

Visit the Canadian Rockies! 6/22/19



Day 1 – Toledo – Eau Claire (6/22 Sat)

Depart Toledo making a few pickups along the way. You are travelling today skirting Lake Michigan on the way into Wisconsin and an overnight stay in **Eau Claire**. Tonight join the group for a **welcome dinner** at a local restaurant. (556 miles)

Holiday Inn Express, Eau Claire, WI (D)

Day 2 – Eau Claire – Winnipeg (6/23 Sun)

Travel through Minnesota and stop in **Minneapolis** where you will meet your Western Leisure tour director. Next enter North Dakota with a stop in **Fargo** for lunch on own. After crossing the border, travel through the province of Manitoba to your destination for the night, **Winnipeg**. This evening you are free to explore this dynamic metropolitan city. One of the city's jewels, The Assiniboine Riverwalk, winds along the riverbanks from underneath Esplanade Riel all the way to the foot of the Manitoba Legislature. Featuring interpretive plaques concerning area history, the walk showcases a distinctive river's eye view of central Winnipeg. (547 miles)

Best Western Plus Pembina Inn & Suites, Winnipeg, Manitoba, CAN (B)

Day 3 – Winnipeg – Regina (6/24 Mon)

Travel west on the Trans Canada Highway and enter the Province of Saskatchewan with rest stops along the way. Upon arrival in **Regina**, stop at **the RCMP Heritage Center**. Using state of the art exhibits, multimedia technologies and engaging programming the Centre tells the story of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police including the Force's role in the development of Canada, the role of the RCMP in policing over 200 communities across Canada, the challenges of serving as Canada's Federal Police Force, and the role the RCMP plays internationally. After a tour of this incredible facility, check into the hotel and join the group for an included dinner. (355 miles)

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Regina, Saskatchewan, CAN (B,D)

Day 4 – Regina - Banff (6/25 Tue)

Continue your westward journey with a rest stop in Swift Current. Continue west with a stop in **Medicine Hat** for lunch on own and touring of the **Medicine Hat Clay Industries National Historic District**. In the early 1900s, Medicine Hat's clay factories distributed stoneware and pottery as far away as Australia. Today, the iconic 1912 Medalta Potteries factory is a National Historic Site, gift shop and museum, providing opportunities for visitors to learn about turn of the century industrial life. Explore the museum at your own pace and meet costumed interpreters along the way. Continue west to **Calgary**, join the group for dinner at a local restaurant. (560 miles)

International Hotel, Calgary, Alberta, CAN (B,D)

Day 5 – Lake Louise - Banff (6/26 Wed)

This morning we continue our sightseeing with a short to **Lake Louise**, a stunning blue-green jewel, its snow-fed waters encircled by surrounding peaks. You'll enjoy lunch in the **Chateau Lake Louise** dining room, which offers a spectacular view of the lake and Victoria Glacier. There will be time for you to stroll the grounds of the hotel before departing to the **Valley of the Ten Peaks**. The storybook village of **Banff** is your next stop, and the beginning of your thrilling ascent of Banff's **Sulphur Mountain via gondola**. The view from the 7500 foot summit will be incredible: you will see charming Banff below as mountains panoramas spread out around you in all directions. (160 mls)

Banff Caribou Lodge, Banff, Alberta, CAN (B,L)

Day 6 – Icefields Parkway (6/27 Thu)

The Banff-Jasper Highway is the most spectacular in the entire Canadian National Parks system. Its entire length features snow-domed peaks, waterfalls, and lakes. See an abundance of wildlife, as well as part of the Athabasca Glacier, which spawns a host of rivers that ultimately form the water system for a quarter of North America. Stop at the **Columbia Icefields** in Jasper National Park for today's biggest thrill, a ride on a specially-constructed glacier vehicle over the surface of the mighty icefields. You will see crevasses and seracs, and you will learn that glaciers are moving rivers of ice, thousands of years old. After this incredible journey, return to Banff for the last of your two nights stay. (235 miles)

Banff Caribou Lodge, Banff, Alberta, CAN (B,L)

Day 7 – Banff – Kalispell (6/28 Fri)

This morning, you will follow the route of the early explorers. As you pass through Vermillion Pass, you enter **Kootenai National Park**, one of the many national parks in the Canadian Rockies system. You may see Big Horn Sheep roaming in this area, and encounter breathtaking scenery through **Sinclair Canyon**. Soon, you will reenter the United States in Montana and travel through the Kootenai Valley towards Glacier National Park. Tonight, your accommodations will be in **Kalispell**, Montana, just outside of the park. (300 miles)

Red Lion Hotel, Kalispell, MT (B,D)

Day 8 – Glacier National Park (6/29 Sat)

Sightsee **Glacier National Park** via the world famous "Going to the Sun Highway," amid magnificent snowcapped peaks, gleaming lakes, and the virgin forests of the McDonald Valley. **Vintage Red Jammer** touring cars take you on this 52-mile drive that crests the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and is famous for its majestic mountains and deep valley floors. We'll stop for lunch on our own before we board your coach and skirt the southern border of the park on your way to **Great Falls** for overnight. Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery came upon a series of five waterfalls instead of the one "great falls" about which they had been told. Join the group for dinner at a local restaurant. (291 miles)

Crystal Inn, Great Falls, MT (B,D)

Day 9 – Big Horn Battlefield – Gillette (6/30 Sun)

This morning depart Great Falls and travel through the "Big Sky Country" of Montana with a rest stop along the way. Arrive in Billings with a stop for lunch on your own. Next enjoy touring of **Little Big Horn Battlefield National Monument**. This monument memorializes one of the last armed efforts of the Northern Plain Indians to preserve their ancestral way of life. Here in the valley of the Little Bighorn River on June 25 & 26, 1876, more than 260 U.S. Army soldiers and attached personnel met defeat and death at the hands of several thousand Lakota and Cheyenne warriors. Then continue along the western slope of the beautiful Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming on your way to **Gillette** for overnight. Dinner on our own this evening. (455 miles)

Hampton Inn, Gillette, WY (B)

Day 10 – Mt. Rushmore – Badlands - Oacama (7/1 Mon)

Depart Gillette and continue your journey eastward as you enter the Black Hills of South Dakota on your way to **Crazy Horse Monument** for sightseeing of the yet unfinished mountain carving and insight into the Lakota culture. The work was begun in 1948 by sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski at the request of Native Americans. Korczak died in 1982 but his children continue the project working with the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation. Next visit **Mount Rushmore National Monument**. You will have plenty of time to walk around, photograph, explore the monument and have lunch on your own. The four figures carved in stone on Mount Rushmore represent the first 150 years of American history. As you depart the Black Hills, say goodbye to your Western Leisure tour director as you drop them in Rapid City and continue east to **Badlands National Park** (fee to be paid on the spot by Blue Lakes tour escort) where fantasy shapes and colors provide a surreal experience in this unusual park. The remainder of the afternoon will be travel across the plains to **Oacama** for dinner at a local restaurant and overnight. (385 miles)

Quality Inn, Oacama, SD (B,D)

Day 11 – Oacama – Wisconsin Dells (7/2 Tue)

It will be a day of travel as you continue eastward across South Dakota and Minnesota with rest stops along the way. In the afternoon, enter Wisconsin and arrive in **Wisconsin Dells** for overnight. Tonight, join the group for a **farewell dinner**. (520 miles)

Fairfield Inn & Suites, Wisconsin Dells, WI (B,D)

Day 12 –Home (7/3 Wed)

After a hearty breakfast, your group begins its journey home. Relax as you travel, taking this chance to think back on the marvelous scenery and wonderful friendships you have discovered in the past few days. What an unforgettable vacation you've had in the West! (442 miles)

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Tour Includes

Roundtrip motor coach transportation

11 nights accommodations

Services of a Western Leisure tour director

11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 7 dinners

Entrance fees to National Parks, Monuments and attractions as mentioned in itinerary

Customary gratuities for included meals, local guides and outfitters

Luggage handling (one suitcase per person)

Not Included

Meals (other than mentioned in the itinerary)

Items of a personal nature (i.e., room service, telephone, liquor, etc.)

Customary gratuities for the Escort, Step on Tour Director and Driver

Rates per person:

\$3799.00 p.p. double occupancy

\$3525.00 p.p. Triple Occupancy

\$4750.00 single

Payment Schedule:

- Deposit of \$300.00 is due at the time of Booking
- Final Payment is due May 1st
- Once Final Payment is paid your tour become totally nonrefundable
- Trip Cancellation is available at many sites on line.

Reservation Form CANROCK062219

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

in your party _____ **Names:** _____

Preferred Room Type: 2 Doubles (_____) or 1 King(_____)

Departure point Perrysburg _____, Fremont _____

Email Address:

If you wish to pay by credit card please fill in the following information:

Credit Card Number: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____ **V-Code:**

Amount to Be Charged: _____ **Signature of Cardholder:** _____

***3% service fee charged if a credit card is used* Checks are acceptable**

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