

# Canadian Rockies and Glacier Park

## 9 Days from \$1,395

### Day 1 – Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Your vacation begins in Calgary, where the foothills of the Rocky Mountains meet the Great Plains. Calgary is the closest international gateway to both the Canadian Rockies and Glacier Park. Transfer from the Calgary Airport by hotel courtesy shuttle to your hotel. Rooms are available for check in after 3:00 p.m. Join Caravan for a 7:00 p.m. welcome briefing.

### Day 2 – Waterton Park

Journey south through Alberta cowboy country to Waterton Lakes National Park, where the Rockies rise dramatically out of the rolling prairies. You are now in the world's first International Peace Park, formed in 1932 by combining Waterton Lakes Park in Canada with Glacier Park in Montana. Together, these parks form Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, a celebration of the friendship between Canada and the United States. Enjoy a relaxing two night stay on the shores of Waterton Lake. Your hotel is centrally located in Waterton, the undiscovered jewel of Canada. Cafes, bars, shopping, wildlife viewing and nature walks are outside your door. Enjoy dinner. **BD**



### Day 3 – Glacier National Park, Montana

Cross the border into Montana, USA. Today explore the wonders of Glacier National Park. Board the stylish “Red Jammers,” restored vintage touring coaches from the 1930’s. Journey on the spectacular “Going-to-the-Sun” Road into the heart of Glacier National Park (weather and road conditions permitting). See St. Mary’s Lake and the majestic Garden Wall, the cliff that makes up the central Continental Divide. Look for mountain goats and bighorn sheep at Logan Pass. Enjoy free time at Many Glacier, along the shores of Swiftcurrent Lake. Cross the Canadian border and return to Waterton. **B**

### Day 4 – Banff, Gondola Ride

Head north through the beautiful Kananaskis Valley (road opens June 16th). Arrive in Banff, a vibrant mountain town. Ride the Banff Gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain for panoramic views of six mountain ranges. Continue to your hotel in downtown Banff. Enjoy a two night stay surrounded by the wild beauty of 2,500 square mile Banff Park. **B**



### Day 5 – Banff, Bow River Float

On your morning wildlife excursion, drive along the shores of Lake Minnewanka and Two Jack Lake. Stop at Bow River Falls. Weather and river conditions permitting, enjoy a float trip on the scenic Bow River. Wildlife viewing opportunities abound. Return to Banff. Afternoon is at leisure in Banff. Your ideally located Banff hotel is within easy walking distance to restaurants, taverns, shops and galleries. **B**

### Day 6 – Lake Louise, Jasper Park

This morning, visit two beautiful Canadian lakes. First, visit Moraine Lake in the Valley of the Ten Peaks. Then, enjoy a leisurely visit at Lake Louise, filled with turquoise colored water from Victoria Glacier. This afternoon, drive along the world-famous Icefields Parkway to Jasper. Waterfalls, glacier lakes and snow-capped mountains line your drive. The Parkway is home to elk, moose, bears, goats, sheep and caribou. Arrive for a relaxing two night stay in Jasper National Park at your lodge on the banks of the Athabasca River. You are in the midst of the vast, unspoiled grandeur of 4,200 square mile Jasper Park, Canada’s largest park. Enjoy dinner. **BD**



### Day 7 – Maligne Lake, Jasper Park

Enjoy a scenic morning drive to glacier-fed Maligne Lake, 14 miles long and ringed by dramatic snow-capped peaks. The road to Maligne Lake has some of the best wildlife viewing in the Canadian Rockies. Look for mountain goat, moose, elk, bear, bighorn sheep, caribou and

bald eagles. Next, visit Maligne Canyon. Then, free time to explore Jasper, a charming small town with many shops. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the natural beauty of Jasper Park. **B**

### **Day 8 – Icefields Parkway, Ice Explorer**

Another glorious day on the Icefields Parkway, this time travelling south. Each direction offers unique views. Ride across the surface of Columbia Icefield's Athabasca Glacier on an all-terrain Ice Explorer (weather permitting). The meltwater from the Columbia Icefield feeds streams that flow into three oceans: the Arctic, the Atlantic, and the Pacific. Walk on the Athabasca Glacier. Next, a photo stop at turquoise-colored Peyto Lake. Then, descend to the Great Plains of Canada. Return to Calgary. Farewell dinner. **BD**

### **Day 9 – Calgary**

The tour ends after breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the Calgary Airport by hotel courtesy shuttle. Thanks for vacationing with Caravan. **B**

### **Glacier Park and Going-To-The-Sun-Highway**

During your visit to Glacier National Park, board a world famous “Red Jammer,” the historical red buses that have been a fixture in that park since 1936 (weather and road conditions permitting). Originally built and designed specifically for sightseeing in the National Park System of the United States, these 25-foot-long vintage touring coaches were fully restored in 2000 by the Ford Motor Company and are the only remaining buses of their kind in operation today. With a unique canvas roll back top and individual doors for each row, these charming open-air buses are ideal for absorbing the startling beauty of the high mountain peaks, glaciers, waterfalls, and cedar forests that surround the spectacular Going-to-the-Sun-Highway. Keep a lookout for wildlife roaming the mountainsides, including Rocky Mountain Goats. Please be advised that weather can change at any moment, so be prepared with sunscreen, a tie down or secure hat, a jacket if the weather is cooler, and plenty of film or memory for the camera. When the weather gets cooler, warm wool blankets are provided for your laps, but coats and scarves are advisable.

### **Banff Gondola**

Your stay in Banff includes a ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain on the Banff Gondola. Your four passenger gondola cabin will transport you to the summit at an elevation of 7,486 feet (2,281m) above sea level. The total ride takes just 8 minutes each way. At the summit, you will enjoy 360 degree views of six mountain ranges comprising the heart of the Canadian Rockies from the roof top observation area and view decks. These are some of the most spectacular mountain views in the world and are why the area has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can also explore the Summit Ridge interpretive boardwalk, a 1km long elevated board-walk that leads you along Sulphur Mountain's summit ridge to the Cosmic Ray Station National Historic Site of Canada, and the historic Sanson's Meteorological Station.

### **Bow River Float**

During your stay in Banff, you will also enjoy a float trip on the scenic Bow River. Just below Banff townsite, this glacier fed scenic stretch of river winds through forested islands and Rocky cliffs of incredible beauty. Known as Canada's “Jewel of The Rockies,” with its crystal glacial waters, the Bow River runs through Banff National Park, home to over 53 species of mammals, such as beaver, elk, coyote, black bear, bighorn sheep, and more, including 260 species birds. This gentle raft float is the perfect way to intimately encounter this natural mountain beauty. Each raft seats approximately 15 passengers and has an experienced guide. Life jackets are required.

## **Airport Transfer Information**

### **Arrival Transfers**

Company's hotel in Calgary, Canada, the Hilton Garden Inn, provides arrival transfers from the Calgary Airport (YYC). Upon exiting outside the baggage claim area proceed to the pillar marked with a yellow #17. Look for the Hilton Garden Inn's nearby courtesy phone or call the hotel directly: 1-403-717-1999. Please allow up to 20 minutes for the drive. Taxis cost approximately \$30 (Canadian Dollars).

**U.S. citizens** traveling between the United States and Canada must carry a passport, valid for at least six months past your entry date into Canada. Non U.S. citizens, please check your passport and visa requirements. Note: It is recommended that children under 18 years old traveling internationally without both parents or legal guardians, carry a notarized letter of authorization signed by the missing parent(s) or guardian(s). A notarized birth certificate showing only one parent, a parent's death certificate, or a court order of child custody may also be permissible. Failure to have proper documentation could result in denial of boarding by the airline, due to international child protection laws. .

### **Departure Transfers**

Company's hotel in Calgary, Canada, the Hilton Garden Inn, provides departure transfers to the Calgary Airport (YYC) every 45 min. Please allow 20 minutes for the drive. Taxis cost approximately \$30 (Canadian Dollars).

### **included in the tour price**

Hotels, most meals, all of the activities described in the itinerary pages, airport transfers in select cities, gratuities to hotel porters, restaurant staff and local guides. Professional Tour Directors and local guides will be with you every step of the way, ensuring a worry free vacation.

### **not included in the tour price**

**Prices do not include** air travel, country entry or departure fees, airport porter fees, visas, phones, valet, all items of a personal nature, food and beverages not on the regular menu and tips to the Tour Director and Driver. General fees and taxes are additional and listed separately beneath each tour's price.