



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## Pre-Departure Itinerary

### Canadian Rockies

#### And Montana's Glacier National Park

**Saturday, August 22 – Saturday, August 29, 2009**

Next summer beat the heat with a visit to the Great White North as you explore the Canadian Rockies. Begin in Calgary, Alberta with a journey to the vivid prairie lands and a visit to **Head-Smashed-In**—one of the world's oldest and best-preserved buffalo jumps—before arriving in **Waterton Lakes National Park**. Cross into Montana and visit **Glacier National Park**—over one million acres of forests, Alpine meadows and lakes. A jaunty ride in a 1930's Jammer car over "**Going to the Sun Road**"—one of the most breathtaking roads in North America—brings you across the **Continental Divide**. Drive through a backdrop of wonderful wildlife and the Canadian Rockies to **Banff** where you'll see the lovely **Bow Falls** and the Hoodoos—the "Land of the Sleeping Giants." En route to **Jasper** you'll journey through the unforgettable scenery of the Icefields Parkway: lofty waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped mountains that parallel the Great Divide. Rounding out this incredible journey is a stop at **Athabasca Falls** and extraordinary **Maligne Canyon**.

#### Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Calgary, AB
- Seven nights' first-class hotel accommodations
- Ten meals, seven breakfast, three dinners
- Round-trip airport/ hotel transfers
- Sightseeing and touring

#### Rates

**\$2,409** per person double occupancy

**\$2,389** per person triple occupancy

**\$3,359** for single reservations

Add \$195 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Cancellation waiver and travel insurance is \$140. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the waiver. Purchase must be made at time of booking. Passport required.

#### Trip Planner

**Day 1** Flight from Boston, The Westin Hotel, Calgary, AB

**Days 2-3** Waterton Lakes Resort, Waterton Lakes National Park, AB

**Days 4-5** Caribou Lodge, Banff, AB

**Day 6** Sawridge Hotel, Jasper, AB

**Day 7** The Westin Hotel, Calgary, AB

**Day 8** Return flight to Boston

#### Features

UNESCO Site Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Waterton Lakes National Park, Glacier National Park, "Going to the Sun Road," Banff tour including Bow Falls and the Hoodoos, Icefields Parkway, Athabasca Falls, Maligne Canyon

## DAILY ITINERARY

### Saturday, August 22, 2009- Calgary Alberta

Fly today from Boston to Calgary located in the province of Alberta, Canada. Here your tour begins and combines the best of the prairies, the majesty of the Canadian Rockies, and the beauty of Montana's Glacier National Park giving you a superb overview of the U.S. and Canadian wonderlands.

### Sunday, August 23, 2009- Calgary-Waterton Lakes National Park

This morning journey south to the prairie land while enjoying the distant views of the spectacular Rockies. Visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, one of the world's oldest and best-preserved buffalo jumps, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. "Head-Smashed In," in the foothills of the Rockies has been used continuously by Aboriginal people for over 5,500 years. Continue traveling south to Waterton Lakes National Park enroute pass through quaint villages and travel along roads sometimes traversed by grizzly bears, black bears, mountain goats, cougars, wolves, moose and elk. Enjoy some leisure time to explore the grounds and take some photographs. **(B,D)**

**Monday, August 24, 2009-Waterton Lakes National Park-Glacier National Park**

Today, you'll explore Glacier National Park. A naturalist's paradise, Glacier preserves over one million acres of forests, Alpine meadows and lakes and is the home to over 70 species of mammals and 270 species of birds. Enjoy a drive aboard one of the famous Jammer cars (built in the 1920's) over one of the most breathtaking road is North America. Going to the Sun Road stretches for 52 miles across the Continental Divide and offers incredible views of the Valley and Glacier National Park. **(B)**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2009-Waterton National Park- Banff, Alberta**

This morning relax during your journey to Banff and soak in a backdrop of wonderful wildlife and the majestic Canadian Rockies. Upon entering Banff, enjoy leisure time to explore its charm, grace and beauty. Your evening features a fun filled award winning dinner show, "Oh Canda, Eh?" Enjoy a musical tribute to Canada as a singing Mounted. Lumberjack and other native characters serve your delicious, family style meal in a log cabin atmosphere. **(B,D)**

**Wednesday, August 26, 2009-Banff**

Begin the day with a sightseeing tour of the Banff area including stops at the lovely Bow Falls and at the fascinating Hoodoos also known as the "Land of Sleeping Giants" Later, enjoy a visit to a local ammonite specialist where you will learn about this rare gemstone that is found only in Alberta. The afternoon is at leisure. You may chose to browse through the shops and museums or just take in the national beauty of the area. **(B)**

**Thursday, August 27, 2009- Banff-Jasper**

A wonderful day of sightseeing is in store for you while en route to Jasper. Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway and behold lofty waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs and snowcapped mountain ranges. Stop at the Columbia Icefields for a ride (weather permitting) across the mass of glacial ice, which is over 1,000 feet thick, representing the largest accumulation of ice south of the Artic Circle. Continuing up the parkway, you may see bears and stately elk. Stop at powerful Athabasca Falls, which has carved intricate features into stone, before arriving in Jasper. **(B)**

**Friday, August 28, 2009- Jasper-Calgary**

Leaving the wonder of the Rockies for the prairies of Alberta, you'll enjoy a trip to the extraordinary Maligne Canyon before you return to the vibrant city of Calgary. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a popular local restaurant. **(B,D)**

**Saturday, August 29, 2009- Calgary- Boston**

Your tour ends today in Calgary, leaving you with many pleasant memories of your outstanding vacation in two of the world's most beautiful areas, the incomparable Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. You will be transferred to the Calgary airport for your return flight to Boston. **(B)**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*