

# WATERTON LAKES & DRUMHELLER

September 2025



Waterton Lakes National Park

## Highlights of Southern Alberta

Southern Alberta boasts one of Canada's less-visited national parks, Waterton Lakes, which features rugged mountains rising from a stark prairie, surrounding an idyllic lake. Drumheller is famous for its connection to the Dinosaur Age, following significant discoveries of bones millions of years old and the establishment of the world-class Royal Tyrrell Museum. During this tour, we visit several attractions that celebrate history such as Last Chance Saloon, Remington Carriage Museum, and Frank Slide. Add to this a cruise on Waterton Lake, the dramatic beauty of Kootenay National Park and Crowsnest Pass, relaxing Radium Hot Springs and Fairmont Hot Springs, and the fall foliage colours, and you have the perfect autumn getaway.



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

### ▶ Departure from:

- ① **BC Interior:** September 9, 2025 - 6 days
- ⑤ **Vancouver Island:** September 8, 2025 - 7 days
- ④ **Lower Mainland:** September 8, 2025 - 7 days

### ▶ Fares per person

- ① from **\$2,555** double/twin, **\$3,250** single\*
- \*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

### ▶ Early Booking Bonus

**\$120** discount on first 12 seats; **\$60** on next 8.

### ▶ Earn 60 Experience Points



**Your specific departure point will be confirmed at the time of booking. Passengers travelling from the BC Interior, Vancouver Island, & Lower Mainland regions will begin and end the tour as follows:**

- I BC Interior:** We depart from communities in the BC Interior on Tuesday, September 9 and travel east to Radium Hot Springs. We return home on Sunday, September 14 from Fairmont Hot Springs. Transportation is arranged from your pickup location on the day of departure and to your dropoff location when we return.
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- V Vancouver Island:** We fly from Victoria to Kelowna on Monday, September 8 and overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW, conveniently located near the airport. We return to Kelowna on Sunday, September 14 and fly to Victoria.
- Departure from Victoria:** Depending on the number of people booked and coach size, home pickups may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.
- Departure from Up-Island:** There is an additional cost for passengers who wish to fly from/to Nanaimo or Comox Airport on this tour. Transportation to/from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. Please note that while we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox at the time of booking.
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- L Lower Mainland:** We fly from Vancouver to Kelowna on Monday, September 8 and overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW, conveniently located near the airport. We return to Kelowna on Sunday, September 14 and fly to Vancouver. Home pickup in the Greater Vancouver Area can be arranged at the time of booking.
- Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack:** No transportation is provided to/from Vancouver Airport to join this tour.

## FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares Per Person	Notes
<b>I BC Interior</b>	\$2,555 double/twin \$3,250 single \$2,350 triple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please add 5% GST.</li> <li>• There is an additional cost to fly from/to Nanaimo or Comox to join this tour.</li> </ul>
<b>V Vancouver Island</b>	\$3,140 double/twin \$3,910 single \$2,915 triple	
<b>L Lower Mainland</b>	\$3,090 double/twin \$3,860 single \$2,865 triple	

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

## ▶ Meals

- ① **11 total:** 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- ①② **12 total:** 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

## ▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- ①② Transfers to Victoria or Vancouver Airport from the Greater Victoria or Greater Vancouver Area
- ①② Flight to/from Kelowna from/to Vancouver or Victoria

## ▶ Accommodation

- ① 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- ①② 6 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
  - Luggage handling at most hotels

## ▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

## ▶ Highlights

- Rosedale Suspension Bridge
- Royal Tyrrell Museum
- Cruise on Waterton Lake
- Remington Carriage Museum
- Horse-drawn carriage ride
- Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
- Coleman Museum
- Fairmont Hot Springs pools

*Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.*

## ▶ Gratuities & Fees

- Gratuities for local guides & boat crew
- Kootenay & Banff National Park fees
- Waterton Lakes National Park fee

## Activity Level 2



**Moderate Activity:** As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance.

You can stand for prolonged periods and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. There is lots of walking at the museums and historic sites if you want to see everything. You will need to handle your own luggage at hotels where luggage service is not available.

You may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. 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 days of the tour.



### Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.





Frank Slide

## ITINERARY

### Monday, September 8

Passengers from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland fly to Kelowna and stay overnight.

**Accommodation:**   Hampton Inn YLW

### Tuesday, September 9

We travel east through Rogers Pass to Golden and stay overnight at Radium. This evening, 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 Celsius.

**Meals included:**   Breakfast, Lunch  Lunch

**Accommodation:** Prestige Radium Hot Springs

### Wednesday, September 10

We drive through **Kootenay National Park** amidst the soaring Rockies with a stop to peer into the rushing waters of Marble Canyon. We skirt Calgary, headed for **Drumheller**, the dinosaur capital of Canada. Dinner is at the Last Chance Saloon in the hamlet of Wayne and it's full of antiques and memorabilia from the early 1900s during coal mining days.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Ramada Inn Drumheller

### Thursday, September 11

We enjoy some sights in the Red Deer River Valley such as the iconic hoodoos and the Rosedale Suspension Bridge. Afterwards, we visit the famed **Royal Tyrrell Museum**, a multi-million dollar tribute to the Dinosaur Age. 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. The Bayshore Inn is our hotel for two nights, located in the town along the lakeshore.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Bayshore Inn

### Friday, September 12

Enjoy a leisurely two-hour **cruise on Waterton Lake** nearly to the south end at Goat Haunt in Montana. The landmark of Waterton, perched on the hill above the town, is the Prince of Wales Hotel, built in 1927 by the Great Northern Railway. This

## ITINERARY continued

### Friday, September 12 continued

afternoon, 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. After returning to the Bayshore, you may want to take a walk along the lakeshore, stop at the Waterton Visitor Centre, or see Cameron Falls.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Bayshore Inn

### Saturday, September 13

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 re-enter British Columbia, headed 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 40 to 43 degrees Celsius and about 6.3 million litres of odourless, mineral-rich water flow through the pools daily.

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

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

### Sunday, September 14

We travel through the Columbia River Valley to Golden, then rejoin the Trans-Canada Highway and return to the BC Interior through Rogers Pass. Passengers from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland fly home from Kelowna.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due July 10, 2025. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

**Early Booking Bonus:** Receive a \$120 discount on the first 12 seats and \$60 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 10, 2025.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to June 10, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From June 11 to July 10, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From July 11 to August 8, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After August 8, there is no refund.

**Itinerary and Fare Changes:** Our many suppliers may notify us 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 tour component 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. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

**VL Flight delays due to weather:** In the event flights are delayed or cancelled by airlines due to weather, there may be additional costs to you. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. will not pay for hotel rooms and meals during the delay. Most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for weather delays.



Goat Haunt

# TOUR POLICIES continued

**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. This tour stays in Canada, but medical costs can vary wildly from one province to another. Remember that travel insurance typically provides trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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**Experience Points or E-points:** This tour earns 60 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until July 10, 2025.

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

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