

## Canadian Rockies Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 - Arrive Calgary

Welcome to Calgary! A complimentary transfer is provided to the tour hotel. Your Tour Director is at the hotel this afternoon to greet you and answer your questions. Join us at 6:00pm for a Welcome Drink at the hotel. Hotel (1 night): International Hotel Suites Calgary

### Day 2 - Calgary – Icefields Parkway – Columbia Icefield – Jasper (2 nights)

Today our Tour Director will reveal a Hidden Treasure! We travel along the worldfamous Icefields Parkway, one of the world's most spectacular mountain drives. Marvel at the unsurpassed scenery including sub-alpine forests, meadows, massive glaciers and remarkable lakes. Keep an eye out for grizzly and black bears, moose, elk and other wildlife. At the Columbia Icefield, we board an Ice Explorer for the trip of a lifetime as we drive onto the massive Athabasca Glacier. En route to Jasper, perhaps enjoy an optional float trip down the Athabasca River. We then drive to the quaint township of Jasper, where we spend the next two nights. After dinner, we enjoy a fun and informative lecture on the area's abundant wildlife. (Full breakfast / Dinner) Hotel (2 nights): The Sawridge Inn

### Day 3 - Jasper National Park sightseeing & at leisure

We start the day with a narrated walk along Maligne Canyon, one of the most beautiful gorges in the Canadian Rockies. Marvel at the spectacular rock formations and waterfalls and learn about one of Canada's longest underground river systems. The rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps enjoy an optional cruise on Maligne Lake, or a guided nature walk. Activities abound in Jasper National Park and your Tour Director will provide you with suggestions. (Full breakfast)

### Day 4 - Jasper – Emerald Lake – Moraine Lake – Lake Louise – Banff (3 nights)

Snow-capped peaks, hanging glaciers, pounding waterfalls and surging rivers dominate the landscape as we head to Banff National Park and explore three of North America's most beautiful lakes. First we cross the Continental Divide and enter Yoho National Park where we view the Spiral Tunnels, Natural Bridge and Emerald Lake, a jewel sparkling with the blue-green hue of an emerald. Next is Moraine Lake, nestled in the dramatic Valley of the Ten Peaks. We then head to Lake Louise, one of the most breathtaking settings in the world. Here we enjoy a narrated promenade along the lakeshore and learn about the geography and history of the area. We end the day in the quintessential alpine village of Banff for a relaxing three night stay. (Full breakfast / Dinner) Hotel(3 nights) : Banff Park Lodge

### Day 5 - Banff sightseeing & at leisure

Today enjoy an orientation tour of the Banff area viewing Bow Falls, the classic viewpoint of Surprise Corner along Tunnel Mountain Drive and the wind-shaped hoodoos overlooking Bow Valley. The rest of the day is at leisure. Optional activities in Banff include a helicopter flight over Mount Assiniboine, a Banff Gondola ride, or a relaxing float trip down the Bow River. This evening, perhaps join an optional fun and entertaining musical dinner show. (Full breakfast)

### Day 6 - Banff at leisure

Today is at leisure in Banff for you to pursue your own interests. Enjoy a stroll along Banff Avenue and browse through quaint art galleries and unique specialty shops, or discover more about Banff at one of the local museums featuring interesting exhibits about the history and cultures of Western Canada. A variety of optional activities will be available from your Tour Director who will be happy to assist you in planning your day. This evening, join newfound friends at our Farewell Dinner. (Full breakfast / Farewell dinner)

### Day 7 - Banff – Depart Calgary

This morning as we descend from the Canadian Rockies, we stop for a visit to the Ammonite Factory. Found primarily in southeastern Alberta, we learn how this rare opal-like gemstone is mined and manufactured into beautiful jewelry. Upon arrival in Calgary, a complimentary transfer is provided to Calgary International Airport and the tour hotel in Calgary for passengers extending their stay. (Full breakfast)

Note: Please do not schedule any flights before 2:00pm. We can arrange an extra night in Calgary for you.