

## Escorted Tours: Make New Friends, New Discoveries

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For many travelers, escorted tours offer a unique opportunity to meet new people while they explore some of the world's most magnificent destinations. Another key benefit is that a good tour operator will know the destination far better than a first-time visitor possibly could, delivering a more in-depth experience than most people could arrange on their own.

Rocky Mountaineer Vacations, owner and operator of the world-acclaimed Rocky Mountaineer train, has introduced Escorted Rail Tours, where knowledgeable tour guides help visitors uncover some of the hidden jewels of Western Canada while providing personalized service throughout their itinerary. Onboard the train, guests have exclusive access to two coaches. In the Escorted Tours Lounge, travelers can mingle, browse the library and enjoy onboard presentations such as wine appreciation, photography lessons, natural history or storytelling. And all Rocky Mountaineer Vacations' Escorted Rail Tour packages include breakfasts and lunches, transportation, accommodations and welcome and farewell dinners. Tour options include:

- Escorted Rockies Highlights--This fully escorted vacation combines heart-stopping scenery by day and luxurious lodging by night. Enjoy a thrilling Summit Helicopter Tour for a spectacular and unique view of the Rockies from the air. While onboard the Rocky Mountaineer, explore Rogers Pass, the Kicking Horse Canyon, the Spiral Tunnels and the magnificent snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies.

- Escorted Rockies Escape--Marvel at the forests, winding river canyons and surrounding peaks of the Coast Mountains and Cascade Range as you journey aboard Rocky Mountaineer's Kicking Horse and Yellowhead rail routes. And enjoy leisure stays at the stunning locations of Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper all during this short eight-day vacation.

- Escorted Best of Banff--Travel aboard the award-winning Rocky Mountaineer train and enjoy three nights at leisure in Banff. The resort town of Banff is located in the heart of Banff National Park, one of four adjoining parks that protect the spectacular landscape of the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

- Escorted Rockies Circle--A well-rounded journey for those with an insatiable traveling appetite, this vacation takes you to all of Western Canada's finest sites. With stops in Lake Louise, Banff, Jasper and Vancouver in conjunction with two memorable Rocky Mountaineer rail journeys, you'll need to prepare for the stunning photo opportunities that will arise.

Rocky Mountaineer Vacations also features Rail and Drive, Rail and Cruise, City Stops and more. To learn more, visit the Web site at [www.rockymountaineer.com](http://www.rockymountaineer.com) or call (866) 754-8842.

An escorted train tour can be a great way to explore Western Canada.