The Canadian Rockies

Presented by Wendt Touring 6 Days – June 23-28, 2024

This great early summer adventure takes us out west to the stunning Canadian Rockies to see one of the most beautiful and majestic mountain ranges in the world! Marvel at the crystal blue waters. Search for incredible wildlife. We stay at the same hotel for all five nights. All the must-see attractions are included in this once-in-a-lifetime vacation.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Calgary ~ Banff National Park ~ Lake Louise ~ Yoho National Park
Athabasca Glacier Ride ~ Moraine Lake & Valley of the Ten Peaks
Sulphur Mountain Gondola ~ Cave & Basin Museum ~ Bow Falls
Banff Springs Hotel ~ Lake Minnewanka Cruise ~ Emerald Lake
Takakkaw Falls ~ Columbia Ice Fields ~ Peyto Lake ~ Jasper National Park

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Round trip scheduled air flights & airport departure taxes
- ➤ Airport transfer to/from Cleveland airport
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Five nights lodging in Banff The Rundlestone Inn
- Eight meals five breakfasts & three dinners
- All sightseeing, admissions, baggage handling & most gratuities
- Professional tour manager

TOUR FARE:

\$3,599 per person based on double occupancy \$4,699 per person based on single occupancy

Travel Arrangements made by Wendt Touring

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<u>Day 1: Cleveland ~ Calgary, Alberta ~ Banff:</u> Fly aboard a scheduled airline to Calgary, Alberta. Upon arrival board a private motorcoach and journey to Banff, Alberta. Travel through the rolling foothills and into the heart of the magnificent Canadian Rockies. Late afternoon arrival in the lovely mountain village of Banff, a thriving resort area that combines alpine beauty with first-class modern conveniences. Enjoy a memorable five-night stay in Banff which has been offering its warm hospitality and stunning settings to visitors for over a century. Following check-in, take a stroll around town before gathering for a welcome dinner.

Day 2: Banff National Park ~ Lake Louise ~ Moraine Lake & Valley of Ten Peaks:

This morning we embark on a glorious sightseeing excursion into Banff National Park. As Canada's oldest and most popular national park, Banff offers a wide range of spectacular sights. Journey deep into the heart of the Rockies to view majestic Victoria Glacier nestled behind the icy, blue-green waters of Lake Louise – the "Jewel of the Rockies". Visit the lovely Chateau Lake Louise, built on the shores of Lake Louise, surrounded by towering mountains. Continue over the Great Continental Divide to Kicking Horse and Takakkaw Falls. Stop at Moraine Lake and Valley of the Ten Peaks for a splendid view of the emerald green lake set before a backdrop of sharp peaks. Later today we arrive back in Banff for a group dinner.

Day 3: Icefields Parkway ~ Athabasca Glacier Snocoach Ride ~ Jasper National Park:

Today we travel north on the scenic Columbia Icefields Parkway enroute to Jasper National Park. The Parkway runs along a chain of massive icefields straddling the Continental Divide. This spectacular highway, considered by many to be the most beautiful in Canada, offers picturesque vistas of the snow-capped mountains interspersed with waterfalls, lakes and a succession of rivers. Along the parkway a variety of wildlife may be seen – elk, deer, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, moose and bear. Upon entering Jasper National Park, board a large Snocoach and embark on an exciting journey onto the mighty Athabasca Glacier. Walk around on glacial ice and peer into deep blue crevasses. Later today we arrive back in Banff for the night.

<u>Day 4: Banff at Leisure:</u> Today has been set aside for personal pursuits to explore on your own. You may choose to visit the Banff Springs Hotel and enjoy a meal or embark on either a Rocky Mountain River float trip or experience a memorable helicopter excursion. Other options include strolling the shops and boutiques of Banff or just simply relaxing at our lodge absorbing the stunning mountain scenery.

<u>Day 5: Sulphur Mountain Gondola ~ Cave & Basin Museum ~ Lake Minnewanka Cruise:</u>

Begin today with an exciting gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain for spectacular views of Banff National Park. Next, we visit the Cave & Basin National Historic Site which features naturally occurring warm mineral springs inside the cave and an emerald-colored basin outside. This afternoon we embark on a delightful boat cruise on sparkling Lake Minnewanka. En route back to the lodge, travel along the Bow River past the Banff Springs Hotel to see thundering Bow Falls. Stop at the unusual Hoodoos – unique geological spires, carved by the forces of wind and water which stand like lonely sentinels overlooking the Bow River. This evening we gather for a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

<u>Day 6: Calgary ~ Cleveland:</u> Travel back to Calgary for our flight and journey home.