

HOT SPRINGS OF BANFF & THE KOOTENAYS

February 2027



Banff Upper Hot Springs

Soak in the Scenery of the Canadian Rockies

Experience the winter beauty of Banff and the Kootenays while indulging in one of the region's greatest pleasures: soaking in mineral-rich hot springs surrounded by snow-covered mountains. Late February is a beautiful time to visit, when the landscape is transformed into a winter wonderland and the contrast of steaming outdoor pools and snowy scenery is nothing short of magical. You'll visit five spectacular hot springs, including Banff Upper, Fairmont, Radium, Ainsworth, and Halcyon, with the added luxury of staying beside the pools at Fairmont for one night and Ainsworth for two nights. We last enjoyed a dip in Halcyon Hot Springs nearly 20 years ago, making this a wonderful opportunity to return and experience its relaxing waters once again. Just bring your bathing suit and prepare to slow down, soak up the scenery, and truly relax.



CANADIAN TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

❶ **BC Interior:** February 22, 2027 - 7 days

► Fares per person

❶ **\$3,125** double/twin, **\$3,895** single*

**Further pricing details provided on page 2.*

► Early Booking Bonus

\$150 discount on first 12 seats; **\$75** on next 8.

► Earn 78 Experience Points



Ainsworth Hot Springs

Providing Quality Packaged Travel Since 1972

WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- **15 total:** 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners

► Transportation

- Coach transportation for 7 days
- Kootenay Lake ferry
- Arrow Lakes ferry

► Accommodation

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

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

► Key Highlights

- Whyte Museum
- Banff Upper Hot Springs & towel rental
- Radium Hot Springs & towel rental
- Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
- Ainsworth Hot Springs with unlimited use
- Locally-guided historic tour of Nelson
- Halcyon Hot Springs & towel rental

Attractions are subject to change. Please see our [Terms & Conditions](#) for more information.

► Gratuities & Fees

- Banff National Park fee
- Kootenay National Park fee
- Gratuities for local guide

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I BC Interior	\$3,125 double/twin \$3,895 single \$2,895 triple	• Please add 5% GST.

Fairmont Hot Springs

Activity Level 1

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Light Activity: You are a traveller who prefers to see places without a lot of physical activity. You can climb a flight of stairs, board a coach, stand for short periods and walk at a leisurely pace with breaks for up to 30 minutes without difficulty or assistance. You may need to handle your own luggage at some hotels if luggage service is not available.

You may bring a walker or cane to support your mobility. Please let us know when you book if you will be bringing a walker on this tour. 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.

ITINERARY

Monday, February 22

Your [departure point](#) will be discussed at the time of booking. We travel east across Rogers Pass and Kicking Horse Pass, admiring a winter wonderland of snowy peaks and frozen rivers. We stay two nights close to downtown **Banff**.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Fox Hotel & Suites

Tuesday, February 23

We explore the **Whyte Museum**, which has wonderful exhibits about the cultural heritage of the region with one titled *Women of the Rockies*. For over 140 years, Banff has been the place to relax in soothing hot mineral water amidst spectacular mountain scenery. Our first hot springs experience is this afternoon at the **Banff Upper Hot Springs** where we relax in 104°F (40°C) water.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fox Hotel & Suites

Wednesday, February 24

In Kootenay National Park, we enjoy **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 natural mineral hot springs facility with a temperature of 39.5°C or 103° F. We continue to **Fairmont Hot Springs Resort** and stay overnight. As a hotel guest, you can enjoy the private hot pool close to your room or use the larger public pool. The water temperature ranges from 104 to 110°F (40 to 43°C) and about 1.4 million gallons of odourless, mineral-rich water flows through the pools daily.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Thursday, February 25

We travel south along Columbia Lake and the Kootenay River to Cranbrook. From Creston, we follow the east shore of **Kootenay Lake** and board the 'longest free ferry in the world' to Balfour. Our destination is **Ainsworth Hot Springs** where we stay for two nights at the resort beside

the hot pools overlooking Kootenay Lake. During your stay, there is unlimited access to the pools. The horseshoe-shaped cave is the hottest at 45.5°C or 114°F and the main lounging pool averages 35.5° C or 96° F. For the brave, there is also a cold plunge pool.

Note: Some rooms at this hotel have lake views and some face the mountainside with no view. Guests who book earliest are assigned lake-view rooms.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort

Friday, February 26

We drive into nearby **Nelson** and learn about its fascinating history from a local guide. Nelson's famous Hume Hotel is a heritage landmark which opened in 1898. We have lunch there, followed by time to browse some interesting stores along Baker Street. We plan to be back at Ainsworth by mid-afternoon, so there is lots more time to laze in the hot pool.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort

Saturday, February 27

We drive through the Slocan Valley to Nakusp, then along the Arrow Lakes to our fifth relaxing experience at **Halcyon Hot Springs**. The mineral-rich springs were valued by the Sinixt people long before Captain Robert Sanderson developed the first resort on the site in 1890. It thrived as a renowned wellness destination with sternwheelers arriving daily until the hotel was destroyed by fire in 1955. Today, you can soak in soothing, lithium-rich waters while enjoying spectacular lake and mountain views. The resort's signature hot pool is maintained at approximately 104°F (40°C). Afterwards, we take the ferry across the Arrow Lakes and stay overnight in **Revelstoke**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites

Sunday, February 28

We travel home via Eagle Pass.

Meals included: Breakfast

TOUR NOTES

Luggage handling may take an hour after the coach arrives at Fairmont and Ainsworth. If you want to get into the hot pools quickly, we suggest packing your bathing suit in your carry-on bag.

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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due January 7, 2027. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms and Conditions, Company Policies](#), Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$150 discount on the first 12 seats and \$75 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after January 7, 2027.

Cancellation Policy:

- Up to December 7, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person.
- From December 8, 2026 to January 7, 2027, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person.
- From January 8 to January 21, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare.
- After January 21, there is no refund.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by battleface® Travel Insurance. 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 a lot from one province to another. While your BC Services Card may partly cover you for a medical issue that arises during the tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included. 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. Insurance premiums are not refundable whether or not you make a claim.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 78 Experience Points or e-points. Redeem up to 78 of your earned e-points from a previous tour until January 7, 2027. Please see information about [loyalty rewards](#) on our website for more information about e-points.

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