

ROLLING THROUGH A WINTER WONDERLAND

~ Families enjoy eye-dazzling beauty on a Canadian Winter Rail Adventure ~

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA (October 16, 2006) – Nothing says the holidays more than quality time with family and friends. This holiday season, Rocky Mountaineer Vacations invites guests and their loved ones to make new memories in “The Land of a Million Christmas Trees”® on a Rocky Mountaineer winter rail adventure. Onboard, travellers are pampered by Rocky Mountaineer’s Onboard Attendants, while enjoying a cup of hot cocoa, holiday entertainment, delicious regional cuisine and front seat views of the sparkling winter scenery from Vancouver, British Columbia to Banff, Alberta.

The perfect family fun winter rail adventure is the six-night/seven-day *Winter Wonderland* package. From the moment guests check in at the festively decorated Rocky Mountaineer Station in Vancouver, they will embrace the holiday spirit. The Christmas themed two-day Rocky Mountaineer train journey travels through the snow-covered Canadian Rockies to the outdoor playground of Banff, Alberta. Guests can create their very own wonderland adventure by selecting from a variety of Canadian winter activities which include skating, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, dogsledding, ice walks and world-class skiing. The package includes two days onboard the Rocky Mountaineer, six nights accommodation, select meals, a Banff Tour including admission to the Whyte Museum, transfers and admission to the Vancouver Lookout and Calgary Tower. Visitors can choose to travel in either GoldLeaf or RedLeaf Service. The journey starts in Vancouver, December 18 and 26 and in Calgary, December 17 and 25. Prices begin at CDN \$1249 per adult (based on double occupancy) and CDN \$419 per child.

For children, the winter wonderland adventure brings with it the magic of Christmas. Kids can ride aboard the dedicated specialty coach featuring a children’s entertainer who leads the group in song, decoration making, and games during the train trip. And of course, as any child would attest, the holiday season would not be complete without a visit from Santa. Jolly ol’ St. Nick joins in on the fun to deliver gifts for all when the train meets his broken down sleigh mid-route. For adults, there is the opportunity to rekindle some romance or join in the festivities in the newly renovated specialty coach featuring dancing, live jazz music and a bar, which serves such enticing holiday beverages as mulled wine and spiced eggnog.

While enjoying views of the glacier-capped mountains and icy lakes, guests in the two-storey glass dome coaches of GoldLeaf Service, dine on freshly prepared a la carte Western Canadian regional cuisine as well as seasonal dishes, which includes traditional Christmas turkey with all the trimmings. There is also a children’s menu, featuring such dishes as Grizzly Bear’s Homestyle Pancakes, Choo! Choo! Chicken and Spiral Tunnels Pasta.

For additional information or to book a Rocky Mountaineer vacation, contact your local travel professional or Rocky Mountaineer Vacations directly at (800) 665-7245. You may also visit the website at www.WinterRailVacations.com.

Rocky Mountaineer Vacations offers year-round vacation packages to the most unique regions of Canada and four spectacular rail routes through British Columbia and Alberta. Best known for the world-acclaimed Rocky Mountaineer train, a two-day, all daylight rail journey between Canada’s West and the Canadian Rockies, the company also offers trips onboard the new Whistler Mountaineer train, which is a daily three-hour experience between North Vancouver and Whistler, B.C. Since its inception in 1990, the company has grown to become the largest privately owned passenger rail service in North America and has

hosted over 900,000 guests from around the world. In 2005 and 2006, RMV was honoured with a World Travel Award as, "World's Leading Travel Experience by Train." Rocky Mountaineer Vacations, one of Canada's leading tourism providers, is a proud partner of Gray Line West motorcoach operations in Banff, AB and Vancouver, Whistler and Victoria, B.C.

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