

**FABULOUS TAUCK TOURS'  
GRAND CANADIAN ROCKIES**  
*June 26 – July 5, 2018*



**Tauck World Discovery**

*Prepare to be dazzled on Tauck's action-packed western Canada tour... featuring a classic overnight rail journey from Vancouver into the Canadian Rockies, a floatplane excursion over the Gulf Islands, a ferry cruise to Victoria, an Ice Explorer ride across a glacier, and a raft trip down the Bow River. Explore the cities of Vancouver and Victoria... travel the Icefields Parkway... visit Victoria's celebrated The Butchart Gardens and the Royal BC Museum... Vancouver's Gastown district and Bill Reid Gallery... and discover Banff and Jasper national parks from legendary inside-the-park Fairmont resorts.*

*Those of you who have traveled with Tauck Tours in the past know what a wonderful experience they provide. Yes, you stay in top class hotels, have fabulous tour guides, everything included except a few meals that they point out in the itinerary and special events offered only by Tauck, but the main thing you take away from a Tauck Tour is the way they show you the world. They believe it's not what you see or where you go but how you see it and experience it bringing with it memories of a lifetime. Just ask someone who has experienced Tauck in the past!*

# ITINERARY FOR GRAND CANADIAN ROCKIES TOUR



## **1 - Arrive in Vancouver**

**Tour begins at 6:00 PM at Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver.** A transfer is included from Vancouver Int'l Airport to Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver. Your hotel is located in the heart of the city not far from Vancouver's lively Gastown. Meet your Tauck Director and travel companions at the welcome reception followed by dinner.

**MEALS : D**

**LODGING : FOUR SEASONS HOTEL VANCOUVER**



## **2 - Vancouver highlights and a ferry to Victoria**

Home to an active cultural scene and abundant natural resources, Vancouver is a city steeped in pleasures. On a sightseeing tour this morning, enjoy a docent-led tour of the Bill Reid Gallery, a showcase for contemporary Aboriginal art of the Northwest Coast. One of Canada's greatest artists, Bill Reid was an acclaimed Haida master goldsmith, carver, sculptor and writer, whose work is on display here. Continue on to Stanley Park, a stunning green oasis in the midst of the city, and enjoy lunch on your own at your choice of Granville Island's tempting eateries. This afternoon, travel by ferry across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver Island and on to Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, for a two-night stay at a gracious landmark hotel with stunning waterfront views.

**MEALS : B, D**

**LODGING : HOTEL GRAND PACIFIC**

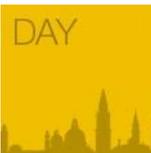


## **3 - A day in Victoria featuring The Butchart Gardens**

Throughout your stay in Victoria, you'll discover more than a bit of British influence in its double-decker buses, horse-drawn carriages and formal gardens, all surrounded by the rustic beauty of the Pacific coast. You'll find floral beauty in exceptional form at The Butchart Gardens, begun over a century ago. During your visit this morning, explore what has grown to encompass 55 magnificent acres of flowers and show gardens, including the Japanese, Italian and Rose gardens. The rest of the day is free to explore one of the oldest cities in the Pacific Northwest; downtown restaurants and shops and the attractions of Fisherman's Wharf are within walking distance.

**MEALS : B**

**LODGING : HOTEL GRAND PACIFIC**



## **4 - Visit the Royal BC Museum, flightseeing & all aboard**

### **"The Canadian"**

Morning is free to spend as you wish, perhaps visiting the Royal BC Museum with your Tauck-included tickets. Meet up this afternoon for a short walk from the hotel to board a float plane; enjoy flightseeing over the pristine Gulf Islands en route to Coal Harbour in the city of Vancouver. Your next stop is Vancouver's historic Gastown district; explore at leisure before dinner and a champagne send-off on VIA Rail's *The Canadian* for an overnight journey to the awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies. Board the sleek, newly restored rail cars of VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, and celebrate the start of your overnight journey to the Canadian Rockies with dinner and a champagne toast. Sleep on board the train tonight – you will be nothing less than stunned by the spectacular alpine scenery that dawn reveals!

**MEALS : B, D**

**LODGING : ABOARD THE CANADIAN**



### **5 - Into the Canadian Rockies by rail to Jasper**

The vistas are nothing short of spectacular from Tauck's reserved seats aboard VIA Rail's beautiful new panorama car aboard *The Canadian*, as your western Canada tour continues across British Columbia, where towering peaks and glaciers highlight the route. Cross the Continental Divide into the province of Alberta; arrive in Jasper National Park for a two-night stay at The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. Join us for a BBQ dinner in the Clubhouse tonight.

**MEALS : B, L, D**

**LODGING : FAIRMONT JASPER PARK LODGE**



### **6 - A day as you please in Jasper National Park**

The day is yours to spend just as you wish among the carefully protected ecosystems – and "photographer's paradise" of Jasper National Park, where optional choices at your resort (at additional cost) include horseback riding or tennis. Rent a canoe or paddleboat on Lake Beauvert; go on a trail ride or a guided nature walk; play a round of golf on a top-rated course; or visit the historic town of Jasper on your own. This evening, a presentation by a Parks Canada official precedes dinner at your choice of restaurants at the lodge.

**MEALS : B, D**

**LODGING : FAIRMONT JASPER PARK LODGE**



### **7 - Icefields Parkway, Athabasca Glacier and on to Lake Louise**

Drive the Icefields Parkway, featuring jaw-dropping views of mountains, waterfalls, glaciers, and snowfields around every turn. Watch for bears, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats, especially in the spring and fall. View Athabasca Glacier flowing from the Columbia Icefield, and take a memorable climb across the glacier's surface on an *Ice Explorer*, a specially designed vehicle. Continue on to your chateau-style hotel on the edge of Lake Louise overlooking Victoria Glacier, for a night in a Lake View room.

**MEALS : B, L, D**

**LODGING : FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE**



### **8 - Banff National Park... from Lake Louise to Banff**

Spend the morning at leisure indulging in the amenities and natural beauty of your Lake Louise resort. This afternoon, enjoy a change of scenery and resorts when you settle into your resort in Banff National Park. It was the discovery by Canadian Pacific Railway workers of wonders like the Cave and Hot Spring Basin that led to this park's establishment in the early 1880s – and of your castle-like hotel in the park in 1888, when the railway first opened tourism to the Rocky Mountains. Enjoy dinner this evening at leisure at The Fairmont Banff Springs.

**MEALS : B, L, D**

**LODGING : FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS**

DAY

### 9 - Bow River float trip and a day of resort leisure

Embark on a float trip along the Bow River\*, then spend the rest of the day at leisure at your grand hotel, built more than a century ago to resemble a Scottish baronial castle. Or discover the town of Banff as you please. Your resort offers a full range of optional activities (some available at additional cost) to try; perhaps take a guided nature walk, book a treatment at the renowned Willow Stream Spa, enjoy horseback riding or a round of golf, or ride the scenic Banff Gondola. Or head over to explore the town of Banff itself. Wrap up your western Canada tour this evening by joining us for a farewell dinner at your alpine resort hotel.

**MEALS : B, D**

**LODGING : FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS**

DAY

### 10 - Journey home

Travel from Banff National Park to Calgary, Alberta this morning, approximately 80 miles. **Your western Canada tour and mountain adventure ends at 10:00 AM at Calgary International Airport.** Tauck can arrange additional nights at The Westin Calgary for guests wishing to extend their stay; an airport transfer is included for these bookings. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in.

**MEALS : B**

## Overnight Accommodations



### Night 1

Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver

#### Vancouver, British Columbia

In the center of it all and with outdoor adventure just minutes away, Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver encompasses the very best of this active, forward-looking city. Staff showcase their pride in the hotel with caring and personal service that gets at the heart of what guests want. Spacious guest rooms featuring marble baths, king beds, and large picture windows framing picturesque views of the city, the hotel's garden and / or the surrounding mountains. Enjoy fine dining at YEW Seafood, one of Vancouver's premier seafood restaurants, specialty cocktails in a stylish atmosphere at YEW Bar. With creativity, a sense of humor and a touch of rebelliousness, Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver transforms even the smallest moments into special experiences – and is proud to be a recipient of the prestigious Forbes Five Star rating, a coveted honor awarded to only four high-achieving Canadian hotels.



### **Nights 2-3**

Hotel Grand Pacific

#### **Victoria, British Columbia, Canada**

The Hotel Grand Pacific, which has been named the “Best Hotel in Canada” by *Condé Nast Traveler*, enjoys a lovely and most convenient location right on Victoria’s inner Harbour. You’ll find a welcoming ambiance in your beautifully appointed guest room as well as a private balcony, color cable TV, minibar, in-room safe, coffee maker, Gilchrist & Soames bath amenities, hairdryer, iron / ironing board and an in-room safe. An indoor swimming pool, a Jacuzzi, steam room and sauna compete for your attention with free weights, treadmills, stationary bikes and more in the Grand Pacific Fitness Club, while the Spa at the Grand tempts with all sorts of pampering experiences. At Hotel Grand Pacific, food and wine are taken seriously, with a focus on the food and wine of the Pacific Northwest using fresh, local, organic and wild ingredients. During your stay, keep an eye out for the resident mallard ducks that like to hang out in the hotel’s forecourt and gardens.

#### **Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access in guest rooms!**



### **Night 4**

[Aboard The Canadian](#)

#### **Canadian Rockies**

By day, enjoy unparalleled wilderness views and attentive service from the comfort of Tauck’s [reserved seats](#) in VIA Rail’s beautiful [new panorama car](#) aboard *The Canadian*, traveling from Vancouver to Jasper. *The Canadian*’s interiors combine state-of-the-art amenities with cozy, contemporary style, to offer a relaxing travel experience and inspiring mountain scenery. *The Canadian* is owned and operated by VIA Rail Canada, a Canadian Federal Crown Corporation. In sleeping cars, doubles are accommodated in a bedroom with a window and two armchairs, replaced at night by an upper and lower bunk bed system – a bench that becomes the lower bed and a “Murphy” upper bunk that is pulled out of the wall; amenities include a small closet, sink / vanity, mirror, and a private toilet. Singles are accommodated in smaller single bedrooms with a window seat that converts to a bed (folding out from the wall). Triples are accommodated in one double bedroom and one single bedroom. All sleeping cars feature restrooms and a public shower per car – therefore Tauck only does one night on the train but gorgeous scenery while traveling.



## **Nights 5-6**

### **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge**

#### **Jasper, Alberta, Canada**

Nestled in the midst of majestic Jasper National Park, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge is the epitome of rustic elegance. Once the world's largest single-story log structure, today the hotel delights sophisticated travelers. Recent major guest room renovations pay homage to the beautiful surroundings, original inhabitants and the historical beginnings of Jasper National Park; the new design takes full advantage of the stunning surroundings and brings the essence of the Rocky Mountains indoors. Enjoy amenities and hospitality in combination with countless opportunities for adventurous activities in a pristine wilderness location. The Health Club facilities include an outdoor heated swimming pool, an indoor whirlpool, an exercise room, and sauna, while the welcoming Fairmont Spa waits with pampering treatments.

**Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access in guest rooms!**



## **Night 7**

### **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**

#### **Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada**

Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise is one of the world's most-often photographed hotels and is one of Canada's most renowned resorts. Built in 1890, this elegant hotel is set in the midst of extraordinary Banff National Park. Exuding old-world charm, this fine hotel is known to many as "the diamond in the wilderness." Welcoming guest rooms, with their alpine decor, offer all the modern amenities that today's sophisticated travelers expect. The well-equipped Health Club facilities include an indoor swimming pool and state-of-the-art exercise equipment. With its signature Palladian window offering stunning views of Victoria Glacier and rugged mountain peaks, the Lakeview Lounge is the perfect place for a pre-dinner cocktail. Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise richly deserves its five-star rating.

**Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access in guest rooms!**



## **Nights 8-9**

### Fairmont Banff Springs

#### **Banff, Alberta, Canada**

Built in the style of a Scottish baronial castle, Fairmont Banff Springs lies within the heart of Banff National Park. Well-appointed, cozy guest rooms feature cable TV, coffee maker, iron and ironing board and windows that open. Guests may take advantage of the hotel's numerous facilities, which include a championship Stanley Thompson-designed golf course (available at additional cost), tennis courts, heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a bowling center, beautifully landscaped grounds to explore and the acclaimed Willow Stream Spa. The Waldhaus Pub, one of Banff's best-kept secrets, offers a wide selection of locally brewed beers and fabulous international dishes while wine lovers can sample Canada's extraordinary wines at Grapes Wine Bar.

**Tauck Guests enjoy complimentary Internet access in guest rooms!**

### **PRICES FOR THIS FABULOUS 9 NIGHT – 10 DAY TAUCK TOUR INCLUDING ALL EXCURSIONS, ETC.**

**\$6,390.00 per person based upon double occupancy**

**All-inclusive prices as shown below under INCLUSIVE PRICES**

**Deposit of \$525 pp is due at time of booking**

**Does not include airfare or cancellation/medical insurance coverage**

**Insurance is available at \$335 pp – strongly advise you pay this with deposit and it will cover pre-existing conditions and protect your deposit.**

### **INCLUSIVE PRICES**

**Tour prices are per person in U.S. dollars. All hotel accommodations, motor coach, ferry and float-plane transportation, first-class overnight accommodations onboard the VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, sightseeing, admissions, luggage handling, and the services of the Tauck Director, local guides, and drivers are included. Transportation from Vancouver International Airport or the Vancouver train station to The Four Seasons Vancouver is included, regardless of the time you check in to the hotel, provided you have furnished us with accurate flight arrival information at least three weeks before your departure date. The tour ends at Calgary International Airport at 10:00 AM on the last day of the tour. If you choose to book additional nights at The Westin Calgary, you will ride to the airport with the group before returning to the hotel. Transportation will be provided from the hotel to Calgary International Airport when you check out of the hotel. Transportation is also provided from The Fairmont Banff Springs to Calgary International Airport on the last day of the tour. Transportation to and from airports and train stations may be shared with other Tauck guests.**

### **Hotel Accommodations**

The tour price includes all hotel accommodations with private baths. Our standard is to provide the best available accommodations without sacrificing value. Although the quality may differ slightly from one hotel to another, our commitment to your comfort is unwavering. Two-bedded rooms are reserved in most hotels. Triples are usually two-bedded rooms plus a rollaway cot and are not recommended for comfort.

Onboard *The Canadian*, doubles are accommodated in a bedroom with a window and two armchairs, which are replaced by upper and lower beds for sleeping. Amenities include a small closet, mirror, sink/vanity and private toilet. Singles are

accommodated in smaller single bedrooms with a window seat that converts into a bed folding out from the wall. Triples are accommodated in one double bedroom and one single bedroom. Amenities include sink/vanity, mirror and toilet; single bedroom toilet is not accessible when bed is lowered. There are rest rooms, and a public shower, in each sleeping car; each sleeping car accommodates 20 guests and has one shower stall.

### **Meals**

Most meals are included as specified in the itinerary.

### **Tauck Director**

*Grand Canadian Rockies* is conducted by a Tauck Director who remains with the group throughout the tour. Your Tauck Director is a professional, fully trained employee of Tauck.

### **Gratuities Included**

All customary gratuities for hotel and restaurant staff and local guides are included.

### **Luggage Handling and Restrictions**

#### *Checked Luggage – General*

Due to space restrictions, we ask that you please limit your checked luggage to one suitcase per person weighing no more than 50 pounds (23 kg) and with overall dimensions (length + width + height) not exceeding 62 inches (158 cm). Besides complying with the Tauck restriction noted above, you should also be sure to research and comply with all airline baggage restrictions relating to your flights to and from your Tauck journey. Airlines have become much more strict in enforcing size and weight limits in recent years, and luggage exceeding airline standards for size or weight may result in expensive overage fees or other consequences.

Airlines are free to revise luggage policies without notice, and certain airlines have different baggage allowances for different classes of service. Researching and complying with airline luggage restrictions is the responsibility of the guest, and Tauck cannot be held responsible for any costs or disruptions to travel caused by the failure to research and comply with airline policies.

*Please be sure to attach your Tauck luggage tag to your suitcase before leaving home!*

#### *Carry-on Luggage – General*

Although oversize bags and wheeled, carry-on luggage are popular for airline travel, they are often not convenient or appropriate for motor coach travel or for many on-tour flights. Most modern sightseeing motor coaches offer limited space for numerous or larger items. Space under seats or in the overhead rack is typically small, and designed to accommodate items like coats, hats, purses, and small camera bags, etc.

For your day-to-day travel while on tour, we recommend that you limit your hand luggage to a small, soft-sided carry-on piece, and that you bring only those items you need handy during the day such as make-up, medications, cameras, film, etc. Items too large to fit under the motor coach seat or on the overhead rack must be stored in the luggage bays beneath the motor coach, and may be inaccessible during daytime travel.

### **No Options Sold**

**Tauck Directors assist with information on free-time activities based on honest opinion and guidance, but they will not sell you anything. This means better value and a more relaxed and pleasant experience for you.**

**CALL SUNBURST CRUISES AND TRAVEL TODAY  
TO BOOK YOUR WONDERFUL GRAND CANADIAN ROCKIES TOUR!**

**336-998-8851 OR 800-611-6780**

**[www.sunburstcruises.com](http://www.sunburstcruises.com)**

**[diane@sunburstcruises.com](mailto:diane@sunburstcruises.com)**

**Advance, NC 27006**