotel Day 6: Banff / Lake Louise / Moraine Lake (B,L,D) Lake walks and photo opportunities, farewell dinner Overnight: The Rimrock Resort Hotel

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

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

Activity Level: Guests should be comfortable boarding and disembarking trains without assistance, walking and moving between coaches while the train is in motion and navigating stairs to upper level of the coach. Guests should also be able to enjoy outdoor walking with sure-footing on uneven terrain, get in and out of a motor coach without assistance, and be able to manage stairs.





### **Program Highlights**

- Enjoy a panoramic city tour of Vancouver's must-see sights.
- Delight in luxurious GoldLeaf Service on board the *Rocky Mountaineer*.
- Embrace the sights from the train's glassdomed coach as you traverse over Fraser Canyon, by Shuswap Lake, and along the Continental Divide.
- Take advantage of the *Rocky Mountaineer's* private outdoor viewing platform to spot the passing wildlife, which may include elk, bighorn sheep, black and grizzly bears, and soaring eagles.
- Admire the brilliant turquoise waters of iconic Lake Louise, surrounded by towering mountain peaks that carve through the serene landscape.
- Relish three nights in the Canadian Rockies with leisure time to explore the area, or perhaps choose to visit the inviting thermal waters of nearby Banff Hot Springs.
- Discover the epic natural beauty of Banff National Park during a scenic gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

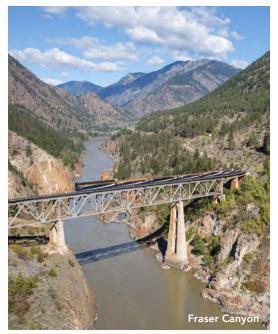
### **GoldLeaf Service Includes:**

- Bi-level coach with full-length panoramic windows
- Reclining upper-level heated seats
- Exclusive access to a private outdoor viewing platform
- Unlimited beverages (including beer, wine, and premium spirits)
- À la carte meal service in a lower-level dining room
- Gourmet meals that feature locally sourced ingredients prepared by an onboard culinary team



### What's Included

- 6 nights luxury hotel accommodations
- 2 full days traveling on the *Rocky Mountaineer* in premium GoldLeaf Service
- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and a special welcome reception and farewell dinner
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
- All activities listed on the 7-day itinerary
- Private deluxe motor coach transportation with air conditioning and reclining seats
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, *Rocky Mountaineer* staff, drivers, porters, housekeeping, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



### Your Travel Director:

Your expert Orbridge Travel Director will offer additional enrichment during this journey.

With their expertise of cultural history, local flora and fauna, and natural characteristics of the Canadian Rockies, you'll return home with a deeper appreciation of your northern adventures—accompanied by your beautiful photographs, of course.



### Accommodations (subject to change)

### FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER

This opulent gem, known as the "Castle in the City," quickly became a landmark in Vancouver after opening in 1939.

The hotel has hosted many famous entertainment acts over the years, and was once even home to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The recently renovated hotel features distinguished restaurants and lounges, gym, and spa.



### KAMLOOPS LODGING

Accommodations in Kamloops are determined by *Rocky Mountaineer* and are the best available in the area. Kamloops properties are considered moderate 3-star hotels and satisfy our standards of cleanliness and comfort.

### THE RIMROCK RESORT HOTEL

Prepare for a truly remarkable experience featuring superb hospitality, deluxe amenities and unmatched décor.

Located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies—on Sulphur Mountain in Banff National Park—The Rimrock Resort Hotel offers exceptional views of the Rockies, delightful fine dining options, and a luxury spa.

The property is a quick minute drive to the village of Banff and just steps from the Banff Upper Hot Springs and Banff Gondola.



















Enjoy two nights in delightful Victoria—British Columbia's picture-perfect capital. This colorful pedestrianfriendly city is an ideal spot for whale watching, biking, shopping, and sampling from the wide variety of cafés and restaurants that line bustling Government Street. Savor the island's relaxing pace by exploring its lush gardens, and admire the historical architecture while embracing Victoria's friendly ambiance.

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

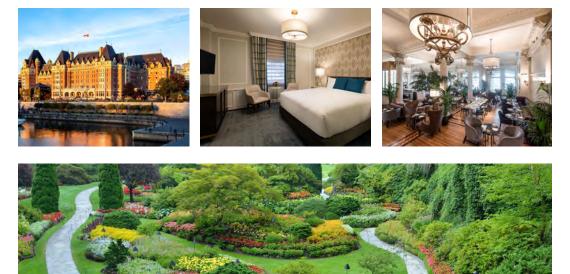
- Day +1: Arrive in Victoria, British Columbia Afternoon and evening at leisure Overnight: Fairmont Empress
- Day +2: Victoria (B) Guided panoramic tour of Victoria,

afternoon and evening at leisure Overnight: Fairmont Empress

Day +3: Depart Victoria / Vancouver / Main Program Begins (B) Explore Butchart Gardens, ferry to mainland Vancouver, join main program

### What's Included

- A 1.5 hour ferry cruise from Victoria to Vancouver across the Strait of Georgia
- 2 nights accommodations at the Fairmont Empress (shown below) or similar, with breakfast each morning
- A guided panoramic city tour
- Admission to Butchart Gardens
- Gratuities to local guide
- Private group airport transfer for guests arriving at the suggested times



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### JULY 31 - AUGUST 6, 2024 Victoria Pre-Tour: July 29-31, 2024

### Reserve by Credit Card:

Online: msstate.orbridge.com Phone: (866) 639-0079 Fax: (206) 452-5655

### Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC** Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 1376 Poulsbo, WA 98370

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Double	\$6,999	\$6,495		
Deluxe Double	<del>\$8,299</del>	\$7,795		
Single	<del>\$10,99</del> 9	\$10,495		
Deluxe Single	\$ <del>12,39</del> 9	\$11,895		
Deluxe Double category includes upgrades				
at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (to Junior				
Suite) and The Rimrock Resort Hotel				

at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver (to Junior Suite) and The Rimrock Resort Hotel (to Premium Room). Availability is limited; first-come, first-served.

> Victoria Pre-Tour: \$1,195\* Single Pre-Tour: \$1,595

Travel Insurance: An application for trip cancellation, baggage and medical insurance will be sent to you by the MSU Alumni Association's travel program once you are registered for the tour. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Contact Leanna Smith at (662) 325-3360 or lsmith@alumni.msstate.edu for further information.

### **GUEST INFORMATION:**

your written notice.

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\*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. \*\*A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.





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**FREE Expedition Library** 

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Reserve your space by March 15, 2024

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## Special Alumni Rate: Save more than \$1,000

per couple

to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we've assembled for this program.\*\*

### What Guests Are Saying...

The program was well organized, full of the best of the Canadian Rockies with fantastic places to stay with congenial people. Our Expedition Leader was fantastic! He was welcoming, efficient, pleasant, full of information, light-hearted, and articulate. He was a good teacher and leader! There were so many beautiful lakes and lovely places to stay. We enjoyed the trip immensely. ~Susan B., Baton Rouge, LA

I love Orbridge trips!!! I appreciate active trips and nature trips. Orbridge always does a fabulous job of providing a clean, enjoyable vacation for all! I always appreciate Orbridge having a naturalist and a tour guide along. ~Susan S., Port Charlotte, FL



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