



SANTA ANA COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM

PRESENTS....

CANADIAN ROCKIES

FEATURING BANFF, JASPER & YOHO NATIONAL PARKS, LAKE LOUISE, CALGARY & COLUMBIA ICEFIELDS

AUGUST 19-24, 2012 ~ 6 DAY TOUR



TOUR PACE ☐ Leisurely ☒ On the Go ☐ ACTIVITY LEVEL ☐ Low ☒ High

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ Travel Icefields Parkway to Banff, Jasper and Yoho National Parks with photo stops for the spectacular lakes, glaciers, and waterfalls
- ♦ In Banff visit Cascade Gardens, see Bow Falls, travel up Sulphur Mountain via the Banff Gondola and enjoy an included dinner at the iconic *Fairmont Banff Springs*
- ♦ Visit Lake Louise and enjoy included dinner at the beautiful *Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise*
- ♦ In Jasper, tour the Maligne Canyon, visit Maligne Lake and ride up Whistler Mountain aboard the Jasper Tram
- ♦ Snocoach ride on the Columbia Icefield's Athabasca Glacier and an optional float trip on the Athabasca River
- ♦ Calgary city tour including Canada Olympic Park, the Calgary Tower, and the eclectic Eau Claire Market

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ♦ Nights 1-2 **Ptarmigan Inn**
Banff, AB
- ♦ Nights 3-4 **Lobstick Lodge**
Jasper, AB
- ♦ Night 5 **Deer Lodge**
Lake Louise, AB

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ♦ 5 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ♦ 8 Meals – 2 dinners, 1 lunch, 5 breakfasts
- ♦ Services of a professional tour director
- ♦ Comprehensive sightseeing with a local guide
- ♦ Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ♦ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ♦ Luggage handling, taxes, fees and most gratuities

PER PERSON LAND PRICES

Double \$1,859 / Single \$2,599 • Deposit \$300

Roundtrip group airfare available from \$599

Travel Protection Plan – see reverse

* A passport is required for this tour

~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

Majestic and sublime, the Canadian Province of Alberta is a land of scenic wonders. Towering mountain peaks, tranquil lakes, cascading waterfalls, spectacular scenic routes...this tour encompasses all that is spectacular about the Canadian Rockies.



Maligne Lake

♦DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE IN THE ROCKIES♦

Our journey begins with optional transfers from home or our departure points this morning to LAX for a flight to **Calgary** arriving in the late morning. Our neighbor to the north welcomes you to the Canadian Province of **Alberta!** Upon our arrival a deluxe motorcoach and our knowledgeable driver-guide will be waiting to transport us the short distance to **Banff**, the most famous town in the Rockies. We'll check in to a downtown hotel and freshen up before an included **welcome dinner** at the iconic *Fairmont Banff Springs*, a symbol of Rocky Mountain magnificence for more than a century. (Dinner)



Banff Springs Hotel

♦DAY 2 ~ BANFF♦

Following an included breakfast we'll discover the charming townscape of Banff on a guided sightseeing tour. We'll visit **Cascade Gardens**, one of Canada's finest historic landscapes and



Maximum elevation on this tour is 7,000 feet.

beautiful **Bow Falls**. Great viewpoints exist along footpaths on both sides of the river. One of today's highlights will be a trip up **Sulphur Mountain** on the *Banff Gondola*, where you will gain a whole new perspective of Banff and six mountain ranges with a panoramic 360 degree view. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure to explore the charming village nestled amongst the wild beauty of **Banff National Park**. Enjoy strolling alongside locals and world-travelers as you discover a cosmopolitan collection of galleries, boutiques and cafés. (Breakfast)



Moraine Lake

♦DAY 3 ~ ICEFIELDS PARKWAY, JASPER♦

This morning following an included breakfast we travel the famous **Bow Valley Parkway** past **Vermilion Lakes** and a 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**. Then with cameras ready, we'll begin our drive on one of the world's most spectacular mountain highways – the **Icefields Parkway**. Often described as “the most spectacular stretch of highway” in all of Canada, this roadway is home to some of the most dramatic vistas in all of North America. Paralleling the Great Divide, the Parkway features rushing

RESERVATIONS

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

♦ Deposit due at time of booking to the address above (*Good Times Travel* will contact you for the travel protection and air option)

♦ *Good Times Travel* will invoice you for the balance payment 6-8 weeks prior

TRAVEL PROTECTION / CANCELLATION

Travel protection/cancellation insurance is highly recommended for all multi-day tours. If travel protection has not been purchased, only recoverable funds less a cancellation charge of \$50 will be reimbursed once payment has been made. Amount of reimbursement depends on the date of cancellation.

If travel protection has been purchased and you must cancel prior to departure or leave the tour enroute for a reason approved by the insurance company, you will receive a full refund (or partial if enroute), minus the cost of the premium. Other benefits of travel protection include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, and lost/stolen/damaged luggage. Pre-existing medical conditions are only covered if protection is purchased at the time of deposit. See travel protection plan for full details and exclusions.

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Roundtrip airport transfers are available as follows:

From one of our departure points: \$69 p.p.

Fountain Valley - Good Times Travel office
Long Beach - City College - Lot "O"

From home: \$159 and higher (contact us for quote)

Exact departure times are provided 2 weeks prior

LAND ONLY PRICES

We've listed land only rates with the optional airfare price separately. You have the option of taking advantage of our group discount or making your own air arrangements. Generally air prices get higher as the departure date

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See *Good Times Travel* catalog
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streams, tumbling waterfalls, countless lakes, glacier peaks, and snow-capped mountain ranges. Stay alert for possible sightings of mountain goats, bighorn sheep, moose, marmots, elk and even a bear. We'll 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 Icefield** (weather permitting), one of the largest bodies of ice south of the Arctic. Aboard a specially-designed glacier vehicle we'll take a ride on the **Athabasca Glacier**, a 1,000-foot thick glacier surface where you will see crevasses and seracs and learn that glaciers are moving rivers of ice, thousands of years old. You can then step out onto the ice formed from snow falling over the last 400 years. The meltwater from the Columbia Icefield feeds streams that flow into three oceans: the Arctic, the Atlantic and the Pacific. Following an included lunch we continue north and visit the powerful and breathtaking **Athabasca Falls** before arriving in the quaint mountain town of **Jasper**. Jasper is a charming village nestled within **Jasper National Park**, the largest mountain park in Canada. The Park looks much like it did when David Thompson, Canada's great fur-trader-explorer first discovered it. This evening wander amongst the many shops in downtown Jasper or enjoy an optional **float trip** down the **Athabasca River**. This leisurely experience offers a unique perspective of Jasper National Park and passes through many small sets of rapid and calm stretches, which allows your National Park licensed guide to point out the natural and human history of Jasper. (Breakfast, Lunch)



♦ DAY 4 ~ JASPER ♦

We'll start this day of Rocky Mountain adventure with a gentle ride up **Whistler Mountain** into Jasper National Parks alpine tundra on the **Jasper Tram** and an included 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 through **Maligne Valley** via the incredible disappearing **Medicine Lake** and we arrive at **Maligne Lake**, the largest natural lake in the Canadian Rocky Mountains – and perhaps the prettiest. Fourteen miles long and ringed by dramatic snow-capped peaks, this is

also a great spot to be on the lookout for wildlife. (Breakfast)

♦ DAY 5 ~ YOHO NT'L PARK, LAKE LOUISE ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning we cross the **Continental Divide** – where the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean divide and arrive at **Yoho National Park** offering 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. Visit **Morraine Lake**, a crystal clear blue-green lake amongst the **Valley of the Ten Peaks**. Later we arrive at **Lake Louise**, one of the most photographed places in the world known as the "Diamond in the Wilderness". It is here that the majestic mountains soaring skyward are reflected in the vibrant blue of the glacier-fed, Lake Louise. You'll have time to stroll the grounds of **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise** and view **Victoria Glacier** and the emerald waters of Lake Louise prior to a memorable included dinner at the Chateau to reminisce about your Rockies experience. (Breakfast, Dinner)



♦ DAY 6 ~ CALGARY ♦

This morning following an included breakfast we descend to the Great Plains of Canada and return to the dynamic city of **Calgary**, nestled in the rolling foothills of the Canadian Rockies. A guided sightseeing tour of the city – a former fur trading post that burst onto the world scene when it hosted the 1988 Winter Olympics and is now a bustling metropolis. An evening flight returns us to Los Angeles with spectacular photos and memories of the incomparable Canadian Rockies. (Breakfast)