



ROCKY MOUNTAINEER®

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER IS CHOSEN AS VIP GIFT FOR ACADEMY AWARD NOMINEES

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (February 15, 2012) – Some of Hollywood’s hottest stars could be spotted enjoying fine wine, delectable cuisine and extraordinary service while onboard the award-winning Rocky Mountaineer train during its upcoming 2012 season. The luxury rail service through the Canadian Rockies has been selected to be a part of Secret Room Events’ Red Carpet Style Lounge Nominee Gift Bags in honour of the 84th Annual Academy Awards.

Held on February 22, 2012 in Los Angeles, CA, this exclusive entertainment event has become a popular pre-Oscar gathering for celebrities. The coveted gift bag for Academy Award nominees offers select items from top global luxury brands that have been hand-picked by event organizers.

“We are delighted to be a part of this event,” says Hubert Wat, Vice President, Global Marketing. “We congratulate all of the nominees and look forward to welcoming them onboard Rocky Mountaineer’s GoldLeaf Service to experience some of the most stunning scenery in North America – if not the world.”

Rocky Mountaineer will provide attendees with a four-day, three-night Classic First Passage to the West Vacation for two adults from Vancouver, BC to Banff, AB in GoldLeaf Service. Onboard the Rocky Mountaineer, celebrities will enjoy luxurious surroundings in a bi-level, custom-designed dome coach with panoramic views of the Canadian Rockies, gourmet cuisine in a private dining car and personalized service by Rocky Mountaineer Hosts. Overnight stays at iconic hotels in Vancouver and Banff are included with this exclusive package.

This gift bag inclusion is the latest in Rocky Mountaineer’s dedicated commitment to the entertainment industry; from hosting celebrities onboard private coaches to serving as set of ABC-TV’s *The Bachelorette*, the internationally renowned rail journey offers a truly unique experience with luxury service and accommodations.

For more information on Rocky Mountaineer, please contact your preferred travel professional or visit rockymountaineer.com. For the latest news and offers, follow us on Twitter [@rmountaineer](https://twitter.com/rmountaineer) or become a fan on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RockyMountaineerTrain.

About Rocky Mountaineer

Rocky Mountaineer offers 45 Canadian vacation packages and four unique rail routes, rich in history and natural wonders through British Columbia and Alberta. This world renowned, luxurious train travels by daylight through the wild beauty of Canada's West and is the only way to experience the majestic Canadian Rockies, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Over the past 22 years, Rocky Mountaineer has grown to become the largest privately owned passenger rail service in North America and has welcomed more than one million guests onboard from around the world. In 2011, Rocky Mountaineer received its sixth World Travel Award as "World's Leading Travel Experience by Train." Rocky Mountaineer has also been recognized by *National Geographic* as one of the "World's Greatest Trips" and by the Society of American Travel Writers as "The Best Train Experience in the World."

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