

## SELF DRIVE HOLIDAYS 2021

# **BANFF HOLIDAY**

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### DAY 1 - Calgary to Banff (129 Kms)

This morning arrive into Calgary International (YYC). After you have picked up your bags, proceed to the Car Rental office at YYC Airport. You will present the confirmation voucher along with your valid Driver's License and credit card to rent your pre-booked car.

Leaving Calgary behind, set your sights for the next few days on the magnificent Rockies with her treasure chest of craggy and forested mountain ranges, rivers, waterfalls, and emerald blue & green lakes. The landscape as you drive down the HWY 1 from Calgary to Banff is constantly transforming and offers some of the clearest markers of the very last Ice Age, and the creation of the Canadian Rockies. Quite possibly the most amazing vista you will realize on your way to Banff is that of the very Front Range of the Canadian Rockies. These jagged, rocky peaks tower high into the sky and offer vour first welcome into the beautiful Rockies. Of them, the most iconic is Mt. Yamnuska, which means "a wall of rock" in the Nakoda language.

Upon arrival in Banff, you will check into your resort. Rest of the day free to discover this bustling resort town of Banff, the gateway to the Rockies.

Mt. Rundle and Mt. Cascade, part of the Rocky Mountains tower the skyline of Banff. Boutiques and restaurants mix with château-style hotels and souvenir shops on Banff Avenue, the main thoroughfare. The 6,500 square kilometres of parkland surrounding Banff is host to animals including elk and grizzly bears.



#### Tour Inclusions:

- ✓ 4 Nights' Accommodations at 3 Star hotel.
- ✓ Daily Plated Canadian Breakfast.
- ✓ Rental of Mid-Sized car Toyota Corolla or similar with Unlimited Mileage.
- ✓ Airport Concession Fees & Taxes.
- ✓ Admission to Banff Gondola in Banff.
- ✓ Audio Tour Guide Banff, Lake Louise, Yoho National Park, and Icefield Parkway.
- ✓ Taxes & GST.



Banff Gondola (included in your package) to the peak of the Sulphur Mountain. The Banff Gondola delivers fantastic panoramic views from the city of Banff along with the Canadian Rockies. Visit the iconic Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Lookout Point, Bow Falls, the Tunnel Mountains & the Hoodoos. Explore Johnston Canyon or spend your day in some of the interesting activities Banff offers. These include a cruise on Lake Minnewanka, hiking, Horseback Riding with a Cowboy Cookout, river rafting in Kicking Horse, Via Ferrata on Mount Norquay and much more.

### Overnight in Banff, AB.

# DAY 3 - Discover Lake Moraine and the Yoho National Park

If you must discover the magic of the Rockies, you must visit the Yoho National Park. Located in British Columbia, Yoho National Park is located along the western slopes of the Canadian Rocky Mountains west of the Banff National Park. Yoho in the language of the Cree Nation means "Awe". The park offers it all - deep blue rivers, roaring waterfalls, and green pines surrounding the lakes - sceneries awaiting your eyes.

Spend your day discovering the Lower Spiral Tunnel Viewpoint, the Natural Bridge, Emerald Lake, Yoho Valley Road, the Takkakaw Falls, and a visit to the town of Field. You may even want to drive all the way out and visit the beautiful village of Kicking Horse in BC.

### Overnight in Banff, AB.

# DAY 4 - Spend the day at Lake Louise or go on an Icefield Parkway Drive or do both.

A visit to Lake Louise is like stepping into a picture post card. The turquoise color of the lake, the Victoria Glacier, soaring mountain backdrop, and the palatial Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise is what makes Lake Louise picture perfect.

### **Tour Exclusions:**

- × Airfare to Calgary.
- Meals other than Breakfast.
- Canada Park Fees approx. \$9 per person per day to be paid at the toll booth when entering Banff National Park.
- Travel Insurance recommended. We require Travel Agent to secure a signed Waiver in the event client declines your offer to sell Travel Insurance. DMCi will require Travel Agent to provide us the signed waiver when required as a part of the Terms & Conditions of Contract.
- DMCi sells Manulife Travel Insurance.
  Please check with us for rates.
- Collision Damage Waiver & Theft Protection for the rented Car and Roadside Assistance not included in package cost. Same is available at an additional cost.
- Young Driver Surcharge Drivers aged 21 to 24 are required to pay CAD 25.00 plus taxes, per day at the time of rental pick up.
- × Gas for the vehicle.
- \* GPS, Child Seats, Racks, etc.
- Parking & Tolls.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs, please visit:

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or contact your favourite Travel Agent.



The hamlet has long been a mecca for those seeking the outdoors and adventures. For those who are seeking something a little tame, rent a canoe at the Lake Louise Boathouse and enjoy canoeing on the lake. Or just go on a hike along the Lake Louise Shoreline Trail to the Victoria Glacier, hike up to the famous Lake Agnes Tea House or be wowed by the glowing larches during the fall. Lake Louise also offers many other hiking opportunities.

Winter offers visitors a whole menu of fun activities to indulge in. From sleigh rides to dog sledding, snowshoeing, and snowtubing to 1,699 hectares (4,200 acres) of skiable terrain, particularly good for families, Lake Louise has it all. Clients should try ice skating on Lake Louise, justifiably labelled one of the most beautiful outdoor rinks in the world.

Clients may also want to drive up the scenic Icefield Parkway all the way to the Columbia Icefield and take a walk on the Glacier Sky Walk (admissions not included in your self-drive package. Check with our Canadian Destination Specialists for more details). This 227-kilometre (143-mile) highway connects the picturesque mountain towns of Banff,

Lake Louise, and Jasper while paralleling the Continental Divide (the watershed that divides rivers flowing east from those flowing west).

Besides the extraordinary landscape, you will possibly view wildlife such as elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, and the occasional bear or wolf along the highway. Considered one of the most stunning alpine drives in the world, the drive along the Icefield Parkway (Highway 93) is an unforgettable experience. Spend the day immersed in the Canadian Rockies, arcing beneath towering craggy peaks and alongside dozens of glaciers.

Return to Banff at the end of the day.

Overnight in Banff, AB.

DAY 5 - End of your self-drive tour. Drive back to Calgary (YYC) and drop off your rental car (365 Kms)

This morning check-out of your hotel and drive to Calgary International Airport (YYC) and drop off your car.

End of the self-drive tour.