

WESTERN CANADA TOUR

HARDING ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

WESTBOUND: May 31-June 7, 2025 EASTBOUND: June 7-14, 2025

WESTBOUND ITINERARY

SATURDAY, MAY 31: Arrive in Calgary, Alberta. Join your fellow travelers for dinner and a welcome program at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Calgary. Get ready to explore western Canada together! (D)*

SUNDAY, JUNE 1: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel at your leisure and then meet your fellow travelers for worship together at the hotel. After worship service, stroll through the nearby Olympic Plaza, site of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, on your way to lunch inside the Calgary Tower. Panoramic views of

beautiful downtown Calgary await in this revolving restaurant. After lunch, relax during a private tour of the city of Calgary before enjoying dinner and the evening on your own. (B,L)





MONDAY, JUNE 2: After breakfast at the hotel, pack your bags to depart for the breathtaking Moraine Lake and Lake Louise. These stunning, glacier-fed lakes are the gems of Alberta. Enjoy lunch at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before departing for the beautiful mountain town of Banff. After check-in at the Elk + Avenue Hotel, enjoy a stroll downtown and dinner on your own, and then sleep well in the crisp mountain air. (B,L)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3: Today is yours to enjoy Banff National Park and it's many unique sites and activities. After breakfast at the hotel, use the local transportation system to explore. Suggested activities and ROAM bus routes will be provided. Banff is a very walkable town and beauty awaits around each corner. Spend one more night in the fresh mountain air before our train adventure begins. (B)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4: Our Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf train experience begins! We will be picked up at the hotel and taken to the train station to board our 2-level, glass domed train car for the trip of a lifetime. Each guest has an assigned seat on the top level and meals are served on the bottom level (an elevator is available). Enjoy breakfast on the train as we depart from Banff, headed towards Kamloops, British Columbia, our home for the night. Five-star meals and unlimited snacks and drinks, knowledgeable hosts, comfortable and adjustable seats and the fellowship of your co-travelers will make this an unforgettable day. Route highlights in-

clude the Continental Divide, the Spiral Tunnels, Kicking Horse Canyon, Rogers Pass and Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven. Lunch is also enjoyed on the train and a coach will meet us in Kamloops where we will be taken to our hotel for the night. Your luggage will be waiting in your room and dinner is on your own in quaint Kamloops. (B,L)

THURSDAY, JUNE 5: A coach will pick us up at the hotel and take us back to the train where breakfast awaits. The snow-capped mountains and crystalline water of the many lakes and rivers we pass will delight your senses and our hosts will answer any questions you have about our scenery on our second day aboard Rocky Mountaineer. Enjoy time outside on the covered, open-air observation deck and soak in the landscape of the Canadian Rockies. Highlights of today in-



clude steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River and the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in Fraser Canyon. Lunch will be served midday and our train will arrive in Vancouver in the evening where a coach will take us to the charming Blue Horizon Hotel, our home for the remainder of the trip. Dinner will be enjoyed on your own at the hotel or in one of the nearby restaurants. (B,L)

FRIDAY, JUNE 6: Vancouver is ours to explore today after enjoying breakfast at the hotel. A coach will pick us up for a tour of the city, viewing iconic spots including Gastown, Stanley Park and Granville Island. You'll enjoy these quirky local sites, surrounded by the beauty of



this stunning coastal city. Lunch is on your own, along with the afternoon to explore and finish up shopping for souvenirs. Join your fellow travelers for a final dinner together at the hotel and the chance to share in worship and reflection on this once-in-a-lifetime trip. (B,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7: Breakfast will be at your leisure as you pack up and depart for home, renewed and refreshed by the beauty of western Canada and the fellowship of your Christian brothers and sisters. (B)

EASTBOUND ITINERARY

SATURDAY, JUNE 7: This tour begins on the west coast of Canada, and offers the same activities, hotels and train experience as the westbound itinerary. You'll start your tour in downtown Vancouver at the Blue Horizon Hotel and join your fellow travelers for dinner and a welcome program, and then settle in for the adventure of a lifetime. (D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 8: Our day begins with breakfast and worship at the hotel. Afterwards, a coach will pick us up for a tour of the city, viewing iconic spots including Gastown, Stanley Park and Granville Island. You'll enjoy these quirky local sites, surrounded by the beauty of this stunning coastal city. Dinner and the evening will be on your own as we prepare to board the Rocky Mountaineer train in the morning. (B)

MONDAY, JUNE 9: Our Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf train experience begins! We will be picked up at the hotel and taken to the train station to board our 2-level, glass domed train car for the trip of a lifetime. Each guest has an assigned seat on the top level and meals are served on the bottom level (an elevator is available). Enjoy breakfast on the train as we depart from Vancouver, headed towards Kamloops, British Columbia, our home for the night. Five-star meals and unlimited snacks and drinks, knowledgeable hosts, comfortable and adjustable seats and the fellowship of your co-travelers will make this an unforgettable day. Highlights of today include steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River and the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in Fraser Canyon. Lunch is also enjoyed on the train and a coach will meet us in Kamloops where we will be taken to our hotel for the night. Your luggage will be waiting in your room and dinner is on your own in quaint Kamloops. (B,L)

TUESDAY, JUNE 10: A coach will pick us up at the hotel and take us back to the train where breakfast awaits. The snow-capped mountains and crystalline water of the many lakes and rivers we pass will delight your senses and our hosts will answer any questions you have about our scenery on our second day aboard Rocky Mountaineer. Enjoy time outside on the covered, open-air observation deck and soak in the landscape of the Canadian Rockies. Highlights of today include the Continental Divide, the Spiral Tunnels, Kicking Horse Canyon, Rogers Pass and Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven. Lunch is also enjoyed on the train and a coach will meet us in Banff to take us to the Elk + Avenue Hotel. After check-in, enjoy dinner on your own, and then sleep well in the crisp mountain air. (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11: Today is yours to enjoy Banff National Park and it's many unique sites and activities. After breakfast at the hotel, use the local transportation system to explore. Suggested activities and ROAM bus routes will be provided. Banff is a very walkable town and beauty awaits around each corner. (B)

THURSDAY, JUNE 12: After breakfast at the hotel, pack your bags to depart for the breathtaking Moraine Lake and Lake Louise. These stunning, glacier-fed lakes are the gems of Alberta. Enjoy lunch at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a UNESCO World Heritage Site,

before departing for Calgary, Alberta, our final stop on this adventure. After check in at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Calgary enjoy dinner on your own at the hotel or one of the nearby restaurants. (B,L)

FRIDAY, JUNE 13: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel at your leisure and then meet your fellow travelers for a private tour of the city of Calgary. A special lunch inside the Calgary Tower will provide stunning, panoramic views of beautiful downtown Calgary in a revolving restaurant. The afternoon is free to stroll through the nearby Olympic Plaza, site of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games, and finish up shopping for souvenirs. Join your fellow travelers for a final dinner together at the hotel and the chance to share in worship and reflection on this once-in-a-lifetime trip. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14: Breakfast will be at your leisure as you pack up and depart for home, renewed and refreshed by the beauty of western Canada and the fellowship of your Christian brothers and sisters. (B)

*Meals included with the tour fare are shown in parenthesis (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner).



Reservation Form

Preferred itinerary (based on availability):

____WESTBOUND: May 31-June 7, 2025

___EASTBOUND: June 7-14, 2025

Name	
	Single Room?
Mailing Address	
City, State & Zip	
Email	Cell
Bed preference (circle) KING	2 QUEENS (Bed preferences not guaranteed.)
Special Dietary Needs? Please list	
Emergency Contact	Phone Number
Deposit Amount (\$1,000 per person):	\$ received (date)
Payment Method:	BALANCE DUE by 3-1-25: \$

Tour Fare *Same for both itineraries.

Double occupancy - \$4,950/per person

Single occupancy - \$5,900/per person

Call to make your reservation: 501-279-4055.



Tour Terms and Conditions

INCLUDED: The tour fare includes 7 nights accommodation, 2 meals per day, all entrance and activity fees for scheduled tours, luxury coach travel from Calgary to Banff/Banff to Calgary (equipped with restroom, wifi and bottled water), guided tours and GoldLeaf Rocky Mountaineer train experience ("First Passage to the West"). Worship and communion service will be offered on Sunday morning at the hotel.

TRANSPORTATION FOR TOUR START/END: Individuals are to make their own flight or driving arrangements to tour start and end locations. (Calgary, Alberta airport code: YYC; Vancouver, British Columbia airport code: YVR). Once your flight reservation is made, please forward a copy of the itinerary to AbundantLiving@harding.edu. Airport transfers are on your own.

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required for travel to Canada and should be valid for six months after the trip ends. Passport cards are not valid for air travel to Canada. Full legal name for each guest must be given at time of reservation, as stated on your passport.

MOBILITY CONCERNS: Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate wheelchairs on this tour. Participants must be able to step in and out of kneeling coach (3-4 steps) and board the train (7 steps with handrail). The rail car has an elevator to the second floor seating area and all hotels are equipped with elevators. Longest required walking distance is approx. 1,000m.

MENUS: At least two options will be available at each meal. Menu selections for some of the catered meals will be requested prior to departure. If you have special dietary needs, please communicate those at time of reservation. At "on-your-own" meal-times, participants will be provided with a variety of nearby dining options. All hotels have on-site restaurant.

PAYMENT: The tour fare is \$4,950 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy reservation fare is \$5,900 per person. A deposit of \$1,000 per person is due at time of reservation. The final payment is due March 1, 2025. We can accept credit cards by phone - 501-279-4055 - and checks (made out to Harding University) mailed to: Harding University, 915 E. Market Ave., Box 12238, Searcy, AR 72149.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be received by email at AbundantLiving@harding.edu or by phone at 501-279-4055. The following cancellation charges will be assessed for all cancellations:

Cancellation by December 1, 2024: full refund.

Cancellation between December 1, 2024 - March 1, 2025: full refund less a fee of \$500 per person.

Cancellation after March 1, 2025: no refund - your fare can be transferred to another person until April 15, 2025. After April 15, tour fare transfer is unavailable.

LIMITATIONS: It is possible that the daily itinerary may be adjusted because of unforeseen circumstances such as weather. All efforts will be made to stick to the advertised itinerary. Space is limited. Travel insurance is not provided but is recommended.

To reserve your seat, call 501-279-4055.