

How to Enroll

Please call Road Scholar toll free at (800) 322-5315 and reference Program #3748, "The Best of the Rockies by Rail: Western Canada's Splendor," from July 19-30, 2018 and say that you are a member of LearningQUEST.

Program Prices Per Person

Double-occupancy price: \$4,299

Single-occupancy price: \$5,199

 **ENROLL EARLY AND SAVE!**
Please note that these program prices reflect a \$300 early booking discount that expires on Nov. 20, 2017.

Registration & Cancellation Information

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Cancel Schedule:

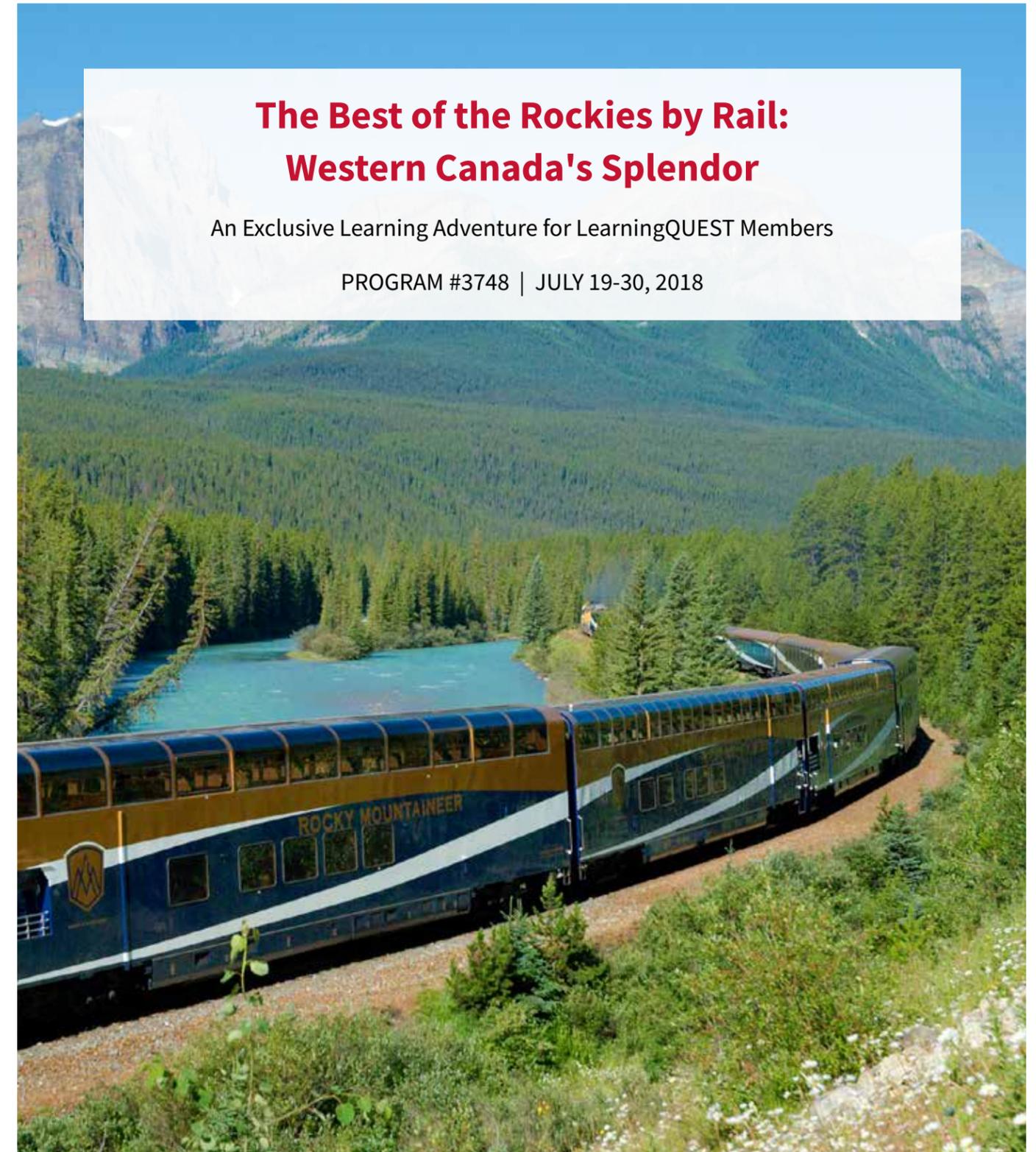
Should you need to cancel from this program, please refer to the chart below for schedule and refund information.

Payment Schedule	
Deposit Payment <i>(due upon enrollment)</i>	\$250
Final payment due	May 3, 2018
Cancellation Policy	
Fee per person	
Cancel up to 67 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after date of enrollment)</i>	\$250
Cancel 66 to 30 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after May 14, 2018)</i>	50 % of order total
Cancel 30 days prior to program start date <i>(applies after Jun. 20, 2018)</i>	100% of order total

* Road Scholar recommends that you purchase the optional Trip Protection Plan to protect your investment.

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Experience the Rockies

Overview

Experience the wonder of the rugged, beautiful Canadian Rockies in Alberta and British Columbia. Journey through green valleys, past sapphire rivers and wide, jade lakes as you head into the heart of the mountains. Visit the soaring resort town of Banff, where you can enjoy the hot springs that have made this place famous. See Lake Louise's famed emerald waters, born of the glaciers that overlook it. Complete your adventure with three nights in the cosmopolitan coastal city of Vancouver.

Activity Rating: ACTIVE

Walking up to two miles daily over varied terrain with elevations of 4,500-8,041 feet.

Highlights

- Enjoy some of the world's most magnificent stretches of railway aboard the Rocky Mountaineer.
- Ride a glass-enclosed gondola to the peak of Sulphur Mountain for 360-degree views of the Rockies.
- Journey along the famed Icefields Parkway through the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

About Our Lodging

Best Western Plus Port O'Call Calgary Airport Hotel, Calgary, 1 night

Conveniently located nearby the airport with easy access to downtown Calgary.

The Rundlestone Lodge, Banff, 4 nights

An unparalleled hotel in the heart of the Rockies.

The Chateau Jasper, Jasper, 2 nights

Newly-renovated exceptional hotel with ideal location.

Kamloops Hotel TBA, Kamloops, 1 night

Metropolitan Hotel, Vancouver, 3 nights

Luxury hotel centrally located and positioned against a serene mountain backdrop.

This 12-Day Adventure to the Canadian Rockies Includes

- 11 Nights of accommodations
- 28 Meals (11 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches, 8 Dinners)
- 4 Expert-led lectures
- 14 Field trips
- Group travel and transfers throughout the program
- A Group Leader to accompany you through the program to handle all logistics
- Modest gratuities, taxes and destination fees
- The Road Scholar Assurance Plan, including 24-hour assistance for medical and other emergencies

About Road Scholar

This Canadian Rockies experience is offered through **Road Scholar**, formerly known as Elderhostel, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1975. Road Scholar inspires adults to learn, discover and travel. Our learning adventures open minds to new ideas and deepen understanding of oneself and of the world's peoples, places, cultures, history and environments. A true university of the world, Road Scholar's meaningful — often transformational — educational adventures engage people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Thursday, July 19 Arrival, Check-In, Welcome Dinner, Orientation

Program registration begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by a Welcome Dinner and Orientation

Days 2-3: Friday, July 20-Saturday, July 21 Glenbow Museum, to Banff, Banff Geology, Cave & Basin

Friday morning, depart on a field trip to the Glenbow Museum that focuses on cultural and military history, ethnology and mineralogy. Docents will be on hand to answer questions during our self-directed exploration. Following lunch at a local restaurant, continue our journey to Banff, stopping along the way to marvel at the mountains in beautiful Banff National Park. On Saturday at Cave and Basin National Historic Site, a local expert will give a presentation on the history and geology of the Canadian Rockies. Then, explore the site and learn about the origin and development of Canada's outstanding national parks and historic sites. These hot springs later became the centerpiece of Canada's first national park. Following lunch, (weather permitting), glide up Sulphur Mountain in four-passenger, glass-enclosed gondolas to reinforce what we learned this morning.

Days 4-5: Sunday, July 22-Monday, July 23 Lake Louise, Yoho National Park, Whyte Museum, Banff Springs Hotel

On Sunday, experience some of the foremost geological highlights of the Rockies: Yoho National Park, Lake Louise and Moraine Lake. Learn about area geology in trailside discussions with our expert naturalist. Enjoy a boxed lunch at Lake Louise. Sunday afternoon, head to Emerald Lake with a stop at the Spiral Tunnels. Monday morning, step into the 1931 home of artists and Whyte Museum founders Peter and Catharine Whyte and the 1907 home of collectors Phillip and Pearl Moore. At the historic Banff Springs Hotel, enjoy afternoon tea at the famed "Castle in the Rockies." The remainder of the day is on your own to explore and sample the local cuisine.

Days 6-7: Tuesday, July 24-Wednesday, July 25 Icefields Parkway, Athabasca Glacier, Jasper National Park, Maligne Canyon

Depart for Jasper on Tuesday, riding along the Icefields Parkway, considered one of the most scenic highways in the world. At the Columbia Icefield Interpretive Centre, learn all about this impressive geological feature that drains into the Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Then set out aboard a specially designed Ice Explorer vehicle to travel to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier. Arrive in Jasper in the late afternoon in time for dinner. Wednesday begins with an expert-led discussion on the ecology of Jasper National Park, followed by an exploration of Jasper National Park including Maligne Canyon and Pyramid Lake. Following lunch, learn with a local expert about the

history of Jasper National Park, Canada's largest and most northerly Rocky Mountain Park. Then take a field trip to the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum and Archives to learn about the history of the Jasper-Yellowhead corridor.

Day 8: Thursday, July 26 Rocky Mountaineer Train to Kamloops

Depart for the train station and board the Rocky Mountaineer with Silver Leaf Service to Kamloops. Travel from Jasper to Kamloops along the Thompson River for a ride with interpretive commentary and lunch along the way. Kamloops was known for the fur trade, attracting the first Europeans who established a trading post in 1812. This evening dinner will be on your own to explore local cuisine.

Day 9: Friday, July 27 Rocky Mountaineer to Vancouver

Following breakfast, board the Rocky Mountaineer train, Silver Leaf Service, bound for Vancouver. The route will follow the Thompson River and travel through the Fraser Canyon and feature interpretive commentary along the way. Marvel at the towering peaks of the Coast Mountains before passing into the fertile farmland of the Fraser Valley. Enjoy lunch on the train, continuing our journey to hear about the history and development of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Carved out of solid rock, it was called the "Iron Road." The railway actually crossed all of Canada, and was finished in 1885.

Days 10-11: Saturday, July 28-Sunday, July 29 History of Vancouver, Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver Field Trip

Saturday begins with a local historian presenting Vancouver's history, public policy and planning. Then, transfer by coach to Granville Island and explore some of the highlights along the way. Following lunch at a local restaurant, set out for a self-led visit to the Museum of Anthropology, with one of the world's outstanding collections of Pacific Northwest Aboriginal artifacts, and get a glimpse into the remarkable lives of the indigenous peoples of the Northwest Coast of British Columbia. Set out on Sunday for a walking field trip with a local historian to explore Vancouver's historic landmarks, dramatic new architecture and great parks. Lunch will be on your own followed by a free afternoon to explore Vancouver. Reconvene for our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 12: Monday, July 30 Program Concludes After Breakfast