



Chuckwagon Races



Heritage Park

## CALGARY STAMPEDE

July 6, 2023 – 5 Days

*Including Parade, Rodeo & Chuckwagons*

Pull on your jeans and boots, don your cowboy hat, and get ready for a yee-haw good time at the annual Calgary Stampede! There is so much to see and do: wander through the barns to view the prize-winning animals, thrill to the rides on the midway, admire some of the greatest western artists in the world, explore the native village, live it up at Nashville North, visit the agricultural shows, and enjoy non-stop live entertainment throughout the day and night. We have included reserved seats to the premier Stampede events: the kick-off parade, the exciting afternoon rodeo, and the spectacular evening of chuckwagon races, stage show, and fireworks. Enjoy a leisurely drive home via Radium Hot Springs and Kootenay National Park.

Come and join us for the 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth."

Activity Level: 2



7 Meals Included:

4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

Fares per person:

\$2,085 double/twin; \$2,445 single; \$1,995 triple  
Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$90 discount on first 15 seats; \$45 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 39 points on this tour.

Redeem 39 points if you book by May 16, 2023.

Departure from: Victoria, Nanaimo or Comox



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Thursday, July 6

A transfer is provided to Victoria Airport, then we fly to **Calgary** and stay at the Glenmore Inn for three nights. The rooms are spacious with hotel amenities that include an indoor heated pool with water slide, fitness area, in-room spa services, free wi-fi, all-day restaurant, lounge, and room service. The **White Cowboy Hat ceremony** with a souvenir hat is included during dinner.

**Note:** If you live up-Island, we can arrange for your flight from Nanaimo or Comox. Tour fares may be different.

**Meals included:** Dinner

**Accommodation:** Glenmore Inn

### Day 2: Friday, July 7

The world-renowned **Calgary Stampede**, "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth," opens today. This morning, we head downtown for reserved bleacher seating to watch the **Kick-off 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. Then we head to Stampede Park where there are many exhibits to visit. The afternoon features the exciting **Stampede Rodeo** where the world's best cowboys compete for \$2 million in prize money in events like saddle bronc, bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, and barrel racing. Seating is in section 219 of the Grandstand under cover. A transfer is provided back to the hotel following the rodeo, but you are welcome to stay and return to the hotel on your own. There is some lively night time entertainment in venues around the city.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Glenmore Inn

### Day 3: Saturday, July 8

This is another full day at the Calgary Stampede! Several transfers are provided between Stampede Park and the hotel, a 20-minute drive away. A traditional event is the **Pancake Breakfast**, so you can have breakfast at the hotel or at Stampede Park or both. Tonight, we have reserved seats in section 512 for the thrilling **Chuckwagon Races** where four wagons thunder around the 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 4: Sunday, July 9

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, enjoy the antique midway, and immerse yourself in the old west. Also explore Heritage Town Square which includes restaurants, shopping, and the superb **Gasoline Alley Museum** where you can discover how the introduction of the automobile changed our culture. The Cowboy Buffet lunch is included. Leaving Calgary, we head west into the Rockies and drive the scenic highway through Kootenay National Park. This evening, relax in the soothing waters of **Radium Hot Springs**. Sir George Simpson of the Hudson's 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 Celsius.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Prestige Radium Hot Springs

### Day 5: Monday, July 10

Near Golden, we visit the **Northern Lights Wolf Centre** where a pack of wolves, all born in captivity, roam a large enclosure. The Centre promotes wolf conservation in a healthy environment. Some of their animals are trained for movies. We journey to Kelowna this afternoon and fly to Victoria. A transfer is provided to your pickup point.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transfers to/from Victoria Airport
- Flights to Calgary and return from Kelowna
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 4 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- White Cowboy Hat Ceremony & souvenir hat
- Reserved bleacher seating at Stampede parade
- 2 days admission to Stampede Park
- Reserved seating at Stampede Rodeo
- Reserved seating at Chuckwagon Races and Grandstand Stage Show
- Heritage Park Historical Village & Museum
- Banff and Kootenay National Park fees
- Radium Hot Springs pool with towel rental
- Northern Lights Wolf Centre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **7 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner



**Activity Level 2:** There is lots of walking at Stampede Park as the coach unloading area is on the outer edge. There are stairs to the bleacher seating at the parade. There is elevator or escalator access to the grandstand for rodeo and chuckwagon events, but there may be stairs to reach your seat. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. If Activity Level 2 could be challenging, you must bring a companion who is able 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 \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due May 16, 2023. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking, cheque, Visa or Mastercard.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$90 discount on first 15 seats and \$45 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after May 16, 2023.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to March 30, 2023, cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From March 31 to May 16, cancellation charge is \$150 per person (your deposit). From May 17 to June 5, cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After June 5, there is no refund.

**Itinerary and Fare Changes:** Some of our suppliers are struggling with staff shortages and other post-Covid challenges. Sometimes we are notified about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a component of an extensive tour due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.

**Food Allergies:** You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. Please do not tell us about your food preferences, as restaurants ignore these requests. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not.

**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.

**Home pickups** may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and coach size. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

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**Experience 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 May 16, 2023.

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