

Rocky Mountaineer Packing List

Canadian Rockies · Spring Travel (mid-April – June)

Spring in the Canadian Rockies is beautiful and still very much waking up from winter. Early in the season you can meet snow at elevation, mud on the trails, and cold mornings, with the days warming as June arrives. Rocky Mountaineer is daytime train travel with a hotel every night, so you are dressing for chilly starts, changeable weather, and comfortable exploring in Vancouver, Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper.

LAYERS & CLOTHING

- ☐ Warm base layers, long sleeve
- ☐ A fleece or heavier sweater
- ☐ Waterproof, insulated jacket for cold days
- ☐ A warm hat, gloves, and a scarf, especially for April and May
- ☐ Comfortable pants and one warmer pair
- ☐ Smart-casual outfit for GoldLeaf dining (no formalwear needed)
- ☐ Merino socks, sleepwear, and enough underwear

FOOTWEAR

- ☐ Waterproof walking shoes with good grip
- ☐ A second comfortable pair
- ☐ Light waterproof hikers if you plan to walk trails

WEATHER & SUN

- ☐ Sunglasses (spring snow glare is real)
- ☐ Sunscreen and lip balm
- ☐ Compact umbrella and a light rain shell
- ☐ Refillable water bottle

DAY BAG & ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Small daypack for excursions
- ☐ Camera or phone with storage, plus charger
- ☐ Binoculars for wildlife
- ☐ Passport, valid well past your travel dates (this is Canada)
- ☐ Medications in your carry-on, original bottles
- ☐ No-foreign-fee credit card and a little Canadian cash
- ☐ Your bound itinerary (I hand you one); outlets match the US

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Spring can swing from near freezing at dawn to pleasant afternoons, and early-season snow at elevation is common. Expect wet, muddy conditions on some trails and pack for cold mornings even in June. Layers you can add and shed are everything.

Planning a spring Rockies trip? Let's find your dates.

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Start Planning