

# CANADIAN ROCKIES LAKE LOUISE, JASPER NP & BANFF



**Departing Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 for 10 days / 9 nights**

Join us as we travel through Lake Louise, Banff & Jasper National Park on this amazing adventure departing from the Black Hills this summer. All travel is by road and in our luxury Mercedes Sprinter vehicle fitted with individual leather reclining seats & many extra's to ensure your utmost pleasure during your tour. Sit back, relax and enjoy the incredible scenery and activities planned throughout this fully escorted tour.

## Itinerary:

### **Day 1 - Rapid City, Sturgis & Spearfish to Butte, MT – 595 miles**

This morning, we depart Rapid City and head west towards Wyoming and then onto Butte Montana. We invite you to sit back and relax and enjoy the ride. Regular stops will be made for comfort breaks and of course a lunch break. After checking into our hotel it's time to go to supper.

***Overnight Butte Montana – Supper included***

### **Day 2 - Butte, MT to Kalispell / Whitefish area, MT - 239 miles**

After breakfast we head north to the beautiful area of Kalispell and Whitefish area of Montana. This afternoon we visit the Conrad Mansion. The Mansion was designed by Spokane architect, Kirtland Cutter, and was completed in 1895. The home's exterior is punctuated by arches, long gables, bay windows and massive native stone chimneys. The horizontal lines belie its 13,000 square foot Norman style interior, which features quarter sawn oak trim and paneling, eight massive sandstone fireplaces, and wrought iron dual purpose light fixtures. The windows in the home are consistently exquisite; diamond paned leaded glass windows are featured in most rooms, while several of the main rooms highlight colored & clear bottle glass, as well as 11 panels of Tiffany style stained glass.

***Overnight Kalispell / Whitefish area – Breakfast included***

### **Day 3 – Kalispell / Whitefish area to Lake Louise, AB - 296 miles**

Our journey today takes us into the heart of the Canadian Rockies and the magnificent Lake Louise area – Stunning scenery is all around. This afternoon we visit the Fairmont Lake Louise Hotel where we can enjoy a stroll along the lake side or simply relax a little on the verandah and absorb the beauty and tranquility... We continue just a short distance to our hotel - Supper tonight is just a short distance from the hotel.

***Overnight Lake Louise Area, AB – Breakfast included***



#### **Day 4 - Lake Louise to Jasper via Columbia Icefields – 138 miles**

After breakfast we leave the hotel and head north to Jasper, AB. We take The Icefields Parkway which stretches 138 miles between Lake Louise and Jasper. We travel through the heart of two world-famous Rocky Mountain national parks and this drive is one of the premier mountain drives on earth. Once we've completed this drive it will be forever etched into your memory and most likely you'll dream of returning again and again. Nonstop picture postcard-like scenery throughout the day. What better way to explore than in your own premium vehicle!

On the way to Jasper, we make a stop at the Columbia Icefields where we switch vehicles and take a tour on the glacier. We will board a specially designed "Ice Explorer" to a turnaround point atop 333 metres of ice. Be sure to bring a sweater or light jacket - it may snow at anytime during your 1 1/2 hour Ice Explorer ride! The Columbia Icefield is guarded by 11 of the Rockies' 22 highest peaks. Here, perennial snow accumulates and turns to ice which flows to feed six major outlet glaciers, three of Canada's largest rivers and eventually three oceans. The ice straddles the Continental Divide, two provinces and two national parks. The ice is 365 metres (1,200 feet) thick - about the height of the Empire State Building. After we check into our hotel for overnight you will have time to explore downtown Jasper and enjoy a supper at a restaurant of your choice.

**Overnight Columbia Ice Fields / Jasper area – Breakfast included**



#### **Day 5 – Jasper area to Banff area – 175 miles**

After breakfast we head south towards Banff National Park. Wildlife viewing is one of the most popular activities for visitors to Banff National Park. Animals are abundant: elk, deer, bighorn sheep, bears, coyotes, wolves, marmots, ground squirrels, ravens, owls and so many more species. Plenty of time for that 'Kodak Moment'.

**Overnight Banff Area – Breakfast included**

#### **Day 6 – Banff**

A full day to explore downtown Banff at your leisure. The town of Banff is a spirited place, alive with adventure and wonder. ... The lively streets of downtown are lined with top-class restaurants, bars, and shops, as well as a vibrant range of art galleries and museums. The locals are warm, open, and genuinely connected to the inspiring environment in which they live.

**Overnight Banff Area – Breakfast included**



**Day 7 – Banff area to Regina, SK – 540 miles**

Today we head to Regina... this is our longest drive on the tour so the next 2 nights are in Regina

**Overnight Regina, SK – Breakfast included****Day 8 – Friday June 28 - Explore Regina – Sightseeing – No Bags Today!!! Depart hotel 9.30am**

A day to explore the City of Regina including a visit to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Heritage Center. For the past 136 years, the RCMP has been an integral part of Canada's historical and cultural landscape, helping to form and protect their great nation and playing a significant role in creating the Canadian identity. The RCMP Heritage Centre opened on May 23, 2007 to share the RCMP story with the world. Located on the grounds of the RCMP Academy, 'Depot' Division - the story of the RCMP is appropriately told where Cadets are trained and the story begins. Housed in a breathtaking stone, glass and concrete building designed by world-renowned architect Arthur Erickson, the RCMP Heritage Centre tells the story of the RCMP using state of the art exhibits, multimedia technologies and engaging programming and tours. It's a great Canadian story. A story that is still being written. We also take a tour of the State Capital building, a truly impressive site.

**Overnight Regina, SK – Breakfast & Supper included****Day 9 – Regina, SK to Medora, ND – 320 miles**

After breakfast, it's time to get your passports ready for the crossing back into the USA and head for Medora, ND. Please have your bags in the lobby ready for collection at 8.50am for a 9.00am departure from the hotel. Our journey today takes us back across the Canadian / US Border and south towards the small town of Medora, ND. We arrive into Medora mid-afternoon. Tonight we enjoy a unique western meal with a magnificent North Dakota sunset as a backdrop. 'Savor your steak while you are serenaded with western melodies performed live by cast members of the Medora Musical.' After supper, we take our seats for spectacular Medora Musical. This professionally produced, high energy, Western style musical is proudly dedicated to the legacy of America's 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, and the time he spent here in North Dakota's Badlands. Each show pays tribute to American patriotism and the old-west way of life. Return to the hotel for overnight.

**Overnight Medora – Breakfast & Supper included****Day 10 – Medora, ND to Home – 270 miles**

After breakfast, we head back to Rapid City, SD. Along the way we will make regular comfort breaks and meal stops with an estimated time of arrival back in Rapid City around 3-4pm.

***Breakfast included***

## Itinerary at a glance

**Price:** \$3,295 (pp based on double occupancy)

**Single:** add \$985

**Starts:** Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

**Ends:** Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

## What's included?

- Fully escorted with pick up points in Rapid City, Sturgis & Spearfish
- Round trip transportation in our luxury Mercedes Sprinter Vehicle
- All accommodations with 9 Breakfasts & 3 Supper's
- All sightseeing as listed, all entrance fees & all taxes
- Minimum 6 passengers / Maximum 12 passengers
- Baggage handling and taxes – 1 piece per person

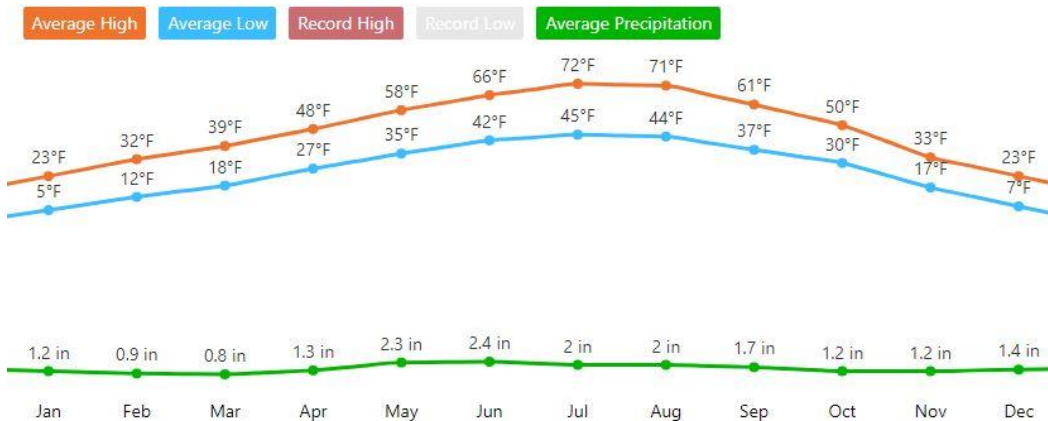
## How to book

- Deposit of \$750pp due at time of booking
- Balance due April 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 or at time of booking if after this date.

## What you'll need

- A Passport is required for this tour
- A camera is a must for the fantastic sights. Binoculars would be great if you have them.

## Weather



July is on average the **WARMEST** month.

January is on average the **COOLEST** month.



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