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## Canadian Rockies & Glacier Park

Medicine Hat, AB - Banff, AB (2 nts) - Whitefish & Great Falls, MT - Medora, ND Aug. 6-13, 2021 8 Days



This tour is an adventure taking you to the majestic Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. On this tour you'll stand at the shores of Lake Louise, step foot out on a glacier, enjoy the scenic drive through national parks, and end with a performance of the Medora Musical at sunset, and more!

Fri., Aug. 6: Minot, ND Ioin Utopia Tours as we travel into Canada to experience the Canadian Rockies, the Banff area, plus Glacier Park and Medora. The Rockies will entice you with majestic views and scenery. Our destination today is **Minot**, **ND**.

Sat., Aug. 7: Medicine Hat, AB We depart Minot this morning and soon **cross the border at Portal, ND**. We will enter into Saskatchewan with its fascinating landscape and go on to Moose Jaw, the Friendly City. Then continue on, arriving this evening in **Medicine Hat, AB**.

•Banff, AB (2 nights at Red Carpet Inn) Sun., Aug. 8: Canadian Rockies—Banff, AB (L) Our journey continues and we anxiously await seeing the **Canadian Rockies** as they soon appear on the horizon. We will go through Calgary, AB, home of the Calgary Stampede and often called "cowtown." We will have an included **lunch** here, then head for Banff, AB, located in the beautiful Banff National Park. We will drive a short distance to the serene Lake Louise area. Here, the **Victoria Glacier** sits as a backdrop across the Lake from **Chateau Lake Louise**. We spend some time here for pictures and relaxing before we return to the famous resort area of Banff for a 2-night stay at the Red Carpet Inn, located within walking distance to many restaurants and shops.

> Mon., Aug. 9: Canadian Rockies - Banff, AB Traveling through **Banff National Park** and into **Jasper National Park** we will drive up the Columbia Icefields Parkway, a journey through natural history and captivating landscapes. Here we board an all-terrain vehicle Ice **Explorer out to the Athabasca Glacier**. This is one of the largest nonpolar ice fields in the world, and you will be able to walk on the glacier! Returning to the Visitor's Center you will have lunch in the cafeteria. Then we head back to **Banff** for the evening with a stop at **Bow Falls** in Banff, and then return to the hotel for a free evening to enjoy this mountain setting town. (Option: Banff Gondola Ride up Sulphur Mountain for a beautiful view of Banff and Bow Valley. While at the top, you may wish to enjoy a meal at the Sky Bistro Restaurant. Costs not included in price of tour)

### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Motorcoach Transportation
- Hotel Accommodations
- Utopia Tours Tour Director
- Baggage Handling (1 bag p.p.)
- · Minot, ND
- · Medicine Hat, AB
- Calgary AB
- -Lunch
- Canadian Rockies
- · Chateau Lake Louise / Victoria Glacier
- -Banff Nat'l Park
- · Jasper National Park
- · Columbia Icefields / All-Terrain Ice Explorer on the Athabasca Glacier
- Bow Falls
- \*Option: Gondola Ride (not included in price)
- Kootenay Nat'l Park
- · Whitefish, MT
- · Glacier Nat'l Park- Tourmobiles Going to the Sun Hwy Tour
- · Great Falls, MT
- · Medora, ND
- -Pitchfork Steak Fondue
- -Medora Musical
- -Buffet Breakfast
- · Meals t.b.a.

Passports, Passcards, or Enhanced Driver's Licenses are required for this tour.

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner included that day

#### STATES & PROVINCES VISITED ON THIS TOUR: MN-ND-SK-AB-BC-MT

**Tues., Aug. 10: Whitefish, MT** This morning we will leave Banff through British Columbia and the **Kootenay National Park** and back into the States. We will travel through Radium Hot Springs known for its Hot Springs. Coffee & lunch stops will be made along the way. We **cross the border back into the U.S**. Our scenic journey continues as we make our way to **Whitefish, MT**, a resort town near Whitefish Lake in the Rocky Mountains and gateway to **Glacier National Park.** The Great Northern Railway was built through what is now Whitefish, in 1904, sparking development of the town.

Wed., Aug. 11: Glacier National Park - Great Falls, MT Our tour takes us a short drive to Lake McDonald where we board their red tourmobiles to view Glacier National Park on the "Going to the Sun Highway." Glacier National Park is a 1,583 square mile wilderness area in Montana's Rocky Mountains. It was established as a park in 1910, and lodges and chalets were constructed by the Great Northern Railway. Work was completed on the Going-to-the-Sun Highway in 1932. Mountain goats are the symbol of the Park. Be on the lookout for them as we go through the Park. The Highway goes over Logan's Pass, crosses the Continental Divide, and arrives at **St Mary's** to enjoy lunch on your own at the Lodge. After this exciting adventure we travel on to **Great Falls, MT**, for the night. Montana's name is derived from the Spanish word meaning mountain. Dinner is on your own tonight.

**Thurs., Aug. 12: Medora, ND (D)** From Great Falls, MT, we travel the wide-open spaces of Montana to **Medora, ND**, located in the **North Dakota Badlands,** and on the edge of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. After arriving this afternoon we will have some free time, then check into our lodging. This evening we head out to enjoy a **savory meal at the Pitchfork Fondue**. At dusk we watch the **Medora Musical** from our outdoor seats, nestled into the hillside and overlooking the Badlands. This western-style musical show is proudly dedicated to the legacy of President Theodore Roosevelt, and the time he spent here in the Badlands of the Dakota Territory, and is one of the most popular tourist attractions in North Dakota.

**Fri., Aug. 13: Home (B)** A **Buffet Breakfast** is included this morning in Medora. Homeward bound today routing through Bismarck & Fargo and back into Minnesota. We hope you enjoyed this Canadian Rockies Tour, seeing the glaciers, mountains, valleys, lakes, wildlife, and awesome beauty it provides. We arrive home this afternoon. Thank you for traveling with Utopia Tours.



You have the option of taking the Banff Gondola Ride up Sulphur Mountain for a beautiful view of Banff & Bow Valley.