

WATERTON LAKES & CYPRESS HILLS

September 18, 2018 - 9 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$2575 double/twin

\$3110 single

\$2440 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 49 points from this tour.

Redeem **49 points** if you book by **August 1**.

Includes

- Transfer to/from Victoria airport
- Flight from Victoria to Kelowna and return
- Coach transportation for 8 days
- 8 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- Fairmont Hot Springs
- Coleman Museum
- Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
- Waterton Lakes National Park fee
- Cruise on Waterton Lakes
- *Music Legends* dinner show at the Great Canadian Barn Dance
- Remington Carriage Museum with carriage ride
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens & tea ceremony
- Writing-on-Stone Park with ranger tour
- Naturalist tour of Cypress Hills Park
- Brooks Aqueduct National Historic Site
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **19 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 5 dinners

Southern Alberta plus Cypress Hills

Southern Alberta has numerous attractions and, each time we offer this tour, we must select only a few to include, so the tour is often different from year to year. Cypress Hills is a naturalist's wonder with unique flora and fauna because the area was not glaciated during the last Ice Age. Other attractions celebrate history such as Coleman Museum, Frank Slide, Remington Carriage Museum, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, and Brooks Aqueduct. We stay 2 nights in one of Canada's less visited national parks, Waterton Lakes, which has rugged mountains rising from a stark prairie, surrounding an idyllic lake. Add to this Fairmont Hot Springs, the Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens, the ancient carvings at Writing-on-Stone Park, and the emerging autumn colours, and you have the perfect fall getaway.

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Itinerary

Tuesday, September 18:

A transfer is provided to the airport. We fly to Kelowna and stay overnight at the Best Western.

Wednesday, September 19: *Meals: L,D*

We travel east among the soaring peaks of Rogers Pass, then south to **Fairmont Hot Springs**. As a hotel guest, you can enjoy a private hot pool close to your room, or use the larger public pool. The water temperature ranges up to 110° F and about 1.4 million gallons of odourless, mineral-rich water flow through the pools daily.

Thursday, September 20: *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, and the quaint Coleman Museum. We continue to **Waterton Lakes National Park**. In 1932, the park was joined with Montana's Glacier National Park to form the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, a world first. The summer 2017 forest fires devastated parts of Waterton and destroyed the visitor centre, but a new one will open in 2020. We stay two nights at Bayshore Inn overlooking Waterton Lake.

Friday, September 21: *Meals: B,D*

First enjoy a scenic two-hour **Waterton Lake cruise**. Next we travel to Cardston to visit the fascinating **Remington Carriage Museum** which displays North America's largest collection of horse-drawn vehicles. A carriage ride is included. Tonight is the weekly **Music Legends Dinner Show** at the Great Canadian Barn Dance at the Kunkel Ranch featuring lively western music, old time entertainment, and incredible country cooking.

Saturday, September 22: *Meals: B,L*

We visit **Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump**, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site as it is one of

the oldest, largest and best preserved buffalo jumps in the western plains. In Lethbridge, we admire the colours and tranquility of Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens and experience the traditional Tea Ceremony. We stay overnight in Lethbridge at the Best Western.

Sunday, September 23: *Meals: B,L,D*

We follow rural roads into the Milk River Valley and **Writing-on-Stone Park**. It contains the greatest concentration of rock art on the Great Plains with 50 petroglyph sites and thousands of individual works, some as old as 9,000 years. To protect these precious artifacts, an expert interpreter accompanies all visitors and our program lasts about two hours. We continue east into Saskatchewan and stay two nights at the Resort at Cypress Hills.

Monday, September 24: *Meals: B,L*

A local naturalist conducts a six-hour tour of the unique ecosystem protected by the **Cypress Hills Inter-provincial Park**. Its altitude of 1,392 metres (highest point in Saskatchewan) and the lack of glaciation during the last Ice Age has fostered unique flora and fauna which are explained and during our tour. We visit Fort Walsh, founded as a Northwest Mounted Police post in 1875.

Tuesday, September 25: *Meals: B,L,D*

We join the Trans-Canada Highway, heading west back into Alberta. The **Brooks Aqueduct** was completed in 1914 to carry irrigation water across a valley and was the largest concrete structure of its kind in the world at the time. Long abandoned, it is now a National Historic Site. We continue into **Calgary** and stay overnight at the Glenmore Inn.

Wednesday, September 26: *Meals: B,L*

We travel via Kicking Horse Pass and Rogers Pass to Kelowna and fly to Victoria in the evening.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$250 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 1, 2018.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 1.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 2, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 3 to August 1, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person. From August 2 to August 20, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 20, 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: Moderate activity including short distances to walk and some steps. The naturalist walk at Writing-on-Stone takes 2 hours with lots of stops and you can opt out. There are also short interpretive walks at Cypress Hills and Buffalo Jump. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 2, 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.

Experience Points: This tour earns 49 points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points. One point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 1.

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