

# Heart of the Canadian Rockies (8910)

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The Canadian Rockies are known for their stunning scenery, rugged mountains, breathtaking glaciers, mighty rivers, and gorgeous national parks. On this Heart of the Canadian Rockies tour, you'll experience this breathtaking scenery and enjoy thrilling experiences as you overnight in Calgary, Banff National Park, Jasper National Park, Kamloops, Victoria, and Vancouver. Enjoy two nights in Banff National Park, Canada's oldest national park and gateway to the Canadian Rockies. You'll have time to take an optional excursion and explore the alpine meadows, glaciers, lakes, hot springs, and quaint shops on your own. You'll also enjoy two nights in Jasper National Park, the largest national park in Canada. You can hike, explore the shops, and take an optional excursion to Maligne Lake and Spirit Island. Between Banff and Jasper, you'll enjoy a highlight of this Canadian Rockies tour—a thrilling ride aboard an Ice Explorer, an all-terrain vehicle, on the Columbia Icefield, the largest expanse of ice in the Canadian Rockies. Your journey between the two national parks also includes a stop in Lake Louise, whose turquoise waters create a natural mirror that reflects the surrounding mountains and pristine wilderness. This tour also includes ferry crossings between Vancouver and Victoria as well as sightseeing in Calgary, Vancouver, and Victoria. In Victoria, your sightseeing includes world-famous Butchart Gardens with its 55 acres of showcase floral exhibits. Free time in Victoria allows you to explore on your own. Perhaps enjoy Afternoon Tea at the Empress Hotel or take a historic walk. Be sure to enjoy the scenery on the ferry crossings. All of this and more await you on this Canadian Rockies tour designed for the savvy, value-minded traveler. Be sure to bring your camera to capture the stunning landscapes you'll see on this once-in-a-lifetime vacation!

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## Tour Highlights

### Sightseeing:

CALGARYSightseeingBANFF NATIONAL PARKOrientation tour; stay two nights inside Banff National ParkLAKE LOUISEVisit the lakeCOLUMBIA ICEFIELDIce Explorer ride on the Columbia IcefieldJASPER NATIONAL PARKOrientation tour; stay two nights inside Jasper National ParkVICTORIASightseeing; visit Butchart GardensVANCOUVERSightseeing; Stanley Park

### Guides:

Services of a professional Tour Director.

### **Scenic Highlights:**

Banff National Park, Jasper National Park, Mount Robson, Fraser River, Thompson River with spectacular views of the Monashee Mountains, British Columbia's Coast Mountain Range, Strait of Georgia, and the Gulf Islands.



The following UNESCO World Heritage Sites can be seen or visited on this vacation:

- Banff National Park
- Jasper National Park

### **Transportation:**

Ferry crossing to/from Vancouver Island; private, deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach while touring with free Wi-Fi.

## **Meals**

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### **Meals & Itinerary**

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VANCOUVER. Your vacation ends this morning. You can extend your vacation with extra nights and explore Vancouver further.

### **Itinerary**

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Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description.

#### **Day 1**

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CALGARY Welcome to Calgary! Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

#### **Day 2**

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CALGARY–BANFF NATIONAL PARK The discovery of oil converted this ranching town into a sophisticated city. It is also home to the world-famous Calgary Stampede. Tour many of the city's attractions, including Canada Olympic Park and the Saddledome. Motor west through the foothills and into Banff National Park, gateway to the majestic Canadian Rockies. An orientation tour includes Banff's unspoiled beauty.

## Day 3

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**BANFF NATIONAL PARK** Banff is one of Canada's favorite year-round resorts, with summer activities such as hiking, boating, and fishing. With a free day, your Tour Director will suggest an optional helicopter ride over the Canadian Rockies.

## Day 4

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**BANFF NATIONAL PARK–LAKE LOUISE–COLUMBIA ICEFIELD–JASPER NATIONAL PARK** Enjoy a day of scenic grandeur. First stop is Lake Louise, whose turquoise waters create a natural mirror that reflects the surroundings. Up next: a stop at the Columbia Icefield to experience the Ice Explorer, an all-terrain vehicle that travels on ice measuring 750 feet thick. Then, journey north into Jasper National Park, where precipitous gorges, snowcapped summits, and lakes of exquisite blues and greens come into view as the motorcoach scales three mountain passes. Later, your Tour Director suggests an optional float trip down the Athabasca River. Enjoy an orientation tour of Jasper townsite upon arrival.

## Day 5

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**JASPER NATIONAL PARK** Today, join our optional excursion to Maligne Lake and Spirit Island, where you embark on a narrated cruise of the lake. The balance of the day is free to enjoy everything Jasper has to offer—from guided hikes and quaint shops to meandering wildlife.

## Day 6

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**JASPER NATIONAL PARK–MOUNT ROBSON–KAMLOOPS** Depart Jasper and follow the Fraser River to the base of Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. The Yellowhead Highway continues south along the mighty Thompson River, with spectacular views of the Monashee Mountains. Overnight in Kamloops.

## Day 7

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**KAMLOOPS–FERRY CROSSING–VICTORIA** As you travel through British Columbia's Coast Mountain Range to its majestic Pacific coastline, the vegetation changes from desert landscape to lush alpine forest. Board your ferry for the spectacular crossing to Vancouver Island. Sightseeing in Victoria includes world-famous Butchart Gardens, the Inner Harbour, Bastion Square, and Thunderbird Park. This evening, consider a stroll along the lively Waterfront Promenade.

## Day 8

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**VICTORIA** Today is free to explore on your own. You may choose to join an optional wildlife and whale watching trip cruising the beautiful waters of the San Juan and Gulf Islands, looking for whales, porpoises, seals, and eagles. Your Tour Director will have ideas for enjoying this most British of Canadian cities.

## Day 9

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**VICTORIA–FERRY CROSSING–VANCOUVER** This morning, set sail across the Strait of Georgia and through the spectacular Gulf Islands. In Vancouver, city sightseeing includes Stanley Park, Gastown, Chinatown, and other famous landmarks. The remainder of the day is free to explore Robson Street and experience British Columbia's premier shopping and entertainment location.

## Day 10

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## Tour Director

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## ELAINE WRIGHT

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Escorting tours for more than 20 years

"During my years as a tour director I have guided tours in the Western United States, the Maritime provinces, Eastern and Western Canada and Alaska. I enjoy all of the areas I have worked in but Western Canada has a special place in my heart as this has always been my home. I would love to show you the spectacular beauty of Canada and tell you stories about the interesting people who have lived here in the past as well as today. I invite you to come and experience Canada with me."



## TAREK SABET

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Escorting tours for more than 20 years

"I have over 30 years of experience in the travel industry and have been leading tours in Canada since 1999. I speak English, Spanish, Arabic, and French. My passion for my work is fueled by the opportunity to meet amazing people , my fellow travelers! In my free time, I enjoy stamp collecting, chess, reading, opera, classical music, and teaching at a private college in Vancouver in the winter."



## Accommodations

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BANFF NATIONAL PARK  
CALGARY  
JASPER NATIONAL PARK  
KAMLOOPS  
VANCOUVER  
VICTORIA

## Optional Excursions

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**Contact your Travel Consultant for more information.**

### Price Ranges

\$ (\$50 USD and under)  
\$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD)  
\$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD)  
\$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

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