



WESTERN CANADA TOUR

HARDING ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

May 31-June 7, 2025

SATURDAY, MAY 31: Arrive in Calgary, Alberta. Join your fellow travelers for dinner and a welcome program at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Calgary. Spend the night in comfort, ready to explore western Canada together.



SUNDAY, JUNE 1: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel at your leisure and then meet your fellow travelers for worship together at the hotel. Following 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 coach tour of the city of Calgary before enjoying dinner and the evening on your own.



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 on majestic Banff Avenue, enjoy a stroll downtown and dinner on your own, and then sleep well in the clean mountain air.

activities and ROAM bus routes will be provided. Banff is a very walkable town and beauty awaits around each corner. Local shops and restaurants abound as well as nature and history. Spend one more night in the fresh mountain air before our train adventure begins.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4: Our Rocky Mountaineer Gold-Leaf train experience begins! We will be picked up at the hotel and taken to the station where we will 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, unmatched scenery and the fellowship of your co-travelers will make this an unforgettable day. Route highlights 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 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 one of the nearby restaurants in quaint Kamloops.



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 include 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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6: Vancouver is ours to explore today after enjoying breakfast at the hotel. A private coach will pick us up and take us around 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.



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.



Western Canada by Road and Rail
May 31-June 7, 2025

Reservation Form

Name _____

Travel Partner Name _____ Single Room? _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Email _____

Cell Phone _____ Text? (circle) **YES NO**

Bed preference (circle) **KING 2 QUEENS** (Bed preferences not guaranteed.)

Special Dietary Needs? Please list _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Deposit Amount (\$1,000 per person): \$_____ received (date) _____

Payment Method: _____ **BALANCE DUE by 3-1-25: \$** _____

Tour Fare

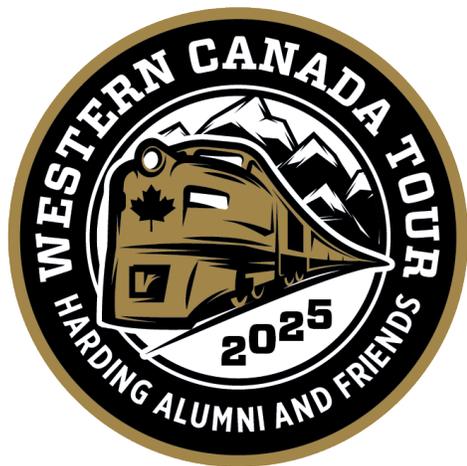
Double occupancy - \$4,950/per person
Single occupancy - \$5,900/per person

***Tour begins in Calgary, AB (airport code: YYC) and ends in Vancouver, BC (airport code YVR). Airfare not included in fare.**

SEND COMPLETED FORM WITH DEPOSIT TO:

Harding University
915 E. Market Ave., #12238
Searcy, AR 72149

(Write check to Harding University.
Call 501-279-4055 to pay by credit card.)



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 (equipped with restroom, wifi and bottled water), guided tours and GoldLeaf Rocky Mountaineer train experience ("First Passage to the West" from Banff to Vancouver). 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 Calgary, Alberta (airport code: YYC) and home from Vancouver, British Columbia (airport code: YVR). The tour begins at the

Hilton Garden Inn Calgary Downtown (711 4th St. SE, Calgary) with welcome banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2025 and ends with hotel departure by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2025. 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. This tour is limited to 48 passengers.

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