

Spectacular Rockies and Glaciers of Alberta | Insight Small Group Tour

Holiday Duration: 7 Nights



Overview

Take a spectacular 8-day guided tour on an Insight Classic small group tour to the Rocky Mountains and witness Alberta's breath-taking wilderness. Discover the natural wonders of Banff National Park, the grand Columbia Icefield as well as the Jasper National Park. Glorious views, beautiful scenery, warm hospitality, and outstanding activities ensure a sensational trip to one of the most beautiful corners of the world.

Your fully guided tour includes a private, after-hours visit to the amazing Glacier Skywalk. Step onto the cliff-edged, glass-floored walkway offering sweeping views of the Sunwapta Valley and the Columbia Icefield.

Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Day 1



Calgary to [Banff](#)

After your arrival at Calgary Airport, you are transferred to the Castle in the Rockies, your historic mountain resort in Banff. Built in the distinctive Canadian Château style, it is one of the earliest examples of the country's grand railway hotels.

Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner.

3 nights Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff

Day 2



to [Banff](#)

Connect with nature as you join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with your First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert. Embark on a guided walk in the Boreal forest and discover the Indigenous world of plant medicines. Learn about the historical and modern day uses of plants and listen to fascinating stories about the First Nations culture.

Explore Banff with a few fun optionals. Choose to play nine holes of golf. Alternatively, take the Banff gondola up Sulphur Mountain and go on a hike. Another option is to take a guided horseback ride.

Day 3



Banff to Lake Louise

Explore Lake Louise with Insight Choice. Choose a journey on the sightseeing gondola and look out for local wildlife as you enjoy a hike surrounded by panoramic views. Alternatively, join your Travel Director for a relaxed stroll along iconic Lake Louise and put paint to canvas to create your own masterpiece.

Indulge in a delicious lunch before returning to Banff and enjoying the rest of your day at leisure.

Day 4



Banff to Icefields Parkway

Start your day with a visit to the glacier-fed, stunning turquoise Moraine Lake in the Valley of the Ten Peaks hidden among steep mountains, waterfalls, and rock piles. Your journey continues through the Icefields Parkway, one of the most beautiful drives on the planet. Admire the dramatic scenery of the Rockies with plenty of photo opportunities. Later, a warm welcome greets you at the country's first and only glacier-view resort. Before dinner, take advantage of the long daylight hours and set out for a **private, after-hours visit** to the Columbia Icefield Skywalk, a glass-floored walkway above the Sunwapta Valley. After your exclusive Skywalk visit, indulge in a delicious, Canadian inspired, locally sourced dinner, sip cocktails and marvel at the spectacular glacier views that wrap the restaurant. Once night falls, step out on your hotels viewing deck and take the opportunity to stargaze undisturbed by light pollution or relax with a drink at the library, or hang out inside the Moraine Lounge with games and live entertainment.

1 night at Glacier View Lodge

Day 5



Icefields Parkway to [Jasper](#)

Before other travellers arrive, venture onto the Athabasca Glacier in a massive Ice Explorer for your special, before-hours visit. Join your Local Expert and walk on the frozen flow of ice. Discover the beauty and immensity of the glacier as you learn about the history and geology of the region. Continue along the magnificent Icefields Parkway and arrive at Jasper National Park with its soothing mineral hot springs, colourful meadows and majestic mountains.

2 nights Forest Park Hotel, Jasper

Day 6



Jasper

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or join the fun and experience an optional easy rafting, scenic float trip down the Athabasca River, a designated Canadian Heritage River. A National Park licensed guide will provide commentary on the human and natural history of Jasper while navigating you along the same route used by the "fur traders" over 2 centuries ago. Don't worry the guides do all the rowing; you sit back and enjoy while exploring all the spectacular scenery. There is always a chance of seeing various wildlife including elk, deer, moose, coyotes, wolves, eagles, ospreys, mountain sheep and bears. For a more heart-pumping morning, join an optional Class II rapids trip. Join your Travel Director on an informative walk on the Maligne Canyon, the deepest gorge in Jasper National Park. As you tour across the crystal waters of magical Maligne Lake, fed by the glaciers of Jasper National Park and glide past the jagged mountain peaks you'll discover why it's been declared the "Best Boat Cruise in Canada."

Day 7



Jasper to Kananaskis Country

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning followed by a scenic drive down to Kananaskis, often kept as a secret mountain sanctuary for locals, away from the masses that visit neighboring Banff National Park. Enjoy the afternoon to yourself to discover the local trails surrounding your upscale hotel nestled in the wilderness, or head to the Nordic Spa located steps away from the lodge.

Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a festive Celebration Dinner and toast to your wonderful trip in the Canadian Rockies.

1 night Kananaskis

Day 8



[Kananaskis Country](#) to [Calgary](#)

After breakfast, you are transferred to Calgary Airport where your journey comes to an end. Arrival time at airport is approximately 12:00 in time for your flight back to the UK.

Alternatively, we can arrange for you to fly or drive to further explore Canada.

If you are interested in a holiday to Canada please contact us on 020 8776 8709 to discuss your plans with a Canada expert, or send an email to canada@frontier-travel.co.uk with your requirements and we will put together your ideal itinerary and quotation. Let us take you there.