An unrivaled expedition through the Canadian Rockies featuring two days by rail aboard the Rocky Mountaineer in GoldLeaf class

OCTOBER 10-16, 2019
with Edward Brust Professor of Geology and Mineralogy, Emeritus, David Dethier
Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends:

Join this well-paced sojourn through Canada’s glorious Rocky Mountains, accompanied by Professor of Geology and Mineralogy, Emeritus David Dethier. Highlighted by two days traveling aboard the Rocky Mountaineer in GoldLeaf Service, this exciting travel-study features visits to the stunning areas of Banff and Lake Louise.

En route, embrace the dynamic changes in scenery as you wind through lush green ranchlands and flowing river canyons surrounded by mountain peaks.

Enjoy a guided tour through Yoho National Park, and take advantage of leisure time to explore the small hamlets as well as Banff National Park.

Splendid evenings await at the close of each inspiring day, including two nights at the legendary resort, Fairmont Banff Springs.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Reserve today online at williams.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by April 12, 2019 to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
Head north to experience the humbling proportions and famed beauty of the Canadian Rockies.

Journey through awe-inspiring mountain landscapes, and revel in the opulence, history, and hospitality of Canada’s most iconic destinations.
Your 7-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

**Day 1:** Arrive in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (D)
Leisure time, welcome dinner
Overnight: Fairmont Palliser

**Day 2:** Calgary / Banff National Park / Banff (B)
Sulphur Mountain gondola ride, panoramic town tour
Overnight: Fairmont Banff Springs

**Day 3:** Banff / Yoho National Park / Lake Louise / Banff (B,D)
Guided town and park tour, leisure time at Lake Louise
Overnight: Fairmont Banff Springs

**Day 4:** Banff / Rocky Mountaineer / Kamloops, British Columbia (B,L)
Scenic viewing of Kicking Horse Canyon, Rogers Pass, Craigellachie, and ranchlands
Overnight: Kamloops Lodging*

**Day 5:** Kamloops / Rocky Mountaineer / Vancouver (B,L)
Thompson Valley and Fraser Canyon vistas
Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

**Day 6:** Vancouver (B,R)
Gondola sightseeing, guided Capilano Suspension Bridge crossing, farewell reception
Overnight: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

**Day 7:** Vancouver / Depart for U.S. (B)
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

**Activity Level:** Guests should be comfortable boarding and disembarking trains without assistance, walking and moving between coaches while the train is in motion and navigating stairs to upper level of the coach. Guests should also be able to enjoy outdoor walking with sure-footing on uneven terrain, get in and out of a motor coach without assistance, and be able to manage stairs.

Program Highlights

- At Banff National Park, travel to the top of Sulphur Mountain during a scenic gondola ride.
- Enjoy luxurious GoldLeaf Service on board the Rocky Mountaineer. Embrace the sights from a glass-domed coach as you traverse the Continental Divide along Fraser Canyon, Kicking Horse River, and Shuswap Lake. **GoldLeaf Service includes:** bi-level coach with full-length panoramic windows, reclining upper-level heated seats, unlimited beer, wine, and premium spirits, and à la carte meal service in a lower-level dining room. Gourmet meals feature locally-sourced ingredients prepared by an onboard culinary team.
- Delight in front-row seating to view the passing wildlife, which may include elk, bighorn sheep, bear, and soaring eagles.
- Mingle with nature from 110 feet while traversing the Capilano Suspension Bridge and seven suspended footbridges through the serenity of a West Coast rain forest (optional).

What’s Included

- 6 nights hotel accommodations
- 2 full days traveling on the Rocky Mountaineer in premium GoldLeaf Service
- 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners including a special welcome dinner, and a farewell reception
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director
- All activities listed on the 7-day itinerary
- Private deluxe motor coach with air-conditioning and reclining seats
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, Rocky Mountaineer staff, drivers, porters, housekeeping, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Accommodations (subject to change)

**FAIRMONT PALLISER**
This landmark property has been a cornerstone of Calgary’s northern hospitality since 1914.

Conveniently situated near the city’s business and financial district, it’s within walking distance to shopping, arts, culture and entertainment venues.

**FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS**
With its unique blend of opulence and seclusion, Fairmont Banff Springs has been a favorite spot in the Canadian Rockies for over a century. Styled after a Scottish baronial castle, the property offers stunning vistas and luxurious comfort in a pristine wilderness.

Located in the heart of Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Alberta’s “Castle in the Rockies” has been providing legendary hospitality to guests for more than 125 years.

*NOTE: Due to this property’s historic nature, air conditioning may not be available in all guest rooms.*

**FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER**
This opulent gem, known as the “Castle in the City,” quickly became a landmark in Vancouver after opening in 1939. The hotel has hosted many famous entertainment acts over the years, and was once even home to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver is the proud recipient of a four-star rating by *Forbes Travel Guide 2018* and TripAdvisor’s Certificate of Excellence.

*Accommodations in Kamloops are determined by Rocky Mountaineer and are the best available in the area. Kamloops properties are considered moderate 2- or 3-star hotels and satisfy our standards of cleanliness and comfort.*

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*Your Travel Director:*
Your knowledgeable Orbridge Travel Director will offer additional enrichment during this journey. With their expertise of the local flora, fauna, cultural history, and natural characteristics of the Canadian Rockies, you’ll return home with a deeper appreciation of your northern adventures—accompanied by your beautiful photographs, of course.
Enjoy two nights in delightful Victoria—British Columbia’s picture-perfect capital. This colorful pedestrian-friendly city is an ideal spot for whale watching, biking, shopping, and sampling from the wide variety of cafes and restaurants that line bustling Government Street. Savor the island’s relaxing pace as you explore its lush, vibrant gardens, admire historical architecture, and take in the city’s friendly ambience. During free time, visit one of Victoria’s landmark castles or churches or enjoy a stroll along the quaint inner harbor.

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 7: Vancouver / Victoria
Ferry to Vancouver to Victoria, explore Butchart Gardens, panoramic city tour, afternoon and evening at leisure

Day 8: Victoria (B)
Day at leisure

Day 9: Depart Victoria for U.S. (B)

What’s Included

- A 1.5 hour ferry cruise from Vancouver to Victoria across the Strait of Georgia
- Two nights accommodations at the Fairmont Empress (shown above) or similar, with breakfast each morning
- Admission to Butchart Gardens
- A guided panoramic city tour
- Gratuities to local guide
- Private group airport transfer for guests departing at the suggested times
**Grand Canadian Passage**

**OCTOBER 10-16, 2019**

Victoria Post-Tour: October 16-18, 2019

- **Option 1:** Reserve online now at williams.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.
- **Option 2:** Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

**GUEST INFORMATION:**

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________

Email: ____________________________________________ Class Year: _____________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________________________ City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: ______________

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________

Email: ____________________________________________ Class Year: _____________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Alt. Phone: ___________________________

Category Preference: 1st choice ____________________________________________

2nd choice ____________________________________________

**DEPOSIT:**

# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) +

# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $__________

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:**

- [ ] Check Enclosed
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- [ ] American Express
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Williams Study Leader: 
Geosciences Professor David Dethier

Accompanying this travel-study is David Dethier, the Edward Brust Professor of Geology and Mineralogy, Ementus. David is a geologist with expertise in weathering, soils and related surface processes and the impacts of geologic processes on human activities. He worked as a project geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey in Seattle, Washington, and as a staff member at Los Alamos National Laboratory before coming to Williams College in 1982. He has studied rivers, glaciers, volcanoes and erosion with his students in the western United States and New England for the past 35 years. David received his A.B. in Earth Sciences from Dartmouth College in 1972 and his Ph.D. in Geological Sciences from the University of Washington in 1977.