

Highlights

Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights

Banff – Lake Louise – Lake Moraine – Yoho National Park – Icefield Parkway – Columbia Icefield
4 Nights' hotel accommodations.

Daily Breakfast.

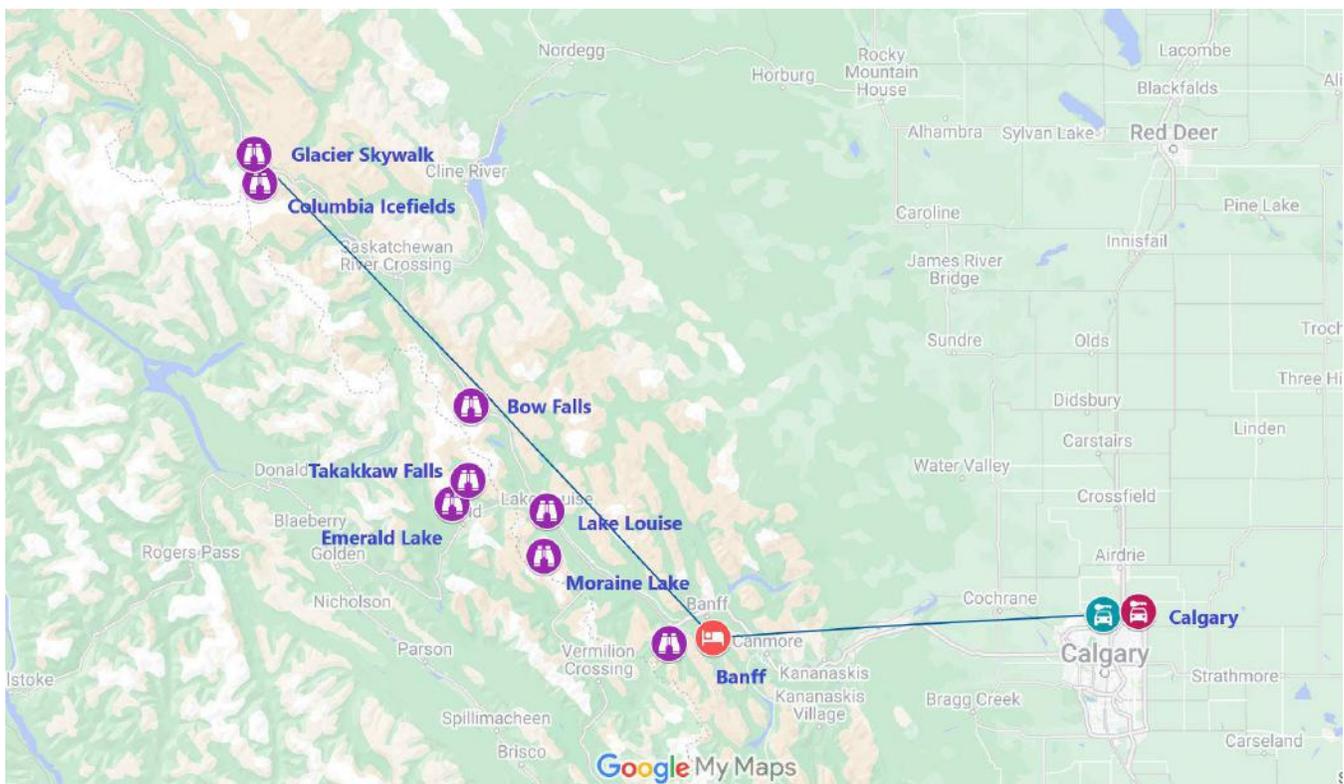
Rental of Mid-Size car with Unlimited Mileage.

Admission to Banff Gondola in Banff.

Available on demand - 01 May to 31 October 2023

This tour is fully customizable

This self-drive 5-day itinerary is designed for travellers to cover as many of the highlights as possible within a limited vacation time and at a very affordable price. The tour offers clients an unforgettable experience of Banff National Park, the Yoho National Park and the world-famous Icefield Parkway.



DAY 1 – Calgary to Banff.

Driving Distance: 143 KM | 2 hours

This morning arrive at 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 your 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 chateau-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.

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 2 – Discover Banff and Banff National Park.

Driving Distance: 8 hours approximately

Devote the day exploring Banff and the Banff National Park. Begin your day with ride on the famous 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.

Banff also offers many other tour and activities. These include a cruise on Lake Minnewaska, 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

Driving Distance: 225 KM | 8 hours approximately

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.

Driving Distance: 376 KM | 10 hours approximately

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.

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 and drop your car off.

Driving Distance: 143 KM | 2 hours

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

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A Taste of Banff



Banff, AB, Canada

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End of the "A Taste of Banff" self-drive tour.

Inclusions

- ✓ 4 Nights' hotel accommodations.
- ✓ Daily Breakfast.
- ✓ Rental of a mid-size car.
- ✓ Unlimited Mileage.
- ✓ Resort fees, Taxes & HST.

Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Breakfast and other meals.
- × Rental Car Insurance – Collision Damage Waiver/ Loss Damage Waiver with \$ 500 deductible. This is offered as an Optional Add-on.
- × Additional Driver Fees .
- × Roadside assistance.
- × Gas for the vehicle.
- × GPS. Racks, etc.
- × Child and Infant Seats.
- × Parking & Tolls.
- × Canada Park Fees.
- × Porterage at hotels.
- × Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Gratuities for hotel staff (optional).
- × Travel Insurance – highly recommended. We require clients to provide us a signed Waiver in the event your client opts to decline your offer to sell Travel Insurance.
DMCI Inc. sells Manulife Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario. Please check with us for rates. Residents of other provinces as well as those coming from overseas must purchase Travel insurance in the province/country where they reside.
- × Optional Tours and activities.
- × Early Check-in and Late Check-out charges. Charges will apply.
- × If applicable, cost of any RTPCR/Antigen Test or costs related to quarantine.

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Hotels Featured

Destination	Standard Hotels	Room Type
Banff, AB	Banff Ptarmigan Inn	Standard

Rooms featured will be Standard ROH room unless specified otherwise.

Hotels featured will be as above or similar.

Deposit

100% on confirmation.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- 46-days prior to start of tour – 100% refundable \$250 per person.
- 45-days or less – 100% non-refundable.
- No Show – 100% non-refundable.
- Unused services – 100% non-refundable.

Note

1. The Federal and/or Provincial health authorities may require that clients are double vaccinated and produce a vaccination certificate on demand. Please refer to [Health Canada](#) site for most up to date information in this regard.
2. Federal, Provincial, Municipal Health Authorities and/or certain service providers may require clients to wear a face mask.
3. We recommend clients carry a digital/paper copy of their Vaccination Certificate on person to be produced on demand.

FAQ

- **Do clients require a Driver's License?** - Clients operating the rental car must be in possession of a driver's license valid for operating the vehicle in Canada.
- **What kind of information is required to book my rental car?** We will need your first and last name as on your Driver's License.
- **What should be the minimum age of person driving the rental vehicle?** Clients and must be at least 21 years of age.
- **Is Insurance for the Rental Car included (Collision Damage Waiver/ Loss Damage Waiver with \$ 500 deductible)?** No. Insurance for the Rental Car is not included. We offer

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this as an optional Add. The CDW/LDW Add-on Package should be purchased at the time of making your reservations. Please check with us for rates that are inclusive of CDW/LDW Package.

- **What kind of documentation should I present to pick up my rental car?** You will need to present a valid Driver's License (valid in the province in Canada where you will pick up to your rental car). If there is a second driver, such person should also have a valid driver's license. You will also need to present a valid credit card. If you are a overseas resident, you will be required to present a second piece of valid Government issued photo-id such as a passport.
- **Do clients require a credit card to rent the confirmed rental vehicle?** Yes. The person in whose name the vehicle is being rented must be in possession of a credit card in his/her name. Clients are required to present the credit card along with their driver's license to rent the car.
- **Would the car rental company require a deposit to pick up the rental vehicle?** – No. However, the rental company would take an authorization for between \$300 and \$750 (depending on the location) to cover any damages, unpaid tolls, fines etc. The authorization will typically auto-cancel within 72 hours of the car being returned to rental deposit on time and in good order. Car Rental companies typically will not accept cash in lieu of credit card.
- **Am I allowed to drive my rental car into the United States?** You can. However, if you plan to drive into the United States, this intent should be brought to our notice at the time of reservations so we can alert the rental company and secure necessary approval.
- **Do rental Car contracts run on a 24-hour contract?** Yes. Car rental contracts work on a 24-hour cycle. Your car should be return at or before the drop-off time printed on your rental contract provided to you at the time of pick-up of your rental vehicle. Please make sure to review rental contract, especially the drop off date, time and drop off location before you proceed to the lot to pick up your rental vehicle.
- **Can I pick up my rental car in Canada and drop same off in the United States?** No. The car has to be returned to the drop off point in Canada as confirmed on your reservations.
- **Are Child Seats/Infant Seats available?** Child/Infant Seats must be booked at the time of making your reservations. Child/Infant Seats are subject to availability. We recommend you bring your own Child/Infant seats.
- **Would I require a credit card to check-in at confirmed hotels, lodges, and inns?** Yes. Clients are required to present a Credit Card in their name at check-in. Hotel will typically take an authorization on the credit card for between \$500 and \$750 per stay to cover room incidentals and any damage to property. The authorization will auto-cancel within 72 hours of check-out less any incidentals or other charges relating to the room. The hotels will also require you to present a valid Government issued photo id such as a passport or driver's license. The name on the reservation should match the name on the photo-id you present.
- **What is the hotel check-in and check-out times?**
 - Check-in: 4 PM
 - Check-out: 11 AM

Early Check-in and Late-check-outs require prior approval by the hotel. Additional charges, possibly an additional night charge will apply.

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- **What is your policy should our flight be cancelled or delayed and therefore we are unable to join the tour?** – We are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If you are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. All such circumstances should be covered by your Travel Insurance.

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

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