



Welcome to Banff National Park & Canadian Rocky Mountains

Enjoy a scenic informative drive through the Beautiful Alberta Foothills and Magnificent Canadian Rocky Mountains. The Canadian Rockies have numerous high peaks and ranges, such as Mount Robson (3,954 meters (12,972 ft)) and Mount Columbia (3,747 meters (12,293 ft)). The Canadian Rockies are composed of shale and limestone (unlike their American cousins, whereas the American Rockies are made mostly of metamorphic and igneous rock such as gneiss and granite). Much of the range is protected by parks and a World Heritage Site. Canadian Rocky Mountains or by Stoneys, Assin-wati or the "Shining Mountains". By the Stoneys (Assiniboine): People of the Shining Mountains and People Who Cook With Stones these mountains was their Sacred Places, their temples, sanctuaries and resting places. They are the place of hope, a place of vision, a place of refuge, a very special place where the Great Spirit speaks with them - the vision quest. Mysticism and religion played an important role in the everyday life of the Stoney people.



Two Jack Lake



Banff Spring Hotel



Moraine Lake

Banff & Lake Louise Tour Info

Quick Tour Facts:

- ❖ Tour operates - **All year round.**
- ❖ **Tour departure requires 4 people's minimum or tour may have to be canceled - ask your friends to join you!**
- ❖ Service includes pick-up from 06:30 to 07:00 depending on location in the down-town area (from Calgary Tower, HI Youth Hostel and at major hotels in downtown Calgary).
- ❖ Departure from Calgary at 07:00 - Return to Calgary, approximately at 17:00.
- ❖ **Please be at your pick-up location at least 5 minutes prior tour departure.** Very often for the same tour there is a possibility that we have more pick-up spots in downtown area and timing is very, very important.
- ❖ **Other pick-up hotel locations outside of downtown are available, but "only" pick-ups, "not" drop-off.** Additional \$10.00 fee per person will apply.
- ❖ **Due to the large Rush-Hour traffic, drop-off (approximately at 17:30) is only at Calgary Tower.**
- ❖ Fourth Wave Rush-Hour traffic begins at 15:00 and last 'till who-knows-when. There's nothing you can do about it, so drop-off at Calgary Tower makes much easier for everyone.

Cost: Prices are in Canadian Dollars and do not include 5% GST.

- ❖ Fare: **\$ 105.00 + 5% GST**
- ❖ **Payment can be made:**
 - **Online through PayPal** – Choose to pay using your credit card, debit card, or bank account.

- Make secure payment without exposing your credit card number or bank information.
- If you choose this option we will send you invoice and then you pay.
- **With Credit Card by E-mail, Phone or Fax** - we accept Visa or Mastercard.
- **Cash and Travelers Checks** accepted on Tour Days - Last moment booking only!!!
- ❖ For the CANCELLATION POLICY, please see Terms & Conditions page,
- ❖ Driver gratuities or tipping may be provided at your own discretion and will be happily accepted.

Discount:

- ❖ **10%** - Hostelling International Members, International Students and Senior Citizens - 65 and over
- ❖ **25%** - Children 11 and under - please advise if a child seat is required.
- ❖ **Only one discount will apply.**
- ❖ No Discount will apply if we don't have minimum departure requirement of 4 people (adults).

Tour Includes:

- ❖ Banff National Park admission,
- ❖ Driver - Guide,
- ❖ Ground transportation in a comfortable air-conditioned 7 or 15 passenger tour van,
- ❖ Full day of sightseeing and adventure.

What to Bring:

- ❖ Camera, comfortable Hiking Shoes, Binoculars, Insect Repellent, Sunscreen, Sunhat, Sunglasses, Drinking Water, Poncho/Rain Jacket and Dress Appropriately for Weather.
- ❖ You might experience beautiful, warm summer weather while you are here, but it is possible to have winter conditions in any season. When visiting a mountainous environment, it's important to have a winter hat and mitts or gloves along and to dress in layers.
- ❖ Snack or Lunch, or Lunch can be purchased at Banff down-town as well.

Highlights of the Tour:

- ❖ Enjoy a scenic informative drive through the Beautiful Alberta Foothills and Magnificent Canadian Rockies.
- ❖ Visiting [Two Jack Lake](#) and [Lake Minnewanka](#) for great view. Lake Minnewanka is the Park's largest lake and the only one where power boats are permitted. We may see bighorn sheep's on way to lake.
- ❖ Geological wonders of the [Hoodoo's](#) with great views of the [Bow Valley](#), Tunnel Mountain Summit - viewpoint trail along the Bow River to the [Surprise Corner](#) and [Bow Falls](#) with view of [Banff Springs Hotel](#).
- ❖ Adventure drive on [Cable car excursion](#) (Gondola) on Sulphur Mountain. (Admission not included)
- ❖ 1 hour in [Banff Downtown](#) - for the Shopping, Lunch, free activities.
- ❖ Driving on 1A [Bow Valley Parkway Road](#) - a scenic, relaxing drive, and home to a variety of wildlife that offers you a chance to view elk, deer, sheep, coyote, black bear, and occasionally grizzly bear.
- ❖ Visiting teal-blue [Lake Louise](#) and [Victoria Glacier](#) - the lake has such a wonderful color. Mountains and glaciers surround this "[Diamond in the Wilderness](#)"
- ❖ And last the ****[Valley of Ten Peaks](#) and beautiful turquoise-blue [Moraine Lake](#) - ** only from June to September.**
- ❖ The duration of the tour is between 9.5 and 10 hours.

Not Allowed:

Consumption of coffee or soft drinks from open cans and food while on-board.

Allowed:

Re-sealable water bottles.

Snacks are allowed on hikes or while away from the bus, but please leave no trace of your food.