



The Calgary Stampede and the Magnificent Canadian Rockies

Grandstand Show and Rodeo at the Stampede, Scenic Rafting in Jasper, Lake Minnewanka Cruise, Brewster Ice Explorer, Jasper Tram and More!
 July 7 - 14, 2019 8 Days/7 Nights

Join us and experience the excitement of the Calgary Stampede and the beauty of the Canadian Rockies!

The Calgary Stampede is not ordinary rodeo - it's 100 year old heritage strives to promote and preserve the western heritage of working cowboys - and yes, cowgirls. Thrill to the chuckwagon races and barrel racing along with the midway where you can try deep-fried Kool Aid! Seriously!! After your days at the Stampede, it's time to enjoy the magnificence of the Canadian Rockies! Travel to Banff and Jasper surrounded by mountains and of national parks. Ride a SkyTram with spectacular views of Jasper and marvel at the canyons as you raft down a river.

The beauty of Alberta is undeniable and you'll be right in the heart of it!
 As the locals say - Don't Forget to Breathe - it's that magnificent!

Itinerary

July 7, 2019 - Your Adventure Begins!

Today you depart for **Calgary and the Canadian Rockies!** On arrival at the airport, you'll be met and assisted with your transfer and hotel check in. Take some time to settle in, then it's off to the **Calgary Stampede!** Over 100 years old, this is "**The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth!**" This evening starts off with a blast and ends with a bang! That pounding of hooves and trembling of the ground can mean just one thing: the world's premier **chuckwagon** event has begun! 36 drivers and 216 horses race over the track competing in 9 heats of heart pounding excitement. When the last wagon thunders over the finish line, the **Grandstand Show** begins with song and dance, acrobatics and a spectacular fireworks finale!

Overnight: Calgary - Holiday Inn Express

July 8, 2019 - Calgary Stampede

Start your day with a **light city tour of Calgary**, home of the 1988 Winter Olympics. From Olympic Park to Calgary Tower, see the highlights of this city perched at the foothills of the rugged Rockies. Then, it's back to the **Stampede for the Rodeo!** Cowboys and yes, Cowgirls face off in a furious display of skill and grit. From **ladies barrel racing** to **steer wrestling** and **bull riding**, you'll be on the edge of your seats! And of course you'll have time to explore the midway with rides, food and shopping. Fresh squeezed lemonade and deep-fried bacon wrapped anything on a stick! It's part of the Stampede Experience! If you're looking for a great pair of boots and a hat, this is the place to get 'em. Return to the hotel late this afternoon for the rest of the day at leisure. Your hotel is wonderfully located, just blocks from **The Core** shopping center. With great restaurants and lots of luxury shopping, it's the perfect place to spend the evening.

Overnight: Calgary - Holiday Inn Express (B)

July 9, 2019 - Check in to Banff Hotel

After breakfast, board your private deluxe motor coach and travel to **Banff**, the garden spot of Alberta. **Lunch** today will be at the

magnificent **Banff Springs Hotel** where you will experience timeless beauty set amidst a pristine wilderness. Styled after a Scottish baronial castle, its unique blend of opulence and seclusion has been a symbol of Rocky Mountain magnificence for more than a century. After lunch, you will delight in a **sightseeing tour** of the area, including a view of the very popular **Bow River** where it thunders into Bow Falls. After enjoying your tour of the Banff area, you'll check into your hotel. With the spectacular Canadian Rockies as a backdrop, you'll enjoy your time in this charming mountain community! Dinner tonight will be in the hotel.

Overnight: Banff Caribou Lodge (B/L/D)

July 10, 2019 - Banff Hotel

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll set out for a visit to **Moraine Lake** (weather permitting) and **Lake Louise**. Moraine Lake is a crystal clear, blue-green lake located in a valley hemmed in by lofty mountain peaks and a hanging valley of larches beneath Mount Temple, the third highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies at 11,500 feet. It's little wonder that Moraine Lake rivals Lake Louise in scenic grandeur and fame. One look from the rock pile at the lake's edge and you're hooked! This is the scene engraved on the back of Canada's old \$20 bill and it will be emblazoned into your memory forever. Next, you're off to lovely Lake Louise the setting for **Chateau Lake Louise**. This splendid chalet is surrounded by glistening glaciers, remote ice fields, snow-capped peaks, and crystal clear lakes and you'll have time on your own to enjoy the views. Then, depart for a cruise on **Lake Minnewanka**, in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Your crew provides narration as you cruise through this rugged paradise rich in history, native folklore and geology. Today you also visit the birthplace of Canada's national parks, the **Cave and Basin Historic Site**. There are interactive displays and exhibits, and naturally occurring mineral springs inside the cave. Return to your hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Downtown Banff is a easy stroll from your hotel and is famous for its shopping, restaurants and **Cows** - not the mooing kind but purveyors of what is possibly the **best ice cream in Canada!**

Overnight: Banff Caribou Hotel (B)

July 11, 2019 - Banff to Jasper Sawridge Inn

After breakfast, board your motor coach heading for **Jasper**. As you drive along the **Icefields Parkway** you might see elk, moose, goat, sheep, bear or caribou so keep your camera handy. You stop along the way at the **Columbia Icefield**. Covering over 200 square miles it feeds several glaciers which are visible from the Parkway. This is a true "continental divide," as melted water feeds rivers that empty into the Arctic, Atlantic, and Pacific Oceans. You'll thrill to a ride on a **Brewster Ice Explorer** as you tour the icy slopes of **Athabasca Glacier** to the middle of the glacier, a 5 kilometer round trip journey. You have a chance to step out onto ice formed from snow falling as much as 400 years ago. Next, head to **Athabasca Falls**, the most breathtaking falls in the Rockies! Your adventure continues with a **scenic rafting trip** on the river a true Canadian outdoor experience and is one that you won't forget! Sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery on the trip that folks from 6 to 90 thrill to! After, transfer to your hotel in Jasper. After check-in and some time to settle in, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Jasper Sawridge Inn (B/D)

July 12, 2019 - Jasper Sawridge

Your adventures start this morning with a ride up Whistler Mountain on the **Jasper Tram**. This tramway is Canada's highest and here, high above the clouds, you'll marvel at the unsurpassed alpine views. A full day of sightseeing follows, including a gentle walk down **Maligne Canyon**, one of Jasper's most spectacular landmarks, where you will see how the Maligne River has carved spectacular crevices out of the mountain! You will also take a **cruise on beautiful Maligne Lake** and pass glacier studded mountain peaks while learning about the natural world of the Canadian Rockies and the area's fascinating cultural heritage. At **Spirit**

Island, you disembark to see one of the most celebrated mountain views in the world, unchanged since the first explorers saw it almost 100 years ago. Later this afternoon you have leisure time in Jasper to shop and explore Main Street. Don't forget your camera, as the snow-capped mountains and the unique quality of light make for stunning photographs, as do the town's permanent nonhuman residents, the elk and bears. In fact, **elk are often seen in town**, wandering through backyards and even through the streets! This evening, enjoy dinner on your own in an area restaurant.

Overnight: Jasper Sawridge Inn (B)

July 13, 2019 - Jasper to Calgary!

Today, you travel through the splendid Canadian Rockies on some of the most scenic routes through the Canadian Rockies. Once used during the fur trade era to access interior British Columbia you'll marvel at the beauty of this area. Your first stop will be **Sunwapta Falls** in Jasper National Park. Later in the day, you will leave the beautiful Rocky Mountains behind as you travel through the beautiful countryside of Canada. The **ranching country of Alberta** surrounds you as you make your way into Calgary. After a full day of traveling, you'll check in to your hotel, located just minutes from the airport. Freshen up, and then enjoy a farewell dinner in an area restaurant.

Overnight: Calgary - Hampton Inn Airport (B/D)

July 14, 2019 - Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!

After enjoying breakfast this morning, you'll be assisted with your luggage and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. **Your time spent in the splendid beauty of the Calgary Stampede and the Magnificent Canadian Rockies will surely last a lifetime.** (B)

Inclusions

- Round trip airport transportation
- Roundtrip international airfare to Calgary (checked baggage fee is not included)
- 7 nights hotel accommodations
- Breakfasts daily at your hotel
- Lunch at the Banff Springs Hotel
- 3 Dinners
- Ticket to the Calgary Stampede for the Grandstand Evening Show and Chuckwagon Races
- Ticket to the Calgary Stampede park grounds for the World-Famous Rodeo
- TRIPS escort and private motor coach throughout the itinerary in Canada
- All admissions including Lake Minnewanka Cruise, scenic rafting on the Athabasca River, Jasper Tramway, Maligne Lake Cruise, Cave and Basin Historic Site, Brewster Ice Explorer and more!
- All government fees and airline taxes
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- TRIPS luggage tag and wallet

The Calgary Stampede & Canadian Rockies

\$3,698.00

per person/double occupancy
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Check with your club representative for details.

Passports are required for this trip!

Call today to reserve your space!!!

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