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Alberta's Dinosaurs, Lakes and Glaciers

2025

Canadian Rockies Circle Itinerary

10 Days / 9 Nights Calgary to Calgary

Priced at CAD \$1,950 per person

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 10 yrs & under

INTRODUCTION

Discover Alberta's diverse wonders with this 10-day self-drive adventure from Calgary. Journey through awe-inspiring landscapes, from the majestic Rockies to the ancient Badlands. Start in Calgary, then venture to Banff and Lake Louise, marveling at crystal-clear lakes and towering glaciers. Continue to Jasper for scenic drives and wildlife spotting, then on to Edmonton for vibrant urban attractions. A highlight is Dinosaur Provincial Park, where fossil-rich terrain unveils prehistoric secrets. With flexible stops, this itinerary offers a mix of natural beauty, outdoor adventure, and history.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Calgary to Banff | 115 km/72 mi
- DAY 2** Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Option 1. Banff Gondola
 - Option 2. Lake Minnewanka Cruise
 - Option 3. River Explorer Canoe Tour
 - Option 4. Bow River Horseback Adventure
- DAY 3** Banff to Lake Louise | 62 km/38 mi
- DAY 4** Lake Louise to Jasper | Ice Explorer + Skywalk | 208 km/129 mi
- DAY 5** Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions

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- Option 1. Maligne Lake Cruise
 Option 2. Jasper River Float
 Option 3. Jasper Nature Walk
- DAY 6** Jasper to Edmonton | 365 km/226 mi
- DAY 7** Edmonton | Free Day
- DAY 8** Edmonton to Drumheller | 280 km/173 mi
- DAY 9** Dinosaur Provincial Park Exploring
 Includes admission to Royal Tyrrell Museum
- DAY 10** Drumheller to Calgary | 135 km/83 mi



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 Calgary to Banff | 115 km/72 mi

Leave the Stampede City of Calgary for the short drive to Banff, a resort town renowned for its scenic natural beauty and stunning wildlife.

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Day 2 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of four excursions.

Option 1. Banff Gondola

Maximize your views of Banff National Park with minimal exertion on a round-trip gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

Option 2. Lake Minnewanka Cruise

Admire views of the Canadian Rockies by boat as you cruise across the turquoise-hued Lake Minnewanka and over to Devil's Gap.

Option 3. River Explorer Canoe Tour

Enjoy the serenity of the Bow River and marvel at the surroundings. A fun & interactive way with your guide to explore the waterways of Banff National Park. Perfect for families. No paddling experience necessary.

Option 4. Bow River Horseback Adventure

Saddle up for a journey through the celebrated landscape of Banff National Park on this guided horseback riding adventure.

Day 3 Banff to Lake Louise | 62 km/38 mi

Today we suggest taking the scenic Bow Valley Parkway route which runs parallel to the Trans-Canada highway. Be sure to stop at Johnston Canyon and walk along the paved footpath to either the lower or upper waterfalls.

Day 4 Lake Louise to Jasper | Ice Explorer + Skywalk | 208 km/129 mi

Today, travel through the spine of the Canadian Rockies along the amazing Icefields Parkway and encompass the ultimate glacier exploration. From walking on ancient ice with the Ice Explorer ride, to standing on a glass platform almost one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included), today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for this treasured region of the Rockies

Day 5 Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of three excursions.

Option 1. Maligne Lake Cruise

Cruise Maligne Lake, where you can marvel at the magnificent shoreline and Spirit Island.

Option 2. Jasper River Float

Enjoy a gentle rafting tour on the Athabasca River for a unique perspective of Jasper National Park.

Option 3. Jasper Nature Walk

A guided nature walk featuring a spectacular array of rolling hills, jagged peaks, forests, meadows, marshes, streams, and stunning glacial lakes.

Day 6 Jasper to Edmonton | 365 km/226 mi

Leaving Jasper today and driving east, the landscape changes dramatically as you leave the Rockies and head into the open prairies. Watch in awe as the land relaxes into a gentle slope, transforming from jagged peaks and craggy cliffs into rolling ravines and river valleys. About 46 km from the town of Jasper you'll have the opportunity to visit Miette Hot Springs, the hottest mineral springs in the Canadian Rockies. Featuring two outdoor bathing pools – one deep and the other shallow – and fed by hot sulphur spring waters, these pools are chlorinated and cooled to about 40 degrees Celsius for you to soak in and enjoy. Approaching Edmonton, soaring skyline and lush parklands dominate the bluffs overlooking the winding North Saskatchewan River. Founded in 1795 as a Hudson's Bay Company post and later named Fort Edmonton, the settlement acquired capital status in 1905. It grew as a service center to the North during the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897-98, in the 1930s as an aviation centre for bush planes, and finally in the 1940s as a construction base for the Alaska Highway.

Day 7 Edmonton | Free day to explore

Spend a day exploring West Edmonton Mall, the largest shopping centre in North America. Complete with an expansive water park, amusement park, indoor skating rink, and mini golf park, and over 800 stores. For those looking to get outside, Elk Island National Park is less than an hour's drive from the city, and offers great wildlife watching and hiking trails.

Day 8 Edmonton to Drumheller | Includes admission to Royal Tyrrell Museum | 280 km/173 mi

Depart Edmonton and head south towards the badlands of Alberta and the city of Drumheller. This fascinating destination is home to a unique landscape shaped by sandstone pillar hoodoos. Many dinosaur fossils have been excavated from this area, drawing palaeontologists from around the world. Visit the Royal Tyrrell Museum (included) and walk amongst the impressive array of dinosaur fossils.

Day 9 Dinosaur Provincial Park Exploring

From Drumheller, travel two hours to Dinosaur Provincial Park, where you will have a chance escape the ordinary and venture into the rugged Canadian Badlands. Two interpretive displays allow you to see what a dig site really looks like. Check out the bones of a "duck-billed" dinosaur still partially encased in the sediment that buried them. Or, a full body (articulated skeleton) of a Corythosaurus, the "helmet headed lizard". Continue to Cypress Hills Provincial Park – the hidden gem of Southern Alberta

Day 10 Drumheller to Calgary | 135 km/83 mi

Conclude this memorable holiday with a quick drive from Drumheller to Calgary.

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INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- 1 night accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 2 nights accommodation in Edmonton
- 2 nights accommodation in Drumheller
- Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Banff Gondola
- Lake Minnewanka Cruise
- River Explorer Canoe Tour
- Bow River Horseback Adventure
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
- Maligne Lake Cruise
- Jasper River Float
- Jasper Nature Walk
- Admission to Royal Tyrrell Museum

Hotel Information | Moderate Grade

- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- Edmonton - Sandman Signature Downtown | Signature Room

Hotel Information | Superior Grade

- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony / Alpine Standard
- Edmonton - Sandman Signature Downtown | Signature Room

Hotel Information | Deluxe Grade

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- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Mt Temple Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Edmonton - Fairmont Hotel Macdonald | Fairmont View Room

Hotel Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Mountain View Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Mt Temple Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Premier Deluxe Room
- Edmonton - Fairmont Hotel Macdonald | Deluxe View Room

Drumheller Hotel Information | All grades

- Canalta Jurassic Hotel | Standard Room

(Breakfast included)

Not included:

- Rental Car
- Road Tolls

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