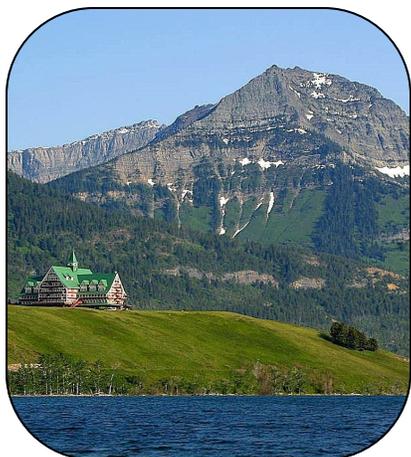


COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES

September 16, 2015 - 6 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$1250 double/twin

\$1570 single

\$1160 triple

Please add 5% GST.



>**Early Bookers:** \$70 discount on first 15 seats; \$35 on next 10

>**TIC Travel Insurance:** Plan 3-Comprehensive
\$118 double/twin, \$148 single, \$110 triple

Redeem Experience Points: Book by **August 4** and redeem up to **31 e-points**

Includes

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- Peter Lougheed Provincial Park
- Bar U Ranch National Historic Site
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- Northwest Mounted Police Museum
- Music Legends dinner show
- Remington Carriage Museum with carriage ride
- Waterton Lakes National Park fee
- Cruise on Waterton Lakes
- Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Knowledgeable tour director
- **12 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

Experience Points: Earn **31 e-points**

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, Fort Macleod, Remington Carriage Museum, and Frank Slide. Southern Alberta also boasts one of Canada's less visited national parks — Waterton Lakes. 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 fall getaway.

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Itinerary

Wednesday, September 16: *Meals: L*

We travel east amongst the stunning scenery of Rogers Pass and Kicking Horse Pass through Glacier, Yoho and Banff National Parks to reach our destination of **Canmore**. Welcome to Alberta! Overnight is at Ramada Inn.

Thursday, September 17: *Meals: B,L*

Turning south from the Trans-Canada Highway, we enter **Kananaskis Country**, where the peaks tower even more dramatically than in Banff. We drive to the Kananaskis Lakes in Peter Lougheed Provincial 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 two nights at Ramada Inn.

Friday, September 18: *Meals: B,L,D*

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump is 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, then we enjoy hearty buffalo stew for lunch. Next is the quaint town of Fort Macleod, a trading post in 1874 that is now home to the **North West Mounted Police Museum**. After visiting the museum, there is time to take the self-guided walking tour of this historic town. Tonight, we go to the Great Canadian Barn Dance to enjoy their **Music Legends show**. After dinner in the Barn, 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. They play instruments such as guitar, bass, fiddle, sax, mandolin, and piano.

Saturday, September 19: *Meals: B,D*

This morning, we travel to Cardston to visit the unique **Remington Carriage Museum** which contains North America's largest collection of horse-drawn vehicles. A carriage ride is included. We continue to **Waterton Lakes National Park**, a gorgeous meeting of ecological elements. In 1932, the park was joined with Montana's Glacier National Park to form the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park — a world first and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a leisurely two-hour cruise on Waterton Lake with a stop at Goat Haunt. Our accommodation tonight is at Bayshore Inn overlooking Waterton Lake.

Sunday, September 20: *Meals: L,D*

During our drive across Crowsnest Pass, we stop at the **Frank Slide** where tons of rock fell from Turtle Mountain in 1903. Lunch is in the picturesque mountain town of Fernie, then we head north through the Rocky Mountain Trench to **Fairmont Hot Springs Resort**. As a hotel guest, you can enjoy 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. A farewell dinner is planned.

Monday, September 21: *Meals: B,L*

We travel through the Columbia River valley to Golden, then rejoin the Trans-Canada Highway and head home through Rogers Pass.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$100 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 4, 2015.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$70 discount on first 15 seats and \$35 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 4.

Cancellation Policy: Up to August 4, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From August 5 to August 14, the cancellation charge is 25% of the tour fare. From August 15 to September 2, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After September 2, 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.

TIC Insurance: In addition to Plan 3-Comprehensive, plans are available for Trip Cancellation & Interruption only and Extended Medical Coverage only. Policies can be purchased no later than at final payment.

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 **Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps. If you have challenges participating at 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 31 E-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or E-points. 1 E-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 4.

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