

COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES

September 11, 2021 – 7 Days

Highlights of Southern Alberta

Highway #22 traverses the foothills of Alberta's Rocky Mountains and has been nicknamed the Cowboy Trail. Ranching and the cowboy life are still very much part of the lifestyle of this region. During 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, which features rugged mountains rising from a stark prairie, surrounding an idyllic lake. Add to this a cruise on Waterton Lakes, the dramatic beauty of Kananaskis and Crowsnest Pass, relaxing Fairmont Hot Springs, and the fall foliage colours, and you have the perfect autumn getaway.

Activity Level: 2



14 Meals Included:

6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners

Fares per person:

\$2,445 double/twin; \$2,975 single; \$2,305 triple
Please add 5% GST.

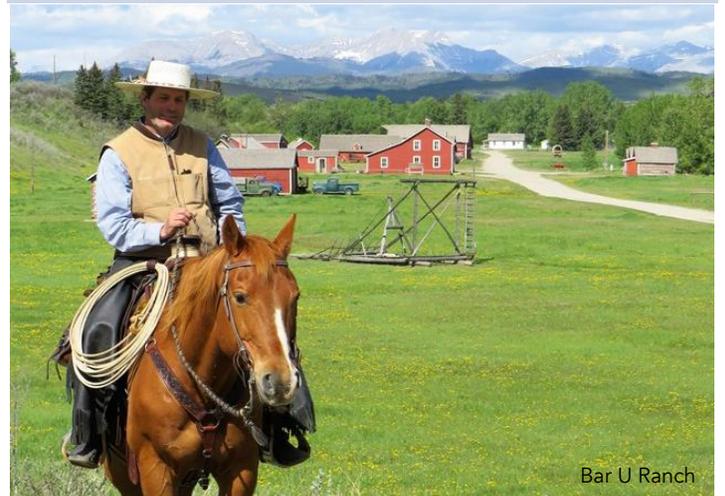
Early Bookers:

\$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 46 points on this tour

Redeem 46 points if you book by July 27, 2021.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Saturday, September 11

We fly from Vancouver to Kelowna and a transfer is provided to the hotel.

Accommodation: Best Western Hotel

Day 2: Sunday, September 12

We meet the BC Interior passengers during pickups through the Okanagan Valley, then travel east amidst the stunning scenery of Rogers Pass, Kicking Horse Pass, and Banff National Park. Welcome to Alberta! We stay overnight in downtown Calgary.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Residence Inn by Marriott

Day 3: Monday, September 13

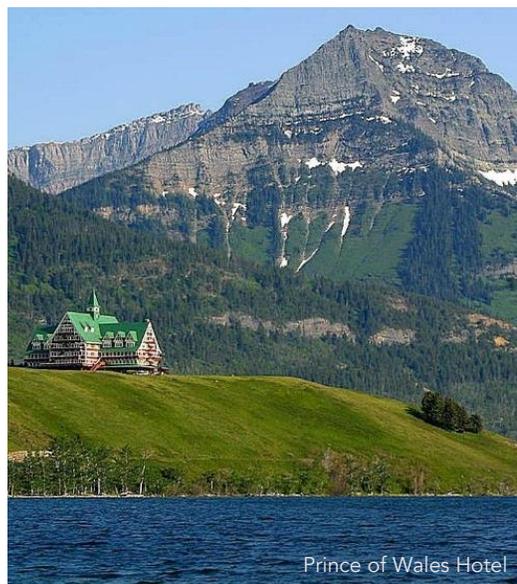
We enter **Kananaskis Country** where the peaks tower even more dramatically than in Banff. We drive to Kananaskis Lakes in Peter Lougheed Park, then continue across Highwood Pass into the cattle country of the foothills. Commemorating western Canadian ranching heritage, the **Bar U Ranch National Historic 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 with a stop at Lundbreck Falls.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Heritage Inn, Pincher Creek

Day 4: Tuesday, September 14

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** nearly to the south end at Goat Haunt in Montana. Back in Waterton village, the famous landmark is the **Prince of Wales Hotel**, built in 1927 by the Great Northern Railway. It perches on a barren hilltop with a fabulous view down Waterton Lake. During lunch here, you can



admire the unique Swiss architectural style. Afterwards, we check into our hotel, located in the village, for a two-night stay and the afternoon is free time. Take a walk along the lakeshore or to Cameron Falls.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Bayshore Inn

Day 5: Wednesday, September 15

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 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.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Bayshore Inn

Day 6: Thursday, September 16

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. At Crowsnest Pass, we cross the Continental Divide at an elevation of 1,358 metres, and re-enter British Columbia. Then we head north through the Rocky Mountain Trench to **Fairmont Hot Springs**. 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 flow through the pools daily.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Day 7: Friday, September 17

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

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight from Vancouver to Kelowna and return
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Transfer from Kelowna airport to hotel
- 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
- Remington Carriage Museum
- Horse-drawn carriage ride
- Northwest Mounted Police Museum
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
- Coleman Museum
- Fairmont Hot Springs pools
- Gratuities for local guides and boat crew
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **14 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners

TOUR NOTES



Activity Level 2: 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.



Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due July 27, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

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 July 27, 2021.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 25, 2021, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From June 26 to July 27, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person. From July 28 to August 11, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 11, 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.

Home pickups are available within Greater Vancouver for an additional charge of \$40 per person round trip. Please request no later than at final payment.

Photo Credits: Adobe Stock (Waterton Lakes, Buffalo Jump), Travel Alberta (Bar U, Prince of Wales, Remington Carriage), Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Experience Points: This tour earns 46 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 July 27, 2021.

Consumer Protection BC Licences: Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924, Victoria 65842

VICTORIA

102-736 Broughton St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1E1
250-590-7889

Office Hours:

8:30 am to 4 pm
Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri
Wed 9 am to 4 pm
Closed holidays &
weekends

KAMLOOPS

(Head Office)
250 Lansdowne St.
Kamloops, BC V2C 1X7
250-374-0831

Office Hours:

8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri
Wed 9 am to 4:30 pm
Closed holidays &
weekends

WE PLAN. YOU PACK. NO WORRIES!

www.wellsgraytours.com

1-800-667-9552