

# CLASSIC ROUTE

This classic Alberta tour hits all the highlights: shopping at North America's largest mall in Edmonton; walking on an ancient glacier in the Canadian Rockies; and whooping it up in Calgary at one of the world's largest rodeos.

## DAY 1

### Calgary

With so many top attractions, fine dining and shopping in the downtown core and local communities, your clients will want to spend some time in Calgary. Before leaving the city, recommend buying groceries for camping at one of these popular supermarkets: T&T Asian Supermarket, Co-Op, Safeway, Sobeys, Real Canadian Superstore or Walmart Supercentre.

**Heritage Park Historical Village:** History buffs will love the museum's huge collection of antique cars and trucks. Visitors can play on the antique midway, ride an authentic steam train and explore the historic buildings.

**Calgary Tower:** Standing 191 metres above ground on the glass floor of the world's highest 360-degree observation deck, your clients will enjoy panoramic views of the city skyline and Canadian Rockies.

**Calgary Zoo:** Every trip is an adventure at the zoo. Be sure to recommend the Canadian Wilds area for viewing Alberta animals like grizzlies, cougars and wolves.

**WinSport:** The mountain bike trails and zipline are sure to get your clients' adrenaline pumping. For the adventurous suggest the Skyline Luge. This 1.8 km (5905 ft) long track offers fantastic city views.

**Calgary Stampede:** This seven-day citywide party in July celebrates Alberta's long history of ranching, cowboy culture and aboriginal heritage. The colourful Indian Village showcases five local tribes and is a perennial tourist favourite.

**Shopping:** Your clients can choose from downtown shopping and large shopping centres. Chinook Centre has more than 250 stores and over 25 unique to market retailers. CrossIron Mills, just outside the city, features 100 outlets and 200 stores.

**Calgary Farmers' Market:** Your clients will love wandering the market for baked goods, handcrafted gifts, specialty items and local farm fresh honey, produce, meat, poultry and dairy. Open 9am – 5pm, Thurs – Sun.

### Overnight in Calgary



#### 1 Mountain View Camping

Location: Calgary  
Directions: 3 KM E of Calgary City Limits on Hwy 1  
Phone: 1.403.293.6640  
Website: <http://www.calgarycamping.com>



#### 2 Calaway RV Park & Campground

Location: Calgary  
Directions: 10 km W of Calgary on Hwy. 1  
Phone: 1.403.249.7372  
Website: <http://www.calawaypark.com>



## DAY 2

### Calgary to Canmore & Kananaskis Country

It's a scenic drive from Calgary to Kananaskis Country, a vast front-range playground of provincial parks. And there's lots of accommodation, dining and shopping in the town of Canmore.

Calgary to Canmore – 45 minutes

**Explore Canmore:** Canmore is an active, eco-friendly town with a backyard full of mountains and a big dining and arts and culture scene. Recommend visiting the many shops and galleries downtown for local and Canadian arts and crafts.

**Golf at Stewart Creek and Silvertip:** Rated 4.5 stars by Golf Digest, Stewart Creek was designed around its outstanding natural features. Silvertip's spectacular 18-hole course takes less than three hours to play.

**Hiking:** K-Country offers an abundance of hiking options with varying difficulty levels. Many of the trails begin from the Canmore townsite.

**Canmore Nordic Centre:** Some of the best mountain biking in the Canadian Rockies can be found on 100 km of trails here. Rent bikes onsite, or hike to Grassi Lakes for a swim.

**Helicopter Tours:** Birds-eye views of mountain peaks, silver lakes, rich green forest and the edge of a shimmering glacier are spectacular on a Kananaskis area helicopter tour.

**Festivals:** In August and September there is a festival for every traveller. Choose from the Canmore Folk Music Festival, Kananaskis Whitewater Festival, Kananaskis Mountain Festival and Canmore Highland Games.

**Horseback Riding:** This is beautiful country, and riding the trails on horseback is a perfect way to experience it. Choices range from a 2-hour trail ride to a 7-day ranch vacation.

**Canoeing:** A visit to Kananaskis isn't complete without a canoe trip on the area's crystal blue lakes. Guided canoe tours include short paddling lessons before the peaceful journey begins.

#### Overnight in Canmore



#### 3 Bow River Campground

Location: Kananaskis  
Phone: 1.403.673.2163  
Website: <http://www.albertaparks.ca>



#### 4 Willow Rock Campground

Location: Kananaskis  
Directions: In Bow Valley Provincial Park  
Phone: 1.403.673.2163  
Website: <http://albertaparks.ca>



#### 5 Spring Creek RV Campground

Location: Canmore  
Directions: In Canmore  
Phone: 1.403.678.5111  
Website: <http://www.springcreekrv.ca>



# DAY 3

## Banff National Park

Nestled in the heart of Banff National Park, this lively mountain town is a cultural oasis of award-winning museums, superb art galleries and exceptional cuisine.

Canmore to Banff – 20 minutes

**Explore Banff:** Shop on Main Street or at the exclusive boutiques and galleries in the iconic Fairmont Banff Springs. Suggest dining at the Maple Leaf Grill or Bison Restaurant for regional cuisine.

**Banff Boat Cruise at Lake Minnewanka:** Cruise on the crystal blue mountain lake, just 15-minutes from the town of Banff. During the tour, your clients will learn about local wildlife, native folklore, early mountaineers and ancient glaciers.

**Banff Gondola:** Ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain for breathtaking panoramic views of six mountain ranges and the town of Banff nestled far below. Take a short hike along the walkway to Sanson's Peak and watch for wildlife.

**Cave and Basin National Historic Site:** This recently restored iconic landmark commemorates the 1883 discovery of the hot springs that led to the creation of Canada's first national park.

**Banff Upper Hot Springs:** A soak in the restorative waters of the famed Banff Upper Hot Springs is a must. The natural hot mineral pools and luxurious spa treatments inspired by the energy of magnificent alpine settings revitalize the mind, body and soul.

**Johnston Canyon:** This amazing canyon can be explored along breathtaking catwalks high above the waterway below. Hikes to the Lower or Upper waterfalls or all the way to the famous Ink Pots will impress your clients.

**Wildlife Tours:** Your clients will find wildlife safaris or guided tours perfect for an introduction to Banff National Park's local wildlife, including mountain goats, elk and bears. Tours also run in the evening – prime time to spot animals as they come out to drink and forage for food.

**Festivals:** June through late August check out the Summer Arts Festival for cultural performances and exhibitions. For sports enthusiasts, the annual Banff Marathon and Banff National Park Bike Fest are both held in June.

**Luxury Spa Treatments:** Suggest the Fairmont Willow Stream Spa or Red Earth Spa for luxurious relaxation and therapeutic treatments.

### Overnight in Banff



### 6 Tunnel Mountain Village II

Location: Banff

Directions: 2.5 km NE of Banff townsite on Tunnel Mountain Rd.

Website: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/banff>



### 7 Johnston Canyon

Location: Banff

Directions: 26 km W of Banff townsite on Hwy. 1A

Website: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/banff>



### 8 Two Jack Lakeside

Location: Banff

Directions: 12 km NE of Banff townsite on Lake Minnewanka Road

Website: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/banff>



# DAY 4

## Lake Louise

Lake Louise, in Banff National Park, is your clients' gateway for year round adventure. Take the Bow Valley Parkway (Hwy 1A) and plan to stop at some of the scenic lookout points along the way.

Banff to Lake Louise – 1 hour

**Moraine Lake:** The hike is easy and the views are stunning around the shoreline of this famous glacier fed lake the Valley of the Ten Peaks.

**Lake Louise:** Recommend renting a canoe and paddling across the lake to the base of Victoria Glacier, or taking an easy stroll around the lakeshore for some breathtaking pictures of this iconic scene.

**Heritage Guide Program:** This Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise experience is must-do for nature enthusiasts. Summer adventure hikes and canoe trips are guided by accredited naturalists.

**Lake Louise Gondola:** Soar to an elevation of 2,088 m for some of the best grizzly bear viewing opportunities in the Canadian Rockies. Guided walks can be booked through the Wildlife Interpretive Centre.

**Hike to Lake Agnes Tea House:** An extra reward on a beautiful hike from Lake Louise is tea and scones on a mountaintop at the Lake Agnes Tea House.

### Overnight in Lake Louise



### 9 Lake Louise Trailer Campground

Location: Lake Louise

Directions: in Lake Louise on Hwy. 1

Website: <http://www.pccamping.ca>



### 10 Protection Mountain

Location: Banff/Lake Louise

Directions: 11 km W of Castle Junction on Hwy. 1A

Website: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/banff>



# DAY 5

## Jasper National Park

Picture a mountain getaway surrounded by soaring peaks, turquoise lakes, untouched wilderness and a really cool mountain town. You're in Jasper National Park, Canada's largest Rocky Mountain park.

Lake Louise to Jasper – 3.5 hours

**Icefields Parkway:** From Lake Louise drive along the breathtaking Icefields Parkway, which is rated as one of the top 10 scenic drives in the world. Plan to stop for some amazing photo opportunities, including Bow Lake, Peyto Lake, the Weeping Wall, Sunwapta Falls and Athabasca Falls. More than 100 glaciers can be seen along the route.

**Columbia Icefield Glacier Adventure & the Glacier Skywalk Experience:** Athabasca Glacier is about 2 hours north of Lake Louise. Here your clients will board an enormous Ice Explorer Bus with giant wheels that will drive them up onto the glacier. For stunning aerial views of glittering glaciers and rugged mountain peaks, recommend the Glacier Skywalk, a glass-floored observation platform suspended 280 metres over a glacier-formed valley.

**Explore Jasper:** A world of adventure awaits in the town of Jasper – an authentic mountain community where the locals will welcome your clients as long-lost friends. Consider it the springboard to outdoor adventure.

**Jasper SkyTram:** Ride the longest and highest guided aerial tramway in Canada, with stunning views of six mountain ranges, glacial fed lakes, the Athabasca River and scenic mountain town of Jasper.

**Hiking and Mountain Climbing:** Jasper's rocky peaks are some of Canada's classic climbs. Mount Edith Cavell is a challenging scramble to breathtaking valley and lake views. Or your clients can climb up Whistlers Mountain and take a scenic tram ride down.

**Wildlife Watching:** A huge variety of mountain wildlife lives in Jasper National Park – bears, bighorn sheep, elk and moose, cougars, wolves and beavers. Your clients can arrange a guided wildlife tour to find the best watching spots.

**Maligne Lake and Canyon:** Recommend a boat tour to the famous Spirit Island followed by afternoon tea at the Maligne Lake Chalet. Or explore the spectacular geology of Maligne Canyon, just 10 km south of Jasper.

**Raft Tours & Whitewater Rafting:** Rafting adventures hosted by knowledgeable, professional guides are tailored for every skill level. Everything from an easy family float to white-knuckle, whitewater thrills!

**Dark Sky Star Gazing:** Jasper National Park is the second largest designated Dark Sky Preserve in the world. Recommend a guided experience for a closer look at the countless constellations, the planets and Milky Way.

### Overnight in Jasper

#### 11 Whistler's Campground

Location: Jasper

Directions: 5.4km south of Jasper

Phone: 1.780.852.6297

Website: <http://www.pccamping.ca>



#### 12 Wapiti Campground

Location: Jasper

Directions: 5.4km south of Jasper

Phone: 1.780.852.6297

Website: <http://www.pccamping.ca>



## DAY 6

### Edmonton

With more than 50 annual festivals, the largest shopping and entertainment complex on the continent and plenty of green space, Edmonton is a popular cultural destination. The Yellowhead Highway stretches east from rugged Rocky Mountains through to green boreal forest and golden prairie farmland.

Jasper to Edmonton – 4 hours

**Miette Hot Springs:** Suggest stopping here for a soak in the Canadian Rockies' warmest mineral springs and for panoramic mountain and valley views.

**Hinton:** A popular destination for mountain biking, Hinton is also an excellent place for a scenic hike, to fish for brook trout and canoe a five-lake circuit.

**Mountain Biking at the Hinton Bike Park:** Rolling bike trails, dirt jumps and boardwalks challenge all skill levels at Alberta's largest free access mountain bike park – plus there's views as thrilling as the ride.

#### Overnight in Edmonton

## DAY 7

### Explore Edmonton:

**Shopping Districts:** Popular shopping areas include independent boutiques in historic Old Strathcona and a dozen fine art galleries on 124th St. Tip: no provincial sales tax means more money for shopping.

**West Edmonton Mall:** Featuring cutting-edge local designers and top international labels, West Edmonton Mall is the size of a small city with 800+ shops, services and accommodation.

**Dining:** The food scene in Edmonton is ethnic, eclectic and creative, like the city itself. Your clients can try comforting prairie food with a twist, as well as new versions and combinations of ethnic cuisine.

**Art Gallery of Alberta:** Featuring international travelling exhibits and late night art parties, this cutting edge gallery anchors the city's arts district with its distinctive architecture, inside and out.

**Alberta Legislative Building:** Take a free guided tour of this grand and historic parliament building in the heart of Alberta's capital city.

### 13 Camp'n Class RV Park

Location: Edmonton  
Directions: Off Hwy 16A  
Phone: 1.780.963.2299  
Website: [www.campinclass.com](http://www.campinclass.com)



### 14 Shakers Acres

Location: Edmonton  
Directions: W city limits at Winterburn Rd exit, off Hwy 16A  
Phone: 1.780.447.3564  
Website: [www.shakersacresrvpark.com](http://www.shakersacresrvpark.com)



### 15 Rainbow Valley Campground

Location: Edmonton  
Directions: off Whitemud Fwy at 119 St.  
Phone: 1.780.434.5531  
Website: [www.rainbow-valley.com](http://www.rainbow-valley.com)



**Festivals at Winston Churchill Square:** This open plaza in the heart of downtown welcomes buskers, artists and chefs during a busy line-up of summer festivals. And on hot days, families splash in the fountains and wade in the cool pools.

**Segway Tour:** Take a guided tour along the Edmonton River Valley – a ribbon of green with 145 km of trails that wind through 22 parks along the North Saskatchewan River.

**Elk Island National Park:** Recommend a drive to this protected aspen parkland for wildlife viewing. Watch for deer, moose, wood bison and herds of free roaming plains bison.

## DAY 8

**Depart Edmonton and fly home.**



## RV Rentals

**Canadream Campers  
Nation Wide Rentals**  
Calgary & Edmonton  
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**Fraserway RV Rentals**  
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**Cruise Canada  
& Cruise America RV**  
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cruise canada.com