

## **BANFF OPTIONAL TOURS 2020**

### **SUMMER TOURS**

**Pricing is subject to changes**

#### **DISCOVER THE GRIZZLY BEARS**

**\$256**

**Duration:** 10 hours

**Departure:** Daily @ 0830hrs  
Jun 01 - Sep 30, 2019

**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free

This morning you will be picked up from the hotel at 0830hrs for the full day Discover the Grizzly Bears tour. This tour offers a rare opportunity to observe the orphaned grizzly bear Boo as he romps and plays in natural bear habitat. This guided interpretive tour to the Grizzly Bear Refuge also includes stops at Emerald Lake and Takakkaw Falls, as well as a gondola ride to dine at Canada's highest restaurant with views of the Purcell and Rocky Mountains.

With so much packed into this tour it's a favourite of our guiding team and an experience you don't want to miss out on.

Highlights include Emerald Lake, Takakkaw Falls, Kicking Horse Canyon, Grizzly Bear refuge tour, Sightseeing gondola ride (admission included), Spiral Tunnels, and a Mountain top lunch (included). Upon conclusion of the tour you will be transferred back to the hotel.

#### **DISCOVER BANFF & IT'S WILDLIFE TOUR**

**\$82**

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Departure:** Daily @ 0830hrs  
Apr 15 - Nov 30, 2019

**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free

This morning you will be picked up from the hotel at 0815hrs for the 3 hour Discover Banff & It's Wildlife Tour. Build a connection to this World Heritage Site on a trademark sightseeing tour visiting Banff's landmarks and historic places. Hear how the 11,000 year old human history of the Bow Valley changed when three railway workers rediscovered the Cave & Basin, now a historical site. Time will be spent enjoying the sights, taking photos, and participating in short walks to view points, on the many stops of the tour. Tour highlights include Bow Falls, Banff Springs Hotel, Surprise Corner, Hoodoos & Bow Valley Viewpoint, Lake Minnewanka and Bankhead (an abandoned mining town and relic of Banff's industrial past), Refreshment and maple cookies. Upon conclusion of the tour you will be transferred back to the hotel. Drop off is available at the Banff Gondola. Please advise the driver at time of boarding if you would like to be dropped off there.

#### **EVENING WILDLIFE SAFARI**

**\$65**

**Duration:** 2 Hours

**Departure:** Apr 15 - May 09 Departs Daily @ 1830hrs  
May 10 - Jul 31 Departs Daily @ 1930hrs  
Aug 01 - Sep 09 Departs Daily @ 1830hrs  
Sep 10 - Oct 08 Departs Daily @ 1730hrs

**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free

Today you will be picked up from the hotel at 1830hrs for the 2 hour Evening Wildlife Safari Tour.

This sightseeing and wildlife seeking tour travels through a variety of landscapes giving you the best chance to observe animals in their natural environment. Learn what is threatening wildlife today and how the National Parks strive to protect animals and their habitat. Leave the Safari with a greater understanding of the land and animals that are seen on 95% of departures.

Upon conclusion of the tour you will be transferred back to the hotel.

#### **DISCOVER LAKE LOUISE & MORAINÉ LAKE**

**\$98**

**Duration:** 4.5 Hours

**Departure:** Daily @ 1330hrs  
Apr 22 - Oct 08, 2019

**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free

This afternoon you will be picked up from the hotel at 1330hrs for the 4.5 hour Discover Lake Louise & Moraine Lake tour. On this afternoon sightseeing tour visit the "Jewel of the Canadian Rockies," Lake Louise & the world renowned Moraine Lake - both are part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site and you will have time to take photos and explore their shorelines. Learn about

mountaineering history and how a tragic accident at Lake Louise shaped Canadian mountain culture. Finally, walk to a viewpoint in the Valley of Ten Peaks overlooking Moraine Lake. Highlights include Bow Valley Parkway, Baker Creek Mountain Resort, Lake Louise, Chateau Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, Refreshment and maple cookies.

**TASTE & EXPLORE SIGHTSEEING TOUR**

**\$381**

**Duration:** 9.5 Hours

**Departure:** Jun 13 - Oct 06, 2019

Thursday to Sunday @ 0830hrs

**Remarks:** Minimum age 18 years

Today, you will be collected from the hotel at 0830hrs for the full day Taste & Explore Sightseeing Tour.

Explore some of the most treasured places in Banff and Yoho national parks before taking a break at the historic Deer Lodge for an authentic Rocky Mountain lunch. Finally, round out the day on the shores of stunning Moraine Lake and then finish with a short hike at Johnston Canyon.

Highlights include Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake, Takkakaw Falls\*, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, and Johnston Canyon. Morning tea and organic coffee served with Chef Selection of house made scones and muffins at Emerald Lake Lodge. Gourmet lunch at Historic Deer Lodge served with one Alberta Craft Beer or a glass of British Columbia Wine.

Potential alternate stops are Johnston Canyon, Marble Canyon, Field Visitor Centre, and Natural Rock Bridge. The itinerary will be at drivers discretion on day of travel.

*Note: Takkakaw Falls road is subject to road closures based on weather conditions.*

**LAKE MINNEWANKA CRUISE**

**\$74**

**Duration:** 1 Hour

**Departure:** Operates Daily: Hours of operation (Subject to change)

May 17 - Jun 08 Mon- Thurs 1100hrs, 1300hrs, 1500hrs, 1700hrs

May 17 - Jun 08 Fri- Sun 1100hrs - 1700hrs

Jun 09 - Jun 28 Fri - Sun 1000hrs - 1700hrs

Jun 29 - Sep 03 Daily 1000hrs - 1800hrs

Sep 04 - Oct 06 Daily 1000hrs - 1700hrs

**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free

Today, please make your own way to Lake Minnewanka for the Banff Lake cruise. Lake Minnewanka is just a 15 minute drive from the town site of Banff along the Minnewanka Loop Drive, in Banff National Park. Driving here in a car with GPS. Enter the following coordinates into your GPS unit: Latitude 51°14.851 N and Longitude 115°30.037 W.

This interpretive boat tour of magnificent Lake Minnewanka will immerse you in a rugged wilderness steeped in history, Aboriginal folklore and geology. Nestled in the heart of Banff National Park, Lake Minnewanka offers some of the most interesting and spectacular scenery found anywhere in the Canadian Rockies. For more than 10,000 years people have hunted and camped along these shores and now you too can discover its wild nature and hidden wonders.

**EXPLORE BANFF (INCLUDING GONDOLA)**

**\$168**

**Duration:** 4.5 Hours

**Departure:** Daily @ 0830hrs

May 01 - Oct 14, 2019

**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free

This morning you will be collected from the hotel at 0830hrs for the 4.5 hour Explore Banff Tour including Gondola. Learn about the people, geology and wildlife while exploring the spectacular sights of the renowned mountain town of Banff. This excursion is highlighted with a journey on the Banff Gondola for a 360° view of six mountain ranges that surround the town. After a brief stop at Lake Minnewanka you will be dropped off at the hotel. Tour highlights include; Bow Falls, Tunnel Mountain Drive, Hoodoo's, Surprise Corner, Lake Minnewanka Loop, Two Jack Viewpoint and Banff Gondola admission.

**EXPLORE BANFF TOUR (INCLUDING GONDOLA & LAKE CRUISE)****\$210****Duration:** 6 Hours**Departure:** Daily @ 0830hrs  
Jun 01 - Oct 08, 2019**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free

This morning you will be collected from the hotel at 0830hrs for the 6 hour Explore Banff Tour including Gondola & Lake Cruise.

Learn about the people, geology and wildlife while exploring the spectacular sights of the renowned mountain town of Banff. This excursion is highlighted with a journey on the Banff Gondola for a 360° view of six mountain ranges that surround the town. After a 1 hour cruise on Lake Minnewanka you will be transferred back to the hotel. Tour highlights include; Bow Falls, Tunnel Mountain Drive, Hoodoo's, Surprise Corner, Lake Minnewanka Loop, Lake Minnewanka Cruise, Two Jack Viewpoint and Banff Gondola admission.

**MOUNTAIN LAKES & WATERFALLS****\$218****Duration:** 9.5 Hours**Departure:** Daily @ 0830hrs  
May 01 - Oct 17, 2019**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free

This morning you will be collected from the hotel at 0830hrs for a full day Mountain, Lakes and Waterfalls Tour.

Visit the most treasured spots in the Canadian Rockies on this remarkable excursion through Banff and Yoho National Parks. Experience the evolution of land and discover how it has shaped the appearance of the spectacular natural wonders found in these mountain settings. Some of the incredible sights include the unforgettable Lake Louise, Victoria Glacier, Moraine Lake and the magnificent Takakkaw Falls, all surrounded by soaring mountain peaks. A BBQ lunch at Emerald Lake Lodge is included. Journey across the Great Divide and experience the awe and wonder of Yoho National Park before returning back the hotel late this afternoon. Highlights include Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, Valley of the Ten Peaks, Spiral Tunnels, Takakkaw Falls, BBQ lunch at Emerald Lake Lodge, light snacks & refreshments.

*\*Takakkaw Falls road is subject to road closures based on weather conditions.*

*Note: When Takakkaw Falls & Moraine Lake access is unavailable due to road closures, alternative sightseeing stops will be provided. Potential alternate stops are Johnston Canyon, Marble Canyon, Field Visitor Centre, and Natural Rock Bridge.*

**VIA FERRATA: EXPLORER ROUTE – CLIMBING TOUR****\$196****Duration:** 2.5 Hours**Departure:** Daily @ 0900hrs, 1530hrs  
Jun 14 - Sep 08, 2019**Remarks:** Minimum age 12 years

Today please take the free shuttle from Banff Townsite to the departure point for the 2.5 hour Via Ferrata: Explorer Route – Climbing Tour. Please be at the shuttle stop 10 minutes before departure time and look out for the Banff Norquay Bus).

Experience an introduction to climbing Via Ferrata in the Rockies. After explaining the equipment, your certified guide takes you climbing along fixed anchors, cables and ladders before you cross a suspension bridge. Chairlift admission is included.

Note: No climbing experience necessary.

**SIGNATURE HIKES****\$121****Duration:** 7 Hours**Departure:** Daily @ 0800hrs  
Jun 01 - Oct 14, 2019**Remarks:** Minimum age 13 years

This morning you will be collected from the hotel at 0800hrs for the Signature Hikes Tour.

Join the hiking guides on a full day tour that includes 3-5 hours of hiking time. Share the passion for the mountains with local guides on the classic hikes of the Banff and Lake Louise area. Hikes include Stanley Glacier, Larch Valley, Healy Pass, Ha Ling Summit, Plain of 6 Glaciers. Guests must have sturdy footwear and dress in layers in case of weather changes. The tour includes; hiking poles, binoculars and a packed lunch. Return to the hotel.

**GLACIERS, LAKES AND PEAKS OF LAKE LOUISE - HIKING TOUR****\$174****Duration:** 6.5 Hours**Departs:** Departs Mon, Thurs, Sat @ 0730hrs  
Jun 01 - Oct 15, 2019**Remarks:** Minimum age 8 years

Today you will be picked up from the hotel at 0730hrs for the 6.5 hour Glaciers, Lakes and Peaks of Lake Louise – Hiking Tour.

Discover the majestic mountain views and turquoise lakes of Lake Louise and Moraine Lake with an active discovery tour of Banff National Park. Enjoy short guided hikes showcasing the best of the Canadian Rockies, a gondola ride to access breathtaking views, and a hot lunch.

This tour is focused on learning about the natural landscape of the Rockies. If you are keen to learn about mountain building, geography or about rockies' wildlife and ecology, then join one a professional naturalists on this close-up look at nature in the mountains.

Inclusions: Lake Louise Gondola admission, buffet Lunch at Lake Louise Gondola, use of hiking poles, day packs and binoculars.

Note: Dress appropriate for the day's weather. Temperatures in Lake Louise can be colder than Banff; dress in layers and bring a waterproof jacket, sunscreen, and your camera.

**RIVER EXPLORER TOUR****\$71****Duration:** 1.5 Hours**Departure:** Daily @ 1100hrs, 1300hrs, 1530hrs  
Jun 01 - Sep 30, 2019**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free. Children need to fit into the life jacket provided.

Today, please make you own way to Wolf Street and Bow Avenue for the 1.5 hour River Explorer Tour (approximately 5 min walk from the centre of town).

Experience the thrill of paddling in a Voyageur canoe. Relive the late 1800's when these boats were used to transport pelts during the fur trade era. This Canoe Tour on the Bow River in Banff is a fun & interactive way to explore the waterways of Banff National Park. No paddling experience necessary. Tour includes safety equipment.

**EAT THE CASTLE AT THE FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL****\$232****Duration:** 2 Hours**Departure:** Thurs & Fri @ 1500hrs  
May 02 - Oct 18, 2019  
(Not operating: May 12, July 01)**Remarks:** Minimum age 14 years

Please make your own way to meeting location at STOCK Food and Drink eatery in the lobby of the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, 405 Spray Avenue, Banff. Please ask for Alberta Food Tours and the staff at the restaurant will show you to the table where the guide will welcome you. Enjoy luxurious food and beverage pairings at a relaxing pace with a storytelling local guide who will share the stories behind this iconic setting.

The tour starts off with refreshments while also taking a sneak peak into how the hotel sources some "mile zero" ingredients year round despite living in a winter zone six months a year.

The tour progresses into the heart of the hotel for fine French Brasserie fare at the newly refurbished Vermillion Room. Visit Grapes Wine Bar and 1888 Chophouse before they open to the public and be treated to exquisite house made ingredients.

Non-alcoholic tastings are included for clients under the age of 18.

Dietary restrictions can be accommodated with advance notice. Please dress accordingly to the weather. Comfortable shoes for walking are recommended.

**BANFF GONDOLA****\$75****Departure:** Operates Daily: Hours of operation (Subject to change)

Jan 01 - 15 Mar Wed - Sun 1000hrs – 2030hrs

Jan 01 - 15 Mar Mon - Tues 1000hrs – 1630hrs

Mar 16 - May 15 0900hrs - 2030hrs

May 16 - Sep 15 0800hrs – 2130hrs

Sep 16 - Oct 15 0800hrs - 2030hrs

Oct 16 - Dec 15 Wed - Sun 1000hrs - 2030hrs

Oct 16 - Dec 15 Mon - Tues 1000hrs – 1630hrs

Dec 16 - Dec 31 1000hrs - 2030hrs

\*Schedule is based on 2018 and subject to change\*

(Closed for annual maintenance: Jan 07 - 18, 2019)

**Remarks:** Children 5 years & under free.

Today, please make your own way to the base of Sulphur Mountain for the Banff Gondola. Admission is included for use at any time between 0800hrs and 2100hrs.

The Banff Gondola is a breathtaking ascent to the pinnacle of Sulphur Mountain for an awe inspiring 360-degree panorama of sheer mountain majesty.

**MOUNT NORQUAY SIGHTSEEING CHAIRLIFT****\$43****Duration:** 15 Minutes**Departure:** Jun 14 - Sep 08 Departs Daily @ 0900hrs – 1830hrs

Sep 09 - Oct 14 Departs Daily @ 1000hrs – 1830hrs

**Remarks:** Minimum age 2 years, Children 2-5 years are free

Today please take the complimentary shuttle from the hotel to Mt Norquay for the 15 minute Sightseeing Chair Lift.

Enjoy a 15-minute open air chairlift ride at Banff Mt Norquay, presenting a captivating view of Banff seldom seen in the summer. Spectacular views include the town of Banff, Spray and Bow Valleys, and the stunning jagged edges of Mount Rundle. Relax over a snack or meal, craft brews or a glass of wine at the Cliff House Bistro at the top.

**BOW RIVER RIDE HORSEBACK ADVENTURE****\$74****Duration:** 1 – 1.5 Hours**Departure:** Daily on the Hour between 0900hrs and 1500hrs

Apr 11 – Oct 21 2019

**Remarks:** Minimum age requirements for the trail rides is 8 years

Maximum weight limit is 250lbs

Today, please make your own way to the departure point at Warner Stables just off Cave Avenue, Banff for the 1 hour Bow River Ride Horseback Adventure. Please arrive at the stables 30 minutes prior to departure. Be guided through the Cave & Basin - the original historic hot springs. The trail loops around the marsh following the Bow River back to Banff Trail Riders.

**SUNDANCE LOOP RIDE HORSEBACK ADVENTURE****\$138****Duration:** 2 – 2.5 Hours**Departure:** Daily @ 1230hrs

Apr 26 - Oct 07, 2019

**Remarks:** Minimum age requirements for the trail rides is 8 years

Maximum weight limit is 250lbs

Today please make your own way to the Warner Stables just off Cave Avenue, Banff for the 2 hour Sundance Loop Ride Horseback Adventure departing at 1230hrs. Please arrive at the stables 30 minutes prior to departure. The cowboys will lead you through the Cave & Basin-the original hot springs-along the Bow River. Fantastic scenery surrounds as you climb up Sulphur Mountain around the Windy Knoll viewpoint. The ride loops around the marsh, following the Bow River, bringing you back to Banff Trail Riders.

**COWBOY HORSEBACK COOKOUT – LUNCH****\$176****COWBOY HORSEBACK COOKOUT – DINNER****\$188****Duration:** 3 - 3 ½ Hours**Departure:** May 03 - Sep 02 Departs Daily @ 1130hrs, 1700hrs

Sep 03 - Sep 22 Departs Daily @ 1130hrs, 1600hrs

Sep 23 - Oct 07 Departs Daily @ 1600hrs

**Remarks:** Minimum age requirements for the trail rides is 8 years

Children 7 years & under will be taken to the BBQ site by covered wagon and have to be accompanied in the wagon by an adult.

Maximum weight limit is 250lbs

Today, please make your own way to Warner Stables, located on Sundance Road, just off Cave Avenue for the Cowboy Horseback Cookout departing at 1100hrs. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to departure.

Enjoy a leisurely one-hour trail ride to the BBQ site, located near the Sundance Canyon trail. Try your hand at roping, challenge friends to a game of horseshoes or relax in the picnic area, while our cook prepares your steak to order. After a hearty meal ride back to Warner Stables for an hour along the banks of the Bow River. Children 6 years & under will be taken to the BBQ site by covered wagon and have to be accompanied in the wagon by an adult. The menu includes; BBQ Steak, Home-made Baked Beans, Baked Potatoes Caesar Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Juice.

### **BOW RIVER NATURE FLOAT**

**\$80**

**Duration:** 3 Hours (2 Hours on the River)

**Departure:** Daily @ 1840hrs  
May 01 - Oct 01, 2019

**Remarks:** Minimum age 4 years

Today you will be picked up from the hotel at 1800hrs for the Bow River Nature Float. Sit back and enjoy the grandeur of the Canadian Rocky Mountains while floating on the magnificent Bow River. This leisurely river float offers excellent opportunities to view Beaver, Elk, Osprey and more. Enjoy close up views of the Three Sisters Mountain and some of the tallest peaks in the Rockies front range. A short nature stop allows viewing of wildflower, plants and an opportunity to take some pictures. Twilight tours can offer great Alpine lighting and increased beaver activity. The experienced river guides will share information on the Bow Valley's natural and local history. The ultimate experience to get up-front and personal with the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

Please bring a camera, warm sweater, comfortable footwear. The tour includes Professional River Guides, binocular, life Vest and Hot or cold beverages.

### **BOW HORSESHOE CANYON RIVER RAFTING**

**\$112**

**Duration:** 4 hours (2 hours on river)

**Departs:** Daily @ 0820hrs  
Jun 01 - Sep 15, 2019

**Remarks:** Minimum age 12 yrs. Minimum weight requirement is 90lbs/40Kg.

Today, you will be picked up from the hotel at 0740hrs for the 4 hour (2 hours on river) Bow Horseshoe Canyon River Rafting.

Enjoy a half day whitewater tour that offers folks rafting thrills and excitement close to Banff, Canmore and Calgary. The Bow River Horseshoe Canyon section has spectacular scenery, big waves and grade 3 to 4 whitewater. Located in the front ranges of the Rockies the Horseshoe offers some of the best scenery in the area. The Bow River gives a sense of remoteness complete with shale canyons and excellent opportunities to view large birds of prey. The tour will stop to let our guests experience an optional cliff jump along the way. A great tour for a quick whitewater fix and mountain thrill.

Please bring a swimsuit, towel, fleece sweater and bag for dry clothes.