

Self Drive Holidays

Best of the Rockies

Approximate distance driven: 1,351 kms.

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This self-drive itinerary is designed to offer visitors, with limited time and budget, the best vacation in the scenic Rockies of Canada. Within a short period of 6 days, you get to visit not just three amazing national parks in the region, but also have a jaw-dropping and once-in-a-lifetime experience of the Columbia Icefield Skywalk.

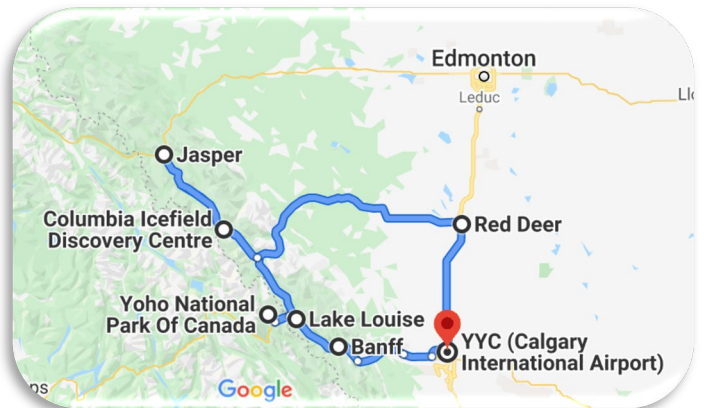
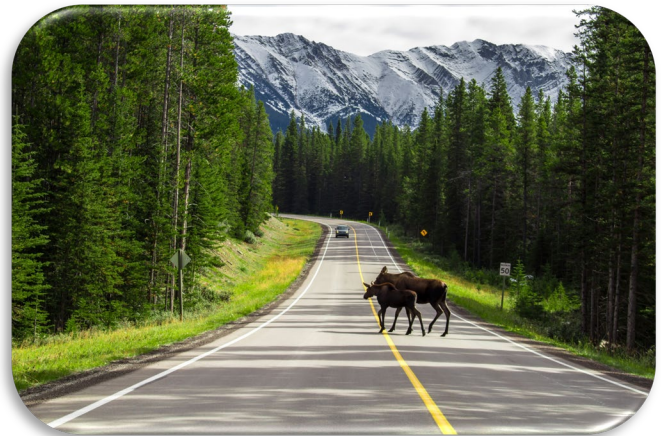
Enjoy the picturesque views of the Sulphur Mountains from the world-famous Banff Gondola Ride. The stunning Glacier Lake of Minnewanka, the Bow Falls, the historic Banff Springs Hotel and hiking, river rafting etc. are some of the chief attractions of Banff. Witness nature at its best at the Yoho National Park. Finally, visit Jasper, the alpine town of Canada. Snow-capped Canadian Rockies surrounding the park, glacier-fed lakes, wild forests, and winding rivers await tourists visiting the beautiful town. The Jasper SkyTram will let you revel in the stunning beauty of gorgeous mountain ranges and the Athabasca Valley.

Highlights

Duration: 6 Days | 5 Nights

Calgary – Banff – Banff National Park – Lake Louise –
Yoho National Park – Columbia Icefield – Jasper
National – Jasper – Calgary

May to Oct



DAY 1 – Calgary to Banff

Driving Distance: 251 KM

Arrive at Calgary International Airport. After picking up your luggage, proceed to the Rental Depart at the airport to collect your rental car.

Highlights:

- ✓ Enjoy the constantly changing landscape as you drive up on HWY 1 from Calgary to Banff. The road trip to Banff features stunning vistas of the Front Range of Canadian Rockies and the towering Rocky peaks.
- ✓ Reach Banff and check-in at the resort.
- ✓ Rest of the day you are free to explore the resort town. Mt. Rundle and Mt. Cascade, part of the Banff skyline, offer majestic views. Walk around Banff Avenue and find amazing boutiques, souvenir shops, and the chateau-style hotels. The 6500 sq km of parkland around the town homes elk and grizzly bears.

Overnight in Banff.

DAY 2 – Explore Banff National Park

Activities of the second day include visiting Banff National Park. Glacial lakes with turquoise water, a scenic mountain town and village, and rich wildlife come together in Banff National Park to give you an unparalleled experience. Canada's first national park is visited by three million visitors a year. Things to do in Banff National Park include activities such as biking, skiing, hiking, and camping in one of the world's most spectacular mountain scenery.

Highlights:

- ✓ Banff Gondola - Experience the renowned Banff Gondola ride to the Sulphur Mountain Peak. The enchanting glide of 8 minutes lets you capture jaw-dropping vistas of the Sulphur Mountains from 2281 meters above. The phenomenal vistas of Banff city and the Rocky Mountains are bewitching and will leave you captivated.
- ✓ Bow Falls
- ✓ Surprise Corner
- ✓ Banff Springs Hotel
- ✓ Hoodoos
- ✓ Lake Minnewanka
- ✓ Johnston Canyon

Overnight in Banff, AB.

Day 3 – Lake Louise & Yoho National Park Tour

Start the day early with a visit to the world-famous UNESCO World Heritage designated Lake Louise with the majestic Chateau Lake Louise sitting on its banks. Spend time at the lake and stroll its shores to take some unbelievably picture-perfect shots.

Enjoy the magic of Rockies at Yoho National Park BC, located in the western slopes of the Canadian Rockies. Meaning "Awe" in the Cree National Language, the place is a visual feast. Azure rivers, roaring waterfalls, the lush green pine, and towering peaks along with incredible hiking and sightseeing- the park offers a unique glimpse of Canada's natural wonders.

Highlights:

- ✓ Visit Lake Louise.
- ✓ Lower Spiral Tunnel Viewpoint.
- ✓ The Natural Bridge.
- ✓ Emerald Lake.
- ✓ Yoho Valley Road.
- ✓ The Takkakaw Falls.
- ✓ The confluence of Kicking Horse and Hobo rivers.

Overnight in Banff, AB

Day 4 - Icefield Parkway Tour from Banff to Jasper

Driving Distance: 288 KMs.

Start early today to make the most of the viewing spots on the highway to Jasper. On the drive north along the Icefield Parkway, you will witness mind-blowing vistas, green meadows, beautiful river valleys, stunning peaks, and emerald-blue lakes. Spot elk, grizzly and black bears, mountain goats, bighorn sheep, and moose as you drive.

Highlights:

- ✓ Bow Lake
- ✓ Crowfoot Glacier
- ✓ Peyto Lake
- ✓ Weeping Wall
- ✓ Saskatchewan River Crossing,
- ✓ Columbia Icefield.
- ✓ Sunwapta Falls
- ✓ Athabasca Falls

At the Columbia Icefield, go on a Glacier Adventure tour already included in you Self

Drive Package. You will board the specially built Ice Explorer to go on an adventure ride to the Columbia Icefield. Later, walk along the cliff face on the Glacier Skywalk for spectacular views of the Columbia Icefield, Athabasca Glacier and the surrounding ranges and valleys.

Arrive early evening in Jasper and check into your hotel.

Overnight in Jasper, AB.

Day 5 - Explore Jasper today.

Jasper is a small mountain town located on Hwy 93, at the Jasper National Park. Snow-capped Canadian Rockies surrounding the park, glacier-fed lakes, wild forests, and winding rivers await tourists visiting the town with postcard beauty.

Highlights:

- ✓ Jasper SkyTram ride to the peak of the Whistlers Mountain.
- ✓ Lake Maligne Cruise to Spirit Island.
- ✓ Medicine Lake
- ✓ Maligne Canyon
- ✓ Patricia Lake
- ✓ Pyramid Lake
- ✓ Mount Robson
- ✓ Whitewater rafting on the Sunwapta River.
- ✓ Jasper Sidecar Tour.
- ✓ Jasper Wildlife Tour.
- ✓ Jasper Foodie Tour.

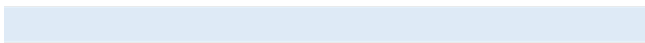
Overnight in Jasper, AB.

Day 6 – End of your tour.

End of your self-drive tour. Check out of hotel and drive to YYC International Airport in Calgary. Drop off your rental car on arrival.

Alternatively, you may drive to Edmonton and drop your car off YEG International Airport.

End of Self-Drive Tour.



Typical Self-Drive Package includes:

- ✓ Accommodations – 5 Nights
- ✓ Rental of a Mid-Sized car Hyundai Accent or similar with unlimited mileage. Driver must be 21 years or older. Upgrades to SUV or Minivan also available for an additional cost.
- ✓ Unlimited Mileage.
- ✓ Admissions to Banff Gondola in Banff.
- ✓ Admissions to Ice Explorer & Glacier Skywalk at Columbia Icefield.
- ✓ Admissions to Spirit Island Cruise. If the Spirit Island Cruise is not operating, it will be substituted with Jasper SkyTram.
- ✓ Taxes & GST.

Typical Self-Drive Package Exclusions:

These exclusions may vary vendor to vendor. Please check with us at the time of booking.

- × Airfare to destination.
- × Meals.
- × Unlimited Mileage.
- × Travel Insurance - Highly recommended. Stars & Maple Holidays offers Manulife Travel Insurance. Customers are required to sign a Travel Insurance Waiver in the event our offer to sell Travel Insurance is declined.
- × Collision Damage Waiver & Theft Protection for the rented Car and Roadside Assistance not included in package cost. Same is available at an additional cost.
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