



Rocky Mountaineer

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You Can Now Combine a Trip on the Rocky Mountaineer Train With an Alaskan Cruise

The luxury glass-domed train is teaming up with American Queen Voyages for an unforgettable trip through Canada and Alaska, at a package rate.

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This summer, travelers heading to **Canada** and Alaska will be able to combine two iconic ways of experiencing the region—an expedition cruise and a train journey—into one unforgettable itinerary.

For the inaugural season of its new **expedition ship**, *Ocean Victory*, American Queen Voyages is teaming up with luxury train company Rocky Mountaineer for travel packages that include trips aboard the **glass-domed train cars** before or after the cruise line's Alaskan voyages. The rail add-on is available on six of American Queen's Vancouver-to-Sitka sailings, beginning May 2 and running through September 10.

As part of the combined itinerary, dubbed the “Landscapes & Luxury Rocky Mountaineer City Stay Package,” travelers can book a six-day pre-cruise or a five-day post-cruise journey that will wind its way through the Canadian Rockies between Calgary and **Vancouver**. The travel package add-ons include two days aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train with top-tier GoldLeaf service, which includes perks like an outdoor viewing platform, signature cocktails, and onboard guides to point out scenery and wildlife.

“Rocky Mountaineer journeys are the perfect complement to an Alaska cruise, offering guests views of breathtaking scenery while enjoying delicious cuisine, friendly service, interesting storytelling and the social atmosphere from our luxury glass-dome trains,” Jonathan Hope, the train's managing director of sales, said in a statement.

Also included are two hotel nights in Banff, Kamloops, and two nights in **Vancouver**—including tours around the city—and a National Parks pass. Logistics such as luggage handling, as well as airport and hotel transfers, are also covered.

As for the cruise portion of the itinerary, travelers can choose from 12- or 13-day voyages through Alaska's Inside Passage. Among some of the sailing's highlights are Fiordland, Misty Fjords National Monument, Frederick Sound, as well as the Endicott and Le Conte glaciers. According to the cruise line, *Ocean Victory* is small enough to access ports of call that larger ships cannot, like Baranof Island's eastern coast.

The brand new ship holds just 186 guests and features amenities like sliding observation platforms for viewing wildlife, as well as **kayaks** and Zodiac boats that can be deployed with expedition guides. Consider the train add-on, which costs \$3,799 per person, your ticket to getting up close to the majestic Alaskan and Canadian wilderness in an unprecedented way.