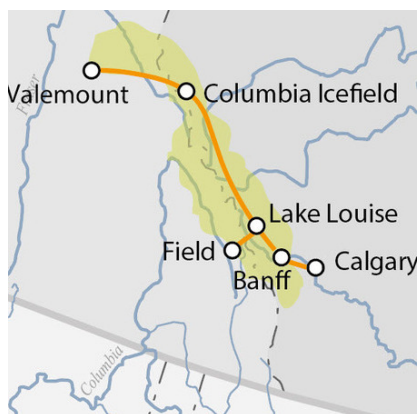




## The Wild Side of the Rockies

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### Description

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The Canadian Rockies: a mythical mountain range home to some of the world's most beautiful national parks like Banff, Yoho and Jasper. This 11-day trip checks off some of the most iconic treks in these respective parks. But your amazement will not be limited to the trails. The Icefield Parkway and the special accommodations we use on this trip are sure to leave you stupefied. With the help of our certified guide, come and explore as the first Swiss guides and Canadian voyageurs once did and venture deep into remote and pristine corners of these majestic mountains. Come and find your sense of place amongst these humbling giants. A great Canadian experience that pushes your limits and rewards you with unforgettable experiences and helps you to grow and appreciate this environment even more.

### Highlights

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- The majestic beauty of the Rocky Mountains
- Hiking some of the National Park's signature trails
- An exclusive itinerary through the less traveled parts of the Rockies
- A chance to experience the Icefield Parkway: one of the most breathtaking roads in the world!
- Unique mountain lodge and hut accommodations
- The diversity of the observable wildlife
- ACMG certified guide to assist you throughout your trip

# Itinerary

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## Day 1 : Calgary – Banff National Park – Lake Louise


This morning you meet up with your certified guide and fellow travelers that will accompany you throughout this journey. We start heading west towards the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. Even before reaching our trailhead, we start seeing our first well know summits like the Three Sisters – Ha Ling Peak, Mount Lady Macdonald, Rundle or Cascade Mountain. Continuing deeper into Banff National Park to do our first hike on Stanley Glacier trail. After a safety briefing, we start this short walk through an old burn forest that will take us to an alpine meadow with great views of Stanley Glacier. We make our way to our hostel near Lake Louise where we'll be able to prepare our meals in the communal kitchen and reminisce about the day's adventures while planning the hikes to come.

### Hike

#### Stanley Glacier

11.4 km, 568 m, 3 to 4 h

 Basic lodge – triple/quad occupancy

 210 km – 2 h 30

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## Day 02 : Banff National Park – Sentinel Pass and Moraine Lake


Today, we head to a less explored and possibly even more stunning area of Banff NP. Starting on the shores of Moraine Lake in the Valley of the ten peaks we hike through the Larch valley to reach Sentinel Pass on the shoulder of Mt Temple. From here we can descend on the other side of the pass reaching Paradise Valley to complete a loop trail taking us back to Moraine Lake road or return the way we came. Either option we choose will be the right one, as beauty will be all around us. Returning to our hostel in time to watch the sun dipping low behind the mountains and prepare our dinner in great company.


### Hike

#### Sentinel Pass (Paradise Valley loop trail optional)

11.5 to 17 km, 800 m, 3 to 4 h

 Basic lodge – triple/quad occupancy

 30 km – 1h

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## Day 03 : Lake Louise – Plain of Six Glaciers, Big Beehive & Agnes Lake loop

With the Victoria Glacier as a backdrop to its emerald green silence, Lake Louise is one of the most famed and visited landmarks in the Canadian Rockies. We head out early to beat the crowds and enjoy a serene moment on the shores of Lake Louise. After feasting our eyes and filling our camera rolls with this natural gem, we head off for the stunning Plaines of six glaciers trails. Skirting along the flank of Mt Whyte the trail is a steady 5,5 km climb that rewards you with exceptional views of Lake Louise and a quaint little tea house. An extra 1,5km will get you a unique vantage point on Abbott Pass and the Victoria Glacier. If we feel like something a little bit more


challenging, we can opt to climb to the top of the Big Beehive before hiking down to Lake Agnes and back to Lake Louise. With 905m of vertical, this hike is sure to get those muscles burning but the culmination and summiting are well worth the efforts.

### Hike

#### **Plain of Six Glaciers (Big Beehive-Lake Agnes loop)**

15 to 19.4 km, 420 to 905 m, 3 to 4 h

 Basic lodge – triple/quad occupancy

 8 km – 20 min

 B, L, D

#### Day 04 : Yoho National Park – Emerald and Hamilton Lakes


Today, we keep pushing west to reach Yoho National Park. Yoho, a Cree expression meaning amazement and wonder. With its massive icefields, impressive waterfalls and jade green lakes Yoho is a special place with an incredible density of must-sees. We start our exploration of the park by visiting Emerald Lake, one of its more well-known attractions. After admiring the lake and perhaps enjoying a coffee on the Lodge's terrasse, we head out to Hamilton lake for an 11km hike that will take us past Hamilton falls on the way to a beautiful alpine tarn. On the way back to our accommodation, we can stop at the natural bridge and at the spiral tunnel viewpoint to have an up-close look at this engineering marvel. Transfer back to Field for our first evening in this cozy little mountain town.

### Hike

#### **Hamilton Lake**

12 km, 830 m, 5 to 6 h

 Lodge

 50 km – 50 min

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#### Day 05 : Yoho National Park – Iceline trail


This morning we tackle one of Yoho's signature trek: the Iceline Trail. The trail starts next to the majestic Takakkaw Falls. At 373m they are the 2nd highest in Canada. We'll take the time to admire them at leisure before, during and after our hike. According to how we'll proceed we'll also get to see Laughing Falls and Twin Falls. Taking us up the east side of the President's range this hike offers incredible views of the falls, of the Waputik Icefield and the Daly glacier to the east. After reaching a Plateau near Yoho pass, we have a few different options for the return route. We can choose to do the complete 20km loop through the little Yoho valley or shave off a few Kms cutting through Celeste Lake. We return to our accommodation to relax and gaze at the mountains we've just explored while enjoying our dinner.

### Hike

#### **Iceline (via Celeste Lake or Little Yoho)**

12 to 20 km, 710 m, 6 to 8 h

 Lodge

 35 km – 45 min

 B, L

## Day 06 : Explore the Icefield Parkway


Today we hit THE road. And when I say THE road, I am barely being biased here. The Icefield Parkway is known as being one of the most spectacular stretches of asphalt on earth. Started in 1931 as a depression relief project it was completed in 1940. Its 233kms meander through the Rocky Mountain passing by massive Icefields and over 100 glaciers. We will make as many stops as needed to experience all the amazing sights this drive has to offer. From the Num-Ti-Jah lodge on the shores of Bow Lake to the iconic Wolf profile of Peyto lake without forgetting the Crow's foot, Saskatchewan and Athabasca glaciers. We will make sure you see all the secret spots including a short hike on Parker Ridge trail for a stunning view of Saskatchewan Glacier. We stop for the night near Sunwapta Falls for one last hotel night before heading to our wilderness lodge tomorrow.

### Hike

#### **Parker Ridge**

5.1 km, 269 m, 2 to 3 h

 Cabins

 200 km – 3 h

 B, L, D


## Day 07 : Jasper and wilderness hut


Continuing our way to Valemount, we stop in Jasper for some free time to explore the town and to do the necessary shopping to prepare for our upcoming 3-day excursion. Leaving Jasper, we stop on the way to check out Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rockies. Reaching Valemount we finalize our packing and start hiking to reach our wilderness lodge for the next 2 nights. Our luggage and our food will be transported by helicopter to the hut. You will find hard to believe how stunning is the surroundings of our hut when you will travel along the road and during the hike to get there! Tucked away in a remote corner of the Rockies, the hut will be our basecamp for the next 2 days of exploration.


### Hike

#### **To the wilderness hut**

7 to 8 km, 350 m, 3.5 h

 Wilderness hut – multi shared

 190 km – 2.5 h

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## Day 08-09 : Hiking in the wilderness

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We will spend the next two days completely immersing ourselves in the incredible nature that surrounds the hut. Your certified guide will be able to adapt the next two days' outings in accordance with the weather, the trail conditions, the presence of animals and the group's strength. With charming meadows, challenging mountain passes and undisturbed alpine prairies this area is a unique playground that offers 360 degrees of bliss and it's yours for the next 2days!!!

## Hikes

### Wilderness trails

8-12 km, average 650 m, 3.5 h,

 Wilderness hut - multi shared

 B, L, D

Day 10 : Return from wilderness hut and transfer to Banff


As we head back towards Valemount our hearts and minds linger a little not wanting to leave this alpine haven. It is always hard to leave such a place, the connections and realizations we've made will stay with us for a long time. Luckily the uplifting beauty of the Icefield Parkways taking us back to Banff will help to mend or bleeding hearts. Arrive in Banff in the late afternoon just in time for some free time in town before enjoying a farewell dinner with your crew.

## Hike

### Wilderness trail back

7 to 8 km, 350 m, 3.5 h

 Hotel


 420 km - 5-6 h

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Day 11 : Calgary - End of the trip

After the last breakfast, you might have time to explore Banff before we make our way back to Calgary for the return flights or post-tour accommodations.

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 125 km - 1.5 h

### Note:

B = breakfast

L = lunch

D = diner

### Itinerary note:

The guide reserves the right to modify the itinerary for the group's safety depending on the weather and

general operating conditions.

## Dates & prices

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- 7 August – 17 August 2022  
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## Inclusive

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- Accommodation : 3 nights in basic lodge, 4 nights in hotel/lodge and 3 nights in wilderness hut
- Meals : 11 breakfasts, 11 picnics and 6 dinners
- National and provincial park entrance fees
- Transportation in a minivan with cargo trailer from 8 travelers
- Transfer of luggage and food by helicopter to wilderness lodge (one way)
- Certified ACMG hiking guide
- Camping and cooking equipment
- First aid kit and emergency communication device
- Group from 6 to 10 travelers
- FICAV contribution (compensation fund for customers of travel agents – 0 \$ / 1000 \$)

## Non inclusive

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- Personal insurance (medical and repatriation)
- Air transportation, airport meet & greet and transfer
- Pre & post night
- Sleeping bag, pillow and towel
- Meals not mentioned in the included section
- Optional activities
- Guide's tip
- Goods and Services Tax (5%)

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