

SPRINGTIME IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

AN INSPIRED JOURNEY FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN TO THE
TOWERING PEAKS OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES
SAN DIEGO TO CALGARY BY TRAIN & SHIP
APRIL 28 - MAY 8, 2027

Ocean Liner Voyages & Overland by Train

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From Ocean Elegance to Alpine Grandeur

This is a journey of extraordinary contrasts — where refined ocean travel meets one of the most spectacular mountain landscapes on Earth. From the moment we step aboard Holland America Line’s elegant ms Nieuw Amsterdam in San Diego, the pace slows, the scenery expands, and the adventure begins to unfold in style and great comfort.

We enjoy a rare Pacific coastal voyage to Vancouver with a deluxe overnight hotel stay in this beautiful city before we board the legendary Rocky Mountaineer, widely regarded as one of the world’s greatest train journeys over the storied Canadian Pacific Railway. Glass-domed luxury, impeccable service, and ever-changing scenery carry us deep into the heart of the Canadian Rockies — a land of emerald lakes, thundering rivers, towering peaks, and timeless mountain towns. More stunning views await with our guests enjoying a two-night stay at the fabled Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise Hotel, a rare treat.

Our journey is thoughtfully paced and richly rewarding, featuring destinations such as Victoria, Vancouver, Lake Louise, and Banff (*We savor two nights in Banff after two nights at Lake Louise!*) along with unforgettable experiences including historic rail routes, glacier-carved landscapes, as well as intelligent sightseeing and delightful restaurants. This is travel at its finest: immersive, elegant, and deeply memorable — a seamless passage from the calm of the sea to the awe of the mountains. This is the first time in over two decades we have offered Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise and this trip will sell out.



HIGHLIGHTS

Fully escorted by professional tour manager from start to finish

Rare four-night Pacific coastal voyage from San Diego to Vancouver via Victoria, BC aboard the splendid ms Nieuw Amsterdam of Holland America Line with special parties and events aboard ship.

Overnight stay in Vancouver with city sightseeing tour before we board the Rocky Mountaineer train. Breakfast daily is included at all hotels.

Two-day journey from Vancouver to Lake Louise aboard the showcase Rocky Mountaineer train over the fabled Canadian Pacific Railway including meals and an overnight hotel stay en route in Kamloops, BC. The train only travels by day so you do not miss any scenery.

Two-night stay at the fabled Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise Hotel in Lake Louise.

Two nights in downtown Banff at the superbly located Banff Ptarmigan Inn (or similar)

Complete sightseeing in the Canadian Rockies including Lake Louise, a Banff village tour and the famous Gondola ride up Sulphur Mountain along with plenty of free time.

Transfer to Calgary airport on our final day in time to make flights after 12 PM.

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Set on the edge of one of the world’s most iconic alpine lakes, the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise feels less like a hotel and more like a privileged vantage point into Banff National Park’s raw grandeur. The resort rises directly from the shoreline of Lake Louise, where impossibly turquoise waters mirror the surrounding peaks and the Victoria Glacier descends dramatically from the mountains above. Here, nature is not a backdrop—it’s the main event, visible from nearly every window and terrace.

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Day 1 – Welcome Aboard

This afternoon we step aboard the elegant ms Nieuw Amsterdam of Holland America Line in San Diego and sail toward Vancouver, the gateway to the Canadian Rockies. As evening falls, savor your first taste of Holland America’s celebrated cuisine before enjoying a show, a handcrafted cocktail in one of the ship’s inviting lounges, or a visit to our favorite spot onboard — the Crow’s Nest high above the bridge, where sweeping ocean views set the tone for the adventure ahead. We have always enjoyed the coastal voyages that evoke ocean travel decades ago, point A to point B with a sense of destination.

Day 2 – A Day to Unwind at Sea

A full day at sea invites you to truly relax. Linger over breakfast in bed, enjoy lunch on deck, indulge in the spa or pools, attend an engaging lecture, or simply lose yourself in a good book as the Pacific glides by.

Day 3 – The Art of Ocean Travel

Cruising off the Oregon coast, today is all about savoring life at sea. Perhaps a leisurely lunch in the dining room, the timeless ritual of afternoon tea, and an evening of fine dining and entertainment — shipboard living at its most refined.

Day 4 – Victoria, British Columbia

Today, we arrive in charming and very British Victoria. Stroll through the world-famous Butchart Gardens, step inside the historic Empress Hotel, or explore the picturesque downtown, home to the stately Parliament Buildings and the Royal British Columbia Museum.

Day 5 – Vancouver Delights

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This morning we glide beneath Vancouver’s iconic Lions Gate Bridge before disembarking. A guided city tour introduces us to this vibrant coastal gem before arriving at our hotel. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy — Vancouver always captivates, and there is time to soak it all in. We know Vancouver better than most Canadians and offer some great suggestions for dinner this evening.

Day 6 – All Aboard the Rocky Mountaineer

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An unforgettable rail adventure begins as we board the acclaimed Rocky Mountaineer. Traveling along the historic Canadian Pacific Railway, we pass through the lush Fraser Valley, dense forests, and dramatic river canyons framed by the Coast and Cascade Mountains. Highlights include, the thundering waters of Hell’s Gate in Fraser Canyon, and the striking scenery along the Thompson River. This evening we arrive in Kamloops for an overnight stay. Transfers are included today — *and every day*.

Day 7 – Into the Canadian Rockies

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Today is nothing short of spectacular. We journey deeper into the Canadian Rockies, witnessing historic Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven, the climb over Rogers Pass, the Spiral Tunnels, Kicking Horse Canyon, and endless vistas of glaciers and snow-capped peaks. We disembark at Lake Louise and settle in for a two-night stay at one of the world’s most legendary hotels, the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. No matter how much one has traveled, the view of Lake Louise from this grand setting is spectacular and having two days in this stunning setting is wondrous.

Day 8 – Lake Louise at Leisure

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A full day to savor one of the most beautiful places on earth. Walk the emerald shoreline of Lake Louise, learn about local wildlife, or simply relax and take in the stillness and grandeur of your surroundings.

Day 9 – Scenic Drive to Banff

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More alpine splendor unfolds as we travel along the Trans-Canada Highway to Banff. Stops include Surprise Corner, Bow Falls, and the otherworldly Hoodoos before arriving at our hotel by midday. The afternoon and evening are free to enjoy Banff’s charming streets — perhaps a visit to the Banff Upper Hot Springs, where mineral-rich waters meet mountain views.

Day 10 – Banff Your Way

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Today offers a true luxury: time. Explore Banff at your own pace with shopping along Banff Avenue, a visit to the excellent Whyte Museum, or a stroll through Cascade Gardens. This eve-ning, we ascend Sulphur Mountain on the Banff Gondola, where sweeping views of six mountain ranges and the Bow Valley set the stage for a relaxed farewell dinner — an unforgettable finale.

Day 11 – Farewell to the Rockies

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After breakfast, a scenic drive brings us to Calgary Airport with easy connections to most U.S. destinations — or the option to extend your stay in this dynamic city.



Step aboard the ms Nieuw Amsterdam, a Signature-class jewel in the Holland America Line fleet where classic refinement meets vibrant modern cruising. Named after the Dutch settlement that became New York City, the ship celebrates cultural heritage with inspired design elements, a world-class art collection, and a spirit of discovery that carries from bow to stern.

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Holland America Line invites travelers to explore the world in refined comfort, blending timeless elegance with immersive destination experiences. With a fleet of beautifully appointed ships, the line offers voyages to all seven continents — from the glaciers of Alaska and the storied ports of Europe to the sun-drenched Caribbean and beyond. Each journey is thoughtfully designed, featuring exceptional service, regionally inspired cuisine, enriching cultural programs, and carefully curated shore excursions that bring each destination to life.

Founded in 1873, Holland America Line has more than 150 years of maritime heritage, evolving from a transatlantic steamship company into one of the world’s most respected premium cruise lines. This legacy of craftsmanship, hospitality, and exploration is woven into every sailing, creating an atmosphere that is both classic and contemporary.

Whether you’re seeking adventure, enrichment, or effortless relaxation, Holland America Line offers a voyage where the journey is just as meaningful as the destination. Step aboard and experience the world the way it was meant to be discovered — elegantly, deeply, and memorably.



FARES BY SHIP ACCOMMODATIONS

TYPE					
	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Neptune Suite	Signature Suite	Verandah	Ocean View	Inside	
Superior	\$7,495	\$7,295	\$6,995	\$6,495	\$6,095
Standard			\$6,895	\$6,295	\$5,895
Single Occupancy	Neptune Suite	Signature Suite	Verandah	Ocean View	Inside
Superior	\$9,995	\$8,995	\$8,895	\$8,495	\$8,195
Standard			\$8,795	\$8,395	\$7,995

A bit about us - service, experience, expertise...

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The company emphasizes quality accommodations, expert tour managers, and unique travel options designed to appeal to travelers seeking more than standard packaged tours.

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