



# Ultimate Canadian Rockies & Calgary Stampede!

## Four Great National Parks: Glacier / Waterton Lakes / Banff / Jasper

Grandstand Show and Rodeo at the Stampede - Scenic Floating in Jasper  
Chateau Lake Louise Lunch - Columbia Icefield Explorer - Red Jammer Bus Ride!

July 6 - 15, 2027 10 Days / 9 Nights

Join us to explore the majestic beauty of Montana's Glacier Park and Canada's Rockies, plus the excitement of the Calgary Stampede! It's all about the magnificence of the Northern Rockies! Travel to the spectacular national parks of Glacier, Waterton Lakes, Banff and Jasper, surrounded by their soaring mountains and lush forests, lakes, rivers and waterfalls. The natural splendor and charms of these glorious parks are undeniable and you'll be right in the heart of them! As the locals say - Don't Forget to Breathe - it's that magnificent!

The Calgary Stampede is no ordinary rodeo - at well over 100 years old, it strives to promote and preserve Alberta's western heritage on a massive scale! Thrill to the chuckwagon races and barrel racing, along with the midway where you can try deep-fried Kool Aid! Seriously!!

### Itinerary

#### **July 6, 2027 - Your Adventure Begins!**

Today you fly to **Montana and the Northern Rockies!** On arrival in Kalispell, you'll be met and assisted to transfer to your Columbia Falls hotel, then enjoy this evening's **Welcome to the Rockies dinner!**

Overnight: Columbia Falls, Montana (D)

#### **July 7, 2027 - Glacier National Park & Red Jammer Bus Ride!**

You'll leave Columbia Falls after breakfast and ride through West Glacier to **Glacier National Park.** Here you'll transfer to an authentic 1933 motor coach - **the classic Glacier Park Red Jammer Bus** - for an unforgettable adventure, riding up to the peaks of Glacier National Park on the spectacular **Going-to-the-Sun Road!** The highway, completed in 1932, clings to the edge of the world as your 'Jammer' takes you up to the Continental Divide and **Logan Pass** through cedar forests and windswept alpine tundra before stopping at St. Mary where you'll board your coach. You'll have time for lunch on your own along the way before you journey on north **across the U.S.-Canadian border** from Glacier to Canada's Waterton Lakes National Park, which together form **Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.** Enjoy the next two nights in this scenic park, with tonight's dinner on your own.

Overnight: Waterton Park, Alberta (B)

#### **July 8, 2027 - Waterton Lakes National Park Boat Cruise!**

This morning TRIPS will give you a stipend to **enjoy a local breakfast on us** of your own choosing, then you're welcome to join in on a highly scenic nature hike up the short though rather steep hiking trail to **Cameron Falls.** In the heart of Waterton Lakes National Park, these falls **cascade gracefully over vivid red rock ledges** just steps from the charming Waterton Park village streets, offering a picture-perfect Rocky Mountain moment! After lunch on your own in town, you'll then hop aboard your **interpretive sightseeing cruise of the Waterton Lakes** that travels from Canada to the U.S. border, staying close to the shoreline to increase the **chances of seeing wildlife** with several scenic stops and entertaining commentary by local guides. Afterward, you'll have time to explore the majestic and historic **Prince of Wales Hotel,** and then later enjoy dinner on your own in Waterton Park.

Overnight: Waterton Park, Alberta (B)

#### **July 9, 2027 - Welcome to Banff and the Canadian Rockies!**

This morning, you'll board your private deluxe motor coach and travel north to **Banff,** the garden spot of Alberta! Along the way, you'll get to enjoy **Canada's favorite breakfast spot,** Tim Hortons, then further on you'll stop to explore a remarkable **UNESCO World Heritage Site** known as **Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump** whose fascinating topography and history go back to prehistoric times, bearing witness to a **bison hunting** practice perfected by native people of the North American plains over 6,000 years. After lunch on your own near the site, you'll continue on to **Banff National Park,** arriving late in the day at the town of **Banff,** where you'll check into your hotel with this evening's dinner on your own. Having the **spectacular Canadian Rockies** as your backdrop, you'll surely treasure your time in this charming mountain community!

Overnight: Banff, Alberta (B)

#### **July 10, 2027 - Stunning Glacial Lakes - Louise and Moraine!**

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll set out for visits to **Moraine Lake** 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. Next, you're off to **legendary Lake Louise,** the ideal backdrop for the splendid **Chateau Lake Louise** where you'll enjoy today's included lunch! Majestically poised on the shores of brilliantly turquoise Lake Louise, Chateau Lake Louise blends **timeless elegance with breathtaking Rocky Mountain scenery.** Surrounded by soaring peaks and ancient glaciers, this iconic retreat invites you to savor refined comfort, **world-class dining that you'll be treated to,** and unforgettable views. After some time to shop and explore around the Chateau, you'll return to your hotel with the remainder of the day at your leisure. Banff is of course famous for its gorgeous scenery, plentiful shopping, excellent restaurants for dining on your own, and **Cows** - not the mooing kind but purveyors of what is possibly the **best ice cream in Canada!**

Overnight: Banff, Alberta (B/L)

#### **July 11, 2027 - Athabasca Glacier Ice Explorer & Falls in Jasper!**

After breakfast, you'll board your motor coach heading for **Jasper!**

**National Park.** As you ride along the **Icefields Parkway** you might see elk, moose, goat, sheep, bear or caribou so keep your camera handy. Your first stop is 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 **Columbia Icefield Explorer** as you tour the icy slopes of **Athabasca Glacier** into 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! After lunch on your own, you'll head to **Athabasca Falls**, the most breathtaking waterfalls in the Rockies! Your adventure continues with a **scenic floating trip** on the river that lets you sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery on this authentic Canadian outdoor experience that you won't soon forget! Afterward you'll go on a **highly scenic ride** crossing **Jasper National Park** going past **Mt. Robson**, the Canadian Rockies' highest peak, en route to your hotel in **Valemount**, a charming mountain gateway of pristine wilderness, breathtaking views, and authentic small-town hospitality, with tonight's included outdoor dinner against a gorgeous alpine setting!

Overnight: Valemount, British Columbia (B/D)

**July 12, 2027 - Maligne Canyon & Lake Cruise to Spirit Island!**

Today after breakfast you'll head back into the heart of Jasper National Park, passing through **Maligne Canyon**, plunging deep through ancient limestone where rushing waterfalls, sculpted rock walls, and dramatic footbridges create one of the Rockies' most awe-inspiring natural spectacles. You'll then take a **narrated cruise on beautiful Maligne Lake**, passing glacier-studded mountain peaks while discovering more about the Canadian Rockies and their fascinating cultural heritage. Serene and spellbinding, Maligne Lake shimmers with **glacier-fed turquoise waters** framed by towering peaks. At the lake's famously picturesque **Spirit Island**, you'll disembark to gaze at one of the most photographed vistas in all the Canadian Rockies! Meanwhile, you'll have some time for lunch on your own here and to explore their excellent gift shop. This evening, return to Valemount with dinner on your own.

Overnight: Valemount, British Columbia (B)

**July 13, 2027 - Traverse the Stunning Rockies to Calgary!**

Today, you'll travel south and west through the splendid Canadian Rockies on the **Icefields Parkway** and other exceptionally scenic routes on your way to Calgary and the Stampede! Your first stop will be at **Sunwapta Falls** in Jasper National Park. Later in the day, you'll leave the beautiful Rocky Mountains on your last stretch through the wide-open **ranching country of Alberta** as you make your way into Calgary. After a full day of traveling, you'll check in to your hotel near the airport, and tonight you'll enjoy at a renowned downtown **revolving rooftop** restaurant, **Sky 360!**

Overnight: Calgary, Alberta (B/D)

**July 14, 2027 - Full Day at the Calgary Stampede!**

After breakfast, you're off to the world-famous, heart-pounding **Calgary Stampede!** Of course you'll have plenty of 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. Then this afternoon you've got reserved seat tickets to the **Rodeo!** Cowboys and of course, 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 seat! Tonight it's time for the **Calgary Stampede!** Over 100 years old, this is "**The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth!**" starting off with a blast and ending 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, Alberta (B)

**July 15, 2027 - Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow!**

Following breakfast this morning, you'll be assisted to transfer to the airport for your return flight home. **Fond memories of the magnificent Canadian Rockies and thrilling Calgary Stampede will surely last a lifetime!**

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\*\*Please note that itineraries are subject to change.

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## \$6,998.00

per person/double occupancy

Single Supplement is an additional \$1,998.00

**Trip cancellation/interruption Travel Protection is available and recommended.**

Check with your club director for details.

**Passports are required for this trip!**

### Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Roundtrip airfare to Kalispell, MT and from Calgary, AB (checked baggage fee is not included)
- 9 nights hotel accommodations (please be advised that Canadian hotels do not always offer air conditioning)
- Breakfasts daily at your hotel or locally
- 1 Lunch at the renowned **Chateau Lake Louise!**
- 3 Dinners including Calgary's **revolving rooftop Sky 360!**
- **Reserved seat tickets to the Calgary Stampede for the World-Famous Rodeo, and the Grandstand Evening Show and Chuckwagon Races!**
- TRIPS escort and private motor coach throughout the itinerary in Canada
- **All admissions including Athabasca River Scenic Float, Waterton & Maligne Lakes Cruises, Columbia Icefield Explorer, Red Jammer Bus and more!**
- All government fees and airline taxes
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- TRIPS luggage tag and wallet

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**Call today to reserve your space!!!**

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An initial **\$650.00** deposit is required to hold space on this tour. This deposit is fully refundable up to March 8, 2027.

**Final payment is due in the TRIPS office on or before March 8, 2027.**

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

100% non-refundable on March 8, 2027.

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