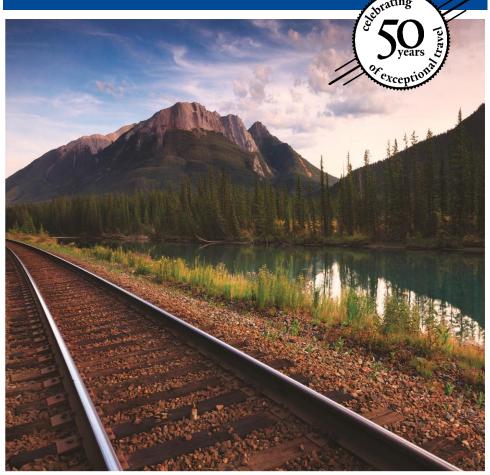
## Yale Educational Travel

Yale Class of 1964 July 13 – 20, 2018



**Canadian Rockies** 

featuring the Rocky Mountaineer® Train



#### Dear Yale Traveler

We warmly invite you to join alumni, friends, and family, and set out to explore the best of Western Canada on a spectacular tour from Vancouver to Banff aboard the famous Rocky Mountaineer Train. On an epic journey through dramatic, unspoiled landscapes, experience a thrilling visit to the Capilano Suspension Bridge, wander through beautiful Butchart Gardens, discover ancient glaciers, enjoy the region's rich history and cultural diversity, and more.

#### **Program Pricing (per person)**

Silver Leaf: Double \$5,299

Single \$6,799 (limited availability)

Gold Leaf: Additional charge of \$700 for doubles, \$1,200 for

singles (limited availability)

Flights and airport transfers can be purchased through the tour operator.





### Special Experiences

 Spend two days on the Rocky Mountaineer® Train viewing coastal forests, roaring river canyons and lofty mountain peaks.

#### **Must-See Inclusions**

- Explore the beautiful city of Vancouver.
  - Travel by train and journey alongside Kicking Horse River while enjoying the beautiful scenery.
- Stroll the spectacular Butchart Gardens in Victoria.
- Take a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Hoodoos.
- Travel the spectacular Icefields Parkway to the Columbia Icefields.

#### Culinary Inclusions

 Enjoy breakfast at Capilano Suspension Bridge.

**Highlights:** Vancouver, Victoria, Rocky Mountaineer® Train, Kamloops, Banff, Columbia Icefields

#### **ITINERARY**

Friday, July 13 - Vancouver, British Columbia - Set out to explore the beautiful Canadian Rockies, beginning in the beautiful city of Vancouver.

Saturday, July 14 - Vancouver -

Enjoy a memorable breakfast at the Capilano Suspension Bridge. Watch while people go "walking on treetops." Afterwards, enjoy the "living forest" for yourself and cross this exhilarating suspension bridge. Once you reach the other side, try the new Cliffwalk, a walkway hugging to the rock face above Capilano Canyon; or venture out on a Treetop Adventure

made up of seven suspension bridges. Next tour beautiful Stanley Park, Canada's renowned urban rainforest. Stop in at picturesque Granville Island Public Market for time to stroll through its fascinating stalls of handmade crafts and artisan food producers. Continue through Chinatown, the city's waterfront, and Gastown, a turn-of-the-century center comprised of pubs, art galleries, boutiques, and the world-famous steam-powered clock. (*B*,*D*)

Sunday, July 15 - Vancouver - Victoria - Vancouver - Early this morning take a scenic ferry to Vancouver Island to visit the lovely Butchart Gardens. These gardens are



among the world's most beautiful and are a veritable explosion of color and fragrances. Next, take a short sightseeing tour of Victoria, the "City of Gardens," enjoying leisure time to explore this lovely seaside spot. In the evening, travel back to the mainland via a short ferry ride. (*B*)

Monday, July 16 - Vancouver -Rocky Mountaineer® Train -Kamloops - Board your train for the scenic adventure of a lifetime. Spend two days amid coastal forests, roaring river canyons and lofty mountain peaks. Today your route begins with a journey through the verdant farmlands of the Fraser Valley and the towering peaks of the Coast Mountains. You'll see the mighty Fraser River and the raging white waters of Hell's Gate. The landscape then transforms to semi-arid desert as you travel toward the city of Kamloops for your overnight stay in a hotel. (B,L)

Tuesday, July 17 - Kamloops -Rocky Mountaineer® Train - Banff, Alberta - Today, continue east toward the spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountains. History comes alive as you travel the rail route that united Canada as a nation. You'll travel alongside the powerful Kicking Horse River and ride through the Spiral Tunnels, a century-old engineering feat. In addition to the breathtaking scenery, you may see moose, elk, bighorn sheep, bears, and soaring eagles. This evening arrive in Banff and enjoy a leisurely 3-night stay. (*B,L*)

Wednesday, July 18 - Banff - Set off for a scenic drive through Banff featuring the powerful Bow Falls and Hoodoos – known as the "Land of the Sleeping Giants." Next, meet a local ammolite specialist to learn about this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. During an afternoon at leisure, take a stroll through Banff's delightful downtown, play a round of golf, or relax and enjoy one of the many services of your hotel spa. (B,D)

Thursday, July 19 - Banff - Icefields Parkway - Choice on Tour - Banff - A wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as you set out along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Marvel at lofty



waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and the pictureperfect snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Columbia Icefield and choose to take a fun ride across this 1,000-foot thick mass of glacial ice – the largest accumulation of ice south of the Arctic Circle. Or, take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk to experience the breathtaking views of Sunwapta Valley and witness the dramatic landscape from the glass-floored platform. This afternoon, stop at stunning Peyto Lake, a turquoise glacier-fed lake that evokes pure serenity. Be on the lookout for bears and stately elk on your return to Banff. Join your fellow travelers this evening at a farewell dinner where you'll enjoy regional cuisine and toast the end of a wonderful trip. (B,D)

**Friday, July 20 - Banff -** Your adventure comes to a close, leaving you with many memories of your extraordinary journey through the Canadian Rockies. Transport to Calgary Airport for flights home. (*B*)



#### WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Expert local guides
- Two days aboard Rocky Mountain Train
- Accommodations in comfortable, modern hotels
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- 12 meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Bottled water and transportation in airconditioned vehicles
- Wine/beer included with the welcome and farewell dinners
- Services of a tour manager
- Gratuities for porters
- Emergency medical evacuation services provided through UHC Global Assistance
- Pre-scheduled group airport transfers if airfare arranged by tour operator.
   Transfers can be purchased separately.

#### WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare
- Any insurance.
- Gratuities for bus drivers, tour manager and local guides
- Any meals or beverages not specified in the itinerary
- Expenses of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone/fax calls, camera/video fees at monuments, medical expenses, etc.
- Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like airplane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, taxes, political disturbances, lost luggage, etc

#### Rocky Mountaineer® Train

Embark on a train journey through the breathtaking Canadian Rockies. Pass glaciers, lakes, and rivers that twist through the majestic mountainous landscape. The train offers two levels of onboard service: Gold Leaf and Silver Leaf. Each has comfortable seating, delicious meals, and world-class service. Silver Leaf Service offers a custom-designed single-level coach with oversized windows, hot breakfasts and lunches served in the comfort of your seat (choice of entrées) and plated to your preference. Gold Leaf Service pampers you with panoramic views from your seat in the upper level of a bi-level glass domed coach with full-length windows, a private dining room downstairs where you'll enjoy gourmet à la carte meals, and a large, exclusive outdoor viewing platform.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

AIRFARE Collette is pleased to assist with air travel arrangements, including suggested flights, or individual requests. Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates. Flights purchased through Collette include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers. If you arrange your own air, you may purchase a transfer. All transfers will leave at prescheduled times. Due to transfer scheduling, flights on the last day of your tour should be scheduled after 11:00 a.m. On the last day, all transfers will depart from Banff for Calgary airport.

**HEALTH** All participants must be in good health. You should be able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, sometimes over uneven surfaces and cobblestone streets, and climbing in and out of various conveyances. Any condition that may require assistance or special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation. Maximum elevation level is 7.000 feet.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE A deposit of \$1,000 per person payable to Collette is due upon reservation application. If you purchase Collette Travel Protection Plan, the deposit is only \$750 per person plus the cost of the Insurance. Reservations made after the deposit due date of November 23, 2017 are based upon availability. Final payment due by May 02, 2018. Deposits are refundable up until November 30, 2017. Please mail the deposit and completed registration form to: Yale Educational Travel, Association of Yale Alumni, PO Box 209010, New Haven, CT 06520-9010. Or fax 203-432-0587. All cancellations <u>must</u> be made in writing to Yale Educational Travel.

INSURANCE Yale Educational Travel highly recommends that participants purchase travel insurance as the cancellation policy will apply. However, Yale does not recommend a particular insurance company and Yale travelers are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. Insurance is available through Collette. Information at gocollette.com/guided-travel#no worries waiver. There is usually a short window of time (7-21 days from the first payment date) when one can purchase travel insurance and still be covered for certain provisions (such as pre-existing conditions). If travel insurance is important to you, please do not wait to purchase insurance.

ITINERARY The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of Collette and the Association of Yale Alumni (AYA). A valid passport is required for travel to Canada. Glacier Experience is weather permitting throughout the travel season. All accommodation in Kamloops is of moderate standard. Program hotels are assigned closer to departure. An overnight bag is necessary for your overnight stay in Kamloops.

COSTS All prices quoted are based on prevailing fuel prices, airfares, and currency exchange rates in effect at the time of brochure printing and are subject to change without notice till final payement. Deviations from the scheduled itinerary are at the expense of the individual. Please be advised there is a 25 USD/CAD charge (per piece) for checked baggage on most trans-border flights. This is a fee levied by the airlines and may be subject to change.

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# Optional Seattle Pre-Tour Extension July 11-13, 2018

Per Person Rates: **Double \$1,099 • Single \$1,599** 

#### July 11: Seattle, Washington

Your scenic adventure to Seattle begins. Spend the day getting a feel for one of America's most picturesque cities.

#### July 12: Seattle

Start your day off with a Seattle Harbor Cruise that showcases panoramic views of the historic waterfront, Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainer. Next, embark on a sightseeing tour of the "Emerald City," including the Port of Seattle. Then head to the iconic Space Needle where you will take in 360° views from the observation deck before visiting the Chihuly Glass Museum. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers. *Breakfast and dinner included*.

#### July 13: Seattle – Vancouver, Canada

This morning, stop at the Boeing Everett Facility where you will tour the largest manufacturing building in the world and see where the 747, 767, and 777 aircraft are produced. Later, make your way to Vancouver. *Breakfast included*.

**Accommodations:** Renaissance Seattle Madison Hotel\*

Above rates are land only.

Extension requires a minimum of 15 passengers to operate. Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Program includes roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times. A valid passport is required to enter Victoria, B.C., Canada.

This tour requires moderate physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb long stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

\*Alternate hotel may be used. Accommodations confirmed closer to departure.

**BOOKING NUMBER: 819588** 

TOUR: Canadian Rockies featuring Rocky

Mountaineer® Train

GROUP NAME: AYA- Yale Educational Travel

DEPARTURE DATE: July 13, 2018

#### **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. <u>Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure</u>. Prices are subject to change until final payment is made.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

#### Banff, AB



The Lake Louise Experience • Wednesday, July 18th, 2018 \$60 USD

Embark on a journey to spectacular Lake Louise. Upon arrival enjoy lunch at the Ski Louise Lodge. Then, board the gondola and ascend the mountain in fourteen minutes, to a height of 6,850 feet above sea level. Marvel at the spectacular panoramic views of mountain ranges while keeping an eye out for grizzly bears who call this mountain home. At the upper gondola terminal, take in one of Banff National Park's greatest views, and then visit the Interpretive Centre to learn about the bears in this area, their habitat and history. Next, visit the shores of the famous turquoise blue lake and the incomparable Chateau Lake Louise. You may choose to hike along the lakeshore or simply relax in the majesty of your surroundings. This option is subject to weather conditions. Please note if you are purchasing this option that the "Soar to Mt. Assiniboine" excursion cannot be added to your tour as there is not sufficient time for both. *Duration: Approximately 6 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Canmore, AB



Soar to Mt. Assiniboine • Wednesday, July 18th, 2018

\$299 USD

Experience the grandeur of the Canadian Rockies from a birds-eye perspective -- leave the ground behind and behold the incomparable beauty of the region with a helicopter tour. Nothing compares to the total exhilaration of soaring above some of the most incredible scenery the world offers. Soar to the "Matterhorn" of the Canadian Rockies, Mt. Assiniboine which rises majestically 11,870 feet along the Great Divide. The surrounding glaciers and icefalls will astound you and capture your imagination. This is a photographer's dream come true! Actual flight time is 30 minutes. Please note that if you are purchasing this option, the "Lake Louise Experience" excursion cannot be added to your tour as there is not sufficient time for both. This option is available subject to weather conditions. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Please note a minimum of 2 passengers is required. Transportation is included.