



CANADA

HEART OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 12324)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Calgary

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 24 - 10 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience the best of the Canadian Rockies on this week-long road trip to Alberta's iconic alpine towns.

Highlights

- Discover the stunning scenery of Emerald Lake and Lake Louise.
- Travel through the spine of the Canadian Rockies along the amazing Icefields Parkway.
- Experience the scenic natural beauty and stunning wildlife of the Canadian Rockies.
- Witness the gem coloured glacial lakes and waterfalls and snow-covered peaks of Yoho National Park.

Commence your adventure in Calgary, where you will pick-up your rental car for a week long journey into the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Drive to Banff and enjoy a two night stay in the alpine town. Whilst in Banff you have the opportunity to be hosted by local experts, you can observe wildlife in their natural habitat (think black bears, elk, and coyotes to name a few!), cruise Lake Minnewanka, take the Banff Gondola up Sulphur Mountain or ride on horseback along the Bow River.

From Banff, you journey into Yoho National Park for a stay at the stunning Emerald Lake Lodge. From Emerald Lake you head up one of the world's most scenic drives along the Icefields Parkway to Jasper.

In Jasper you have the option to cruise Maligne Lake and marvel at Spirit Island, enjoy a gentle rafting trip or a guided nature walk. From Jasper your drive journey takes you to Lake Louise. Lake Louise is the most famous glacial lake in the Canadian Rockies and one of the most beautiful in the Western Hemisphere. Your week long self-drive experience comes to an end back in the Stampede city of Calgary.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Banff at Elk + Avenue Hotel
- 1 night in Emerald Lake at Emerald Lake Lodge
- 2 nights in Jasper at Crimson Jasper Hotel
- 1 night in Lake Louise at Lake Louise Inn
- 8 days Intermediate car rental including GPS
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 2
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 5

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day 1 Calgary Banff

Leave the Stampede City of Calgary for the short drive to Banff, a resort town renowned for its scenic natural beauty and stunning wildlife.

Overnight in Banff at **Elk + Avenue Hotel**.



Day **2**

Banff

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one from four freedom of choice activities below.

Overnight in Banff at **Elk + Avenue Hotel**.

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Banff Gondola:**

Maximize your views of Banff National Park with minimal exertion on a round-trip gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

OR

- **Lake Minnewanka Cruise:**

Admire views of the Canadian Rockies by boat as you cruise across the turquoise-hued Lake Minnewanka and over to Devil's Gap.

OR

- **River Explorer Canoe Tour:**

Enjoy the serenity of the Bow River and marvel at the surroundings. A fun & interactive way with your guide to explore the waterways of Banff National Park. Perfect for families. No paddling experience necessary.

OR

- **Bow River Horseback Adventure:**

Saddle up for a journey through the celebrated landscape of Banff National Park on this guided horseback riding adventure.



BANFF | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA

Day 3 Banff Emerald Lake

Enjoy the leisurely drive from Banff. Choose the Bow Valley Parkway, beside the Bow River, with an option for you to take a stop at Johnston Canyon and walk along the paved footpath to either the lower or upper waterfalls before continuing to into Yoho National Park and Emerald Lake Lodge. The word Yoho is the Cree word expressing awe. This 1313 sq. km national park is filled with gem coloured glacial lakes and waterfalls, snow-covered peaks and dense forests of western red cedar and western hemlock. Historic railroads, spiral tunnels within mountain sides and steep rock faces where mountain goats roam are just some of the sights to be seen.

Overnight in Emerald Lake at **Emerald Lake Lodge**.



EMERALD LAKE | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC DAVE HEATH

Day 4 Emerald Lake Jasper

Today, travel through the spine of the Canadian Rockies along the amazing Icefields Parkway and encompass the ultimate glacier exploration. From walking on ancient ice with the Ice Explorer ride, to standing on a glass platform almost one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included), today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for

this treasured region of the Rockies.

Overnight in Jasper at **Crimson Jasper Hotel**.



Day **5**

Jasper

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one from three freedom of choice activities below.

Overnight in Jasper at **Crimson Jasper Hotel**.

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Maligne Lake Cruise:**

Cruise Maligne Lake, where you can marvel at the magnificent shoreline and Spirit Island.

OR

- **Jasper River Float:**

Enjoy a gentle rafting tour on the Athabasca River for a unique perspective of Jasper National Park.

OR

- **Jasper Nature Walk:**

A guided nature walk featuring a spectacular array of rolling hills, jagged peaks, forests, meadows, marshes, streams, and stunning glacial lakes.



PYRAMID LAKE | CREDIT: TOURISM JASPER / ANDREW PENNER

Day 6 Jasper Lake Louise

Depart Jasper today and travel once more along the scenic Icefields Parkway to the “Jewel of the Rockies,” Lake Louise. Lake Louise is the most famous glacial lake in the Canadian Rockies, and one of the most beautiful in the Western Hemisphere. The lake, named for Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, daughter of Queen Victoria, is 1730 metres above sea level. You may wish to enjoy a hike on one of the numerous trails or paddle a canoe on the lake.

Overnight in Lake Louise at **Lake Louise Inn**.



FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE | CREDIT: FINN BEALES

Day 7 Lake Louise Calgary

Departing Lake Louise, travel through the foothills of the Rockies to the city of Calgary. Your tour concludes with the return of your rental vehicle, either to Calgary International Airport or a downtown location.

ACCOMMODATION

Elk + Avenue Hotel

Banff

Just a few steps from the quaint streets and ample restaurants, shopping and nightlife of downtown Banff, Elk + Avenue Hotel brings an upscale twist to the classic mountain escape. Whether you're looking for a relaxing night away from it all or an action-packed getaway filled with adventure, our modern spaces effortlessly blend style and comfort to make you feel right at home as you explore the best of Banff.



Emerald Lake Lodge

Emerald Lake

Set on a 13-acre peninsula on Yoho National Park's Emerald Lake, this upscale lodge is 13.4 km from the Canadian Rocky Mountains Parks World Heritage Site and 14.8 km from Mount Field. The posh rooms feature private balconies with lake views, wood-burning fireplaces and coffeemakers, plus sitting areas. A refined restaurant serves regional cuisine, and there's a seasonal bistro. A stately lounge features a stone fireplace, plus an oak bar from an 1890s saloon.



The Crimson Jasper Hotel

Jasper

At the heart of town lies Jasper's newest hotel - The Crimson Jasper. Just one block and an easy walk to the downtown shops and restaurants, The Crimson Jasper offers a comfortable and relaxing vantage point to enjoy the splendour of Jasper.



Lake Louise Inn

Lake Louise

Surrounded by the mountains of Banff National Park, this lodge-style hotel is 4 km from Lake Louise Ski Resort and 9 km from Lake Agnes. There's a traditional restaurant, a pizza and pasta cafe, and a lounge/bar with pub-style food. Other amenities include a heated indoor pool and a whirlpool tub.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- Fuel, road tolls, parking fees, as well as any extra charges associated with car rental.