

CANADA AND THE USA: GREAT PARKS THE ROCKIES AND YELLOWSTONE





This proposal presents an ideal twinning between the "father of all nature parks", Yellowstone, and its younger but no less spectacular follower, the Canadian Rockies. Spectacular: this an adjective which is certainly abused in the presentation of tours and excursions, but also seems appropriate to this route, which boasts the great diversity and variety of eco-cultural and naturalistic experience.

The adventure starts with Writing on the Stones Provincial Park, Alberta, near the border with the United States, a place which is extremely important anthropologically and culturally, as well as spiritually

since most of its territory is sacred to the native Blackfoot.

Immediately after, the trip will dive farther into prehistory, in Dinosaur Provincial Park, one of the most important sites in the world for the discovery and study of dinosaur fossils and other animals species. And then, there will be something different and exciting: a stay in a "western style" ranch. Then, after exploring







The Glacier National Park will be the gateway to the States and even here the difference will surprise you with the nature and its wonders, represented by rivers, lakes and high mountains populated by numerous wild fauna: bears, wolves, goats, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, elks, deer, eagles, marmots and grouse. And finally, this amazing trip will conclude in the diversity of mythical (another abused adjective, but in this case adequate) Yellowstone with its peculiar sights, the Old Faithful geyser and the Grand Canvon on the Yellowstone River, with waterfalls, hot springs, grizzlies and the rest of its diverse wildlife. All this variety of landscapes, fauna, flora, activities offers a succession of emotions, different every time, which you will bring back home as the most precious souvenirs.

the Banff National Park, you will take perhaps the most scenic and spectacular road in the world, highway 93 or Icefield Parkway; you will see magnificent fauna along it and magnificent glaciers and waterfalls; full immersion in nature will follow after that: in an isolated lodge in the heart of Kooteney National Park. But there will be no time to get bored, being busy with outdoors activity programs for adults and teenagers.





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DAY 1: BROOKS

After having arrived at Calgary's airport, you will pick up your rental car and then will be transferred to Brooks for accommodation in a hotel. In order to reduce the effects of jet-lag, taking the rest of the day you'll have a relaxing visit to the Lakeside Leisure Centre, a modern fitness and wellness center, built in 2004. Here you will have at your disposal a restaurant, an outdoor pool, hot water tub, sauna, waterslide for the kids, a fitness centre, curling rink and of course a locker to store your personal belongings. Return back to your hotel, dinner and night stay.

Distance Calgary – Brooks: 200 km



DAY 2: WRITING ON THE STONES PROVINCIAL PARK, THE BLACK FOOT NATIVES

Your next destination is the "Writing on the Stones Provincial Park". A place of great historical and natural interest, not only for the beautiful landscapes of coulees and hoodos alternating with vast expanses of grass and mountains in the background, but also for the many petroglyphs and many paintings and sculptures of the natives of North America. In fact, this Park protects an area which is very spiritually meaningful to the Blackfoot tribes, whose

culture is based on a historical and intimate relationship with this land. Moreover, the winding path of the Milk River, the river that runs through the Park, is a godsend for lovers of canoeing observation. and nature Particularly evocative views of hoodos are appearing at sunset. visit **Optional:** the Park independently or with an ondemand guide

Distance Brooks-Writing-on-Stones Provincial Park: 222 km





DAY 3: DINOSAUR PROVINCIAL PARK AND DRUMHELLER



Today you will visit Dinosaur Provincial Park, 50 miles from Brooks: this is an entire day's excursion to the "Valley of



the dinosaurs" in the Badlands. The Dinosaur Provincial Park and is one of the most important sites of dinosaur fossils in the world. In this area remains of about 35 species of



dinosaurs were found , along with various skeletons of crocodiles, turtles, frogs, fish, lizards and flying reptiles. The Park, was founded in 1955 and recognized by UNESCO in 1979, then in 1985, after the opening of the Royal Tyrrell Museum (100 km to the North), it became the "Field station". At the end of your tour, return to the hotel (Heartwood Inn and spa) or other cat., free dinner and overnight.

Distances: Brooks-Dinosaur Provincial Park: 50 km Dinosaur Provincial park-Drumheller: 170 km

DAY 4 AND 5: SEEBE



After breakfast, transfer to Seebe and accommodation at Rafter Six Ranch Resort. Here you'll spend two exciting days devoted to western style. The Ranch has a wide variety of

and exciting activities adventures including day and guided horseback overnight riding through the scenic Bow Valley and Kananaskis Country. You will experience an exhilarating whitewater rafting along the Kananaskis River; you can try in a challenging ropes course in the treetops and zip-lining in pine forests; there is mountain biking, trekking with friendly dogs, swimming in the outdoor heated swimming pool (from June to September), relaxing in jacuzzi. or Accommodation for two nights at Rafter Six Ranch Resort, in Seebe. Full board treatment.



Drumheller-Seebe: 210 km



DAY 6 & 7: BANFF NATIONAL PARK

In the morning of the sixth day, after breakfast, you will go to Banff and, after having settled into your comfortable hotel, you will start the exploration of the parks of the Rockies, starting, of course, with Banff.

A must-see is an ascent by "gondola", which will take you up to the Sulphur Mountains, to enjoy a magnificent 360



Louise and the other lakes in the area, the Takakawa Falls in Yoho National park and much more along one of the world's most scenic roads, highway 93, or Icefield Parkway, the motorway of the parks. degree view on the panorama of the Rockies. You will have two days of eco-nature tours where you'll find treasures such as the Lake





You will see the beautiful wild animals of the area: grizzlies, wolves, big deer, giant bull moose, and other species. Accommodation in Banff, Fox Hotel with Spa inside of it, with breakfast included.

Distance Seebe-Banff: 50 km.

DAY 8 & 9: KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK

Kootenav National Park is located in the southwestern region of the Canadian Rockies and is known for its variety of landscapes and its extremely rich ecosystem. Take the Trans Canada Highway, right from access point located at Castle Junction in Banff National Park, then proceed to Highway 93 South, also called the Kootenay Parkway. From here you will leave the State of Alberta to arrive in British Columbia. You then head inside the Park, where you will spend two intense days immersed in a wonderful nature.



staving in an isolated ecofriendly accommodation. A large number of outdoor activities are available. including hiking, rafting, canoeing, mountain biking, and numerous programs for both youngsters and adults. Accommodation for two full nights. board. at Kootenay Park Lodge, in the heart of the Park.

Distance Banff-Kootenay National Park: 90 km

DAY 10: CALGARY

Back to the East 93, you will reach Calgary, your last stop in Canada before moving to the States. After releasing your rental car and being accommodated in a hotel, in double room with breakfast, enjoy the rest of the day to take advantage of this last opportunity to Canadian shopping and getting to know some of the attractions that this city offers vibrant and modern, including the Telus Spark New Science Center, Calway Park, the Tower and the Zoo. When finished, you will return back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Distance Kootenay National Park-Calgary: 214 km

DAY 11: TOWARDS THE STATES







Today you will have an interesting stage of transfer, after which you will find yourself in the States. In the morning, you in fact aboard a comfortable Van to be transferred to the Great Falls, Montana. Upon arrival, accommodation in a hotel, free time. If you want to, you can jump aboard the Great Falls Historic Trolley, for a cultural and historical background view of the city and to see, apart from everything else, the falls that gave the name to the area. Checking in a double room with breakfast.

Distance Calgary – Great Falls (USA): 521 km

DAY 12: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

After having withdrawn your new car, you will head to Whitefish, a town surrounded by many lakes and rivers, rich in fauna: bears, wolves, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, elks, deer, eagles, marmots and grouse.



The clue of the day will be an excursion to Glacier National Park, a paradise for lovers of trekking. Don't miss a trip on the "Going

to the Sun Road" (a beautiful scenic route, the one that runs through the Park), which offers the most beautiful sceneries of northwestern Montana. The many attractions of this beautiful







park include Virginia Falls, St. Mary Falls, Logan Pass Hidden Lake and Flathead Lake. Arrival in the evening, dinner and overnight stay in the hotel.

Distance Great Falls-White Fish: 360 km

DAY 13: THE FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST



Today you will begin your journey to the Yellowstone National Park, crossing the Flathead National Forest, right in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, West of the continental divide and right to the south of Canadian border. The forest embraces three protected natural areas, including the famous Bob Marshall Wilderness, and extends over a territory of 2.4 million acres. Here, among other species, you can see lynx, grizzly bears and bulltrouts. With its numerous lakes, streams and rivers, Flathead National Forest is a the destination favored by tourists and visitors who are eager to admire the beautiful natural landscapes of the



American West. After this exciting day devoted entirely to wildwatching, you will get to Butte, about 400 km away. Dinner and overnight stay at the Grand Lodge Crested Butte.

Distance Whitefish-Butte: 384 km

DAY 14, 15 & 16: YELLOWSTONE!

As of today, three intense days await you to stay in the most famous and ancient natural park in the world. On one of these days, upon your choice, you can join a guided safari to discover more resources in this area: geysers (including Old faithful), hot springs, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone River, the Upper and Lower Falls and finally the beautiful wildlife. Nature experts will illustrate you





and tell you everything in detail. In the remaining two days, you can enjoy the numerous outdoor activities that you can practice inside the Park. Among these, you can choose to venture along the numerous paths (approx. 200 km), ideal for trekking, sail a boat down the rivers, or do horseback riding and fishing. You'll also get an opportunity to play daily safari "targeted" for observation of a particular species of animals. Or as an alternative, spend all three days for safari or trekking.









DAY 17: THE BIG APPLE

Transfer to the airport early in the morning. Here, after you have delivered your car, we will be embarking on a direct flight to New York, the last leg of your trip. You'll be accommodated in a hotel and after that you'll have a tasty lunch in one of the restaurants recommended by the Roadbook; you can not leave New York without climbing on the Top of the Rock, one of the highest points in New York, within the Rockefeller and so 'look down on the city along with the wonderful Central Park. To conclude your short stay in the Big Apple, we suggest a walk at sunset along the Brooklyn Bridge and an evening visit to Times Square where you can dine. Return to the hotel to spend your last night on the new continent.







DAY 18: RETURN FLIGHT

After breakfast you will be transfered by shuttle to the airport for your return flight.

LIST OF SERVICES: ROAD BOOK INCLUDED UPON ARRIVAL 7/7 & 24/24 ASSISTANCE

Transfers from/to airport and Hotels

- 2 compact car rentals + full time escort with basic insurance
- 2 nights Hotel Heritage Inn or similar one. 3 or 4 Stars in Brooks, double room, incl. breakfast
- 1 night in a Hotel in Drumheller at the Heartwood Inn
- 2 nights Hotel accommodation in Seebe, at Rafter Six Ranch Resort
- 2 nights Hotel accommodation in Banff, at Nakoda on the lake Spa and Lodge
- 2 nights at Kooteney National Park Lodge

1 night in a 3 or 4 star hotel in Calgary, double room, incl. breakfast

1 guided excursion, on request, to the Writing on Stone Provincial Park

1 guided excursion to Dinosaur Provincial Park

- 2 entry tickets to the Royal Tyrrell Museum
- 2 Banff gondola tickets to the Sulphur Mountains

1 guided excursion by horse to Bow Valley

1 Wild Safari Park Tour of Banff

1 private VAN transfer from Calgary to Great Falls, Montana

2 nights at White Fish Lodge

1 Night at a hotel in Juneau.

3 nights in a Lodge in Yellowstone, Three Bear Lodge

1 guided excursion in Glacier National Park

1 guided excursion on request to the edge of the Great falls Historic trolley

Guided tours (upon request) on foot and by boat, and themed safari trips in Yellowstone Park Flight from Yellowstone Jackson Hole to New York, one way

1 night in a Hotel in New York, 3 or 4 stars, double room, incl. breakfast

2 admission tickets to the Top of The Rock

Exclusions: everything not mentioned above. Fixed priced is subject to fluctuation of not over 10% + or - exchange rate fixed at the time of transaction.

The highlighted services are not included and are available upon request

PRICES PER PERSON

Period	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
May 1 – June 15	€ 3,780.00	€ 4,050.00	€ 4,355.00
June 16 – July 15	€ 4,295.00	€ 4,610.00	€ 4,950.00
July 16 – August 24	€ 4,940.00	€ 5,300.00	€ 5,690.00
August 25 – October 15	€ 3,780.00	€ 4,050.00	€ 4,355.00
Extra charge for single	upon request		
room:			
Children	up to 3 years: free		
	from 3 to 12 years: price on request		

