

EXPLORERS  
ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AUG. 28 - SEPT. 3, 2024

with optional  
VICTORIA PRE-TOUR

Discover the  
**CANADIAN  
ROCKIES**  
*by Rail*



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30-day refund  
guarantee

An unrivaled expedition through the  
Canadian Rockies featuring two days by rail  
aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* in GoldLeaf class

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Dear EXPLORERS 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 [uillinois.orbridge.com](http://uillinois.orbridge.com), by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,



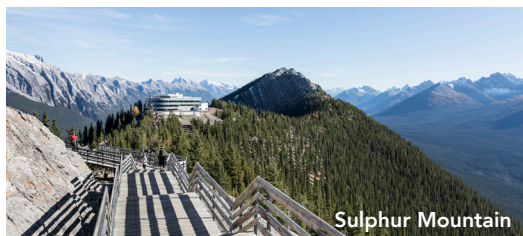
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<https://uiaa.org/explorers/>

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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](http://orbridge.com/going-green).



Banff Gondola



Sulphur Mountain

## 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.



Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf Service



## 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 glass-domed 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 portage
- 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

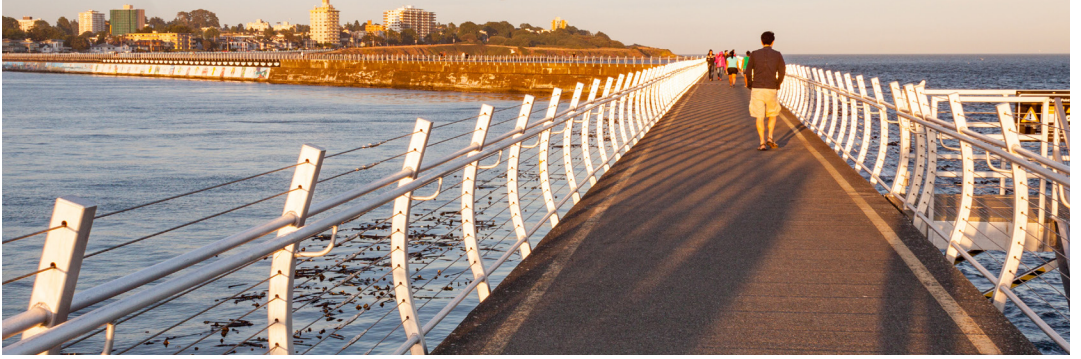
Prepare for a truly remarkable experience featuring superb hospitality, deluxe amenities and unmatched décor.

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.



## Optional Pre-Tour Victoria



Enjoy two nights in delightful Victoria—British Columbia’s picture-perfect capital. This colorful pedestrian-friendly 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)

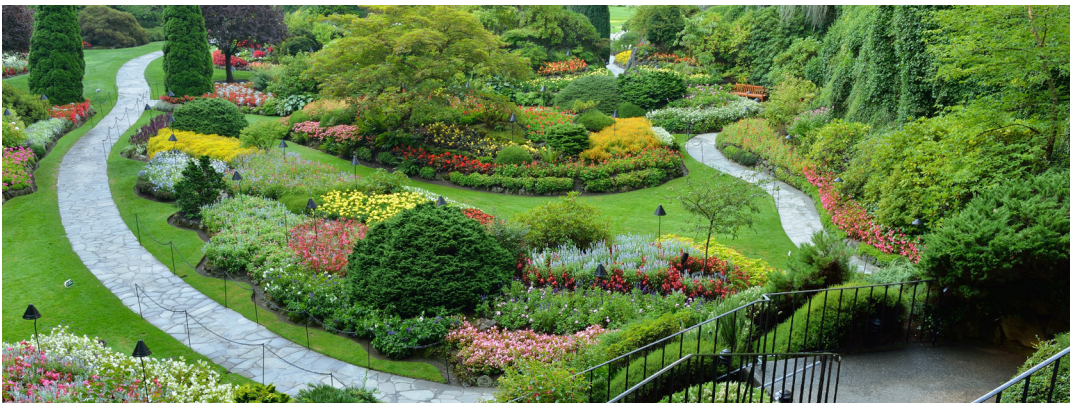
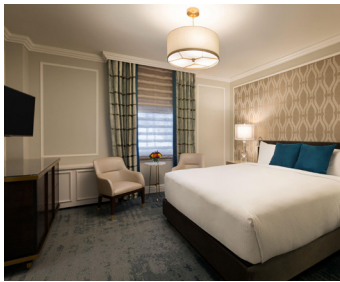
Guided panoramic tour of Victoria,  
afternoon and evening at leisure  
Overnight: Fairmont Empress

#### 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



# Discover the CANADIAN ROCKIES by Rail

**AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

Victoria Pre-Tour: August 26-28, 2024

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	<del>\$6,999</del>	\$6,495
Deluxe Double	<del>\$8,299</del>	\$7,795
Single	<del>\$10,999</del>	\$10,495
Deluxe Single	<del>\$12,399</del>	\$11,895

*Deluxe Double category includes upgrades 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

## Reserve by Credit Card:

Online: [uillinois.orbridge.com](http://uillinois.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

The EXPLORERS program is open to alumni of the University of Illinois, their families, and friends.

## GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check    ACH (Automated Clearing House)    MasterCard/Visa    American Express    Discover

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## CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at [terms.orbridge.com](http://terms.orbridge.com); and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

**Reservation Grace Period.** Reservations made 121+ days prior to the departure date may be cancelled within 30 days from the reservation date ("Grace Period") for a full refund. Notice of cancellation must be received in writing during the Grace Period. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date.

**Reservation Cancellations and Refunds.** Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable): (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of \$350 per person for the main program and \$200 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

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per couple

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**December 1, 2023**

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

### **What Guests Are Saying...**

*You can always count on U of I EXPLORERS trips for  
interesting sites, quality tours, and fun companions!*  
~UIAA EXPLORERS Traveler, 2014

*I always enjoy being with fellow alumni and making  
new friends when visiting a new location.*  
~UIAA EXPLORERS Traveler, 2015

*Orbridge is an amazing company, I really appreciate  
and enjoy their approach to the details and comfort  
of our trip.*  
~UIAA EXPLORERS Traveler, 2018

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