GO AHEAD TOURS



National Parks: Canadian Rockies, Glacier & Yellowstone

11 days

Take in the highlights of some of North America's most alluring national parks on this immersive, multi-country journey. Discover breathtaking wildlife and geographic diversity as you make your way from the Canadian Rockies to the Grand Tetons. Scenic drives, jewel-colored lakes, geothermal marvels, snowy summits—this tour's extraordinary landscapes and natural wonders are sure to leave you in awe.



Your tour package includes

10 nights in handpicked hotels
10 breakfasts
4 dinners with beer or wine
1 tasting
6 sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Banff National Park
Cave and Basin National Historic Site
Lake Louise
Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
Glacier National Park
Old Faithful
The Grand Tetons

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and ice, with some steep inclines and high altitudes.

Group size

15–35

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Calgary, Alberta → 1 night

Day 1: Arrival in Calgary
Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Canada! Settle in to your hotel. Then, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Banff Region → 3 nights

Day 2: Sightseeing tour of Calgary & Banff National Park
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
With your Tour Director leading the way, head out on a guided sightseeing tour of Calgary, site of the 1988 Winter Olympics.

- Drive by City Hall, Canada Olympic Park, and the winding Bow River
- Pass by Fort Calgary and make a photo stop at the vast Calgary Stampede grounds, where an annual festival and tournament-style rodeo are hosted

Make your way to Banff, a glamorous resort town known for its mix of outdoor activities, art galleries, and vibrant culture. Join your Tour Director to explore the natural wonders in Banff National Park, Canada's first national park, this afternoon.

- Pass by Bow Falls, the Banff Springs Hotel, and Lake Minnewanka
- Admire Banff's beautiful landscapes, which are rich in history and home to a wide variety of wildlife
- Enter the Cave and Basin National Historic Site, the birthplace of Canada's first national park

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Lake Louise
Included meals: breakfast
Journey into Banff National Park to Lake Louise, a mirror-like glacial lake known as Canada's diamond in the wilderness.

- Discover a landscape rich in wildlife and history
- Stroll along the glittering shores of Lake Louise and take in staggering vistas of the towering Victoria Glacier
- Visit the grand Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, an iconic hotel located on the lake's eastern shore

Spend a free afternoon in Banff or add an excursion.
+ Sulphur Mountain Gondola Ride

Day 4: Free day in the Banff Region
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a free day in the Banff region or add an excursion.
+ Icefields Parkway & Glacier Experience

Glacier County, Montana → 1 night

Day 5: Glacier County via Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump & Waterton Lakes National Park
Included meals: breakfast, light lunch
Transfer into the United States to Montana today. Before crossing the border, stop to admire some of Alberta's scenic gems.

- Drive south to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO-listed site that serves as a telling remnant from the time of the First Nations people
- Continue on to Waterton Lakes National Park, a picturesque area dotted with rugged mountains and dense wilderness
- Enjoy either afternoon tea at the Prince Wales Hotel, or a lakeside lunch flanked by a curtain of mountains

Please note: Afternoon tea or lakeside lunch is dependent on departure.

Missoula, Montana → 1 night

Day 6: Missoula via Glacier National Park
Included meals: breakfast
Travel along Going-to-the-Sun Road, a national landmark considered to be one of the world's most scenic drives. *(Please note: Activities in Glacier National Park may vary depending on the season and weather conditions.)*

- Marvel at cedar forests, rocky cliffs, and glacial lakes as you wind your way through Glacier National Park, which makes up a portion of the UNESCO-listed International Peace Park
- Appreciate the wilderness of the park and take in the sight of melting glaciers that experts estimate will be gone within the coming decades

Continue in to Kalispell to enjoy free time for lunch. Then, take in views of the changing landscape as you continue on to Missoula. *(Please note: Early June and September departures may overnight in Kalispell instead of Missoula.)*

Yellowstone Region, Montana → 2 nights

Day 7: Yellowstone Region via Butte & Virginia City
Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Learn about the area's history and culture as you make your way to the Yellowstone region today.

- Stop in Butte, which got its start as a gold and silver mining camp in the 1800s
- Learn why the city was once referred to as "The Richest Hill on Earth" before enjoying free time to explore
- Step back in time to the beautifully preserved Old West in Virginia City
- Stroll the boardwalks, view antique automobiles, play the penny arcade games, and view the two-story outhouse

Continue on to the Yellowstone region and sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Yellowstone National Park
Included meals: breakfast
Drive into Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, designated the world's first national park in 1872, to discover its unique landscape and vast array of animal life with your Tour Director leading the way.

- Make a photo stop at the Fountain Paint Pot, a colorful, geothermal mudpot located in the Lower Geyser Basin
- Stroll along the boardwalks around Old Faithful, a famous, frequently erupting cone-type geyser that reaches between 100 and 200 feet high

- Head to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, which was created by the erosive forces of water thousands of years ago
- Stop at the canyon's Upper and Lower Falls for sweeping perspectives of the area at Inspiration Point and Artist Point
- Drive further north to spend free time at the ethereal, terraced Mammoth Hot Springs before making your way back to West Yellowstone

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Jackson, Wyoming → 2 nights

Day 9: Jackson via Grand Teton National Park
Included meals: breakfast
Enjoy a scenic drive to Jackson, one of the West's premier arts communities. Stop along the way for photo ops in Grand Teton National Park, an area that has a human history dating back over 10,000 years.

- Explore the Grand Tetons, the youngest mountain range in the Rockies
- Try to spot elk, coyotes, black bears, wolves, bison and the elusive mountain lion

Then, continue on to Jackson.

Day 10: Free day in Jackson
Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner
Spend a free day in Jackson or add an excursion. Then, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner this evening.
+ Snake River Float

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure
Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/CGY | 1-800-597-0350**

Day 3: Sulphur Mountain Gondola Ride
$85/$95* (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)
Step inside a glass-enclosed gondola and ascend over 2,000 feet up Sulphur Mountain, which is named for the hot springs located on its slopes. Spend time exploring the mountain's main observation deck, where you can enjoy a wide variety of food options, interactive exhibits, a multi-sensory theater, and more. Then, take a stroll along the boardwalk to admire panoramic vistas of snow-capped mountains, the Bow Valley and Banff National Park below, and the Sulphur Mountain Cosmic Ray Station, which is a national historic site of Canada. Please note: Warm clothing including a sweater or jacket is recommended.

Day 4: Icefields Parkway & Glacier Experience
$105 (9 hours, departs in the morning)
Soak in the beauty of one of the most scenic drives in North America as you journey along the Icefields Parkway. Keep your eyes open for a variety of wildlife such as bears, elk, and moose as you drive along this highway, which stretches for almost 150 miles past stunning lakes, soaring mountains, and picturesque valleys. Continue on to the Columbia Icefield Centre, where you'll learn more about Jasper National Park. Enjoy free time for lunch before boarding a snow coach and traveling up to the Athabasca Glacier for a short walk on the ice. Please note: We recommend wearing extra layers and walking shoes or sneakers, as walking may involve steep inclines. This excursion is seasonal and runs from May through mid-October. It is also weather-dependent through late spring and early summer. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

Day 10: Snake River Float
$129 (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)
One of the best ways to see the Grand Tetons—the glorious peaks that surround Jackson—is from the Snake River. On a raft ride, you'll have a great chance of glimpsing some of Wyoming's wildlife, including soaring eagles and graceful elk. You'll also get a firsthand view of the site of Ansel Adams' famous photo. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent and runs seasonally from mid-May through mid-September. Layered clothing and waterproof shoes are recommended. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms