

CANADIAN Rockies

June 18th – 24th 2022

While Italy has Venice and Florence, Canada has Banff and Jasper... legendary natural marvels that are as spectacular & vital as anything the ancient Romans ever built. Don't think these protected areas have no history. Of the thousands of National Parks, Banff, created in 1885 is the third oldest. The two bordering parks were designated Unesco World Heritage sites. Both parks are surrounded by classic Canadian Rocky Mountain peaks and stunning glaciers.

Included:

- ❖ Motor coach transportation to Calgary - Air from Calgary to PDX - Motor coach transportation from PDX
- ❖ Personal services from your OregonWest Tour Director
- ❖ 6 Nights deluxe lodging
- ❖ 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- ❖ All attractions/tours as described below
- ❖ All Gratuities

We're off on an adventure to see some of the most spectacular scenery in the world! Our first stop is **Tulalip Casino & Resort for lunch & play time.** Enjoy the scenery as we make our way to our home for the night; **Chilliwack BC...** it lays on an ancient flood plain in the beautiful Fraser Valley, amongst some of Canada's richest farmland.

We'll continue through the Fraser Valley and its' 7 mountain tunnels, into the heart of B.C. & Yale, once the largest city north of San Francisco and west of Chicago. **Enjoy a guided tour at the museum & Old Church** packed with great surprises and rich history. Next, ride the **Hell Gate Canyon Gondola.** We'll traverse mountain ranges aboard one of the only descending gondolas in North America. These aerial trams will give you a birds' eye view of the Fraser River and the Hell Gate Canyon... this is a historic landmark where 200 million gallons of water per minute thunder through this 110 foot-wide passage. A delicious **lunch awaits on the other side!** Our day ends in the comforts of the **Coast Hotel in Kamloops.**

The outstanding scenery continues today as we wind our way north to **Rearguard Falls & Provincial Park.** This is the last stretch of the Fraser River that the salmon are able to navigate. Having already swam upstream for over 800 miles, only the strongest of the strong make it up the falls. We'll stop at the **Mt. Robson Visitors Center** and learn a little about the second oldest park in B.C... it truly is one of the world's crown jewels. The mountain for which the park is named tops out at 12,972 feet and is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. **Our home for the next 2 nights; the Tonquin Inn in Jasper,** located in one of Canada's oldest and largest national parks, it was once seen as an island of civilization in a vast wilderness.

We'll start today with a **Cruise on Maligne Lake,** the largest glacially formed and fed lake in the Canadian Rockies. These remnants of the last Ice Age still cling to the cliffs, rest in the cirques and cap off the pinnacles of a fabulous ring of mountains. The tranquil blue water, and backdrop of lofty peaks are a calming wilderness experience. Next, enjoy **lunch at the Maligne Canyon Restaurant...** it sits at the top of one of Jasper National Park's most famous attractions: **Maligne Canyon,** the deepest gorge in the Canadian Rockies! **Your evening is free to explore Jasper on your own.**

First stop today is **Athabasca Falls,** they are among the most powerful and breathtaking falls in the Rocky Mountains. Next is a very unique experience... **Ride on a Glacier Ice Explorer at the Columbia Ice Fields!** A massive vehicle, specially designed for glacial travel, will take us on the surface of the Athabasca Glacier. Midway, you can safely step out onto the glacier and take in stunning alpine and glacial vistas. Photo stops prevail as we are on one of the most beautiful drives in the world, Jasper to Banff via the Ice Fields Parkway. **Our home for the next 2 nights is the Park Place Hotel in the town of Banff.**

Meet our wonderful **step on guide this morning,** she will show us more of this wonderful place, including: Bow Falls, Cave & Basin, Mt Norquay, we'll also ride on the **Banff Gondola** to the top of Sulphur Mountain and experience a stunning bird's eye view of six mountain ranges. Your **afternoon and evening are free to explore this exciting town.**

We'll head for Calgary this morning, where we'll fly home with wonderful memories from this breathtaking adventure!



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A \$100 deposit will hold space; balance is due by April 21st, 2022