

Canadian Rockies

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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings.

This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

From tales of the aboriginal people to the unrivalled splendor of the Canadian Rockies, your newest chapter provides an experience as fresh and exhilarating as the clear mountain air.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness vistas that stir your soul within the pristine **Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks.**
- ▶ Interact with **beautiful and curious sled dogs.**
- ▶ Enjoy a **barbecue lunch**, and take an insightful tour of a local ranch.
- ▶ Experience an enthralling natural world on the frozen plains of the **Columbia Icefield.**
- ▶ Relish the indigo waters of **Lake Louise**, set beneath snowcapped mountains.
- ▶ Gaze at galaxies and shimmering stars in **Jasper's Dark Sky Preserve.**
- ▶ Meet a retired **Royal Canadian Mountie**, and learn about his experiences in the RCMP.



Dear EXPLORERS and Friends,

Join us on an eight-night journey through the majestic splendor of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. From the heights of snow-dusted mountain peaks to forested valleys filled with abundant wildlife, we will encounter some of Earth's most untamed and stunning scenery.

Your adventure begins with the opportunity to interact with sled dogs and experience ranch life during two nights in Kananaskis. Traverse sweeping grasslands to Jasper, and explore the breathtaking Jasper National Park. Along the way, daily excursions introduce you to storied, thought-provoking sites and visual wonders, including Columbia Icefield and Jasper Dark Sky Preserve, and engaging lectures highlight the region's captivating natural and human history. Wrap up your Canadian adventure amid postcard-perfect Banff National Park, where the crisp mountain air and snow-clad peaks will delight your wanderlust and soothe your soul.

Our itinerary offers elective experiences and plenty of time to explore independently, allowing you to create unique memories in one of the most beautiful nature preserves on Earth. Space is limited on this memorable journey, so we encourage you to make your reservation today!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jennifer Neubauer'.

Jennifer Neubauer
President
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Walking along Bow River, Banff



Right: Elk

Below: Columbia Icefield Discovery Centre



Day 1

D

In Transit | Calgary, Canada | Kananaskis

Depart gateway city for Calgary, Canada. ✈

Upon arrival, transfer ✈ and check in to the Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge.

Free Time: Your afternoon is free to hike nearby trails and explore the village of Kananaskis.

This evening, enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner with fellow travelers at the hotel.

Day 2

B | L

Kananaskis Valley

Discovery: Sled Dogs. Experience a kindred moment with lovable huskies during an excursion to Mad Dogs & Englishmen – Sled Dog Expeditions. After meeting the friendly pups, learn about the history of dog sledding and how these beautiful canines — recognized for their strength, speed and endurance — are trained to work as disciplined sled dogs.

AHI Connects: Canadian Ranching.

Travel to Boundary Ranch, and gather for a barbecue lunch of delicious fare. Tour the ranch, learn about the history of this family-run business and visit their exhibition on local wildlife.

Day 3

B | L

Kananaskis | Jasper

Discovery: Peyto Lake and Athabasca Falls.

Travel into the heart of Alpine country in Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The mountain landscape and surrounding valleys were once undiscovered by Westerners. It wasn't until Europeans arrived in the 1700s that exploration truly began in this area, and Banff National Park was officially established in 1885. Marvel at the turquoise waters of Peyto Lake, which sits at 6,170 feet above sea level. During summer, large amounts of glacial rock flour flows into the lake, giving Peyto its magical blue color.

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

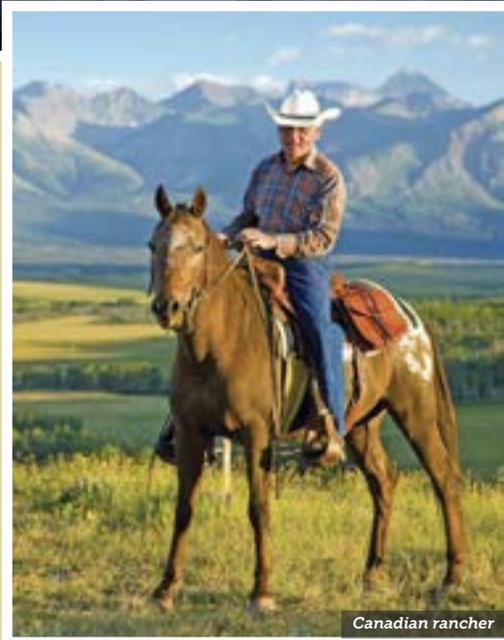
Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



ELECTIVES | At an additional cost

Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities and extensions.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



Learn about the area's history, and disembark on Spirit Island to stand among towering pines.

ELECTIVE | Jasper Skytram. Soar to the top of Whistler Mountain on the Jasper Skytram, Canada's longest and highest guided aerial tramway. Learn about the region's cultural heritage, flora and fauna. Disembark at the Upper Station, 7,000 feet above sea level to browse interpretive exhibits. Then step out onto the summit where panoramas of six mountain ranges, sparkling lakes and the serpentine Athabasca River await.

Dine on local fare during dinner in Jasper.

Discovery: Jasper Dark Sky Preserve. The Dark Sky Preserve of Jasper, where no artificial lighting is visible at night, is an area where residents make a special commitment to protect and preserve the night sky. Learn about the stars, planets, moons and galaxies hovering above Jasper, as well as facts about Jasper's cosmic heritage during an informative session. Then, delight with taking an intimate stargazing journey above the world's largest accessible Dark Sky Preserve. Peer through the largest telescope in the Rocky Mountains to see nebulas, star clusters, planets and galaxies. If you wish, learn how to use your DSLR camera to take photos of the night sky.

En route to Athabasca Falls, witness the historic and scenic Saskatchewan River Crossing.

Continue to see Athabasca Falls, the most powerful waterfall in the Canadian Rockies. The full width of the Athabasca River is funneled over quartzite rocks into a small canyon and the fall's sudden drop of 75 feet is a visual spectacle.

Following lunch near Sunwapta Falls, continue to Jasper and check in to the Sawridge Inn Jasper.

Day 4 B | D

Jasper

Free Time: Choose to join one or both Elective Excursions, or enjoy a day at leisure in Jasper.

ELECTIVE | Maligne Lake Cruise. Sail upon the cerulean waters of Maligne Lake, the second largest glacier-fed lake in the world. Soak up gorgeous scenery, and appreciate one of Jasper National Park's beautiful highlights.

Day 5 B

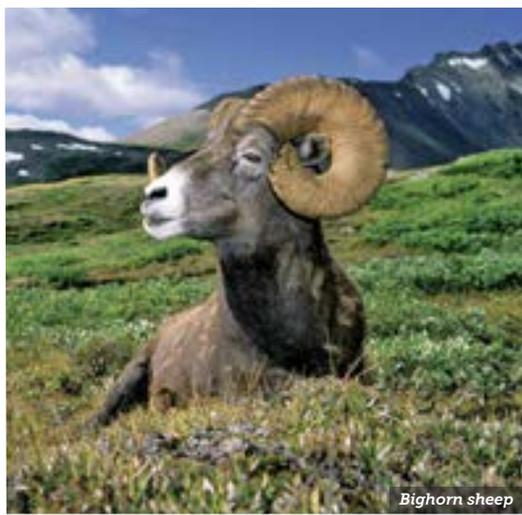
Jasper

Free Time: Jasper was originally used as an outpost for the fur trade. Spend the morning at leisure in this endearing mountain town.

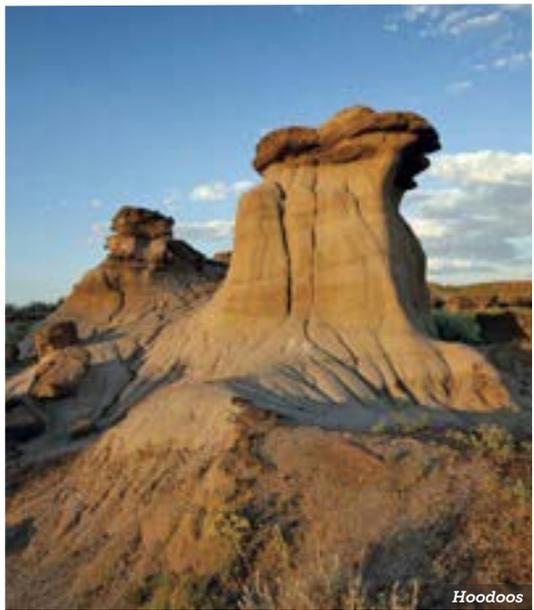
Discovery: Athabasca River Scenic Float. Board a specially designed raft and enjoy an easy ride down the marine-hued Athabasca



Banff



Bighorn sheep



Hoodoos

River, Alberta's longest river. Take in mesmerizing vistas of the Rockies from a unique vantage point while drifting along the route used by fur traders. Along the way, your expert guide shares Athabasca River's natural and human history.

Day 6

B | L

Jasper | Banff

Discovery: Columbia Icefield. En route to Banff, journey to Columbia Icefield, one of the largest accumulations of ice and snow south of the Arctic Circle. A specially designed vehicle carries you onto the surface of Athabasca Glacier, and your guide provides insight into the icefield's history and geology. Marvel at this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to step onto its centuries-old surface.

Share your morning's adventure while enjoying picturesque mountain scenery over lunch at a local lodge.

In Banff, check in to the Moose Hotel & Suites.

Free Time: Craft your own itinerary in Banff. Perhaps view artwork in Canada House Gallery, or view historic collections in Whyte Museum.

Day 7

B | L

Banff

Discovery: Treasures of Banff National Park. Today is filled with a medley of magical sights, including flower-strewn meadows, rugged terrain and rough-and-tumble mountains. Drive around Surprise Corner to admire views of the fairy-tale Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, and see the glacial waters of Bow Falls flow over limestone bedrock. Marvel at the Hoodoos, uniquely shaped rocks, and view the magnificent Lake Minnewanka, Johnson Lake and Bankhead, an abandoned mining town.



Banff

AHI Connects: Memories of the RCMP.

Gather for lunch with a retired Mountie from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Listen as he shares his experiences, and learn about the interesting history of the RCMP.

Discovery: Cave and Basin National Historic Site. Journey deep into the forest to the birthplace of the Canadian parks system. Tour the Cave and Basin National Historic Site where interactive displays and exhibits celebrate the growth of Canada's national parks, and view a cave that is home to warm mineral springs.

Day 8 B | L | D

Banff

Discovery: Banff's Lakes — Moraine and Louise. Travel to two of Banff's most beautiful lakes. Begin at Moraine Lake, which sleeps in a nook of the Valley of the Ten Peaks. Marvel at the turquoise waters and snowcapped mountains, an image once featured on the Canadian twenty-dollar bill. Continue to the "Jewel of the Canadian Rockies," Lake Louise. Enjoy a guided walk near the lake's azure waters, and ride in a gondola to experience views of untouched wilderness. You may spot a grizzly bear and other wildlife in their natural habitat!

Dine in crisp mountain air above Lake Louise.



Tonight, celebrate your adventure with your fellow travelers during a Farewell Dinner.

Day 9 B

In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈

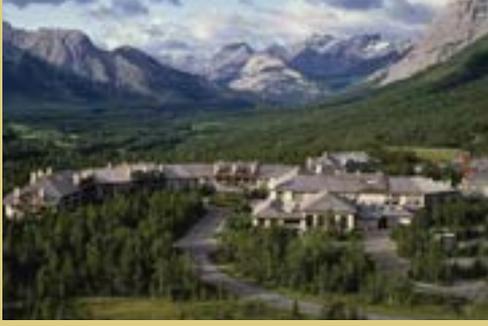
Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

ACCOMMODATIONS



POMEROY KANANASKIS MOUNTAIN LODGE |
KANANASKIS



The Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge is ideally located in one of the most scenic regions of the Canadian Rockies. The lodge features an indoor pool, as well as walking trails, a spa, tennis courts and many other recreational facilities. Well-appointed rooms feature fireplaces and modern amenities. There are six dining venues and two lounges to offer guests a selection of tastes and dining environments. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



SAWRIDGE INN JASPER |
JASPER



Sawridge Inn Jasper is the perfect place to call home while exploring Jasper National Park. The hotel features the Walter's Dining Room and two lounges where guests can enjoy fine dining or an evening cocktail with friends. The Eucalyptus steam room, Jacuzzi, heated pool and on-site Mountain Wellness Day Spa offer opportunities to unwind after a day in Jasper's fresh, mountain air. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



MOOSE HOTEL & SUITES |
BANFF



The Moose Hotel & Suites sits in the heart of charming Banff and is decorated with warm tones and unique artwork. The hotel offers a fitness center, rooftop hot pools, a swimming pool and the Pacini Italian Restaurant. Guests are invited to enjoy the full-service Meadow Spa and Pools or simply relax near a crackling fire with a book. Wi-Fi is complimentary.



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July 11-19, 2019

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(with baggage handling)

- **2 nights** in Kananaskis, Canada, at the first-class Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge.
- **3 nights** in Jasper at the first-class Sawridge Inn Jasper.
- **3 nights** in Banff at the first-class Moose Hotel & Suites.

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 - Witness Athabasca Falls and Peyto Lake.
 - Gaze at the brilliant Jasper Dark Sky Preserve.
 - Float down the Athabasca River.
 - Ride in an Ice Explorer to Columbia Icefield.
 - Experience the wonder of Banff National Park.
 - Visit Cave and Basin National Historic Site.
 - View picturesque Moraine Lake.
 - Explore the beauty of Lake Louise, and enjoy a ride in a gondola.
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Banff National Park



Canadian Mountie

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