



TORAH in MOTION
travel

CANADIAN ROCKIES

WITH RABBI DR. ARI ZIVOTOFSKY
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ITINERARY *(subject to change)*



TUESDAY: CALGARY

Arrival in Calgary. Dinner

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Fairmont Pallisar Hotel**

WEDNESDAY: CALGARY, BANFF

The tour begins in the morning departing Calgary and heading towards the Rockies and the resort town of Banff. The first stop is at Lake Minnewanka, the largest lake in the Canadian Rockies, where there will be time to stretch your legs, and admire the fantastic scenery along the lakeshore and take as many photos as you like! From there it's up the Mt. Norquay Road for a scenic overlook of the Bow Valley. In the afternoon we will continue our tour around Banff townsite, visiting the Cave & Basin National Historic Site, birthplace of the our national parks, as well as Tunnel Mountain.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel**

THURSDAY: BANFF, LAKE LOUISE

After breakfast, it's a short drive to Sunshine Village, one of Canada's best known ski areas. In summer, we can ride their gondola up to the ski area and from there take a 5 minute chairlift to the summit of Mt. Standish. From this location, the 360 degree views of mountains, alpine meadows, and lakes is breathtaking. Today is also a day where those people who want to do a bit of true alpine walking will have their chance and can join a guided hike back to the base of the chairlift. The tour then continues to Lake Louise and includes a side trip into British Columbia with a short walk at Marble Canyon, one of the deepest gorges in the Rockies.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**

FRIDAY: LAKE LOUISE

Lake Louise is the most famous of the mountain lakes but nearby Moraine Lake and it's Ten Peaks is almost as well known. After all, it adorned the back of the Canadian \$20 bill for many years! Our day begins with a drive to this lake a short walk up to the top of the "Rockpile", where we'll hope to catch the sun hitting the lake. From there it's onward into Yoho National Park and Takkakaw Falls. We can enjoy a walk along the shores of the Yoho River and then head to the base of the falls which, at one time were considered the highest in Canada. Kabbalat Shabbat, Maariv and dinner in the hotel.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**

SATURDAY: LAKE LOUISE

Shabbat davening in the hotel followed by lunch. Optional lakeshore walk. Rabbi Ari Zivotofsky will give a shiur relating to nature and Torah.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**

SUNDAY: LAKE LOUISE, ICEFIELDS PARKWAY, JASPER

The drive to Jasper today takes us along the world famous Icefields Parkway, known for its soaring peaks and glaciers. Along the way we will stop at Crowfoot Glacier Viewpoint and Columbia Icefields centre where we board an "Ice Explorer" bus for a one of a kind drive onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier. You'll be able to step off the bus and actually walk on the surface of the glacier! After this experience we continue towards Jasper, stopping for a picnic lunch break at Sunwapta Falls and then finishing in the town of Jasper.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge**

MONDAY: JASPER

Today's Jasper nature discovery day begins with a walk along Lac Beauvert, learning about the abundant wildlife in the area. Jasper is home to herds of elk, bighorn sheep, bears, coyotes and many other animals and there are usually good opportunities to spot some of them. Afterwards, we'll drive up to Maligne Lake and take the cruise to the end of the lake, which includes a stop at Spirit Island. Upon the return we'll stop for an easy walk around Manyon Canyon, before finishing back at the lodge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge**

TUESDAY: JASPER

A ride on the Jasper Tram, Canada's longest and highest, takes you to the top of Whistler's Mountain, 1250 metres above the valley floor. From this vantage there are views in all directions and ample time for some easy walks. After returning to the valley, you'll have the option of joining a whitewater rafting trip on the Athabasca River, (Class 2 rapids, suitable for all ages), joining a tour west to Mt. Robson, highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, or having an afternoon at leisure in the town of Jasper.

ACCOMMODATIONS: **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge**

WEDNESDAY: JASPER, BANFF, CALGARY

Today we return to Calgary via Icefields Parkway again. Same spectacular route but well worth the drive. On the return, we'll stop at Athabasca Falls, Peyto Lake, and Bow Lake before arriving in the town of Banff again in early afternoon. There will be time for wandering the streets of Banff before completing the trip to Calgary. Transfer to the airport for late night flight home.