



# The Calgary Stampede & Best of the Canadian Rockies

*Tour Dates: TBA? July, 2014*

## Day 1 – Arrive Calgary

Depart home city and arrive in **Calgary**, the Heart of the New West, nestled in the foothills of Canada's Rocky Mountains. The rest of day is at leisure to enjoy this western city legendary for its heritage and hospitality. This evening meet our guide and fellow passengers at a **welcome dinner**. *International Hotel, Calgary, AB (D)*

## Day 2 – Calgary Stampede

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then strap on your boots and belt buckles as you depart off to Stampede grounds for the world famous **Calgary Stampede** – the greatest outdoor show on earth. Enjoy prime seats at the afternoon Rodeo followed by time at leisure to explore the festival grounds. This evening the group will take in the **Chuckwagon Races and Grandstand Show** before returning to the hotel after a full day of cowboy action.

*International Hotel, Calgary, AB (B)*

## Day 3 – Calgary - Banff

This morning discover **Calgary** on a city tour including Downtown, Chinatown, Au Claire Market and the Kensington District. Take a short elevator ride to the top of the **Calgary Tower** and see an unsurpassed view of the Rocky Mountains to the west. Be sure to walk “out into space” by venturing onto the new glass floor and look directly below at the heart of the city. Leave the flat of the prairies behind and travel the short distance west to the spectacular Canadian Rockies. Upon arrival explore **Banff** on a sightseeing tour with stops at Cascade Gardens, one of Canada's finest historic landscapes and beautiful Bow Falls located near the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, a symbol of Rocky Mountain magnificence for more than a century. Great viewpoints exist along footpaths on both side of the river.

*Banff Ptarmigan Inn, Banff, AB (B)*

## Day 4 – Banff – Lake Louise

This morning we'll travel the famous Bow Valley Parkway. Stop at Johnston Canyon for an easy walk through a deep rugged canyon littered with waterfalls. Then pass where the forest parts to reveal outstanding views of the fortress-like Castle Mountain. A short drive to **Lake Louise** known as the Diamond in the Wilderness is one of the most photographed places in the world. See the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise surrounded by glistening glaciers and overlooking the crystal clear lake. Visit the nearby **Moraine Lake**, a crystal clear blue-green lake in a valley hemmed in by ten lofty mountain peaks. Cross the Continental Divide where the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean divide and into Yoho National Park with some of the most sublime scenery in North America. Visit Takakkaw Falls, higher than Niagara Falls and Emerald Lake, filled with glacial run-off water that makes it glisten with the blue-green hue of an emerald.

*Banff Ptarmigan Inn, Banff, AB (B)*

## Day 5 – Icefields Parkway

Today, with cameras ready, drive one of the world's most spectacular mountain highways through the **Icefields Parkway**. See unsurpassed mountain scenery paralleling the Great Divide with opportunities to see elk, moose, goats, sheep and possibly a bear. Stop at the summit of Bow Pass to see the beautiful soft baby blue waters of **Peyto Lake** and the rugged beauty of the Mistaya River Valley. Not to be missed is the experience of a lifetime - a ride on the Ice Explorer at the **Columbia Icefields** for a close up look at Athabasca glacier. Continue north and visit the powerful and breathtaking Athabasca Falls before arriving in the quaint mountain town of **Jasper**. This evening enjoy an optional float trip down the Athabasca River.

*Sawridge Inn, Jasper, AB (B,L)*

## Day 6 – Jasper

Start this day of Rocky Mountain adventure with a gentle ride up Whistler Mountain into **Jasper National Park's** alpine tundra on the **Jasper Tram** and enjoy breakfast at the top. A full day of sightseeing follows including a gentle walk down Maligne Canyon to see how the water has carved spectacular crevices out of the mountain. A short drive and we arrive at **Maligne Lake**, the largest natural lake in the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

*Sawridge Inn, Jasper, AB (B)*

## Day 7 – Jasper – Calgary

Enjoy this morning at leisure to wonder the streets of **Jasper**, before boarding the coach and travelling back down the Icefield Parkway. Breathe in the last of the mountain air as you watch the towering rockies disappear behind you as you approach **Calgary** for your final night. Enjoy a farewell dinner tonight with the group.

*International Hotel, Calgary, AB (B,D)*

## Day 8 – Journey Home

Depart your hotel and transfer to the Calgary Airport for our return flight home. **(B)**

## ***Tour Includes***

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7 nights accommodations  
Transportation on a full-size motorcoach  
Services of a local tour director  
7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners  
Entrance fees to attractions, National Parks and Monuments as mentioned in itinerary  
Tips for included meals  
Luggage handling (one suitcase per person)

## ***Not Included***

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Airfare  
Meals (other than mentioned in the itinerary)  
Items of a personal nature (i.e., room service, telephone, liquor, etc.)  
Customary gratuities for the tour director, driver, local guides and outfitters

## ***Complimentary Trips***

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1 complimentary single trip for a Group Travel Masters group leader has been included in the price

## ***Price Based on 30 Paying Passengers***

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\$2,280.00 Twin  
[Includes 1 single complimentary trip]

***Single: Add \$860.00***

***Triple: Deduct \$165.00***

PLEASE NOTE: Prices are estimated for 2014 and subject to change