

# CANADIAN ROCKIES LAKE LOUISE, JASPER NP & BANFF



**Departing Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 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 – The Inn at Lake Louise. - Supper tonight is just a short distance from the hotel.

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



#### **Day 4 - Lake Louise – Banff – Lake Louise**

After breakfast we head off to Banff taking the backroads - 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. And they are surprisingly accessible, both within the town-site of Banff, and throughout the surrounding park. You will also have time for a little shopping in downtown Banff together with some wonderful sightseeing.

Return to Lake Louise for supper and overnight.

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

#### **Day 5 - 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. Before we head to our hotel, its time to take a ride on the Jasper Tramway. See with your own eyes unprecedented views of six mountain ranges, glacial fed lakes, the Athabasca river (Alberta's longest) and the scenic mountain town-site of Jasper . After we a check into our hotel for overnight. And enjoy our supper... it's time to explore the Maligne Valley as we search for wildlife as daytime transitions to night. Return to hotel for overnight.

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



**Day 6 – Columbia Icefields / Jasper area to Banff area – 190 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. Continuing our journey through Banff area making appropriate rest breaks, meal stops and of course there's time for that 'Kodak Moment'.

***Overnight Banff Area – Breakfast included***

**Day 7 – Banff area to Calgary, AB – 80 miles**

Today we head to Calgary and this afternoon you will see and learn all about Calgary and learn about the many communities who live here and see major attractions like Heritage Park, Fort Calgary, Stampede Park, and Canada Olympic Park.

***Overnight Calgary area – Breakfast included***

**Day 8 – Calgary to Great Falls, MT – 350 miles**

After breakfast, it's time to get your passports ready for the crossing back into the USA and head for Great Falls, Montana, a community with grand traditions, rich history and superb recreational and cultural amenities for the entire family. When we visit we take a moment and remember to reflect on the fact that we are walking in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, the Blackfeet Indians, the buffalo and the grizzly bear. A visit to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive center is included either this afternoon or tomorrow morning (all depends on the crossing time at the US Border)

***Overnight Great Falls, MT – Breakfast & Supper included***

**Day 9 – Great Falls to Billings, MT – 260 miles**

A leisurely morning before heading to Billings, MT. mid-afternoon we visit the Western Heritage Center for a guided tour. Their mission is to collect, preserve and tell the stories of the people and places of the Yellowstone River Valley and the northern High Plains region.

***Overnight Billings, MT – Breakfast and Supper included***

**Day 10 – Billings to Rapid City – 376 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 4pm.

***Breakfast included***

## Itinerary at a glance

**Price:** \$2,995 (pp based on double occupancy)

**Single:** add \$985

**Starts:** Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Ends:** Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

## 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 11 passengers
- Baggage handling and taxes – 1 piece per person

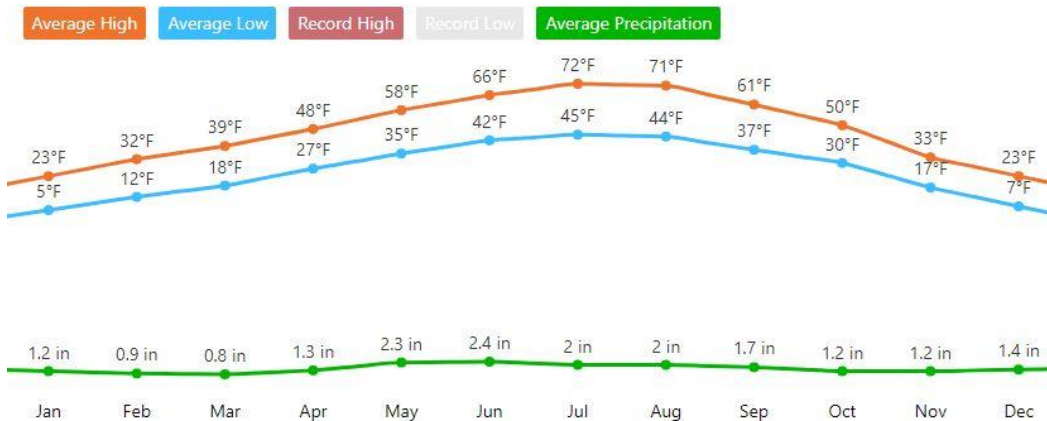
## How to book

- Deposit of \$750pp due at time of booking
- Balance due July 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 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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