

Passion Play



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Stampede Fireworks



## SUMMER THEATRE IN ALBERTA

July 5, 2022 – 7 Days

*5 shows and a day at Calgary Stampede*

Alberta offers a great variety of summer theatre at venues around the province. This tour features five great shows in Calgary, Rosebud, and Drumheller. First is *Forever Plaid* at Stage West Dinner Theatre, followed by *Songs for a New World* at the Rosebud Theatre, the *Canadian Badlands Passion Play* at a natural amphitheatre near Drumheller, *Trapped* at Heritage Park's Canmore Opera House, and *Beatles Back in Time* at Jubilations Dinner Theatre. The *Passion Play* only has 9 performances in July, and in 2022 by a happy coincidence overlaps with the opening of the renowned Calgary Stampede, so we have included the Grand Parade, Chuckwagon Races, and Stage Show. Add the cablecar up Kicking Horse Mountain, Radium Hot Springs, and Royal Tyrrell Museum and you have a wonderful summer getaway.

Activity Level: 2



13 Meals Included:

6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$2,170 double/twin; \$2,650 single; \$2,025 triple  
Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

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

Experience Points:

Earn 50 points on this tour.

Redeem 50 points if you book by May 4, 2022.

Departure from: BC Interior



Gasoline Alley, Heritage Park

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Tuesday, July 5

We travel east through Rogers Pass to Golden. At **Kicking Horse Resort**, we are whisked away by cablecar 1,200 metres up to the summit to admire a panoramic view of the Rockies, Purcells, and Selkirks. In the afternoon, we drive through the Rocky Mountain Trench and stay overnight at Radium Hot Springs.

**Meals included:** Lunch

**Accommodation:** Prestige Hotel

### Day 2: Wednesday, July 6

We relax in the soothing waters of **Radium Hot Springs**. Sir George Simpson of the Hudson Bay Company made the first recorded visit in 1841, bathing in a one-person sized pool dug out of the gravel. The present Aquacourt was built in 1951 and is now Canada's largest hot springs pool with a water temperature of 39.4 degrees C. We continue through Kootenay National Park with a short walk to see the tumbling waters of Marble Canyon. The next three nights are in Calgary. Tonight, we go to Stage West Dinner Theatre for a superb buffet and the show **Forever Plaid**.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Glenmore Inn

### Day 3: Thursday, July 7

In the hamlet of Rosebud (pop. 75), we savour a sumptuous lunch buffet, then walk a block to the intimate Rosebud Theatre to see their summer play, **Songs for a New World**.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Glenmore Inn

### Day 4: Friday, July 8

The world-renowned **Calgary Stampede**, the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, opens today. This morning, we head to downtown Calgary for reserved bleacher seating to watch the **Calgary Stampede Parade**. The Parade is 4 km long starting with the Showband, followed by a dynamic ribbon of pageantry featuring beautiful floats, bands, riders, celebrities, and cultural entries. The afternoon is at Stampede Park where there are many exhibits to visit. Tonight, we have reserved seats in section 512 for the thrilling **Chuckwagon Races** where four wagons thunder

around the 1 km track in pursuit of fame and fortune. Next is the **Grandstand Stage Show** with hundreds of entertainers and a dazzling fireworks display lighting up Calgary's night sky.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Glenmore Inn

### Day 5: Saturday, July 9

In Drumheller, we visit the famed **Royal Tyrrell Museum**, a multi-million dollar tribute to the Dinosaur Age. Later, we enjoy some sights in the Red Deer River Valley such as colourful Horsethief Canyon, the iconic hoodoos, and the Rosedale Suspension Bridge. Tonight, we attend the **Canadian Badlands Passion Play**, one of only a few large-scale dramatic productions in the world that portray the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our seats are in Section G (centre) in rows 12 to 15.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Surestay Best Western, Drumheller



### Day 6: Sunday, July 10

Returning to Calgary, we step back in time during a visit to **Heritage Park**, a lively historical village where you can meet friendly pioneers, ride an authentic steam train, explore the superb Gasoline Alley Museum of antique cars and equipment, and immerse yourself in the old west. At the restored Canmore Opera House, we enjoy a short musical melodrama titled **Trapped**. Tonight, we go to Jubilations Dinner Theatre to see **Beatles Back in Time**.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Glenmore Inn

### Day 7: Monday, July 11

We travel home to the Okanagan and Kamloops.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

## THE 5 SHOWS IN ALBERTA

**Forever Plaid.** Singing in close harmony and executing their charmingly outlandish choreography with overzealous precision, the “Plaids” are a guaranteed smash, with a program of beloved songs and delightful patter keeping you laughing and humming along to some nostalgic pop hits of the 1950s.

**Songs for a New World.** A soaring musical song cycle about a series of moments in the lives of a startling array of characters who not only survive but thrive in the face of adversity. *Hear my song: It'll help you believe in tomorrow. Hear my song: It'll show you the way you can.* Rosebud Theatre anchors its 2022 season with a summer musical all about hope!

**Canadian Badlands Passion Play** is one of only a few large-scale dramatic productions in the world that portray the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Set in an acoustically superb natural amphitheatre near Drumheller, this is the 27<sup>th</sup> annual production and only nine performances are scheduled. A huge cast, a choir, live animals, and hundreds of volunteers make this a spectacular production.

**Trapped** is a new 45-minute musical melodrama about coal mining. It is performed in the Canmore Opera House which was built in 1898 in Canmore and moved to Calgary's Heritage Park.

**Beatles Back in Time.** If you could travel back to any one moment in time, where and when would you choose? Ancient Egypt? The dawn of man? The age of dinosaurs? How about Liverpool, England, The Cavern Club, 1961, where the Beatles are about to hit the stage. Let our time machine take you back to where it all began for the rock and roll group that would change music forever.

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 7 days
- 6 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Kicking Horse Mountain cable car
- Radium Hot Springs swim (with towel & locker)
- Kootenay and Banff National Parks fees
- *Forever Plaid* at Stage West Dinner Theatre
- *Songs for a New World* at Rosebud Theatre
- Reserved bleacher seating at Stampede Parade
- 1 day admission to Stampede Park
- Reserved seating to Stampede Chuckwagon Races and Stage Show
- Royal Tyrrell Museum
- *Canadian Badlands Passion Play*
- Heritage Park & Gasoline Alley
- *Trapped* at Canmore Opera House
- *Beatles Back in Time* at Jubilations Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at most hotels
- **13 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

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 **Activity Level 2:** Moderate activity with short walks and some stairs. There is lots of walking at Stampede Park, as the coach unloading area is on the outer edge. There are walks of 1-2 blocks

and some stairs to the bleacher seating at the Stampede Parade and also at the Passion Play. There is elevator or escalator access to the grandstand for the chuckwagon and stage show events, but there may be stairs to reach your seat. 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. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. If Activity Level 2 could be challenging, you are urged to 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. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some tour days.

## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due May 4, 2022. 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 May 4, 2022.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to April 4, 2022, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From April 5 to May 4, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From May 5 to June 3, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After June 3, 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.

**Food Allergies:** You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy.

**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, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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**Experience Points:** This tour earns 50 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 May 4, 2022.

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

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