



**ROCKY MOUNTAINEER®**

All aboard amazing



## Happy Birthday Canada – 2017

The history of Canada is intertwined with the history of its railway. The construction of the transcontinental Canadian Pacific Railway opened up settlement in the west, and in 1885, the country was united from east to west when the last spike was driven into the ground to complete the railway at Craigellachie, British Columbia. July 1, 2017 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's Confederation.

Rocky Mountaineer is a Canadian owned and operated train that passes over the last spike as it introduces travellers from around the globe to a piece of Canadian history. Since 1990, Rocky Mountaineer has welcomed more than 1.7 million guests to Western Canada and the Canadian Rockies for a first-hand look at the vast and untouched wild beauty of the region. While travelling between Vancouver, British Columbia, and Jasper, Banff and Lake Louise in Alberta, Rocky Mountaineer celebrates Canada's history by sharing stories of the passing region.

There has never been a better time to travel to Canada and experience the various events and excitement surrounding this monumental anniversary. Guests can discover activities taking place in Canada's national parks, heritage spaces and explore the country's history in 2017. Whether its exploring national museums and historic places, or enjoying the great outdoors, there is something waiting for everyone in this vast country. Find out more at [Canada150.gc.ca](http://Canada150.gc.ca).

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### Facts about Canada

- Canada became a country on July 1, 1867, when the British North America Act was passed by the British Parliament.
- While ice hockey is Canada's most prevalent sport, lacrosse is the country's official sport.
- Canada contains 9% of the world's renewable water supply, including many of the freshwater rivers Rocky Mountaineer passes by.
- A black bear cub from Canada named Winnipeg, or Winnie for short, was a popular attraction at the London Zoo in 1915 and later inspired the story of Winnie-the-Pooh. Guests are often enchanted by a fleeting bear sighting as Rocky Mountaineer curves through the Rockies.
- At 9,970,610 square-kilometres (3,855,105 square-miles), Canada is the second largest country in the world.
- Mount Robson is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies and can be seen from Rocky Mountaineer as it nears Jasper, AB.
- Canadians often finish a sentence with the word 'eh.' The origin of the phrase is unknown, but many Hosts onboard Rocky Mountaineer can't stop themselves from saying this Canadianism.
- Canada is home to 42 national parks, which will have complimentary admission during 2017 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including Jasper National Park and Banff National Park, where the train visits throughout its journeys.