



**UPDATED  
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*"Canadian Splendor — Banff to Jasper"* Rolling Rally  
August 21-29, 2018  
Rally Fee: \$2,700 Per Couple





The Canadian Rockies comprise the Canadian segment of the North American Rocky Mountains. With hundreds of jagged, ice-capped peaks, the Canadian Rockies span the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. This majestic, awe-inspiring mountain range is a region of alpine lakes carved by glaciers, diverse wildlife, outdoor recreation sites, and miles and miles of scenic roads and highways. We hope you enjoy your summer “Canadian Splendor” Marathon Club adventure!

## Event Itinerary

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### Pre-Rally Arrival Day—Monday, August 20

- **Arrive Banff National Park, where we have Sites at Two Adjacent Campgrounds: Tunnel Mountain Trailer Court** (30- or 50-amp power, water and sewer); **and Tunnel Mountain II** (50-amp power, no water and sewer at sites — a dump station and potable water are available)

Because the rally begins Tuesday, there are no activities today; however, today’s site fee is included in your rally fee. *Note: The annual “Individual Discovery Pass” each person will need to buy for the rally’s nine days as they enter Banff National Park is not included in the rally fee (~\$45 p/p for the annual senior pass and ~\$53 p/p for the annual adult pass).*

### Day One—Tuesday, August 21

- **Continue to Arrive Banff National Park, where we have Sites at Two Adjacent Campgrounds: Tunnel Mountain Trailer Court** (30- or 50-amp power, water and sewer); **and Tunnel Mountain II** (50-amp power, no water and sewer at sites — a dump station and potable water are available)
- **Rally Registration** (9:30 – 10:30 am)
- **Board of Directors' Meeting** (11:00 am – 12:30 pm)
- **Social and Dinner Overlooking Banff at the “Juniper Bistro”** (5:00 – 8:30 pm)

### Day Two—Wednesday, August 22

- **Guided Bus Tour of Banff Townsite** (9:00 – 10:50 am). Located at an elevation of 4,500 feet, Banff Townsite is the highest town in Canada. Sights you’ll see during this morning’s tour include Surprise Corner, the Banff Springs Hotel and Bow Falls (these falls were featured in the 1953 Marilyn Monroe film, “River of No Return”). There will also be a one-hour tour at the birthplace of Canada’s national parks, Cave and Basin National Historic Site.
- **Ride the Banff Gondola to the Top of 7,486-Foot Sulphur Mountain**, where you’ll have views of Banff, the Bow Valley and six mountain ranges from the 360-degree rooftop deck. There are three decks to meander through before lunch and a ½-mile self-guided interpretive walkway to the Cosmic Ray Station National Historic Site and Sanson’s Peak Meteorological Station. (11:10 am – 12:15 pm)
- **Lunch at “Sky Bistro” at the Top of Sulphur Mountain** (12:15 – 2:15 pm)
- **Dinner at The Bison Restaurant in the Heart of Banff** (5:30 – 8:00 pm)

### Day Three—Thursday, August 23

- **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES TODAY (choose one):**
  1. **Two-Hour Sundance Loop Horseback Ride along the Bow River** (9:30 – 11:30 am, 16 maximum can participate, 250-lb participant weight limit). This ride is geared toward novice — but also those comfortable-on-a-horse —



participants. You and your horse will do some elevation, going up and down a sometimes rocky trail. The guide will lead the group by Banff's original hot springs along the Bow River, up Sulphur Mountain and around Windy Knoll viewpoint, around a marsh and then back to the stables.

**2. One-Hour Spray River Horseback Ride** (10:00 – 11:00 am and 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, 12 maximum can participate in each timeslot, 250-lb participant weight limit). This ride is geared toward novice participants. Departing from the Spray River Corrals, this group will ride by Bow Falls, past the Banff Springs Golf Course, cross the Spray River, and travel back to the Stables on Sulphur Mountain's wooded trail. You'll ride some minor elevations today.

**3. Visit a Museum and Art Gallery in Banff** (10:30 am – 12:30 pm)  
Our bus will drop those interested at the "Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies," a small museum that gives a snapshot of life in the Rockies over the ages, focusing on local history and the people who played a role in creating Banff. And just a couple blocks away is "Canada House Gallery," which features beautiful regional art in a variety of mediums.

**4. One-Hour "Hoodoo" Raft Float Trip** with Rocky Mountain Raft Tours: 20 people per raft, only the guide rows (11:20 am – 12:20 pm, maximum 40 participants; 1:20 – 2:20 pm, maximum 30 participants). This relaxing trip begins near Bow Falls and the Banff Springs Golf Course. Rafts follow the natural flow of the Bow River, passing between Tunnel Mountain and Mount Rundle and past Hoodoo rock formations. The rapids encountered will be Class 2: Easy rapids with smaller waves, clear channels that are obvious without scouting.

- **Lunch On Your Own & Free Afternoon to Explore Banff Townsite.** Some suggestions include: "Canada House Gallery," which features regional art in a variety of mediums; "Whyte Museum of

the Canadian Rockies," a small museum that gives a snapshot of life in the Rockies over the ages, focusing on local history and the people who played a role in creating Banff; "Buffalo Nations Luxton Museum," where you can learn about First Nations' cultures, traditions and their life in North America; take a one-hour narrated boat cruise on nearby Lake Minnewanka (cruises take place every hour, advance reservations are necessary).

- **Dinner & Entertainment at Fairmont Banff Springs' Stanley's Smokehouse** (5:30 – 9:00 pm) Located on the hotel's golf course, this venue has floor-to-ceiling windows with mountain views; also, the building sits next to a wildlife corridor.

#### Day Four—Friday, August 24

##### DEPART BANFF & RELOCATE TO LAKE LOUISE TRAILER CAMPGROUND

- **Depart by 11:00 am and Drive 45 Minutes to Lake Louise Trailer Campground** (our sites have 30-amp power, no water and sewer — a dump station and potable water are available)
- **Dinner in the Victoria Ballroom at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise with a Spectacular View of Lake Louise — "Dressy" Attire is Requested** (5:00 – 8:30 pm)

#### Day Five—Saturday, August 25

- **Guided Bus Tour of Lake Louise Area Highlights** (9:00 – 11:30 am)  
The first stop is at glacier-fed Moraine Lake in the Valley of the Ten Peaks. The buses will then travel the Bow Valley Parkway in hopes of seeing wildlife such as bighorn sheep, coyote, wolf and bear.
- **Lunch at "The Station" Restaurant in Lake Louise Hamlet** (11:45 am – 1:15 pm)  
This beautiful historic building used to be Lake Louise's train station.
- **After Lunch, the Rest of the Day is "On Your Own"** (our buses will provide shuttle service between the campground and Lake Louise from 1:15 to 4:45 pm). Situated in a hanging valley, Lake Louise is the most famous glacial lake in the Canadian Rockies. This is a gorgeous spot with a



variety of things to do: rent a canoe at the lake's canoe house and paddle around the lake, stroll on the lake's walking path, take the 2 ¼ mile uphill hike to Lake Agnes Tea House, or explore the hotel and its many shops.

- **FREE NIGHT.** Some suggested dinner spots are: Deer Lodge, Moraine Lake Dining Room and the Post Hotel.

**Day Six—Sunday, August 26  
DEPART LAKE LOUISE & RELOCATE  
TO THE COLUMBIA ICEFIELD, THEN JASPER'S  
WHISTLER CAMPGROUND**

- **After Caravaning 1 ¾ Hours North, Coaches Arrive by 10:00 or 11:00 am & Park at the Columbia Icefield Discovery Centre Lower Parking Lot**
- **Columbia Icefield Tour/Glacier Skywalk Experience** (our tour timeslots are 11:00 am – 1:45 pm and 12:00 – 3:00 pm). The Icefield Tour is one-of-a-kind. After boarding an "Ice Explorer" vehicle, you'll be driven onto the Athabasca Glacier. If you've never stood on a glacier before or drank glacier water, this is your chance. After the Icefield Tour, you'll take a shuttle bus to the Glacier Skywalk, suspended 919 feet over the Sunwapta Valley, for views of glaciers, waterfalls and mountain peaks. The Skywalk's glass-floored platform extends 35 meters out from the edge of the cliff face.
- **Depart Discovery Centre Parking Lot & Drive 1 ¼ Hours to Whistler Campground in Jasper National Park** (half of our sites have 30-amp power, water and sewer, the other half have 30-amp power only — water and a dump station are available).
- **FREE NIGHT**

**Day Seven—Monday, August 27**

- **Today is a FREE DAY, however, we have set up two activities for those interested:**
  1. **Play Golf with Fellow Attendees at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge Golf Course — Pre-Registration is Required**

(8:30 am – 1:00 pm, ~\$125 per person, not included in the rally fee). This 18-hole, par 71 course, designed by Stanley Thompson, features elevated tee boxes, dramatic bunkers and vistas that scan the surrounding mountain peaks.

2. **Indulge in a Spa Treatment at Jasper Park Lodge.** Have a manicure, pedicure, massage — the Lodge has all this and more (treatments are not included in the rally fee)
- **Rustic Barbecue Dinner Outside at Treefoil Lake on Jasper Park Lodge Property (5:00 – 8:30 pm)**

**Day Eight—Tuesday, August 28**

- **Maligne Valley Wildlife & Waterfalls Tour and Maligne Lake Cruise** with Maligne Adventures (9:00 am – 3:30 pm)  
This tour takes you through 28 miles of spectacular scenery. The first stop, 30 minutes at Maligne Canyon, will let everyone explore two bridges, offering views of the cascading waterfall and erosion of the ancient limestone.  
As the buses continue into the valley, you will rise into sub-alpine forests and view the expanding ranges of limestone rising out of Medicine Lake. This disappearing lake changes seasonally as the flow rates of melt waters fill and empty its basin. From Medicine Lake the buses will continue up through forest that is habitat for moose and bear.  
After enjoying lunch at Maligne Lake Chalet, everyone will board boats at Maligne Lake for a 1 ½-hour boat tour. This part of today's excursion showcases the blue green glacial water of Maligne Lake, while the guides share the human and geologic history of the area. This journey stops at Spirit Island, where the group can take photos of the lake and surrounding mountains.
- **Farewell Dinner & Dancing at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge in the Beauvert Ballroom — "Dressy Casual" Attire is Requested (5:00 – 9:00 pm)**

**Day Nine—Wednesday, August 29**

- **The Rally is Over. Please Depart by 11:00 am.**