Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park

featuring Banff, Jasper and Lake Louise

9 DAYS • 12 MEALS

Departure Date: July 27, 2017
DAY ONE – Arrive in Calgary
Welcome to one of North America’s most rugged and beautiful cities, Calgary. Known for its cowboys and spectacular beauty, Calgary was brought to the world’s attention during the 1988 Winter Olympics. Meet your Tour Manager in the hotel lobby at 6:00 p.m. for dining suggestions.

DAY TWO – Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park
Today we travel south from Calgary to Waterton Lakes National Park. Embark on a boat cruise of Waterton Lakes, with its deep scenic bays, sheer vertical mountains and beautiful wilderness surroundings. In the afternoon, we visit the Prince of Wales Hotel, one of the most photographed hotels in the world and the setting for our included lunch before arriving at scenic East Glacier and our hotel. (Breakfast and lunch)

The Mayflower Way
- 12 Meals (3 dinners, 1 lunch and 8 breakfasts)
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend 2 nights in Calgary, known for its cowboys and beauty
- Have lunch at the Prince of Wales Hotel in a romantic alpine chalet atmosphere
- Enjoy a relaxing cruise on Upper Waterton Lake in Canada’s Waterton Lakes National Park
- Spend 2 nights at the historic Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier
- Travel the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road in a “Jammer” Red Bus through Glacier National Park
- Spend 2 nights in the town of Banff inside Banff National Park, Canada’s first national park
- Take a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain for a breathtaking view of the Banff village valley and surrounding mountains
- Visit Chateau Lake Louise located on the vibrant blue, glacier-fed waters of Lake Louise
- Snocoach excursion on the Columbia Icefield’s Athabasca Glacier, the largest in North America
- Take a walk on the new Glacier Skyway, a glass walkway offering spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains
- Spend 2 nights in the mountain town of Jasper inside Jasper National Park, the largest park in the Canadian Rockies
- Enjoy a leisurely narrated cruise on Maligne Lake with some of the most spectacular scenery in the Rockies
- Travel the scenic Icefields Parkway through Jasper and Banff National Parks
- $45 in Mayflower Money

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DAY THREE – Glacier National Park
Welcome to Glacier National Park! Founded in 1910, the park is a land of mountain ranges carved by prehistoric ice rivers. The vistas seen from Going-to-the-Sun Road are breathtaking and a photographers paradise. The best way to travel is via the Red Buses whose drivers are known as “Jam mers.” The antique red buses are both a symbol of the park and a reminder of a time when adventurous travel was done with style. The name “jammer” is carried over from the days when the buses had standard transmissions and the drivers could be heard “jamming” the gears as they drove up and down the rugged mountainous highway. We journey from Lake McDonald to Rising Sun, named one of the top 100 most scenic drives. (Breakfast)

DAY FOUR – Travel to Banff National Park
Traveling across the border, we arrive in Canada's first National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site, Banff for a 2-night stay. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY FIVE – Banff Sightseeing
In Banff, we see Bow Falls and Tunnel Mountain. We also take a gondola ride in enclosed cars to the peak of Sulphur Mountain for a spectacular panoramic view of the village and valley below. Later, we travel to beautiful Chateau Lake Louise where majestic mountains soaring skyward are reflected in the vibrant blues of the glacier-fed Lake Louise. The remainder of the day is free to explore this quaint village, full of wonderful shops and charming boutiques. (Breakfast)

DAY SIX – Athabasca Glacier Snocoach Ride and Glacier Skywalk
We trade in our motorcoach for a “snocoach” and venture on to North America’s largest glacier, the Columbia Icefield’s Athabasca Glacier. You will travel in a specially designed vehicle to the middle of the glacier, as your driver points out interesting geological features. At the icefall below the glacier headwall, you will step out onto ice formed from snow which fell as long as 400 years ago. Then, we take a walk on the incredible Glacier Skywalk, a glass-floored observation platform perched 918 feet above spectacular glacier-formed valleys and rushing waterfalls. Later, we arrive in the mountain town of Jasper. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY SEVEN – Maligne Lake Cruise
Today, in spite of its highways and railroad, Jasper National Park looks very much like it did when David Thompson, Canada’s great fur-trade-era explorer, first saw it. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Jasper National Park as we cruise Maligne Lake with its unparalleled vistas. Learn of the local history, geology, wildlife and glaciology of Maligne Lake and Jasper National Park as some of the most spectacular scenery in the Rockies drifts past your window. Watch moose lazily wander the shoreline and look for other wildlife that are native to the area. In the afternoon we return to Jasper in plenty of time for exploring the city. (Breakfast)

DAY EIGHT – Travel the Icefields Parkway
Aboard our motorcoach, we’ll travel along one of the world’s most spectacular mountain highways, the Icefields Parkway. Unsurpassed scenery paralleling the Great Divide in the Valley of the Ten Peaks, the Columbia Icefields, Bow and Crowfoot Glaciers, Athabasca Falls and Peyto Lake, come into view. See snow-capped mountains reflected in the turquoise waters of Moraine Lake and watch for black bear, moose and caribou along the way. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY NINE – Calgary and Home
Following breakfast, we depart Calgary with a group transfer to Calgary for flights home after 11:00 a.m. (Breakfast)
Cruise the gentle waters of Maligne Lake, Jasper National Park

Should you choose not to purchase a Travelers Protection Plan, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed:

- Up to 121 days prior to departure: Full Refund
- 120 to 61 days or more: Deposit Amount
- 60 to 31 days prior: 20% of Tour Cost
- 30 to 15 days prior: 30% of Tour Cost
- 14 to 1 day: 40% of Tour Cost
- Day of departure or early departure from tour: 100% of Tour Cost
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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2017 DEPARTURE

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Airfare not included. Travelers are responsible for their own air. Contact Tours By Design for guidelines.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day One – Sandman Hotel, Calgary, Alberta
Days Two and Three – Glacier Park Lodge, East Glacier, Montana
Days Four and Five – Rundle Stone Lodge, Banff, Alberta
Days Six and Seven – Sawridge Hotel, Jasper, Alberta
Day Eight – The International Hotel, Calgary, Alberta

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY 1 2 3 4 5 ENERGETIC

$200 per person deposit due within 5 days of reservation. Final payment due by May 22, 2017.