

CANADIAN ROCKIES AND BADLANDS

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive in Calgary

Arrive in Calgary, a cosmopolitan city affectionately nicknamed "Cowtown," where you'll be met by your tour director. Transfer to your hotel (transfers not included) and enjoy a welcome drink. The balance of the day is at your leisure.

Day 2 Calgary/Drumheller/Calgary

This morning, enjoy an introductory city tour of Calgary, a city which manages to balance the modern with traditional pioneer charm. After your introductory tour, travel to the Badlands where you'll visit Horsethief Canyon, travel along the Dinosaur Trail, and stop at Horsethief Canyon and Hoodoos. Later, visit the Royal Tyrell Paleontology Museum, Canada's only museum which is dedicated exclusively to paleontology and is home to one of the world's largest displays of dinosaurs. Enjoy a welcome dinner tonight in Calgary with your guide and fellow passengers. (B) (D)

Day 3 Lethbridge/Fort Macleod/Lethbridge This morning, visit the National Historic site of the Bar U Ranch. You will be fascinated by the inner workings of the development of the ranching industry in Canada. You'll be amazed at the tales of survival and ingenuity as the Bar U found itself a place on the world map. After lunch, we tour the Head-Smashed-In-Buffalo-Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Indigenous people used this buffalo jump for 5,500 years by driving buffalo off the high cliff. Afterwards, the buffalo carcass was taken to the camp at the foot of the hills where the buffalo's hide might be used for clothing or shelter and its bones for making tools. Afterwards, continue to your hotel in Lethbridge. (B)

Day 4 Lethbridge/Waterton/Lethbridge

After breakfast, drive to Waterton Lakes where the prairies meet the Canadian Rockies. This area is known for its stunning scenery from mountain vistas to rushing waterfalls. Upon arrival, we embark on an awe-inspiring boat tour of the area, then spend the afternoon at leisure enjoying the many recreational activities the area affords. Afterwards, continue to your hotel in Lethbridge. (B)

Day 5 Lethbridge/Radium Hot Springs

Travel to Radium Springs, passing Crownsnest Pass and Cranbrook along the way. Arrive in Radium Hot Springs where you will have the opportunity to pamper yourself with a relaxing soak in Canada's largest hot springs pool. Later transfer to your hotel in Radium Hot Springs. (B)

Day 6 Radium Hot Springs/Lake Louise/Canmore

This morning, travel to the western slopes of the Canadian Rockies where you'll visit Yoho National Park, which was named "Yoho" for the Cree expression of wonder and awe. Stop at picturesque Emerald Lake and Spiral Tunnel View Point where you just might catch the trains entering in Golden or exiting the tunnels. Visit charming Lake Louise and then continue to Banff for an orientation tour. The remainder of the day is at leisure. You may consider an optional Banff Gondola Ride to Sulfur Mountain. (B)

Day 7 Banff/Icefields/Banff

Today, drive on the Icefield Parkways and stop at Petyo and Herbert Lakes where you can enjoy idyllic views. Board the snow coach and explore the Columbia Icefields. Remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the wide variety of activities in Banff. This evening, enjoy a Western-style farewell dinner at Banff's Wild Bill Saloon. (B,D)

Day 8 Banff/Depart Calgary

After breakfast, depart for the Calgary airport for your return flight home. (Transfers not included). (B)