

THE TRAVEL CLUB

National Parks Canadian Rockies, Glacier & Yellowstone

11 DAYS: Thursday, May 30-Sunday, June 9, 2019

\$3,759 per person double occupancy; \$4,339 for single reservations

THE CANADIAN ROCKIES—a grand outdoor wonderland of dazzling peaks, lush alpine meadows, turquoise lakes, virgin forest, towering waterfalls and epic wildlife. Start in Banff National Park—“one of the world's premiere destinations, spanning a region of unparalleled majestic mountain scenery” – National Geographic)—famous for its outrageously colored lakes. Stop at turquoise-hued Lake Louise, and towering Victoria Glacier. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump UNESCO site before arriving in Waterton Lakes National Park. Arriving in Montana, we'll board vintage 1930's Red Buses for a tour of Glacier National Park—magnificent and pristine—and travel up Going-to-the-Sun Road (“a strong contender for the most spectacular road in America” – Lonely Planet). Yellowstone is next—jaw-dropping mountain scenery, indescribable colors and jam-packed with wildlife—followed by the Grand Tetons and our final destination of Jackson.

Your tour package includes

- 10 nights in handpicked hotels, 10 breakfasts, 5 dinners with beer or wine
- 6 guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Calgary Tower, Banff National Park, Lake Louise, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Going-to-the-Sun Road, Old Faithful, The Grand Tetons,

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 1 hour daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and ice, with some steep inclines and high altitudes.

FEATURES

Calgary tour, Banff National Park, Lake Louise, Victoria Glacier, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Waterton Lakes National Park, Going-to-the-Sun Road, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs, Grand Teton National Park, Jackson. **OPTIONALS: Banff—Sulphur Mountain Gondola Ride. Jackson—The Grand Tetons by horseback; Snake River Float.**

ACCOMMODATIONS

DAY 1 Flight from Boston International Hotel, Calgary AB

DAYS 2–4 Irwin's Mountain Inn, Banff AB

DAY 5 Glacier Peaks Hotel, Glacier Country

DAY 6 Holiday Inn, Missoula MT

DAYS 7-8 Yellowstone Park Hotel, Yellowstone WY

DAYS 9-10 Elk Country Inn, Jackson WY

DAY 11 Return flight to Boston

or similar hotel accommodations



Calgary, Alberta

Day 1: Arrival in Calgary

Included meals: Dinner

Welcome to Canada! Arrive at your hotel in Calgary and settle in before getting to know your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Banff, Alberta

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Calgary

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Head out on a sightseeing coach tour of Calgary, a lively city that served as the site of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games. • Enjoy panoramic city views from the observation deck at the top of Calgary Tower • Drive by City Hall, Canada Olympic Park and the winding Bow River • Make a photo stop at the vast Calgary Stampede grounds, where an annual festival and tournament-style rodeo are hosted Later, drive into the mountains to get to know Banff's dramatic landscapes as you explore on your own.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Lake Louise

Included meals: Breakfast

Journey into Banff National Park to Lake Louise, a mirror-like glacial lake known as Canada's "diamond in the wilderness." • Discover a landscape rich in wildlife and history • Stroll along the glittering shores of Lake Louise and take in staggering vistas of the towering Victoria Glacier • Visit the grand Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, an iconic hotel located on the lake's eastern shore Later this afternoon, explore on your own or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Sulphur Mountain Gondola Ride

\$59/pp

Step inside a glass-enclosed gondola and ascend over 2,000 feet up Sulphur Mountain, which is named for the hot springs located on its slopes. Spend time exploring the mountain's main observation deck, where you can enjoy a wide variety of food options, interactive exhibits, a multi-sensory theater, and more. Then, take a stroll along the boardwalk to admire panoramic vistas of snow-capped mountains, the Bow Valley and Banff National Park below, and the Sulphur Mountain Cosmic Ray Station, which is a national historic site of Canada. Please note: Warm clothing including a sweater or jacket is recommended. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$69)

Day 4: Free day in Banff

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a full free day in Banff to explore on your own or add an excursion.

Glacier County, Montana

Day 5: Glacier County via Waterton Lakes National Park

Included meals: Breakfast

Transfer into the United States to Montana today. Before crossing the border, stop to admire some of Alberta's scenic gems. • Drive south to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO-listed site that serves as a telling remnant from the time of the First Nations people • Continue on to Waterton Lakes National Park, a picturesque area dotted with rugged mountains and dense wilderness • Enjoy afternoon tea at the charming Prince of Wales Hotel, which is perched on a bluff and flanked by a curtain of mountains

Missoula, Montana

Day 6: Missoula via Glacier National Park

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hop in a Red Jammer car and make your way along the Going-to-the-Sun Road, a national landmark considered to be one of the world's most scenic drives. *(Please note: Activities in Glacier National Park may vary depending on the season and weather conditions.)* • Marvel at cedar forests, rocky cliffs, and glacial lakes as you wind your way through Glacier National Park, which makes up a portion of the UNESCO-listed International Peace Park • Appreciate the wilderness of the park and take in the sight of melting glaciers that experts estimate will be gone within the coming decades Then, take in views of the changing landscape as you continue on to Missoula for dinner. *(Please note: Early June and September departures may overnight in Kalispell instead of Missoula.)*

Yellowstone Region, Montana

Day 7: Transfer to the Yellowstone Region

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Transfer through Montana to the town of West Yellowstone today, and enjoy a free afternoon to explore on your own.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Yellowstone National Park

Included meals: Breakfast

Drive into Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, designated the world's first national park in 1872, to discover its unique landscape and vast array of animal life with a local guide leading the way. • Make a photo stop at the Fountain Paint Pot, a colorful, geothermal mudpot located in the Lower Geyser Basin • Stroll along the boardwalks around Old Faithful, a famous, frequently erupting cone-type geyser that

reaches between 100 and 200 feet high • Head to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, which was created by the erosive forces of water thousands of years ago • Stop at the canyon's Upper and Lower Falls for sweeping perspectives of the area at Inspiration Point and Artist Point • Drive further north to spend free time at the ethereal, terraced Mammoth Hot Springs before making your way back to West Yellowstone

Jackson, Wyoming

Day 9: Jackson via Grand Teton National Park

Included meals: Breakfast

Enjoy a scenic drive to Jackson, one of the West's premier arts communities. Stop along the way for photo ops in Grand Teton National Park, an area that has a human history dating back over 10,000 years. • Explore the Grand Tetons, the youngest mountain range in the Rockies • Try to spot elk, coyotes, black bears, wolves, bison and the elusive mountain lion Upon arrival in Jackson, take a free afternoon to explore on your own.

Day 10: Free day in Jackson

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Spend a full free day in Jackson or add excursions. Then, say goodbye to your group at a farewell dinner this evening.

Optional Excursions

The Grand Tetons by Horseback

\$79/pp

Jackson is home to fewer than 9,000 people, but it'll feel like the big city after today's horseback riding excursion through the Grand Tetons region. Suitable for riders of every skill level, this trip into Wyoming's back country will highlight the scenic beauty of the Snake River Valley. As you trot down mountain paths, keep your eyes peeled for the incredible array of wildlife that calls this area home. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent and runs seasonally from mid-May through August. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$89)

Snake River Float **\$85/pp**

One of the best ways to see the Grand Tetons—the glorious peaks that surround Jackson—is from the Snake River. On a raft ride, you'll have a great chance of glimpsing some of Wyoming's wildlife, including soaring eagles and graceful elk. You'll also get a firsthand view of the site of Ansel Adams' famous photo. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent and runs seasonally from mid-May through mid-September. Layered clothing and waterproof shoes are recommended. Save \$10 when you book this excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs (On-tour price: \$95)

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.