

## WONDERS OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES 10 Days 1 Country 5 Cities

MARVEL AT THE SCENERY OFFERED BY THE CANADIAN ROCKIES AND NATIONAL PARKS AND THEIR STUNNING BACKDROPS.



### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrive Calgary

Welcome to big hearted, fun loving Calgary! A beautiful city packed with trendy restaurants, a lively nightlife scene and all the honky tonk fun you could ever want, Calgary is best known for hosting the annual Calgary Stampede, which happens every July. After settling in to your hotel you'll meet up with your Travel Director this afternoon, then head out to discover the city for yourself. Need a good coffee to wake yourself up after a long flight? Then the neighbourhoods of Inglewood and Kensington should be high on your agenda.

- ★ Hotel - Ramada Plaza Calgary Downtown

#### Day 2 Calgary – Banff (2 Nights)

After one final orientation tour of Calgary, you'll be hitting the road this morning in the direction of Banff. The journey is part of the adventure so enjoy watching the changing landscape from the comfort of your seat as the craggy, snow-capped peaks of the Rockies come into view. Banff is famed for its world class national parks, glassy emerald green lakes and dramatic vistas, a taste of which you'll be getting on a sightseeing tour that will take you along Tunnel Mountain Drive, spotting sights such as Cascade Mountain, Mt. Rundle, Bow Falls, and the surreal, nature beaten Hoodoos rock formations, which have formed their bizarre twisted shapes over years of erosion from water and wind.

- ★ Hotel - Inns of Banff

#### Day 3 Banff Free Time

Waking up today we hope you're full of energy, as the vast natural playground outside of your front door isn't going to explore itself. Venture into the stunning wilderness of Banff National Park, or better still you could take advantage of our enticing range of Optionals to truly unlock this region in real Cost saver style. We've got a variety of helicopter flights to see you soaring over sights including the Three Sisters Peak, the Sundance Ranges and the Gloria and Assiniboine Glaciers, or perhaps you'd prefer to catch the gondola to the very top of Sulphur Mountain for a bird's eye view of six mountain ranges within the Rockies, spotting glorious Lake Louise and Moraine Lake in the distance. However you choose to explore today, one things for sure - Banff will be an experience you'll never forget.

#### Day 4 Banff – Icefields Parkway – Jasper (2 Nights)

The magnificent Icefields Parkway awaits you this morning, a striking 232km stretch of road that cuts straight through the backbone of the Rockies, serving up ancient glaciers, mountain lakes and broad sweeping valleys en route. You'll



be making a stop at glacier fed Peyto Lake, one of the most photographed lakes in the world (for good reason), before heading on to explore the Columbia Icefield which covers an area of over 200 square miles and is as deep as 1000 feet in parts. Here, you'll ride the giant Ice Explorer across the Athabasca Glacier for a closer look at this ancient marvel of nature, before heading on to unpretentious, heart-warming Jasper, which sits at heart of one off the most beautiful protected wildernesses in the world.

- ★ Hotel - Lobstick Lodge

#### **Day 5** Jasper National Park Free Time

Today promises to be action packed! Stepping outside and smelling the fresh mountain air, let the prospect of a day exploring stunning Jasper bring a smile to your face. As the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies your options are limitless, and as always we've also got a range of exciting Optionals on hand to help personalise your experience. Perhaps you'll choose a gentle float trip down the Athabasca River, which provides ample wildlife spotting opportunities, or maybe a guided walk on the "Path of the Glaciers" as you make your way to the emerald green "Lake of Forgiveness". Have your heart set on exploring beautiful Maligne Lake? Then a boat cruise around the largest glacially fed lake in the Canadian Rockies has your name all over it.

#### **Day 6** Jasper – Kamloops

Heading out of Jasper today you'll continue your journey through Jasper National Park, passing towering pine forests, surging rivers, vast waterfalls and alpine meadows on the way. The crowning glory of your journey will undoubtedly be catching your first glimpse of Mount Robson, the most prominent mountain in the North American Rockies and the highest point in the Canadian range. You'll then finish your journey in Kamloops, where you could head straight to Victoria Street in the downtown area where all the action is at.

- ★ Hotel - Comfort Inn Suites Kamloops

#### **Day 7** Kamloops – Victoria (2 Nights)

Passing through the pretty town of Hope, a playground for outdoor enthusiasts, you'll board a ferry this morning bound for the capital of British Columbia, Victoria. Docking at Swartz Bay and making the short drive into the city, you'll no doubt be struck by the English influence of Victoria. A sightseeing tour of the city will take you along the waterfront district and into the downtown area, passing the Parliament Buildings, Government Street and through Beacon Hill Park so you can really get your bearings. Keen to explore even further? Victoria has more cycle routes than any other Canadian city, so the best way to get around is undoubtedly on two wheels.

- ★ Hotel - Comfort Inn and Suites
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast

#### **Day 8** Victoria Free Time

Breakfast this morning is a real treat - you'll be heading to the world famous Butchart Gardens in the Blue Poppy Restaurant where, surrounded by beautiful blossoms and blooms, you'll eat a fresh, seasonal breakfast with sunlight pouring in from the vast skylights above. Feeling full, the rest of the day is yours to explore Victoria your way. Keen to make your visit here memorable? Why not join our Whale Watching Optional Experience, where you'll head out into the protected waters of Haro Strait and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, to try and catch a glimpse of the orca whales who are known to reside here in spring and summer. Of course, with wild animals sightings are never guaranteed, but even if the orcas are a no show you'll be sure to spot magnificent bald eagles, porpoises and seals.

- ★ Included Meals - Iconic



## Day 9 Victoria – Vancouver

The outdoorsy, trendy city of Vancouver awaits today, which you'll reach by ferry. Regarded as one of the world's most naturally beautiful cities, Vancouver is framed by dramatic vistas on all sides, and is the kind of place where, given its proximity to nature, you can ski in the morning and swim in the ocean in the afternoon! You'll kick off your stay here with a sightseeing tour of historic Gastown, vibrant Chinatown and the green jewel in the city's crown, the much-loved Stanley Park. With the rest of the day at your disposal, you could opt for our Capilano Suspension Bridge Optional, which hangs 70 metres above the Capilano River and really tests your head for heights, or alternatively take to the streets and explore Vancouver's diverse culinary scene which boasts some of the best Asian cuisine in North America.

- ★ Hotel - Pacific Gateway Hotel
- ★ Included Meals - Breakfast

## Day 10 Depart Vancouver

After one final wander round lovely Vancouver, your trip will come to an end today. No doubt leaving with happy memories of warm Canadian hospitality, glorious glacier fed lakes and a new-found love for poutine, you'll make your way to the airport and bid a fond Canadian farewell.

## ABOUT THIS TRIP

### What's included

- **9 NIGHTS** Accommodation
- **3 MEALS** 3 breakfasts
- **ON-TRIP TRANSPORT** All transport shown.

### Sightseeing highlights

- **BANFF** View stunning mountains and waterfalls on your sightseeing tour
- **ICEFIELDS PARKWAY** Discover Peyto Lake and the Columbia Icefield before riding a giant Ice Explorer across Athabasca Glacier
- **LAKE LOUISE** Admire soaring mountain peaks, majestic Victoria Glacier and the glistening waters of the lake
- **VICTORIA** Embark on an introductory sightseeing tour of the city
- **CALGARY** Enjoy an orientation tour of this quaint, cowboy town
- **JASPER** Enjoy an orientation tour of this charming town
- **VANCOUVER** See Gastown, Chinatown, Stanley Park and Prospect Point
- **VICTORIA** Iconic Breakfast at world-famous Butchart Gardens in the Blue Poppy Restaurant where light pours in through skylights and large windows face the gardens

### On every trip

Unique or exclusive to Cost saver, here's a sample of what's included in your trip.

- ✓ Audio Headsets Provided throughout your holiday to enhance your included sightseeing experiences
- ✓ Ferry across to Victoria from the coast of British Columbia and from Victoria to Vancouver
- ✓ Variety of Optional Experiences
- ✓ An expert Travel Director and separate driver
- ✓ Luxury air-conditioned coach
- ✓ Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted
- ✓ City orientation tours
- ✓ All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local

