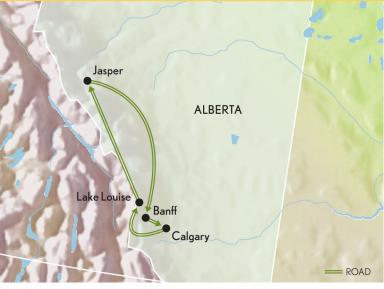


# aFreeUniverse LUXURY a <u>DavidTravel Promoted Departure</u> (DPD)



## North America: Canadian Rockies

Priced from \$4,895
Limited to 28 Guests | 8 Days | 15 Meals



## Connections at a Glance

Discover your destination through these local connections.

- Upon arrival in Calgary, enjoy a warm Canadian welcome with a special ceremony.
- Wake up to magnificent lakeside views at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.
- Learn the art of photography from a professional photographer at scenic Moraine Lake, one of the most picturesque in the Canadian Rockies.
- Hike Emerald Lake with one of the country's best naturalist guides.
- Savor a barbecue picnic lunch and enjoy a lecture by an expert park naturalist with Sunwapta Falls in the background.





#### DAY 1: ARRIVE IN CALGARY

Arrive in Calgary, where your representative greets you and takes you to your hotel. Fairmont Palliser Hotel / Dinner

#### DAY 2: LAKE LOUISE / Pristine Waters

Depart Calgary and start an adventure filled with natural beauty, highlighted by the famed lakes of the Canadian Rockies. Drive through the Bow Valley to Johnston Canyon, with its sheer walls, waterfalls, tunnels and pools formed by erosion over thousands of years. Stroll along the interpretive walkway before setting off for Moraine Lake, a glacially fed lake in Banff National Park. Later, get a hands-on lesson on the art of wildlife and landscape photography alongside a professional photographer. Try out your newfound skills

on one of the most picturesque lakes in the Canadian Rockies. End the day at your accommodation at Lake Louise (5,700 feet). Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise / Breakfast

#### DAY 3: LAKE LOUISE / Flora and Fauna

This morning, drive through the serene Yoho National Park en route to Emerald Lake, so named for its unique, vibrant color, the effect of glacial sediment in its waters. Meet with your expert guide, who reveals the geŏlogical and natural forces behind this scenic lake, and describes the breathtaking natural surroundings and habits of the endangered local grizzly bear. After lunch, weather permitting, continue through the old railroad town of Field, pausing at Takakkaw Falls, Spiral Tunnel and Kicking Horse Natural Bridge. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Lake Louise (5,700 feet) at your own pace. Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise / Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 4: JASPER / Through the Icefields



Travel the scenic Icefields Parkway, along the backbone of the Canadian Rockies. Named after the sprawling icefields in the area, this is one of the world's great drives, with roadside wildlife a common sight and

vistas of verdant forests and soaring peaks all around. Stop at the massive Athabasca Glacier (7,200 feet) for a thrilling ride across its surface on a specially designed vehicle. After your glacial adventure, continue to magnificent Jasper National Park via Peyto Lake and Crowfoot Glacier before arriving at your lodge.

Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge / Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 5: JASPER / Canyon Skyscrapers

Cruise along the mile-high Maligne Lake to the famous Spirit Island, a tiny island surrounded by the towering snow-capped Rockies. You may opt to join your fellow guests for a guided hike through the Maligne Canyon, with its impressive 200-foot-tall limestone walls. Later, return to your lodge, where the remainder of the day is at your leisure to enjoy its natural surroundings and amenities. Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge / Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 6: BANFF / Waterfalls Between the Parks

This morning, depart Jasper National Park, stopping at Athabasca Falls, known for its awesome power. You also visit lovely Sunwapta Falls, enjoying a barbeque lunch and lecture by a local park naturalist in this beautiful, remote setting. Continue to Banff National Park — a UNESCO World Heritage Site, established in 1885 as Canada's first national park — and your extraordinary hotel, often called the "Castle in the Rockies." Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel / Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 7: BANFF / Nestled in Nature

Bordered on all sides by wilderness, Banff is a national park resort community surrounded by spectacular nature, home to roaming deer, elk and other wildlife. Begin your day with a memorable float trip down the majestic Bow River. The rest of your day is at leisure to enjoy Banff at your own pace, perhaps exploring the community's restaurants, galleries and unique shops. This evening, attend a special farewell dinner.

Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel / Breakfast, Dinner

#### **DAY 8: DEPART BANFF**

Depart for the airport and your return flight home. Breakfast





We not only arranged for a professional photographer to provide a hands-on lesson, but timed it for the beginning of your trip, so you can become a pro yourself as your journey continues.

### Date & Pricing

#### Aug 31-Sep 07

Land arrangements:

Double occupancy Single supplement \$4,895 \$1,720

## Hotel Spotlight

Take a closer look at this journey's inspiring accommodations.



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise Located at stunning Lake Louise, with premium rooms overlooking the water.



Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel Styled after a Scottish castle, with a 125-year history of excellence.

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