



Fellow District 6450 Rotarians,

Rotary offers so many avenues to engage on the local and global stage. Our community projects and our international grants truly help make a difference in our world. Another amazing opportunity our organization provides to all Rotarians is a chance to meet members from more than 100 countries at an International convention. In 2025, the International Convention returns to North America. **Calgary will host the annual event from June 21 – 25, 2025.** The Calgary convention is unique in that it is both close to home AND international – in an amazing natural setting near the Canadian Rockies.

**We strongly encourage all Rotarians to consider registering!**

The Calgary convention will offer a challenge, though: The number of hotel rooms are limited in the downtown area. As of mid-July, there are still hotel rooms available, both for individual bookings and as part of a District 6440/6450 room block. But the hotel situation is fluid. **Before you register, we encourage you to reach out to District 6450 Convention Promotion Chair Barry McKeown to find the best hotel situation for you.**

- Barry can be reached at [barrymckeown97@att.com](mailto:barrymckeown97@att.com)
- The convention registration site is [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org)

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Currently available hotels in Calgary Downtown

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Optional pre- and post-convention tour opportunities through the Canadian Rockies if you want to enhance your stay with a journey on the iconic Rocky Mountaineer Gold Leaf train between Vancouver and Banff/Lake Louise, or vice versa.

We do hope many of you choose to join us in Calgary!

Rachel Ossyra, DG 2024-25



## Hotel Status in Calgary (as of mid-July 2024)

### Group Block

- Fairmont Palisser – We still have some rooms remaining in a room block for District 6440/6450 – first come, first served.

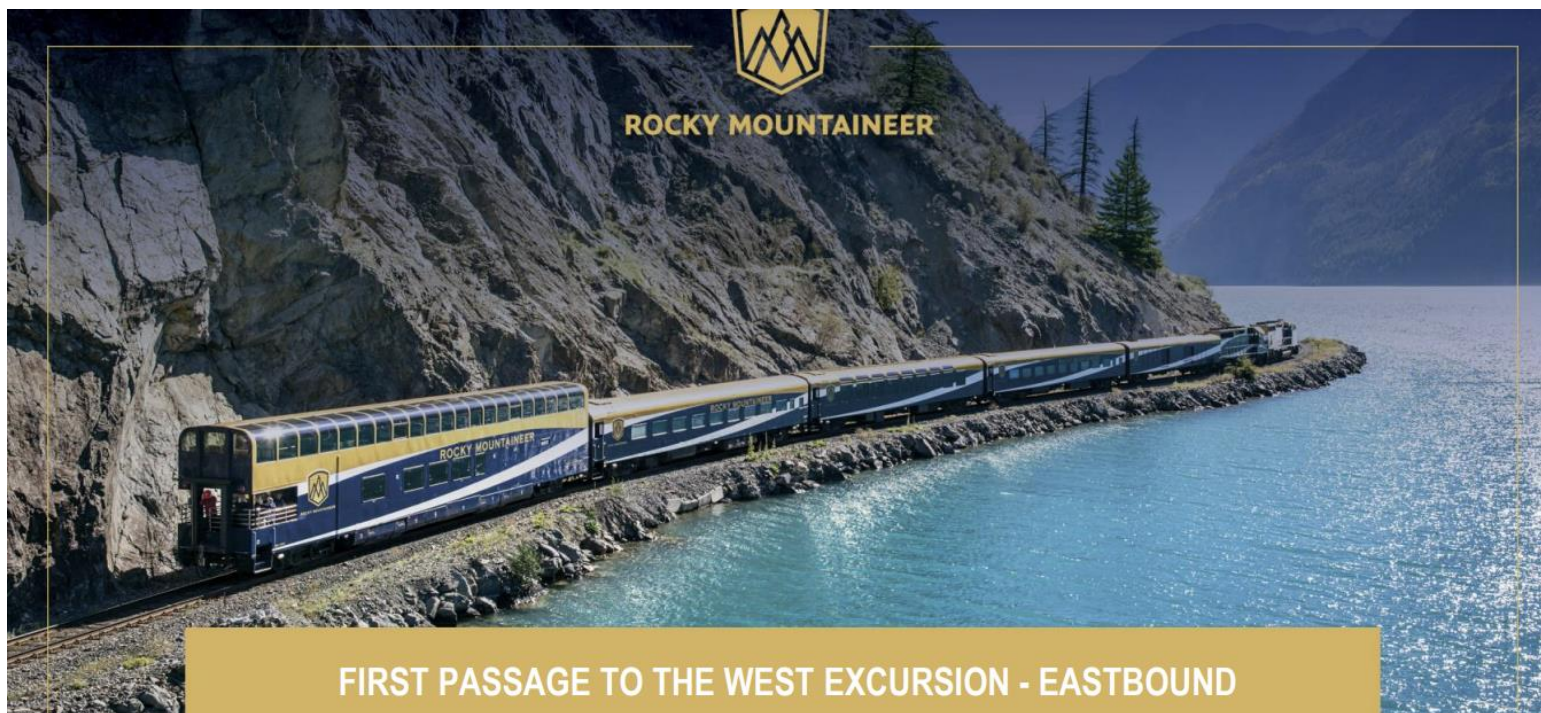
This is one of the four closest hotels to the convention center, making it a prime location for Rotarians to stay.

The hotel is around a 15 minute walk or 5 minute taxi from the BMO Centre; and a little further to the Stampede Park where plenary sessions will be located.

- Rooms can be requested with one King/Queen or two Doubles
- The nightly rate is CAD414.28 . . . roughly equivalent to USD305 per night (single or double occupancy) based on current exchange rates. This rate is inclusive of tax. It includes discounted breakfast, but not free breakfast.
- RI and their group contractor Maritz requires that we pay TWO nights in advance for all rooms, with the balance being paid to the hotel in June 2025. Just to hedge a bit on exchange and to cover wire transfer fees charged by Maritz, we will collect USD620 per room as a deposit.
- The deposit is refundable if you cancel before 10/15/24. The deposit is non-refundable, but replaceable from 10/16/24 to 3/10/25 (meaning if we find a replacement for you, we can refund your money). The deposit is non-refundable/non-replaceable beginning 3/11/2025.

Also in downtown Calgary and available for booking as individual reservations via the Rotary convention website, as of mid-July: USD295 to USD330 per night: Hotel Arts, Westley Downtown, Westin Downtown. There are other less expensive hotels (as low as USD135 per night) near the airport, which is only 20 minutes from downtown. Rotary may provide shuttle services from airport hotel. Note that hotel deposits and cancellation penalties are much more liberal than those of the group block.





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## FIRST PASSAGE TO THE WEST EXCURSION - EASTBOUND VANCOUVER – KAMLOOPS – BANFF – CALGARY

**Rotary Pre-Convention - Districts 6440/6450, June 14-19, 2025**



### INCLUSIONS

- 2 days onboard Rocky Mountaineer in Golf Leaf Service
- Five nights' hotel accommodation
- Gourmet meals and unlimited beverages onboard Rocky Mountaineer
- National Parks Pass
- Sightseeing tours of Vancouver & Banff/Lake Louise regions
- Banff Gondola
- All tours and transfers specified in the
- Luggage handling / portage at the hotels and train stations
- Prepaid gratuities for on board host on train

### EXCLUSIONS

- Airfare
- Calgary Hotel
- Travel insurance
- Other meals/gratuities not mentioned in the itinerary

### Preliminary Pricing:

DATES	DOUBLE	SINGLE
6/14 to 6/19/2025	\$4845 pp	\$5926 pp

*\*Pricing is per person including tax.*

*Terms & conditions apply.*

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## ITINERARY 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

### DAY 1 VANCOUVER SHERATON WALL CENTRE

Arrive in Vancouver and spend the remainder of the day exploring on your own. The sparkling gem in Canada's crown, Vancouver is a stop on every Rocky Mountaineer Canadian route. With a backdrop of snow-capped mountains and glistening ocean waters, Vancouver offers it all.

### DAY 2 VANCOUVER SHERATON WALL CENTRE

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vancouver and the spectacular North Shore with breathtaking views of the city, ocean, and surrounding mountains. Explore Chinatown, Gastown, and Granville Island in the city. Visit the Capilano Suspension Bridge and Grouse Mountain north of downtown. (B)

### DAY 3 VANCOUVER TO KAMLOOPS GOLD LEAF. KAMLOOPS HOTEL TBD

Travel onboard Rocky Mountaineer to Kamloops. You will see dramatic changes in scenery, from the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley, through forests and winding river canyons surrounded by the peaks of the Coast and Cascade Mountains, to the desert-like environment of the BC Interior. Highlights include the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon and the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River. Breakfast & lunch included onboard. (B, L)

#### RAIL ROUTE MAP



### DAY 4 KAMLOOPS TO BANFF GOLD LEAF, BANFF PTARMIGAN INN

Travel onboard Rocky Mountaineer from Kamloops to the mountain town of Banff. Enjoy the spectacular array of scenery as you travel between the glacier and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies, over mountain passes and through remarkable tunnels. Today's 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. Breakfast & lunch included onboard. (B, L)

### DAY 5 BANFF BANFF PTARMIGAN INN

Enjoy a full day sightseeing tour and learn about the natural forces that have shaped the appearance of the lakes and streams found in this area of the Rocky Mountains. Highlights include Lake Louise, Yoho National Park, the Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake, Natural Bridge, and Takakkaw Falls. Lunch at Emerald Lake Lodge is included. (B, L)

### DAY 6 BANFF TO CALGARY

Enjoy a motorcoach tour exploring the many places of interest around Banff, including Banff Gondola, Bow Falls, Surprise Corner, and the Hoodoos. Your tour concludes with an afternoon transfer to Calgary and the start of your Rotary Convention accommodations.

## Rotary Post-Convention - June 25-28

**Already been to Vancouver and Banff but always wanted to experience Rocky Mountaineer's Gold Leaf service? Consider our Post-Convention Westbound "Rail Only" program.**

**Gold Leaf departs Banff early morning 6/26 and arrives Vancouver late on 6/27.**

**Price is \$3100 per person, single or double occupancy. Price does not include transfer to Banff on 6/25, hotel in Banff on 6/25, or hotel in Vancouver on 6/27.**

**Deposit:** Due within one week of reserving your spot.

Pre-convention: \$1000 per person double occupancy, \$1200 per person single occupancy.

Post-convention: \$1000 per person double or single occupancy.

Final Payment: Due 3/1/2025

#### Penalties:

Prior to 11/1 – No penalty. From 11/1 to 3/10 – Deposit forfeited. From 3/11 to 4/10 – 50% penalty. After 4/10 – 100% penalty

**Travel insurance strongly recommended**