



MONTANA & GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

FEATURING GLACIER & WATERTON LAKES NT'L PARKS, MISSOULA, COEUR D'ALENE, SPOKANE

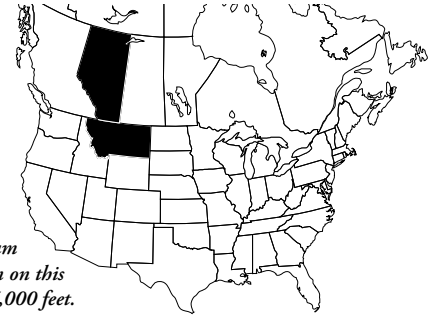
AUGUST 26–SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 ~ 7 DAY TOUR



TOUR PACE Leisurely On the Go ACTIVITY LEVEL Low High

~DAY BY DAY ITINERARY~

Welcome to a land shaped by glaciers and a journey that provides spectacular scenery every day! This is Big Sky Country, a region that represents the untamed, the wild, the natural. Spectacular glacier-formed lakes and rivers beneath snow capped mountains – scattered amongst green valleys dotted with small historic towns. From the majesty of Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks to Idaho's Silver Valley and the Lewis & Clark Territory along the Missouri River – this new itinerary not only features spectacular sights but spectacular hotel stays and a geographer-guide onboard.



Maximum elevation on this tour is 7,000 feet.

Idaho's beautiful Silver Valley we soon arrive in the historic mining town of Wallace, Idaho (population 784). The town has long been famous as the "Silver Capital of the World" – the only place on earth where more than a billion ounces of silver have been mined in 100 years. But the town is also famous because every downtown building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Enjoy time at your leisure in Wallace for lunch and browsing. We continue on this afternoon and arrive in "Big Sky Country" as we travel along the western shore of Montana's Flathead Lake. Arrive in Whitefish, Montana – surrounded by three distinct mountain ranges it has a proud history and a rich timber and railroad heritage. Walk through town and discover the floral window boxes, hand-carved wooden signs, covered sidewalks, painted murals, and old-time building facades as you shop or dine at leisure. Or relax at our accommodations for the evening – the upscale *Grouse Mountain Lodge* featuring rustic luxury and nestled in the heart of a mountain valley. (Breakfast)



Waterton Lakes National Park

◆DAY 1 ~ ARRIVE SPOKANE, WA◆

Start with optional transfers from home or our departure points this morning to LAX for our flight to **Spokane**. On board throughout this tour is geographer, **Dennis Napier**, former professor at Long Beach City College. His extensive knowledge and diverse background will make your journey an enlightening one. Upon arrival, a deluxe motorcoach will be waiting to transport us for the next seven days. We begin with a tour of Spokane led by a local guide. Learn about the *Great Fire*, travel through **Browne's Addition** with its historic homes and see **Gonzaga University, Riverfront Park, St John's Cathedral, Manito Park and Spokane Falls**. Later this afternoon we arrive at our historic hotel, *The Davenport*. This incredible landmark is a four-diamond property that dates back to 1914 and is set in the center of downtown. An included memorable **welcome dinner** this evening at a historic steam plant converted to a restaurant. Check out the original boilers and catwalks – you can even get inside the 225-foot tall smokestack! (Dinner)

◆DAY 2 ~ WALLACE, ID & WHITEFISH, MT◆

This morning, enjoy an included breakfast before we set off for Montana. Traveling east through



Red "Jammer"

◆DAY 3 ~ GLACIER NATIONAL PARK◆

This morning, after an included breakfast we'll travel into **Glacier National Park** and embark on one of the most distinctive excursions in all of

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Journey through Glacier National Park via the spectacular Going-to-the-Sun Road aboard the iconic restored red "Jammer"
- ◆ Waterton Lakes National Park sightseeing with lunch at the *Prince of Wales Hotel* and a narrated "two-nation" boat cruise
- ◆ Stay in spectacular hotels including *The Davenport Hotel* in Spokane, *Grouse Mountain Lodge* and the spectacular *Glacier Park Lodge*
- ◆ A historical boat cruise on the Missouri River beneath towering limestone cliffs
- ◆ Visit "Lewis & Clark Country", Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, Smokejumper Visitor Center and the "Silver Capital", historic Wallace, ID
- ◆ Led by geographer-guide, Dennis Napier

FINE HOTELS / GREAT LOCATIONS

- ◆ Night 1 **The Davenport Hotel**
Spokane, WA
- ◆ Night 2 **Grouse Mountain Lodge**
Whitefish, MT
- ◆ Nights 3-4 **Glacier Park Lodge**
East Glacier Park, MT
- ◆ Night 5 **Holiday Inn**
Great Falls, MT
- ◆ Night 6 **Holiday Inn Downtown**
Missoula, MT

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ◆ 6 Nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ◆ 10 Meals – 3 dinners, 1 lunch, 6 breakfasts
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing and services of a professional tour director/geographer
- ◆ Roundtrip airport-hotel transfers (with purchase of group air)
- ◆ Transportation on a deluxe motorcoach
- ◆ Luggage handling throughout the tour
- ◆ Applicable taxes, fees and most gratuities

PER PERSON LAND PRICES

Double \$1,599 / Single \$2,099 • Deposit \$250

*Roundtrip group airfare available from \$425

Travel Protection Plan – see reverse

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 approaches so it's best to book early.

FURTHER INFORMATION / TERMS

See *Good Times Travel* catalog
or www.goodtimestravel.com

North America – the **Going-to-the-Sun-Road** aboard a famous vintage red “**Jammer**”. These refurbished vehicles are both a symbol of the park and a reminder of a time when adventurous travel was done with style. The name “jammer” is carried over from the days when the buses had standard transmissions and the drivers could be heard “jamming” the gears as they drove up and down the rugged mountainous highway. These touring sedans have extensive windows and a rollback canvas top – the views seen from the “Jammer” are spectacular. Behold the awesome snowcapped peaks as you drive over the **Continental Divide** via the 6,664-foot high **Logan Pass** and enter a geographical wonderland of alpine scenery where jagged peaks, deep green forests, pristine lakes and meadows dominate the landscape. Your driver-guide will point out any bald eagles, bear, moose, deer and mountain goats you may encounter. Later this afternoon we arrive at the **Glacier Park Lodge** in East Glacier for a two-night stay. This historic rustic lodge built almost a century ago by the Great Northern Railway is situated on the Blackfeet Reservation. You'll be amazed at the Huge Douglas fir pillars that are over 40 feet high and 40 inches in diameter that form the supports in the distinguished lobby. Enjoy the evening at your leisure. (Breakfast)

♦ DAY 4 ~ WATERTON LAKES NT'L PARK ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning we cross the border into Canada and arrive into **Waterton Lakes National Park** in southern Alberta. You are now in the world's first **International Peace Park**, formed in 1932 by combining Waterton Lakes Park in Canada and Glacier Park in Montana. Enjoy an included lunch at the **Prince of Wales Hotel**, one of the most photographed hotels in the world. The hotel was named after Prince Edward when it was built in 1927 to resemble a Swiss chalet, and is even crowned with a 30-foot bell tower. This afternoon enjoy a narrated “**two nation**” **boat cruise** of Waterton Lakes, with its deep scenic bays, sheer vertical mountains and beautiful wilderness surroundings. Later this afternoon we return to our Lodge in East Glacier so you may enjoy the evening at leisure *While the sightseeing today requires a valid passport, passengers without a passport may remain at the Glacier Park Lodge on this day.* (Breakfast, Lunch)

♦ DAY 5 ~ GREAT FALLS, MT ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning we are off to **Great Falls, MT** known as the ‘Electric City’ because of its numerous dams and power plants. It is located on the **Missouri River** among the five falls that were both a magnificent spectacle and formidable barrier to early river travel. In fact the area holds great significance for the **Lewis & Clark Expedition** as explorers were forced to spend nearly a month around the falls

in June 1805. Much of the Missouri River in this area looks much as it did when Lewis and Clark first viewed it over 200 years ago. We'll visit the **Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center** and re-live the 1804-06 Lewis and Clark Expedition's 8,000-mile journey across western North America. Built into a scenic bluff with spectacular views of the Missouri River, the Center's exhibits bring alive the indomitable spirit of exploration. An included dinner this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

♦ DAY 6 ~ GREAT FALLS TO MISSOULA ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning, we follow the Missouri River south following the footsteps of Lewis and Clark on a journey to the **Gates of the Mountain**. This narrated boat trip will take you along the Missouri River, through towering limestone cliffs 1200 feet on either side. For nearly two centuries travelers have ventured down this stretch of the Missouri through the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to marvel at its natural wonders. Look straight up and you may spot the Bighorn sheep scrambling up the rocks. Ospreys, eagles (bald and golden), vultures and falcons (peregrine and prairie) still soar on the updrafts. The canyon is also home to otters, deer, squirrels, ermine, beaver, mountain lions, black bears and other wild creatures. Your guide will hug the shoreline to give you a look at Indian pictographs painted on the rock wall – proof that indigenous people lived here long before Meriwether Lewis named it the Gates of the Mountains. Later in the day we arrive in **Missoula, Montana** and tour the largest **smokejumper base** and **Visitor Center**. When first hearing about smokejumpers – daring parachuters that drop out of the sky to fight fires in America's most remote forests and prairies – you might think they're made up characters for a movie. But they're real and you'll get the inside scoop on what this demanding occupation entails. Visit the Smokejumper loft, the ready room, the **National Smokejumper Memorial** and the museum which includes a fire lookout tower originally built in 1930. Enjoy a memorable **farewell dinner** this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

♦ DAY 7 ~ IDAHO, FINAL FAREWELL ♦

Following an included breakfast this morning, we depart Missoula and return to Idaho arriving in the resort town at the great lake of **Coeur d'Alene**, once a French and Native American trade center. The Coeur d'Alene area is surrounded by dozens of lakes left behind by the glaciers of the ice age. Time for lunch at leisure in this resort town. Later this afternoon we arrive at the Spokane Airport for our return flight to Los Angeles. Spectacular scenery, memorable experiences – there are too many to count! (Breakfast)