

## Best of Canadian Rockies

6 Days | 5 Nights                      Calgary, AB.

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**This tour is fully customizable**

Start on a 6-day escapade designed for the Free Independent Traveler. From the majestic landscapes of Banff to the relaxed allure of Jasper, this tour is crafted for flexibility, authenticity, and unbeatable value. Explore Banff's Gondola, experience a Maligne Lake Cruise, Columbia Icefield and immerse yourself in Jasper's vast beauty. The adventure concludes with a seamless transfer to Edmonton International Airport. Enjoy 5 nights of accommodations and captivating tours. This is your gateway to an unforgettable journey through the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

**Book Now to Unlock Your Adventure to Dive into the Beauty of Banff and Jasper!**

**Tour Operates: 1 May to 15 Oct 2024**



### Highlights

▪ **Banff's Canvas Unveiled:**

Embark on the Banff Exploration Tour, revealing the picturesque gems of Banff with Gondola and Lake Minnewanka cruise, a journey tailored for Free Independent Travelers.

▪ **Your Day, Your Way:**

Seize a free day in Banff, providing you the flexibility to explore independently, indulge personal interests, or simply relish the serene surroundings on your terms.

▪ **Icefields Extravaganza:**

Experience a captivating Icefields Parkway Discovery Tour from Banff to Jasper, featuring an Ice Explorer adventure, Glacier Skywalk, and iconic stops like Lake Louise and Athabasca Falls.

▪ **Jasper's Authentic Escape:**

Embark on a journey through Jasper's vast beauty, featuring a town exploration, Maligne Canyon adventure, and a Maligne Lake Cruise to iconic Spirit Island—offering flexibility, authenticity, and incredible value.

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### Includes:

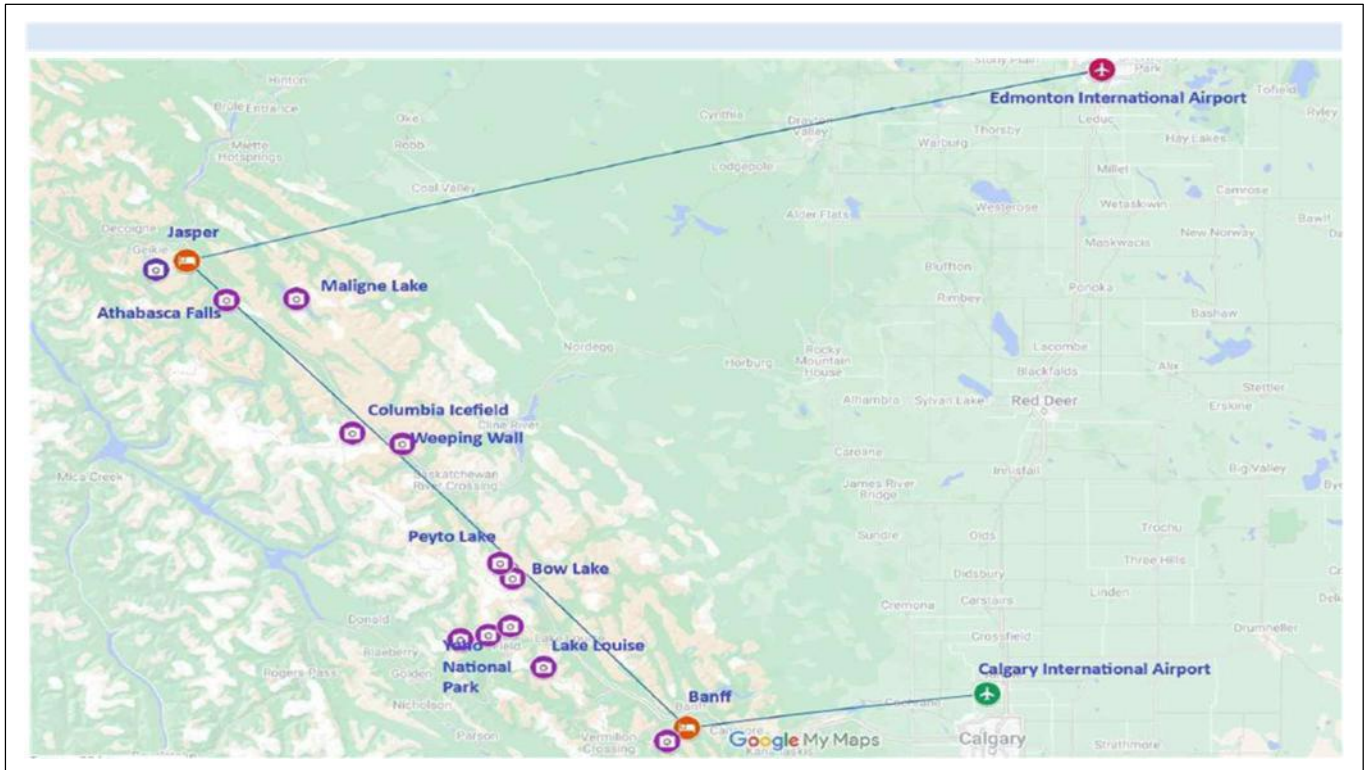
- ✓ 5 Nights accommodations.
  - 3-night's accommodations at Banff, AB.
  - 2-night's accommodations at Jasper, AB.
- ✓ Transfer by motorcoach from YYC Airport/Calgary downtown to hotel in Banff.
- ✓ Motorcoach tour of Banff including admissions to Banff Gondola.
- ✓ Icefields Parkway Discovery from Banff to Jasper with photosop in Lake Louise including hot buffet lunch at Columbia Icefield.
- ✓ Visit to Columbia Icefield including admissions to Ice Explorer Glacier tour & Glacier Skywalk.
- ✓ Motorcoach tour of Jasper (Pre Lake-Opening Only Tour (operating from 2nd May to 26th May 2024).
- ✓ Motorcoach tour of Jasper including Maligne Lake Cruise. (Tour typically operating 27th May to 10 Oct 2024).
- ✓ Motorcoach transfer from hotel in Jasper to Edmonton International Airport (YEG).
- ✓ Taxes, GST.

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Map



**Day 1 – Arrive at Transfer by Motor coach from Calgary International Airport to Banff.**

Welcome to Calgary in YYC Airport, upon your arrival and after you've retrieved your luggage, please make your way to the transfer desk. Here, you'll find arrangements for your motorcoach transfer to the beautiful town of Banff. This journey promises scenic views and a comfortable ride, allowing you to relax and take in the stunning Canadian landscape. Enjoy your trip!

The ride to Banff takes approximately two hours. On arrival in Banff, check into your hotel. Rest of the day free to explore Banff on your own.

*Overnight in Banff, AB.*

**Day 2 – Explore Banff & its Wildlife including admissions to Banff Gondola.**

Highlights

- Explore Banff's gems: Banff Gondola, Lake Minnewanka cruise. (Included)
- Discover culture, geology, wildlife in iconic mountain town.
- 360-degree panorama at Sulphur Mountain summit.
- Scenic stops, hot chocolate, and wildlife sightings await!

Embark on a Banff odyssey tailored for the Free Independent Traveler—the Banff Exploration Tour awaits! Immerse yourself in the wonders of Banff with admissions to the Banff Gondola and a scenic Lake Minnewanka cruise. This fully guided sightseeing adventure is a cultural, geological, and wildlife journey through the heart of western Canada. From the iconic Banff Springs Hotel to the Hoodoos viewpoint, every stop is a brushstroke in Banff's picturesque canvas. Savor hot chocolate or refreshing water at scenic pauses, enhancing your morning wildlife spectacle. Your personalized Banff experience begins now—discover, explore, and cherish!

*Overnight at Banff, AB*

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### **Day 3 – Day Free.**

Enjoy A Free Day At your own Pace by having the flexibility to explore the destination independently, pursue personal interests, or simply relax and enjoy the surroundings.

*Overnight at Banff, AB.*

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### **Day 4 – Icefields Parkway Discovery Tour from Banff to Jasper including admission to Ice Explorer, & Glacier Skywalk.**

#### **Highlights**

- Dive into 230 KM of Icefields Parkway beauty.
- Alberta coach tour from Lake Louise to Jasper.
- Ice Explorer adventure, walk the Glacier Skywalk. (Included)
- Visit Lake Louise, Bow Lake, and Athabasca Falls.

A soul-stirring expedition through Canada's Icefields Parkway, a 143-mile stretch of awe-inspiring beauty. Journey from Lake Louise to Jasper on an Alberta coach tour, where every curve unveils glaciers, teal lakes, and dense forests. Immerse yourself in a once-in-a-lifetime encounter at the Columbia Icefield. Board the renowned Ice Explorers for an up-close rendezvous with the Athabasca Glacier. Take a courageous stroll on the suspended Glacier Skywalk, a glass-floored platform offering unparalleled views of Sunwapta Valley. Indulge in an 8 ½ hour adventure, pausing at iconic stops like Lake Louise, Bow Lake, and Athabasca Falls. This tour, complemented by a buffet lunch, is your gateway to personalized exploration and unforgettable vistas.

*Overnight at Jasper, AB.*

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### **Day 5 – Explore Jasper Tour including Lake Maligne Cruise.**

#### **Highlights**

- Jasper Tour including & Lake Maligne Cruise. (Included)
- Jasper's vast beauty: 11,228 sq km Rocky Mountain haven.
- Explore historic town, Maligne Canyon, wildlife sightings.
- Culminate with a Maligne Lake Cruise to iconic Spirit Island.

Discover the laid-back charm of Jasper, Canada's largest Rocky Mountain Park, with our exclusive tour. Spanning over 11,228 square kilometers, Jasper National Park is a haven for Free Independent Travelers seeking authenticity. Explore the historic townsite, venture to the captivating Maligne Canyon, and spot wildlife amidst stunning scenic

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spots. An unforgettable Maligne Lake Cruise to Spirit Island. Immerse yourself in the world's second-largest Dark Sky Preserve. Join us for a day of flexibility, authentic experiences, and incredible value—your Jasper adventure awaits!

*Overnight at Jasper, AB.*

### Day 6 – End Of your Tour.

Today marks the end of your Calgary Stampede Pre and Post Package. Our tour coach will transfer you to Edmonton International Airport (YEG). This is a four-hour run, and the coach departs Jasper by Pick up from hotels in Jasper.

You will arrive at Edmonton International Airport (YEG) departing to home.

*End Of Your Pre and Post Stampede Tour.*

### Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Breakfast and other meals unless listed under inclusions.
- × Canada Park Fees.
- × Porterage at hotels.
- × Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- × Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note - If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. DMCi Inc. sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Resort Fees if applicable.
- × Gratuities for Tour Guides & Drivers (expected).

### Hotels Featured

Destination	Standard
Banff, AB	Banff Caribou Lodge and Spa
Jasper, AB	Maligne Lodge/Tonquin Inn

Rooms featured will be Standard ROH room unless specified otherwise. Hotels featured will be as above or similar. We feature a range of hotel properties. Hotel upgrades are available. Please check with us for rates and availability.

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### Deposit & Payment Policy

- 61-days or more prior to start date of tour - \$250 per person.
- Full payment required 30-days prior to start date of your tour.

### Change & Cancellation Policy

- 31-days or more prior to start date of tour – refundable less \$100 per person.
- 30-days or less – 100% non-refundable.
- No Show – 100% non-refundable.
- Unused Services - non-refundable.

### FAQ

- **Is this tour customizable? Yes. This tour is 100% customizable. You may**
  - Increase or reduce the number of days.
  - Change the itinerary to suit your idea of the tour.
  - Add or take away experiences.
  - Upgrade Hotel, Hotel Room category.
  - Choose to stay in quaint little Inns and Bed & Breakfast instead of hotels at some of your overnight destinations.
- **Is this tour an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director?** No. This is not an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director. Some services offered on an escorted tour such as check-in assistance by a dedicated Tour Director, etc. are therefore not offered on our Independent Tours. Commentary on sightseeing tours will be either a pre-recorded commentary or narrated by your driver-guide in English.
- **Are there fixed dates of departure for this tour?** No, our tour doesn't have just a few specific days when it leaves. It leaves every day during the season, so you can pick any day you like to start your adventure!
- **Will we be with the same group of people throughout this tour, like in an Escorted Tour?** No. On this tour, the people you travel with may change. You won't always be with the same group of people like you would be on an Escorted Tour.
- **Size of Coaches for Transfers and Tours - What are the sizes of the coaches used for transfers and tours?** For our transfers and tours, we use coaches of different sizes. Depending on the tour and the number of people, you might be on a big coach with 56 seats, a medium-sized one with 33 seats, or a smaller coach that has 24 seats.
- **How many pieces of luggage are we allowed on our motorcoach transfers?** Everyone of our motorcoach transfers allow you only one piece of standard airline luggage not exceeding 23 kilos per person. No luggage is allowed inside the cabin of the motorcoach other than a handbag.
- **How do we find the motorcoach for our transfer from YYC Airport to Banff?** After you have collected your luggage, please proceed to the Shuttle Transfer Desk in the Arrival Terminal for your transfer to Banff. More

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detailed information will be provided to you in the final confirmation and tour voucher sent to you upon confirmation of your tour.

- **How long does it take to get to our destination?** - 2 hours.
- **Are there any stops during our motorcoach transfer, or is it non-stop?** While our transfers are designed to be direct, they do include a few necessary stops. These are mainly for the purpose of picking up and dropping off guests at the major hotels. Apart from these limited stops, the transfer is pretty much direct.
- **Will we be dropped off right at our hotel in Banff?** Definitely! We ensure that you are dropped off at your hotel in Banff in most cases - that's 99% of the time. Should there be any different arrangements for your transfer, you'll be notified at the time of your booking confirmation.
- **Will someone come to my hotel to pick me up for the tours?** Yes, in most cases, you will be picked up from your hotel for the tours. We'll let you know for sure when we send your tour confirmations. If there's a time when you need to go to a pickup point for the tour, it will always be a short ride away, never more than 15 minutes by cab or Uber.
- **How do we transfer from Banff to Jasper?** The motorcoach tour Icefield Parkway Tour from Banff to Jasper will drop you off at your hotel in Jasper. Your luggage will ride with you.
- **Will we be picked up from our hotel for the motorcoach transfer to YEG Airport?** Yes, you will be picked up directly from your hotel. The motorcoach will arrive at the designated hour in front of your hotel. Please be aware that the vehicle will wait no longer than three minutes. On occasion, you may be required to reach a designated pickup point on your own. The voucher you receive upon confirming your tour will have all necessary instructions for this transfer.
- **Is it necessary to sign a Waiver to participate in your tours?** In most cases, signing a Waiver is not required. However, if your tour package includes a tour component that is considered a soft adventure activity, you will be obliged to sign a Liability Waiver issued by the operator of that tour or activity. This requirement will be clearly indicated on your tour voucher. Additionally, for all participants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the Waiver on their behalf.
- **Are there any specific dress code requirements for participating in the tours?** There is no formal dress code for our tours. However, we do request that clients dress modestly and appropriately according to the local weather conditions. For soft-adventure tours, there are strict dress code guidelines that must be followed for safety purposes. These specific requirements will be communicated to you at the time your tour is confirmed.
- **Are there entrance fees for National Parks in Canada?** Indeed yes. There are fees. All adults visiting Banff and Jasper National Parks must buy a daily permit. This fee, generally \$10.50 per person per day, supports the upkeep of park services and amenities.
- **Can we expect to see wildlife on these tours?** While there is always a chance to spot wildlife during our tours, and such sightings are not uncommon, we must clarify that seeing wildlife is not a guaranteed aspect of our tours. Our guides possess extensive knowledge about the animals in the park and will gladly share information about them, should you see any wildlife or have questions about the local fauna.
- **Is it safe to approach or touch wild animals based on their behavior?** ABSOLUTELY NO. Under no circumstances should you approach, touch, or exit your vehicle to photograph wild animals, regardless of their apparent calmness or friendliness. Interacting with wild animals poses significant risks to both humans and the animals themselves.

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- **Is it mandatory to present Service Vouchers received from DMCi for availing confirmed services during our tour, including hotel accommodations and tours?** Yes, it is mandatory. To avail of the services confirmed for your tour, including hotel accommodations and tours, you must present a digital or printed copy of the Service Voucher provided to you by DMCi or your travel agent at the time-of-service confirmation. Failure to present this voucher may result in denial of services. Please note that in such circumstances, no refunds, substitutions, or alternative tours or services will be provided.
- **Do clients need a Credit Card for Hotel Check-Ins?** It is mandatory for clients to provide a credit card under their name when checking in at hotels, lodges, and inns. The hotel typically places an authorization hold of \$500 to \$750 on the card for incidental expenses and possible damage. This hold is released within 72 hours after check-out, deducting any incurred charges.
- **Can we use Cash or a Debit Card instead of a Credit Card at Hotel Properties?** It is important to note that most of our hotel properties do not accept cash or debit cards as a substitute for a credit card. Guests are strongly advised to ensure they have a valid credit card available for use during their stay.
- **Do guests need to provide a Photo-ID during Hotel Check-In?** Absolutely yes. At the time of check-in, clients are required to present a government-issued photo-ID, such as a passport or driver's license. Please be aware that other forms of government-issued photo-IDs, like a Social Insurance Number card, health card, citizenship card, etc., may not be acceptable.
- **What is the hotel check-in and check-out times?**  
Check-in: 4 PM  
Check-out: 11 AM  
Early Check-in and Late-Checkouts require prior approval by the hotel. Additional charges, possibly an additional night charge will apply.
- **What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons?** – DMCi Inc., our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your client's 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, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If your client/s are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. DMCi Inc. is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

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