



The Calgary Stampede and 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 13 - 20, 2022 8 Days/7 Nights

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

The Calgary Stampede is no ordinary rodeo - with its 100 year old heritage, it 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 the soaring mountains of its legendary national parks. Ride a SkyTram with spectacular views of Jasper, and marvel at the steep canyons as you raft down a river.

The natural splendor and charms of Alberta are 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 13, 2022 - 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 across the finish line, the **Grandstand Show*** begins with song and dance, acrobatics and a spectacular fireworks finale!

Overnight: Calgary - Hyatt Regency

July 14, 2022 - 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 all 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 your evening.

Overnight: Calgary - Hyatt Regency

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July 15, 2022 - On to Banff and the Canadian Rockies!

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'll 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 luxury for more than a century. After lunch, you'll 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 savor your time in this charming mountain community! Dinner tonight will be in the hotel.

Overnight: Banff Caribou Lodge

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July 16, 2022 - 3 Great Lakes: Moraine, Louise and Minnewanka!

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll set out for a visit to **Moraine Lake** (weather permitting) and **Lake Louise**. Moraine is a crystal clear, blue-green lake nestled 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'll 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 glide through this rugged paradise rich in history, native folklore and geology. Return to your hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Downtown Banff is an 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 Lodge

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July 17, 2022 - Up to Jasper and Athabasca Glacier & Falls!

After breakfast, board your motor coach heading for **Jasper**. As you ride

* Depending on air arrivals and Stampede ticket availability, the Grandstand Show and Stampede Rodeo may both occur on one day rather than on two. Either way, you'll enjoy the same quality amount of Calgary Stampede time.

along the **Icefields Parkway** you might see elk, moose, goat, sheep, bear or caribou so keep your camera handy. You'll stop along the way at the **Columbia Icefield**. Covering over 200 square miles, it feeds several glaciers 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** in to the middle of the glacier, a 5 kilometer round trip journey. You'll 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 one that you won't forget! Sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery on the trip that all folks from 6 to 90 thrill to! Afterward you'll transfer to your hotel in Jasper. After check-in and some time to settle in, enjoy your dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Jasper - Whistlers Inn

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July 18, 2022 - Whistler Mountain Tram and Lake Cruise!

Your adventures start this morning with a ride up Whistler Mountain on the **Jasper SkyTram**. 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'll see how the Maligne River has carved spectacular crevices out of the mountain! You'll 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'll disembark to gaze at 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'll 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 photos, 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 - Whistlers Inn

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July 19, 2022 - Sightsee the Rockies back to Calgary!

Today, you'll travel through the splendid Canadian Rockies on some of its most scenic routes. 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 at **Sunwapta Falls** in Jasper National Park. Later in the day, you'll leave the beautiful Rocky Mountains behind you as you travel through the beautiful countryside of Canada. The wide-open **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

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July 20, 2022 - 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 at the thrilling Calgary Stampede and in the magnificent Canadian Rockies will surely last a lifetime!**

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**Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

The Calgary Stampede & Canadian Rockies

\$4,948.00

per person/double occupancy

Single Supplement is an additional \$998.00

Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.

Check with your club representative for details.

Passports are required for this trip!

Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers including gratuities
- Roundtrip international airfare to Calgary (checked baggage fee is not included)
- 7 nights hotel accommodations (please be advised that Canadian hotels do not always offer air conditioning)
- 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 SkyTram, Maligne Lake Cruise, Brewster Ice Explorer and more!
- All government fees and airline taxes
- Portage of one suitcase per person
- TRIPS luggage tag and wallet

Call today to reserve your space!!!

Reservations for **"The Calgary Stampede and Magnificent Canadian Rockies"** are accepted on a first come/first served basis.

An initial **\$650.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour. This deposit is fully refundable up to April 4, 2022.

Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before April 4, 2022.

Therefore, please make sure that payment is submitted to your club director at least 10 days prior to this date.

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