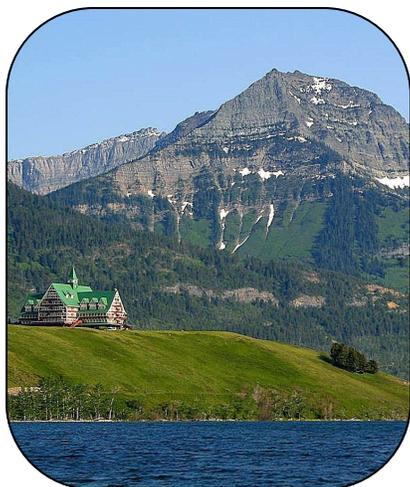


# COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES

September 12, 2017 - 8 Days



a world to experience



## Fares Per Person:

**\$2195** double/twin

**\$2725** single

**\$2040** triple



> Please add 5% GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$80 discount on first 15 seats; \$40 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 42 points from this tour.

Redeem **42 points** if you book by **July 25**.

## Includes

- Transfers to/from Victoria Airport
- Flights from Victoria to Kelowna and return
- Coach transportation for 7 days
- 7 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- Peter Lougheed Provincial Park
- Bar U Ranch National Historic Site
- Waterton Lakes National Park
- Cruise on Waterton Lakes
- *Music Legends* dinner show
- Remington Carriage Museum with carriage ride
- Alberta Birds of Prey Centre
- Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- Northwest Mounted Police Museum
- Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
- Coleman Museum
- Fairmont Hot Springs pools
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **14 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners

## Beautiful Southern Alberta — No horse required!

The road that traverses the foothills of Alberta's Rocky Mountains has been nicknamed the Cowboy Trail. Ranching and the cowboy life are still very much part of the culture of this region. On this tour, we visit several attractions that celebrate history such as Bar U Ranch, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Remington Carriage Museum, Fort Macleod, and Frank Slide. Southern Alberta also boasts one of Canada's less visited national parks, Waterton Lakes, and admission is free during Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. Shared with Glacier National Park in Montana, Waterton has rugged mountains rising from a stark prairie, surrounding an idyllic lake. Add to this the dramatic beauty of Kananaskis and Crowsnest Pass, relaxing Fairmont Hot Springs, and the emerging fall colours, and you have the perfect late summer getaway.

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## Itinerary

### Tuesday, September 12:

A transfer is provided to the airport. We fly to Kelowna and stay overnight at the Four Points Hotel.

### Wednesday, September 13: *Meals: L*

We travel east amidst the stunning scenery of Rogers Pass and Kicking Horse Pass. Welcome to Alberta! We enter **Kananaskis Country** where the peaks tower even more dramatically than in Banff, and stay overnight at the Delta Hotel.

### Thursday, September 14: *Meals: B,L*

We drive to Kananaskis Lakes in Peter Lougheed Park, then continue across Highwood Pass into the cattle country of the foothills. Commemorating western Canadian ranching heritage, the **Bar U Ranch National Historic Site** is a living ranch experience. A knowledgeable interpreter takes us on a tour around the site, and we explore the Percheron barn, blacksmith shop, and cookhouse. Highway #22 is nicknamed **The Cowboy Trail** and we follow it south through the foothills to Pincher Creek where we stay at the Ramada Inn.

### Friday, September 15: *Meals: B,L,D*

We continue to **Waterton Lakes National Park**, a gorgeous meeting of ecological elements and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a leisurely two-hour cruise on Waterton Lake with a stop at Goat Haunt. Lunch is included at Waterton's iconic Prince of Wales Hotel, perched on a hilltop with dramatic views. The afternoon is free time. Our accommodation is at the Bayshore Inn in the village. Tonight, we go to the Great Canadian Barn Dance to enjoy their **Music Legends dinner show**. Let the six members of the Kunkel clan, ranging in age from 17 to 81, regale and amuse you with stories and tunes from musical memory lane.

### Saturday, September 16: *Meals: B,L*

We visit the unique **Remington Carriage Museum** in Cardston which contains North America's largest collection of horse-drawn vehicles. A carriage ride is included. Near Lethbridge, we meet the kings of the sky at the **Alberta Birds of Prey Centre** where an expert handler talks about and shows hawks, owls, falcons, and eagles. We stay two nights in Lethbridge at the Best Western.

### Sunday, September 17: *Meals: B*

We admire the colours and tranquility of Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens. Next is **Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump**, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site as one of the oldest, largest and best preserved buffalo jumps in the western plains. An interpreter guides us through the site to explain the culture and history of the Blackfoot. Next is the quaint town of Fort Macleod which was a trading post in 1874 and is now home to the **North West Mounted Police Museum**.

### Monday, September 18: *Meals: B,L,D*

During our drive across Crowsnest Pass, we stop at the **Frank Slide** where tons of rock fell from Turtle Mountain in 1903. We have lunch in Coleman and explore its unusual museum. Then we head north through the Rocky Mountain Trench to **Fairmont Hot Springs Resort**. As a hotel guest, you can relax in a private hot pool close to your room. The water temperature ranges from 104 to 110 degrees F and about 1.4 million gallons of odourless, mineral-rich water flows through the pools daily.

### Tuesday, September 19: *Meals: B,L*

We travel through the Columbia River Valley to Golden, then rejoin the Trans-Canada Highway through Rogers Pass. We take an evening flight from Kelowna to Victoria.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due July 25, 2017.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$80 discount on first 15 seats and \$40 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 25.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to July 25, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 26 to August 10, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From August 11 to August 29, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After August 29, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to taxes and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

**Travel Insurance:** A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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 **Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

**e-points:** This tour earns 42 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until July 25.

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