



**Calgary Stampede
July 8-17, 2011**

ROPIN' THE ROCKIES

Discover dynamic Calgary, the gateway to the Rockies and lively, cultural Edmonton, Alberta's capital city and one of the northernmost large settlements in America. Jasper and Banff National Parks and the scenic Icefields Parkway will be an unforgettable experience. Enjoy the fun of the huge West Edmonton Mall and a variety of outdoors activities: wildlife viewing, a visit to a glacier, soaking in hot springs and a boat trip. End your trip with all the western highlights at the Calgary Stampede.

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Days 1 & 2 - Calgary - Edmonton

Pick up your rental car at the airport and drive the 180 miles to Edmonton in about 2 ½ - 3 hours. The city and its area offer plenty to see and do: Provincial Museum, Muttart Conservatory, Fort Edmonton Park, Old Strathcona, Elk Island National Park and West Edmonton Mall, perhaps the largest in the world. You stay 2 nights in Edmonton.

Day 3 - Edmonton - Jasper

Leave Edmonton and veer west through parkland and forest, through the historic towns of Edson and Hinton en route to Jasper National Park. You spend 2 nights in Jasper, a lovely little mountain town surrounded by breathtaking scenery and offering a wealth of activities.

Day 4 - Jasper - Day of Adventures

Discover the splendid views offered by Jasper National Park, explore Maligne Canyon. You have tickets for one of the following activities : rafting, a boat tour on the legendary Maligne Lake long known only to Native people and "discovered" by female explorer Mary Schäffer or a wildlife safari tour with opportunity to see bears, deer, elk, moose and wild mountain goats.

Day 5 - Icefields Parkway

From Jasper follow the 110-mile long Icefields Parkway to Banff National Park, said to be one of the most beautiful highways in the world. Take your

time to enjoy views on the many glaciers and emerald lakes. The Columbia Icefield Center is well worth a visit and you have tickets for a snowcoach tour on the glacier. Then carry on to Banff where you spend 2 nights.

Day 6 - Banff and Area

Take a ride on the Sulphur Mountain Gondola (included), visit the Cave and Basin Centennial Centre, the Banff Park Museum and the Whyte Museum or soak in the hot springs.

Day 7 + 8 - Calgary Stampede

Time to reach Calgary and the Stampede. You're invited to attend the largest outdoor rodeo in the world! Professional cowboys compete in a myriad of rodeo events, including bull-riding, chuckwagon racing, steer wrestling, barrel racing. Don your western duds, saddle up and join us for Stampede breakfasts galore, square dancing, parades, the fun of the midway, great exhibits, a spectacular Grandstand Show and fireworks, and, of course, heapin' helpings of Western hospitality.

On Day 7 you attend the afternoon Rodeo starting at 1:30 pm and on Day 8 you have tickets to the Chuckwagon/Grandstand show which starts at 8:30 pm. You stay 2 nights in Calgary.

Day 9 - Departure

End of your adventure. You return the rental car at the Calgary Airport and fly back home.

RATES per person, based on double occupancy: from \$ CAN 1.915 plus 5% GST
(depending on type of accommodation)

Included

- 8 nights of accommodation and all breakfasts included
- 8 days car rental including LDW and all taxes and fees
- Stampede tickets for seats at the Rodeo Afternoon Show and the Chuckwagon / Grandstand Evening Show
- Souvenir program for each day, gifts and Skyride as per webpage

Jasper: one of the options: Raft, Maligne Lake Boat Tour or Wildlife Safari
Icefields: Snowcoach
Banff: Sulphur Mountain Gondola

Not included

- Meals other than breakfast
- rental car
- 5% GST
- Processing Fee



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