

Spectacular Canadian Rockies with Calgary Stampede

Your itinerary



- Start Location
- Visited Location
-  Plane
- End Location
-  Cruise
-  Train
- 1 Over night
-  Ferry

Day 1

Welcome To Vancouver

The soaring peaks of Canada's soul-stirring Rockies take centre stage on this epic alpine adventure that begins in Vancouver, one of the world's most livable cities. Spend the day discovering the city's scenic surrounds, then join your Travel Director and fellow travel companions for a Welcome Reception this evening.


 **Hotel** - Pinnacle Harbourfront

 **Included Meals** - Welcome Reception

Day 2

Discover The Sights Of Victoria

Embark on a morning sightseeing tour of Vancouver's historic neighbourhoods. Savour the smells of freshly steamed Siopao in Chinatown and admire the Victorian façades of Gastown as you make your way to the leafy sanctuary of Stanley Park to view First Nations totem poles. We continue by ferry to Vancouver Island and Connect with Locals during a Be My Guest lunch visit to a family-owned working farm, where we'll enjoy fresh farm-to-table flavours. Later, we enjoy some sightseeing in Victoria.


 **Hotel** - Chateau Victoria

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Be My Guest

Day 3

Admire The Colours Of Victoria

Embrace the Garden City status of Victoria as you greet the day with breakfast at Butchart Gardens, a 55-acre showcase of gorgeous floral gardens that have colourfully transformed a once unused quarry. Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the walkable capital of British Columbia.

 **Hotel** - Chateau Victoria

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 4

Relax And Enjoy The Outdoors In Kamloops

Today you'll depart Victoria by ferry with one last view of the city's historic buildings and make your way to Kamloops for a relaxing afternoon and evening to rest and recharge. In Kamloops, enjoy a Stays With Stories experience at The South Thompson Inn. Once home to a thoroughbred racing stable, this riverfront property still has the original brick manor and carriage houses. Relax in the lounge, swimming pool, or hot tub overlooking the South Thompson River, go on a nature walk around the Reflection Pond, try your hand at horseshoes and other lawn games, or take one of their bikes for a spin. Cap off another big day in Canada with a delicious dinner, the great outdoors, and an evening around the fire pit sharing stories with your travel mates with plenty of s'mores and liqueurs for everyone to try.

 **Hotel** - South Thompson Inn

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Dinner


Day 5

Gaze Upon Mount Robson

This afternoon you'll stop at the Mount Robson Visitor Center where you can admire UNESCO-listed Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies in all its 12,972 feet (3,954 meters) of glory. Continue to the raw wilderness of Jasper National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we'll spend the next two nights.

All optional experiences for this trip

Book with your travel director when you travel

 **Hotel** - Chateau Jasper

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 6

Admire Jasper National Park


Join an interpretive walk at Maligne Canyon this morning. Later, take to the aqua waters and cruise Maligne Lake to Spirit Island (seasonal), admiring views of its three glaciers and Spirit Island. After the cruise enjoy a delicious lunch with wine at the lakeside Maligne Lake Chalet.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Lunch

Day 7

Voyage To Athabasca Glacier

The icy fingers of the Columbia Icefield beckon as we journey along the Icefields Parkway to Athabasca Glacier. Cross its icy terrain on board a specially designed Ice Explorer and continue on to Lake Louise, where there is time to soak in the majestic beauty of the lake and its turquoise, glacier-fed waters, fringed by high peaks, deep green forests and overlooked by Victoria Glacier. Continue on to the township of Banff, in the heart of UNESCO-listed Banff National Park. Settle in for an evening at leisure.

 **Hotel** - Banff Park Lodge

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 8

Meet A Mountie And Explore Banff

Join a Local Specialist and learn about his experiences as a retired Mountie and the history of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Spend the afternoon exploring the rugged beauty of Banff, from its postcard viewpoint of Surprise Corner to Bow Falls. The rest of the day is free for you to pursue your own interests. Your Travel Director will be available to help plan the perfect day for you. Tonight, we join our newfound friends for a Farewell Dinner to toast the end of our unforgettable encounter with Canada's Rockies.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 9

Attend The Calgary Stampede

Transfer to your hotel in Calgary and brace yourself for the wonder of the GMC Rangeland Derby, and the TransAlta Grandstand Show. Chuckwagon racing is followed by an epic stage show.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 10

Continue Your Stampede Adventure

Continue your day at The World's Richest Tournament Style Rodeo and enjoy the main events today including ladies barrel racing, bareback, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc, and bull riding.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

Day 11

Depart Calgary

Take a transfer to the Calgary International Airport this morning.

 **Included Meals** - Breakfast

AVAILABLE ON DAY 3

***Victoria Whale Watching Excursion**

Board your vessel to enjoy a three-hour whale-watching expedition in the waters off Victoria. While it can't be guaranteed in advance which of the abundant marine wildlife you'll see on your journey, chances are you'll also spot magnificent bald eagles, porpoises or seals. Spring and summer are the best times of the year to see a number of different species of whales including Bigg's killer whales (orca), humpback whales, South Resident orca, Minke, and gray whales. Approx. duration: 3 hours.

Adult Price: **\$138.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

Jasper Food Tour

This Jasper Downtown Foodie Tour is led by a Local Expert who lives in Jasper year-round. You'll go on a short guided walk that feels less like venue-hopping and more like dropping in for a catch-up with a series of food-loving locals. At each of the four stops you have a chance to sample carefully handpicked dishes, each paired with an alcoholic beverage. Along the way you will learn about Jasper's history and listen to tales of an authentic mountain town. Per Alberta law, must be 18 or older to participate. Approx. duration: 2 hours

Adult Price: **\$124.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 6

***Jasper Float Trip**

Join the fun and experience a scenic float trip down the Athabasca River, a designated Canadian Heritage River. A National Park licensed guide will provide commentary on the human and natural history of Jasper while navigating you along the same route used by fur traders over 2 centuries ago. Lifejackets and the specially designed, 7 meter / 25 foot long oar-powered rafts offer a safe and comfortable ride through several small, easy sets of rapids and calm stretches that any first time rafter will enjoy. Don't worry, the guides do all the rowing; you sit back and enjoy while exploring all the spectacular scenery. There is always a chance of seeing various wildlife including elk, deer, moose, coyotes, wolves, eagles, ospreys, mountain sheep and bears. Tours will operate rain or shine, and a poncho will be provided when required. Approx. duration: 50-90 minutes

Adult Price: **\$86.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

Mt. Assiniboine Helicopter Tour

You are in for something special as you are transported to Mount Assiniboine - "the Matterhorn" of the Canadian Rockies. Our most popular adventure has all the fantastic scenery of the previous tours plus a fly by over top of the glacier. This photogenic peak rises majestically to 3,611 meters (11,870 feet) along the Great Divide. The Gloria and Assiniboine Glaciers will astound you. This is an experience you will never forget! Approx. duration: 30 minutes.

Adult Price: **\$347.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

Royal Canadian Helicopter Tour (weather dependent)*

This journey will only enhance the Three Sisters Peaks Tour by exploring the Goat and Sundance Ranges of the Rocky Mountains. You will see mountain peaks, alpine meadows, waterfalls and untouched glacier lakes. Perhaps even a glimpse of some wildlife. It's an extraordinary adventure not to be missed. Approx. duration: 20 minutes.

Adult Price: **\$289.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

***Three Sisters Peaks Helicopter Tour (weather dependent)**

The most action packed twelve minutes of your life. Get up close and personal with the world famous Three Sisters Peaks. Reach out and touch them as you whisk by before escaping into the Spray Valley where you will explore the extraordinary hues of the Spray Lakes. Your return flight travels along the Goat Range before following the pristine Bow River back to Canmore. Approx. duration 12 minutes

Adult Price: **\$210.00***

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AVAILABLE ON DAY 8

Brewster Banff Gondola

At the Banff Gondola, you'll see more mountains in a moment than most see in a lifetime! Ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain to experience a bird's eye view of six mountain ranges of the Canadian Rockies. Begin with an eight-minute journey to the summit in a fully enclosed four-passenger gondola cabin. The views become increasingly spectacular as you climb to an elevation of 7,486 feet (2,281 meters) to the Summit Upper Terminal. Witness the breathtaking views in every direction or go to the restaurant area to enjoy the views inside or from its upper deck. You can also take the Banff Skywalk for a short self-guided interpretive walkway along the summit ridge leading to the Cosmic Ray Station National Historic Site of Canada. Subject to weather conditions. Approx. duration: 2.5 hours.

Adult Price: **\$70.00***

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***Victoria Whale Watching Excursion**

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