

Walking Highlights of the Rockies

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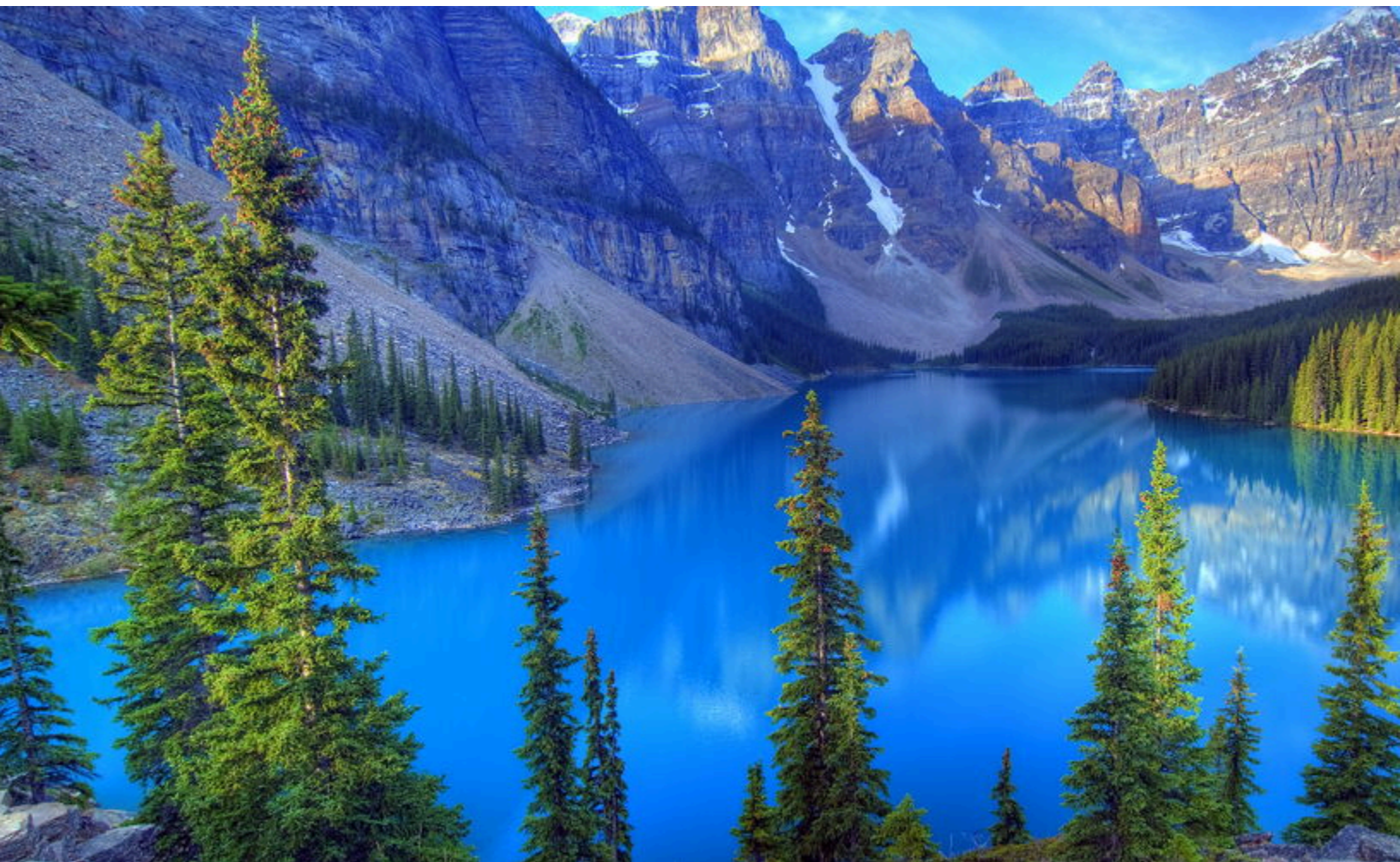
WALK & TREK



GUIDED GROUP



MODERATE



HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk in the stunning National Parks of Banff, Jasper and Yoho
- Discover the hidden hiking paradise of Kananaskis Country
- Marvel at the stunning mountain setting of Lake Louise
- Travel the epic Icefields Parkway, one of the most spectacular roads in the world

AT A GLANCE

- 11 days walking
- 2350m Maximum altitude
- Join at Calgary

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

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Introduction

Forming a natural boundary between the states of Alberta and British Columbia and rising to over 3500 metres, the snow-capped Canadian Rockies include some of the world's finest mountain scenery. To make the most of this dramatic region, we have devised a walking holiday that explores a variety of trails and areas that showcase the natural wonders on offer. Traversing forested valleys to flower-filled alpine meadows and pretty glacial lakes, each of our day-walks will take us into the middle mountains allowing access to some of the most coveted and iconic views and experiences.

Starting in the lesser-frequented Kananaskis Country we spend two days exploring these quieter trails, before heading north to Jasper. We spend 3 nights in Jasper to discover the best of the national park, including the Bald Hills and Valley of the Five Lakes. Travelling back south we traverse the Icefields Parkway making stops at Parker's Ridge, Bow Lake and some of the spectacular waterfalls along the route. Lake Louise is our next base, again spending 3 nights to take in the incredible trails and sights. We leave the crowds behind in the valley as we hike up to the Plain of the Six Glaciers, with optional stop for cake and coffee at the quaint mountain teahouse on the trail! After our time in Lake Louise we continue on to the quintessential mountain village of Banff for another 3 night stay. We undertake spectacular hikes surrounded by high mountain peaks at Cory Pass and the Cascade Amphitheatre to round off this incredible journey!

Is this holiday for you?

This holiday is a series of moderate day hikes in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, reaching spectacular viewpoints, mountain lakes, forests and passes to get a stunning overview of these epic mountains ranges. The selected walks are designed to be achievable for a weekend walker, ranging from 4 to 6 hours daily with moderate elevation gain. There are a couple of longer days as well as easier days, and it would be possible to opt out of certain walks if in need of a rest. The routes are on good well-trodden trail, with a few optional extensions that use steeper trails to reach passes or viewpoints. The Cory Pass trail is the toughest day at 1100m elevation and 8 hours hiking, partly on easy forest trail and partly on rocky scree path. The walks have been selected to balance the key highlights of visiting the Canadian Rockies with exploring some quieter trails to experience the peace and nature of the mountains. During this holiday we will be using the national park campgrounds, staying in tents (with the exception of our time in Lake Louise, where we stay in the Alpine Centre Hostel in shared dormitories). The camping is on a participatory basis so you will be expected to put up your tent and assist with daily camp chores such as food preparation and washing up.

Itinerary

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Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional mountain guide (2 guides over groups of 6)
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- A single timed airport transfer
- All land transport required by the itinerary
- All activities/excursions/entrance fees mentioned except where specified as 'optional'
- National Park entrance fees

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Visas (if applicable)
- Departure Taxes (if applicable)
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional
- Tips
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure - drinks and souvenirs etc
- Sleeping Bag Hire

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the hotel in Calgary.

A single transfer from / to Calgary Airport is provided.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

All meals are provided except for 6 dinners and one lunch. These are when we are in the main towns where there is a choice of restaurants and food. Our guide will recommend good establishments and we can eat together as a group. Whilst camping the group will need to assist with camp chores such as food preparation and washing up.

Accommodation

The group will have one night at the start of the holiday in a hotel in Calgary where we stay in comfortable twin-bedded rooms with private bathroom, 8 nights camping at National Park campgrounds, and 3 nights at the Lake Louise Alpine Centre Hostel in shared dormitories.

Comfortable 3 person tents are used on a 2 person basis while camping. As a participatory camping trip you will be expected to put up your own tents. Sleeping mats are provided, but you must bring your own sleeping bag, travel pillow, towel etc.

During our stay in the Lake Louise Alpine Centre Hostel, the dormitories are shared between 4 to 8 people with shared bathroom and shower facilities. Some of the dormitories are mixed male and female. There is a large kitchen area and a communal lounge area.

If you are travelling by yourself, you will be paired up with another single client of the same sex for the 1 hotel night. Single rooms are available for a supplementary cost for these nights. You will also be paired up to share a tent with another single client of the same sex, Single tents are also available at a supplementary cost for the nights camping.

If you are planning on extending your holiday additional nights at the group hotel are available on request.

Group Leader & Support Staff

The group will be led by a professional mountain guide. For groups of 6 and over there will also be an assistant guide. The guides also drive the minibus and cook meals whilst camping.

Spending Money

We recommend you allow £300-350 for your personal expenses, tips and non included dinners, bar bills etc. Your money can be carried in the form of cash (Canadian Dollars) or it is possible to withdraw your money from ATMs using your debit and credit card. There are ATMs in all towns.

Guidance on Tipping

Tipping is the accepted way of saying 'thank you' for good service. It is important to remember that tipping is voluntary and should be dependent on good service. In North America it is the norm to tip for most services and we recommend that you may wish to set aside around CAD\$6-\$12 per day per guide and have a few dollars to tip for meals and other services.

Baggage Allowance

There is no strict weight limit on this holiday other than that imposed by your airline. We do ask you to restrict your luggage to one main bag and a rucksack/backpack. Your main bag will be transported in the support vehicle or attached trailer.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE TRANSITING THROUGH THE USA

You will require an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation), and you must get this before boarding any US-bound aircraft or ship, or entering on a land border. The fee is USD\$21 and you should apply for it at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>. With the ESTA complete, the majority of British Citizen passport holders can enter the US under the Visa Waiver Programme, VWP. You will be required to have a passport with an integrated chip. Note that if you have travelled to Cuba, Iran, Syria or North Korea since March 2011* you will have to apply for a visa rather than the Visa Waiver Programme (* a full and up to date list of countries can be found on the US government website [here](#).)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THOSE TRANSITING THROUGH CANADA

All citizens (except for USA citizens) will require an eTA (Electronic Travel Authorisation), and you must get this before boarding any Canada-bound aircraft or ship, or entering on a land border. The fee is CAD\$7 and you should apply for it at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp>

Visa Canada

All citizens (except for USA citizens) will require an eTA (Electronic Travel Authorisation). You must get this before boarding any Canada-bound aircraft or ship. The fee is CAD\$7 and you should apply for it at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp>

Currency

The unit of currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar.

Climate

The weather in the Canadian Mountains is ever-changing and always unpredictable. Summer days are long, but the summer season is short. July is the warmest month with a mean daily maximum temperature of 22°C. We can expect to encounter temperatures during the day ranging from 18°C to 27°C. Naturally, at the higher elevations on our trip, the daytime temperatures will be lower than this. At night, the temperatures will typically drop to around 10°C. Although the weather is relatively stable at this time of year, we can expect some rainfall as mountains produce their own weather.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: www.travel.state.gov for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Equipment List

The following checklist should help you with your packing. As a general rule, you should try to keep the weight of your equipment to a minimum. Please take only one main bag and one rucksack/backpack.

YOU SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Hiking boots
- Trainers for travelling and casual wear
- Socks Underwear
- Trekking trousers
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof overtrousers
- Baselayer shirt(s)
- T-shirts / casual shirts / tops
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Sunhat
- Warm hat
- Sunglasses
- Gloves
- Daypack
- Sleeping bag (comfort rating 0 degrees Celsius)
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Water bottle (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)

- Water purification tablets
- Washbag and toiletries
- Antibacterial handwash
- Travel towel
- Small padlock
- Insect repellent
- Emergency Whistle

- Basic First Aid Kit including: Antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, insect repellent, plasters, and blister treatment.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE OPTIONAL:

- Shorts
- Gaiters
- Travel clothes
- Travel pillow (inflatable)
- Trekking poles (recommended)
- Pen-knife (always pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Repair kit - (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- Camera
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Cotswold Outdoor

Many of the equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive a 12.5% discount with Cotswold Outdoor, Snow+Rock and Runners Need. The discount code can be downloaded from your MyKE account and you can use this code at the checkout, either in store or online.

Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary, joining at the hotel in Calgary. A single transfer is included from/to Calgary Airport.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London Gatwick to Calgary with Westjet. Outbound flights depart the UK in the afternoon arriving later the same day (day 1 of the Land Only itinerary) and return flights depart Calgary evening of the last day of the Land Only itinerary, arriving in the UK in the morning of the following day.

Why Choose KE

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This unique-to-KE itinerary takes in the best of the Canadian Rockies. Striking a balance between bucket-list locations and quieter hiking trails, we immerse ourselves in nature and the great outdoors on this spectacular walking holiday. A mixture of camping and hostel nights allows us convenient access as we travel through many of Canada's premier national parks along the famous Icefields Parkway. Jaw-dropping panoramas will be our constant companion as we explore the lakes, glaciers, forests and passes of this mountain lover's paradise.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 21/12/2024 and the trip is subject to change