



CANADA

BEST OF BANFF, YOHO & JASPER GUIDED HIKING TOUR

(TOUR CODE: 12965)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Calgary

TRAVEL PERIODS

02 Jun 24 - 07 Sep 24

EXPERIENCE

Walk & Hike

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Embark on an unforgettable adventure through the stunning landscapes of Banff, Yoho, and Jasper National Parks on a guided hiking tour that immerses you in the natural beauty and wilderness of the Canadian Rockies.

Highlights

- Hiking trails near the Columbia Icefields, beginning above the tree line, offer spectacular views of glaciers and the surrounding mountains.
- Explore the Canadian Rockies' breathtaking beauty as you traverse the awe-inspiring Icefields Parkway.
- Discover the stunning scenery surrounding Lake Louise with 90-minute drive from Banff.
- Uncover scenic spots like Peyto Lake and Bow Summit along the stunning Icefields Parkway as you head into the Rockies.

Nine fun-filled days in the most outstanding places of the Rocky Mountain National Parks. Stunning vistas along the famous Icefields Parkway between Banff and Jasper are the backdrop for specially selected rewarding day hikes. Your guide has everything arranged and knows the best trails, activities, and special places for every season.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights accommodation in Calgary
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- 2 nights accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- All transfers, transportation in passenger van
- 7 breakfasts
- National Park Fees
- Services of licensed guide who accompanies the group on all hikes
- Select departures have a bilingual guide (English and German)

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Day 1 Calgary

Transfer from the airport to your hotel. Meet your guide for pre-tour information in the hotel.

Overnight accommodation in Calgary.



Day 2 Calgary Banff

After breakfast, you board the bus for the drive through ranch country in the foothills into Banff National Park. After an orientation drive of the surrounding area, you will check into the hotel in the lively little holiday town of Banff for the next two nights. Now it is time for the first hike along the shores of Minnewanka Lake or on one of the many mountain trails near Banff. Hiking time is 2 – 3 hours.

Overnight accommodation in Banff.

Breakfast



Day 3 Banff National Park Region

On a full-day hike, you will explore passes above the tree line and alpine meadows. For example, 7.5 km with 725 m gain (4.6 mi, 2414 ft) to a small lake and possibly 2 km further into the pass at 2470 m (8225 ft). After the hike, you might want to relax in the warm sulphur pool or walk along the busy streets of Banff with its many stores and visitors from around the world. Hiking time is 5 – 7 hours.

Overnight accommodation in Banff.

Breakfast



Day 4 Banff Lake Louise

Start the day with a 90-minute drive into the postcard scenery surrounding Lake Louise. Hike the 3.5 km (2 mi) path with 400 m gain (1325 ft) to the historic tea house by an alpine lake. A network of easy to demanding trails is tempting you to go further and higher. For example, the 15 km (9.3 mi) circuit into the Plain of Six Glaciers or a 2.5 km

(1.6 mi) climb with 515 m (1705 ft) gain to a summit with exceptional views of nearby peaks and distant landscapes. Spend the night at a hotel in Lake Louise. Hiking time is 3 – 5 hours.

Overnight accommodation in Lake Louise.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Lake Louise

There is an opportunity for a great white-water rafting trip on the Kicking Horse River today, but of course hiking is always an alternative. Among the choice of trails, your guide will show you an 18 km (11 mi) circuit through two flower-decorated passes at 1830 m and 2180 m (6093 ft. and 7250 ft). The Natural Bridge, Takakkaw Falls, Spiral Tunnel are other attractions of Yoho Park. Hiking time is 6 hours.

Overnight accommodation in Lake Louise.

Breakfast



TAKAKKAW FALLS | CREDIT: VICTOR SILVA

Day 6

Lake Louise Jasper National Park

Enjoy frequent stops and short excursions along the stunning Icefields Parkway on your way into the heart of the Rockies, including Peyto Lake and Bow Summit. At the Columbia Icefields, huge glaciers spawn rivers which eventually flow into three different oceans. Saskatchewan Glacier is best viewed from far above after hiking 2.5 km (1.6 mi) to a windy ridge at 2260 m (7525 ft). Then on to Jasper and your hotel in this small mountain town. Hiking time is 2 hours.

Overnight accommodation in Jasper.

Breakfast



PEYTO LAKE | CREDIT: JOSEPHINE LIN

Day 7

Jasper National Park

So many possibilities, including swimming and a picnic at Pyramid Lake, mountain biking, trail rides, canoeing, or join your guide for a side trip to Maligne Lake and an 8 km (5 mile) loop hike with 460 m gain (1532 ft) into the hills above the tree

line at 2150 m (7160 ft) elevation and possibly all the way to the 2790 m (9290 ft) peak overlooking this beautiful lake. Hiking time is 2 – 6 hours.

Overnight accommodation in Jasper.

Breakfast



Day 8

Jasper Calgary

Mighty Athabasca Falls count among the attractions of this park. Trails near the Columbia Icefields start at tree line and are especially rewarding thanks to their magnificent views of the glaciers and surrounding ranges. Your farewell to the Rockies is the 8 km (5 mi) hike with 335 m (1155 ft) gain into a pass at 2375 m (7980 ft). Now the transfer back to Calgary. Arrival at the hotel at about 7:00 pm. Hiking time 2 – 3 hours.

Overnight accommodation in Calgary.

Breakfast



Day

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Calgary

Breakfast on your own and transfer to the airport with the hotel shuttle bus.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

2024 Departures

- June - 2*, 16, 30*
- July - 14, 24
- August - 14*
- September - 7*

*Bilingual | English & German

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals and alcoholic beverages 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
- Personal equipment, day pack, mountain bike rental, and white water rafting