World without bounds

There’s no shortage of A-list attractions to recommend to Canada-bound clients. Stuart Forster suggests 10 for every must-do list.
TOP TEN BUCKET LIST

All the options mentioned are Canadian Signature Experiences – curated holiday experiences offered by Canadians and guaranteed for their quality. To find out more see canada.travel on the Destination Canada website.

SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS
DANCE IN THE SKY
Nightfall doesn’t necessarily mean the end to a day’s adventures. Low light pollution and high latitude make northern Canada one of the world’s premier destinations for viewing the Aurora Borealis. Walled tents inspired by gold prospectors’ shelters provide a cozy base at the Northern Lights Trading Post, 20 minutes’ drive from Whitehorse, the Yukon’s capital. travelyukon.com; whitehorse.ca; northerntales.ca

RIDE THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER
This luxury train sweeps through seven mountain ranges, including the Canadian Rockies, covering four separate routes (Seattle to the Rockies via Vancouver; Vancouver to Jasper via Whistler and Quesnel; Vancouver to Jasper via Kamloops; and Vancouver to Banff via Kamloops and Lake Louise). GoldLeaf Service means access to double-decker cars with dome windows – ideal for panoramas of the Fraser Canyon and Pyramid Falls – plus gourmet cuisine crafted from regional ingredients by onboard chefs. Trains stop each evening, with guests sleeping in top-quality hotels en route. The journey can be combined with cruises, extended stays in any of the start/finish destinations and a selection of excursions from city tours, to whale watching, helicopter rides and kayaking. rockymountaineer.com

WHALE WATCHING
The Atlantic coastline is the place to head if you want guaranteed encounters with whales – 20 different species migrate through Canadian territorial waters, bringing opportunities to see them rolling and breaching. During summertime, humpback, fin and minke whales are frequently spotted in the Bay of Fundy. Whale watching tours on sizable vessels and inflatable Zoalis depart from harbours in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Head out on a larger boat and you may find yourself alongside scientists conducting research into these impressive beasts. For a wilder, wind-in-the-hair experience, don waterproofs for a Zodiac ride and get up close enough to smell the whales’ fishy breath. Either way, you’re likely to enjoy dolphin and seal sightings along the way. Peak season is late June to mid-September. novascotia.com; tourismnewburwswick.ca; oceaneaexporations.ca

ICEBERG VIEWING
Each springtime floating mountains of ice, some the size of Manhattan, drift south from Greenland along ‘Iceberg Alley’, the stretch of Atlantic off Newfoundland and Labrador’s coast. They can be viewed from Cabot Tower, overlooking St John’s, and the clifftop by the lighthouse at Cape Spear. Boat tours offer opportunities to get even closer and typically include the opportunity to get up close to wildlife such as whales and brightly-coloured Atlantic puffins. newfoundlandandlabrador.com; icebergquest.com

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