

Alberta – Banff to Jasper



Trip Summary

Soaring, snow-clad peaks, crystalline glacial lakes, alpine meadows and countless species of wildlife set the perfect stage for your six-day adventure vacation in the Canadian Rockies. By day, hike wildflower meadows and national park trails – even trek across a glacier. Bike serene forested paths around turquoise lakes, raft the playful rapids of the Kicking Horse River and spend a day hiking Sentinel Pass learning how the spire-topped mountains were formed. By night, savor a well-earned meal, take a soak in a whirlpool and curl up with a book by a wood-burning fireplace...the perfect finishing touches to a day of adventure in Canada's beautiful backcountry.

Itinerary

Day 1: Calgary / Banff National Park / Kootenay National Park

Early morning pick-ups in Calgary • After a short welcome meeting, loosen up with your first bike ride • The Legacy Trail offers some of the most breathtaking panoramas in all of Banff National Park • Fuel up with a trailside picnic before taking a scenic walk to Marble Canyon's impressive waterfall • Dinner tonight will be served at the Baker Creek Bistro • Relax for the rest of the night at the Baker Creek Chalet, your home for the next three nights • *Overnight at Baker Creek Chalet (L, D)*

Day 2: Moraine Lake / Consolation Lakes

Embark on a full-day hike over Sentinel Pass, rated one of the top hikes in Banff • Ascend from turquoise Moraine Lake past larch trees and alpine meadows to a delicious lunch • Take in spectacular vistas of Paradise Valley from nearly 8,900 feet atop the pass • Enjoy an amazing meal at The Station tonight, a guide favorite! • *Overnight at Baker Creek Chalet (B, L, D)*

Day 3: Athabasca Glacier / Jasper National Park

Wake up early today for a scenic morning drive along the Icefield Parkway past numerous ice fields and glaciers • Arrive at Athabasca Glacier on the edge of Jasper National Park, where you're outfitted in crampons and walking sticks • Spend the day hiking the glacier alongside a mountain guide, learning about its formation and the powerful way it shapes the land • Shuttle back to the Baker Creek Chalets for some R&R before tonight's dinner • *Overnight at Baker Creek Chalet (B, L, D)*

Day 4: Kicking Horse River / Lake Louise

After a hearty breakfast, gear up for a new and exciting adventure as we shuttle to our put-in before tackling the rapids of the Kicking Horse River • After working up your appetite, indulge in a freshly prepared meal along the riverside • Spend the afternoon enjoying the splendor of Lake Louise • Learn about the lakeside hotel's colorful history as you explore the inside of the Chateau Lake Louise • Hike the lakeshore trail and learn why the colors are so vibrantly turquoise • After your spectacular day, enjoy dinner at a local's favorite as you explore Banff on your own tonight • Your home for the next two nights will be the beautiful Royal Canadian Lodge • *Overnight at Royal Canadian Lodge (B, L)*



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Day 5: Banff Springs / Minnewanka Lake / Two Jack Lake

This morning, jump back on your bike and enjoy a ride around the stunning Banff Springs Golf Course, nestled at the foot of the Canadian Rockies • An amazing picnic made by your guides will fuel you up for another spectacular bike • Pedal to Lake Minnewanka, Banff's largest lake, and Two Jack Lake and take advantage of the awe-inspiring views as the mountains reflect off of the turquoise lake waters • Tick off a bucket list item and plunge into the glacial waters of Two Jack Lake! • Our farewell dinner will be served at the Evergreen Restaurant at the lodge tonight • *Overnight at Royal Canadian Lodge (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Johnson Lake / Calgary

A short shuttle will bring us to our trailhead where we will have time for one more hike around Johnson Lake • Shuttle back to Calgary to be dropped off at the airport or your hotel for your departure home • *No overnight (B)*

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by Austin Adventures.*

Activities

Hiking: 3 to 12 miles per hike, easy to moderate terrain

Biking: 5 to 20 miles, easy to moderate terrain

Whitewater rafting: Class II-IV rapids, no experience necessary

Discovery: Hike with a bird's eye view from Sentinel Pass. Expand your mind as you learn about how the mountains were carved and shaped by glaciers. Spot as many different types of wildlife as you can while riding the Legacy Trail; grizzly bears, elk, or wolves are just some of the animals that frequent the area. In your cozy bed at your home away from home, recognize why Baker Creek Chalet received the Banff Heritage Tourism Award for authentic mountain lodging.

Take in the views of Lake Louise while your guides educate as to why the lake is really that blue. Learn the ins and outs of glacier trekking as you strap on crampons to make your way up the icy surface of Athabasca Glacier. Visit one of Canada's oldest and largest national parks, Jasper National Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984. Come discover for yourself this place they call Wild Rose Country.

Austin Adventures guides are experienced facilitators and regional experts. They will take the time to explain the details of each activity, answer any questions, and demonstrate the use of all equipment. Each activity has been carefully planned to include options for all levels. Most importantly, your guides will help you select the distance that's right for you.

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Distinctive Accommodation

Nights 1 – 3: Baker Creek Chalets

Nestled in a peaceful wooded setting, beside Baker Creek, this lodge and cabins blend magically into their surroundings, far from the bustle of Lake Louise. Baker Creek is an intimate casual mountain resort consisting of log chalets, lodge suites, Bistro restaurant and a Heritage Executive Conference Centre. It is family owned and operated year-round. Baker Creek is the perfect central location to explore mountain lakes, drive, hike, bike, snowshoe, cross-country ski, downhill ski or just relax surrounded by some of the most famous scenery in the world.

Nights 4 & 5: Royal Canadian Lodge

Located in the heart of the mountain town, Royal Canadian Lodge is the quintessential Canadian lodge, with a distinctive Rundle Rock fireplace and walls covered in Canadian artwork. The rooms are elegantly appointed with custom-made Canadian furnishings and Canadian artwork. The oversized bathrooms have an Alberta granite topped vanity and full bathtub and shower. Considered one of Canada's premiere national parks, Banff National Park has been designated a World Heritage Site, renowned for its majestic mountain ranges, and pristine mountain lakes and forests. The Town of Banff is a sophisticated mountain resort featuring excellent shopping opportunities, diverse dining, and fun nightlife spots.

Meals

The hallmark of an Austin Adventures vacation is our exceptional dining. All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions – except one dinner on your own – are included as indicated by the itinerary. (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner). Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities are not included in the trip price.



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Arrival & Departures

Please plan on arriving at least one day prior to your trip departure. Day one of your itinerary starts at 8:00 or 8:20 am, depending on your hotel. Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Calgary airport (1:00 pm) or your Calgary hotel (1:30 pm).

Trip Price

\$3,198 (\$680 single supplement)

Trip Length

6 days/5 nights

2021 Dates

July 4 – 9

July 25 – 30**

August 22 – 27

** *Life is Good Departure*

Host City

Calgary, Alberta
Airport code: YYC

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

*Wildlife, wilderness and
wildflowers in and around
Banff, Jasper and Lake Louise*

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A \$500 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

Toll free: 800-575-1540

Phone: 406-655-4591

Online: austinadventures.com

Email: reservations@austinadventures.com

Mail: Austin Adventures, P.O. Box 81025, Billings, MT 59108

* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy rooms with private baths.
- All meals: breakfasts, lunches, snacks, dinners, refreshments and receptions.
- Fully trained, first-aid certified professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Bikes, helmets and other necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- Vehicle support and land transportation during the trip.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt, water bottle, luggage tags and luggage service.
- Pre-departure and packing information.
- Incidental expenses such as taxes, dining and housekeeping gratuities, local partner and expert gratuities and national park entrance and permit fees.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to Austin Adventures guides.
- Alcoholic beverages and related gratuities.
- One dinner on your own.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.



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Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

Solo Travelers

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a "single supplement". If you're traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. We at Austin Adventures will do our best to match you with a suitable roommate of the same gender before departure. If you book 90 days or more before the trip and we cannot find you a roommate, 50% of the private room cost will be due at final payment time. If you book within 90 days of departure and we cannot find you a roommate, the full private room charge will be applied. If we do find you a roommate between final payment and before the trip departs, we will refund the single supplement amount paid. Some exceptions apply.

Minimum Age

The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less a \$300 per person administration fee

Cancellation 61-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 25% per person is refunded

Cancellation 31-60 days before trip departure – 50% of the trip payment is refunded

Cancellation 0-30 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.