

Glacier, Canadian Rockies & The Calgary Stampede Your Name Here July 6-14, 2024

Group Travel Masters

Tour Dates: July 6 - July 14, 2024



Day 1 – Arrive Calgary (7/6 Sat)

Our neighbors in **Canada** welcome you today. Your tour director will meet you at the Calgary Airport and direct you to the motorcoach. Enjoy a city tour of **Calgary** including the Historic Downtown area. Tonight, join the group for a **welcome dinner**.

Acclaim Hotel, Calgary, AB (D)



Day 2 – Waterton - Glacier (7/7 Sun)

Depart Calgary and travel south, along the east side of the Rockies. Arrive at **Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump interpretive Center**. One of the world's largest and oldest buffalo jumps, this site has been used by indigenous people for over 5,500 years and was designated as a World Heritage Site in 1981. A beautiful visitors center will introduce you to the ecology, mythology, lifestyle and technology of the Blackfoot people. Continue south to Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. Today you will visit **Waterton National Park** with its stunning peaks and placid waters including the Prince of Whales Hotel. Then cross the border into Montana and travel to **Many Glacier Hotel** in Glacier National Park for your overnight stay.

Many Glacier Hotel, Many Glacier, MT (B,L)



Day 3 – Glacier (7/8 Mon)

See and feel the grandeur that makes **Glacier National Park** "The Crown of the Continent." Board the sightseeing boat "Chief Two Guns" for a cruise on **Swiftcurrent Lake**, then take a short 300 yard walk over the hill to **Lake Josephine**. Here the "Morning Eagle" awaits your arrival for a cruise on this pristine lake. After a morning filled with stunning beauty, depart Many Glacier and travel south to St. Mary for lunch on own. This afternoon, board a historic Red Bus and sightsee Glacier National Park via the world famous "**Going to the Sun Highway**," amid magnificent snow capped peaks, gleaming lakes, and the virgin forests of the McDonald Valley. This 52-mile drive that crests the Continental Divide at Logan Pass is famous for its majestic mountains and deep valley floors. At the end of your Red Bus experience, stop at beautiful Lake McDonald Lodge located on the west side of Glacier National Park. Then board your motorcoach and travel to **Whitefish** and beautiful Grouse Mountain Lodge for overnight.

Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT (B,D)



Day 4 – Fort Steele – Radium Hot Springs (7/9 Tue)

Return north and cross back into Canada to begin your journey through the Canadian Rockies. Arrive at **Fort Steele Heritage Town**. Fort Steele is a restored 1890's pioneer boomtown, with over 60 heritage shops and display buildings with features that include living history street dramas, a steam railway, horse-drawn wagon rides, blacksmith, harness maker, and domestic interpretation. Late this afternoon arrive at **Radium Hot Springs** for an optional swim and then enjoy a relaxing stay in town.

BW Plus Prestige Inn, Radium Hot Springs, BC (B,D)



Day 5 – Columbia Ice Fields - Jasper (7/10 Wed)

Depart Radium Hot Springs and travel through **Kootenay National Park** on your way to Jasper. It's been described as "the most spectacular stretch of highway" in the entire Canadian National Park System - and that's saying something! You're sure to agree with the assessment as you travel the **Icefields Parkway**, a showcase of rushing streams and tumbling waterfalls spanning two of the world's most beautiful parks. Stop at the **Columbia Icefields** for today's biggest thrill, a ride on specially-constructed snowcoaches over the surface of the mighty Icefields. You will see crevasses and seracs and learn that glaciers are moving rivers of ice, thousands of years old. The scenery is a showcase of rushing streams and tumbling waterfalls spanning two of the world's most beautiful areas. This evening, arrive in Jasper for overnight.

Sawridge Hotel, Jasper, AB (B,D)



Day 6 – Jasper – Banff (7/11 Thu)

Enjoy a morning tour of **Jasper**, highlighted by Medicine Lake, Patricia Lake and the Maligne Canyon. Arrive **Maligne Lake** and experience a 90 minute cruise with an opportunity to photograph renowned Spirit Island. Then return south and travel to **Banff** for a 2 night stay and the rest of the day free to explore on your own.

Ptarmigan Inn, Banff, AB (B)



Day 7 – Lake Louise - Banff (7/12 Fri)

This morning you will continue sightseeing one of the most picturesque areas in Canada with a short drive to **Lake Louise**. Enjoy lunch in the **Chateau Lake Louise** dining room, offering a spectacular view

of the lake and Victoria Glacier. There will be time for you to stroll the grounds of the hotel before departing back to Banff. This afternoon begin your thrilling ascent of Banff's **Sulphur Mountain** via gondola. The view from the 7500 foot summit will be incredible as you view charming Banff below with mountainous panoramas spread out around you in all directions. The evening is free to explore and dine on your own in Banff.

Ptarmigan Inn, Banff, AB (B,L)



Day 8 – Heritage Park - Calgary Stampede (7/13 Sat)

After breakfast, take a short drive to Calgary and arrive at **Heritage Park Historical Village** for a morning of exploration. Heritage Park first opened its gates on July 1, 1964. Since opening its doors, the Park has grown into one of Calgary's premier tourist attractions and one of North America's largest and most successful living history museums. Throughout the year, guests have the opportunity to interact with nearly 100 years of history. Heritage Park's exhibits span the early 1860s fur trade to the petroleum and automobile-dominated 1950s. It is the Park's mission to preserve the history of the early West and to educate and entertain guests of all ages for many generations to come. You will have the opportunity to wander through the village, take a ride on a historic train, boat or wagon and interact with historical figures. After a fun morning, you are off to the **Calgary Stampede Grounds** for the afternoon where there will be many activities available. The Midway Fairground, the Indian Village and exhibits, the Casinos, but most famous are the Rodeo Events. The wildest, richest, most exciting rodeo anywhere in the world. See it all - bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, and more. You'll thrill to the "**World Championship Chuckwagon Races**", and evening **Grandstand Show**. The finale is a magnificent fireworks display.

Acclaim Hotel, Calgary, AB (B,D)

Day 9 – Home (7/14 Sun)

Transfer to the **Calgary Airport** and depart for home.

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Tour Includes

8 nights accommodations

Transportation on a full-size motorcoach

Services of a Western Leisure tour director

8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners

Entrance fees to attractions, National Parks and Monuments as mentioned in itinerary

Tips for included meals

Luggage handling (one suitcase per person)

******Hotels listed above have not been reserved, every effort will be made to block these hotels or similar hotels.***

Not Included

Call for Airfare estimate for 2024

Meals (other than mentioned in the itinerary)

Items of a personal nature (i.e., room service, telephone, liquor, etc.)

Customary gratuities for the tour director, driver, local guides and outfitters

Complimentary Trips

1 complimentary single trip for a tour escort has been included in the price.

Price Based on 30 Paying Passengers

\$3,679.00 Twin

Price Based on 25 Paying Passengers

\$3,859.00 Twin

Single: Add \$1059..00

Triple: Deduct \$249.00

PLEASE NOTE: The above prices are NET and non-commissionable.