



# CALGARY STAMPEDE & THE PEOPLE OF THE GREAT PLAINS

**July 9 – 18, 2010**

**A full “Cowboys and Indians” experience awaits you in Calgary, Alberta’s hot spot and gateway to the Rockies. Attend the Calgary Stampede, the largest outdoor show on earth, discover First Nations of Southern Alberta through genuine encounters with people of the Blackfoot Nation renowned in the old days for being fiercely independent and for its very successful warriors, of the Tsuu T’ina Nation, an Athapaskan Tribe originally from the boreal forests of the north, and with Métis descendents of the first European settlers and their Native wives.**

**6 days/5 nights  
Stampede and genuine encounters with Alberta First Nations**

## **ITINERARY**

### **Day 1 – Calgary**

Arrive in Calgary and check-in at the hotel of your choice.

### **Day 2 – Glenbow Museum and Stampede Rodeo**

In the morning, visit beautifully presented Glenbow Museum where you can learn all about the history of First Nations and settlement in Alberta.

In the afternoon, don your western gear and join the Stampede for the largest outdoor rodeo in the world, starting at 1.30pm: professional cowboys compete in a myriad of rodeo events, including bull riding, steer wrestling and barrel racing.

### **Day 3 – Tsuu T’ina First Nation, Chuckwagon Races and Grandstand Show**

You visit Tsuu T’ina First Nations with your hosts right at the doors of Calgary, see a buffalo herd, taste Native cuisine.

You have tickets for the Calgary Stampede Evening Show, which starts at 8 pm and includes Chuckwagon Races and the Grandstand Show.

### **Day 4 – Blackfoot Crossing and Siksika First Nation**

You spend a day with the Blackfoot people, one of the main First Nations in Alberta. Visit the brand new Blackfoot Crossing Interpretation Center with its amazing architecture, exhibits and views over the Bow Valley, a little oasis in the Prairie. Meet residents of the Blackfoot Siksika Reserve who will

show you their historic sites and how they live today, and perhaps take you on a canoe trip on the Bow River.

**Day 5 – Experience nature with a Metis guide in Kananaskis Country**

Today you go to Kananaskis Valley at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, where your Metis guides take you on a nature discovery program. Discover traditional uses of plants, learn about wildlife as seen in the Metis culture, take part in forest survival activities. You will never see nature with the same eyes again.

**Day 6 – Departure**

End of your Stampede Adventure

**Optional extension**

An extension can be added to this trip, consisting of a spiritual experience with a Choctaw-Cherokee Elder, an elder from the Blackfoot tribe or the West coast. Location is at a wilderness lodge nestled in the Kootenay Rockies and accommodation in log cabins or in tipis. Please contact us for further information.

**Stampede Parade, July 9, 2010**

Don't miss the spectacular Parade on July 9. Contact us for Bleachers ticket bookings.

**Price per person based on double occupancy** FROM **CAD 1,805 + 5% GST tax**  
**Children sharing room with parents** **CAD 708 + 5% GST tax**

**RATES**

Rates are per person and based on double occupancy

**Included**

- 5 nights of accommodation in a hotel of your choice
- 5 day car rental mid-size all inclusive
- Stampede seats at the Rodeo Afternoon Show and at the Chuckwagon / Grandstand Evening Show; Souvenir program for each day, gifts and Skyride as per webpage
- Entrance fees for the Glenbow Museum and Blackfoot Crossing Interpretive Center
- Half a day of activities at Tsuu T'ina Nation; Half a day of activities at Sikisika Nation
- A day of activities with Metis guides in Kananaskis Country incl. lunch
- Lunch on a Reserve, either Tsuu T'ina or Siksika

**Not included:**

- 5% GST tax
- Meals except as indicated
- Gratuities for Native and Metis guides



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