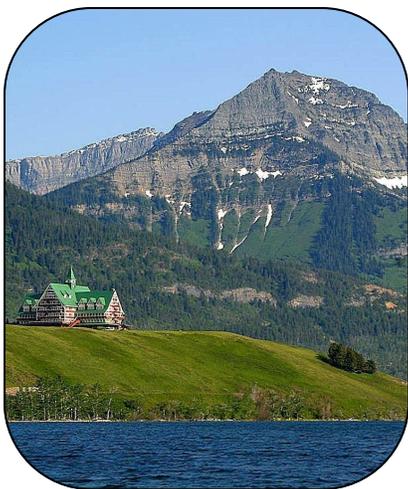


COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES

September 25, 2019 - 7 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$2195 double/twin

\$2685 single

\$2065 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

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

> **Experience Points:** Earn 39 points from this tour.

Redeem **39 points** if you book by **August 8**.

Includes

- Transfer to/from Victoria airport
- Flight from Victoria to Kelowna and return
- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 6 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- Peter Lougheed Provincial Park
- Bar U Ranch National Historic Site
- Waterton Lakes National Park
- Cruise on Waterton Lakes
- *Great Canadian Barn Dance* dinner show
- Remington Carriage Museum with carriage ride
- Northwest Mounted Police Museum
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
- Coleman Museum
- Fairmont Hot Springs pools
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **13 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 5 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 we stay two nights there. 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 fall foliage colours, and you have the perfect autumn getaway.

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Itinerary

Wednesday, September 25:

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

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

We meet the Interior passengers during pickups through the Okanagan, then travel east amidst the stunning scenery of Rogers Pass, Kicking Horse Pass, and Banff National Park. Welcome to Alberta! We stay overnight in Canmore at the Best Western Pocaterra Inn.

Friday, September 27: *Meals: B,L*

We enter **Kananaskis Country** where the peaks tower even more dramatically than in Banff. 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.

Saturday, September 28: *Meals: B,D*

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, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a leisurely two-hour cruise on Waterton Lake with a stop at Goat Haunt. The afternoon is free time. Our accommodation for two nights is at the Bayshore Inn in the village. Tonight

is the weekly **Great Canadian Barn Dance** at the Kunkel Ranch, featuring lively western music, old time entertainment, and incredible country cooking. You can dance with the pros, tap your toes, or listen.

Sunday, September 29: *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. Next is Fort Macleod which was a trading post in 1874 and is now home to the North West Mounted Police Museum. Our last stop 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 of the Blackfoot.

Monday, September 30: *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, October 1: *Meals: B,L*

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

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 8, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

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 August 8.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 8, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 9 to August 8, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person. From August 9 to August 23, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 23, 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 until 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 stairs such as on the boat. There is lots of walking at the museums and historic sites if you want to see everything. The coach cannot carry a scooter. 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 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.

e-points: This tour earns 39 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 August 8.

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