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Can't decide between biking and hiking in the Canadian Rockies? You don't have to. We've combined our two favorite activities with the region's most stunning locations to create a terrific family trip that allows you to experience the awesome grandeur of southwestern Alberta. Come bike and hike in Banff and Jasper National Parks with Trip Leaders who know the region intimately. Spin past glaciers inching their way down the faces of mighty peaks. Trek to lakes in crayon-box hues of deepest blue and emerald green. Enjoy a scenic Class II float trip on the Athabasca River, a route followed by early traders and trappers. Come evening, indulge in the warmth and splendor of majestic mountain retreats.

DAY 1

Meet your Backroads Trip Leaders (the folks wearing Backroads T-shirts) at 9 a.m. at Rundlestone Lodge in Banff. The lodge is located at 537 Banff Avenue. **Please arrive dressed in your biking clothes.** See "Arriving & Departing" for additional logistics information.

BOW VALLEY BIKING ROUTE 36 MILES

SHORTER OPTION: CASTLE JUNCTION 20 MILES WITH SHUTTLE

KIDS OPTION: 7 MILES WITH SHUTTLE

JOHNSTON CANYON HIKE 1–3 MILES

Welcome to the Canadian Rockies! After meeting, your Backroads Trip Leaders fit your bike and give a brief demonstration of biking techniques and safety. Then it's time to head out on our first ride, through the town of Banff toward Lake Louise. Today's route passes towering peaks, virgin forests and the blue-green water of the Bow River, so named because the early Cree Indians made hunting bows from wood near its banks. After stopping for a bountiful picnic lunch at Johnston Canyon, you can take a short scenic hike up the canyon to a series of stunning waterfalls.

Hop back on your bike and ride to the Post Hotel & Spa. Lauded on *Condé Nast Traveler's* Gold List and winner of a *Travel+Leisure's* World's Best Award, this luxurious retreat is known for its magnificent spa and saline pool, superlative cuisine, and stylish interiors. This evening we gather for a reception followed by an elegant dinner in the hotel's private dining room. *Lodging: Post Hotel & Spa*

DAY 2

PLAIN OF SIX GLACIERS TEAHOUSE HIKE (ADULTS) 6.2 MILES (1,200-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

INTERPRETIVE WALK & ACTIVITIES (KIDS) 5 HOURS

A 10-minute shuttle brings us to lovely Lake Louise, a World Heritage site located at 5,680 feet, and one of the most photographed areas in the Rockies. You'll understand why when you see the reflection of Mount Victoria in its shimmering blue-green waters. A special day is in store for the youngsters. A Backroads leader teams up with a local kids naturalist to lead them on an exploration of the mountains, bringing the region's wildlife, landscape and



POST HOTEL & SPA
(2 nights) A prestigious Relais & Châteaux member, where regional art accents natural pine beams and river stone fireplaces. It offers "the perfect blend of Old World quality and New World sophistication," according to *Ski* magazine.
Lake Louise
phone: 800-661-1586
or 403-522-3989
WWW.POSTHOTEL.COM

NUM-TI-JAH LODGE
(1 night) Founded by legendary outfitter Jimmy Simpson in 1923, this rustic and simple retreat "huddles cozy warm on the edge of icy blue Bow Lake," according to *National Geographic Traveler*.
Bow Lake
phone: 403-522-2167
www.num-ti-jah.com

FAIRMONT JASPER PARK LODGE
(2 nights) A *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List hotel on the shore of Lake Beauvert offering abundant amenities, from its full-service spa to tennis, golfing, boating and horseback riding.
Jasper, Alberta
phone: 780-852-3301
www.jasperparklodge.com

**With 1 Casual Inn night at Num-Ti-Jah Lodge*

**EACH YEAR,
3 OUT OF 4 OF OUR
GUESTS HAVE
PREVIOUSLY
TRAVELED WITH US OR
BEEN REFERRED BY
SOMEONE WHO HAS**

environment to life through engaging educational activities. Beginning from renowned Château Lake Louise, parents walk along the shoreline before ascending through the barren rocky landscape created by the Victoria Glacier. Keep an eye out for mountain goats, pikas and hoary marmots that make their homes in the boulder fields, and be sure to stop and take in the spectacular views behind you.

A 1,200-foot climb brings us to the Plain of Six Glaciers Teahouse, nestled among pine trees with amazing views of Mount Victoria and the six surrounding glaciers. (The teahouses we visit today were built in the 1800s by the Canadian Pacific Railway to accommodate the wives of Swiss guides.) After lunch at the teahouse, you can forge ahead to Lake Agnes along the Highline Trail and past Mirror Lake, also known as "the Goat's Looking Glass." The route offers breathtaking glimpses of Lake Louise and brings today's total elevation gain to 1,800 feet. Back at the hotel, indulge in a treatment at the Post's new 3,200-square-foot Temple Mountain Spa. (Please note that spa treatments are not included in the trip price; advance reservations are necessary and should be made for after 3 p.m.). This evening, adults sit down to another epicurean meal in the renowned dining room, praised by *Travel+Leisure* as one of the best hotel dining experiences in North America. Kids are invited to their own pizza party at nearby Lake Louise Inn. *Lodging: Post Hotel & Spa*

DAY 3

BOW LAKE BIKING ROUTE 37 MILES

SHORTER OPTION: MOSQUITO CREEK 29 MILES WITH SHUTTLE

KIDS OPTION: 14 MILES WITH SHUTTLE

OPTIONAL BOW FALLS HIKE 5.7 MILES (500-FOOT ELEVATION GAIN)

On this spectacular day of riding, you'll shadow the Continental Divide and cruise along the Icefields Parkway, over rolling hills with sweeping views of glaciers and forests. Stop at Mosquito Creek for a picnic lunch before continuing toward the Crowfoot Glacier, perched high on a mountain face. The Crowfoot is an interesting example of how glaciers are formed: notice how the mountain walls act as a catch basin for snow, which then accumulates and hardens under its own weight.

Today's ride ends at the modest Num-Ti-Jah Lodge, situated on the shore of incredibly blue Bow Lake. Jimmy Simpson, a mountain guide and big-game hunter associated with many legends and tall tales, founded this historic pioneer lodge. If you arrive early in the afternoon and would like to explore the area, hike up to a dramatic viewpoint of 328-foot Bow Falls, whose waters flow from the Wapta Icefield into Bow Lake. *Lodging: Num-Ti-Jah Lodge*

DAY 4

SHUTTLE TO COLUMBIA ICEFIELDS 1 HOUR, 15 MINUTES

ATHABASCA GLACIER WALK 2 HOURS

SHUTTLE TO ATHABASCA RIVER 1 HOUR 15 MINUTES

ATHABASCA RIVER RAFTING 2 HOURS

After breakfast we head to the frigid terrain of the Columbia Icefields, the largest of the chain of ice fields along the Great Divide separating Alberta and British Columbia. As you look at this icy landscape, consider that the meltwater generated by this enormous ice field will eventually flow down to feed three different oceans: Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic. In the company of certified mountain guides, we strap on crampons and set out on an interpretive walk on the surface of the Athabasca Glacier, a massive river of ice riddled with an estimated 30,000 crevasses. (Note: minimum age for the ice walk is 6.)



Top Reasons Why you should take this trip

We provide a variety of route options so you can do as much or as little activity as you like each day.

You'll stay in the area's finest hotels, each carefully selected based on our rigorous quality standards.

You'll enjoy the best of the region's cuisine, as well as Backroads' trademark grand picnics.

Our Trip Leaders have undergone hundreds of hours of training and are the best in the industry.

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FOR A TRIP, YOU'LL
RECEIVE A
COMPREHENSIVE
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WITH ALL THE
INFORMATION YOU
NEED TO PLAN
AND PREPARE**

Following the ice walk, we shuttle to the Athabasca River. Here, a scenic guided Class II float trip provides a new perspective on the Canadian Rockies landscape—as well as more chances to see wildlife. (Note: minimum age for rafting is also 6.) Climb into sturdy rafts and follow a route used by early fur traders and explorers, riding the Athabasca's mellow glacier-fed rapids. Afterward, a brief shuttle brings us to our home for the next two evenings, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, ranked among the world's best resorts by *Condé Nast Traveler*. Take a late-afternoon dip in the indoor/outdoor pool or enjoy a muscle-soothing soak in the hot tub. This evening you and your family are on your own for dinner; feel free to either venture out and sample the fare in downtown Jasper or choose from among our lodge's several restaurants. *Lodging: Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge*

DAY 5

CLIMBING JASPER ROCK (KIDS) 5 HOURS

SHUTTLE TO MALIGNE LAKE (ADULTS) 1 HOUR

JASPER PARK LODGE BIKING ROUTE 29 MILES

LONGER OPTION: JASPER TOWNSITE 37 MILES

OPTIONAL MALIGNE CANYON HIKE 1.6 MILES

Today, kids join a Backroads leader and an accredited local Mountain Guide for a fun-filled introduction to climbing (weather permitting). The opportunity to safely scale and rappel off of some of the region's rocky terrain is an exhilarating and unforgettable activity (note: minimum age for climbing instruction is 6 years old).

Meanwhile, adults shuttle to Maligne Lake, one of Jasper National Park's best-known natural attractions. The Canadian Rockies' longest and deepest lake, Maligne is world renowned for its intense blue-green color. Take in this beautiful view before hopping on your bike for an exhilarating downhill ride interspersed with some rolling hills. The route provides great opportunities for spotting bear, moose, deer and elk, so keep your eyes peeled. Stop along the way for a short hike at Maligne Canyon—250 feet deep in places, yet sometimes scarcely more than 3 feet wide; it's said to be the longest, deepest and most interesting canyon in the Rockies.

Back at the hotel, take advantage of the resort's amenities: canoe on Lake Beauvert, investigate the picture-perfect surroundings on horseback, or indulge in a spa treatment (These activities are not included in trip price. Advance reservations for the spa are recommended and should be made for after 3 p.m.) We reconvene tonight for a celebratory farewell dinner. *Lodging: Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge*

DAY 6

VALLEY OF THE FIVE LAKES HIKE 3.3 MILES

SHUTTLE TO BANFF 4 HOURS

This morning we hike through pristine mountain wilderness at the Valley of the Five Lakes, along the shores of the valley's jade-green namesakes and through the habitats of mule deer, elk, beaver and coyote. In midsummer, you may be lucky enough to see mountain orchids in bloom. After the walk, we shuttle back to Banff, where we say our goodbyes. See "Arriving & Departing" for end of trip logistics.



Route Rating to map your activity level

Backroads' route rating system is the most comprehensive and accurate in the travel industry. To find out how these ratings translate into varying levels of physical challenge and activity, please visit our Web site —www.backroads.com— and select the route rating button for the trip of your choice.

LEVEL 2

21-30 miles/day (biking)
5-7 miles/day (walking)
2-4 hours/day

LEVEL 3

31-40 miles/day (biking)
7-9 miles/day (walking)
3-5 hours/day

LEVEL 4

41-55+ miles/day (biking)
9-11 miles/day (walking)
4-6 hours/day

On this Family Trip, our routes follow gentle terrain with no significant gain or loss in elevation. Liberal van shuttling is incorporated into the itinerary to facilitate our activities and mileage is kept moderate to enable you to spend more time exploring on your own

**ASK FOR REFERENCES
FROM PAST GUESTS
WHO HAVE TAKEN THE
TRIP THAT INTERESTS
YOU**

ARRIVING & DEPARTING

Please note that meeting and departing times provided here were current at the time of printing, but are subject to change. **PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS UNTIL YOU ARE CONFIRMED ON YOUR VACATION AND HAVE VERIFIED THE DETAILS OF ARRIVING & DEPARTING WITH YOUR TRIP CONSULTANT.**

Unless otherwise noted, prices are in U.S. dollars

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

On the first day of the trip, meet your Backroads Trip Leaders at 9 a.m. at the Rundlestone Lodge in Banff. The lodge is located at 537 Banff Avenue (phone: 403-762-2201). **Please arrive dressed to ride!**

Because the trip meeting time is early, you should arrive in Banff at least one day before the trip starts (see “Where to Stay Before & After Your Trip” for hotel recommendations). It may also be necessary to schedule your return flight for the day after your Backroads trip ends. See “Conclusion of the Trip” for more details.

CONCLUSION OF THE TRIP

The trip ends in Banff between 4 and 5 p.m. with drop-offs at the Rundlestone Lodge, The Fairmont Banff Springs Resort and Banff Park Lodge. Because of the time required to travel from Banff back to Calgary (2 hours), we recommend scheduling your return flight for at least one day after the trip ends. (See “Where to Stay Before & After Your Trip” for suggested hotels in Banff.)

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

We recommend flying into Calgary International Airport (airport code: YYC) in Calgary, Alberta. For help arranging air transport to and from your Backroads trip, please work with your own travel agent, the airline directly or an online travel site. For assistance locating a travel agent, please visit www.backroads.com/gettingthere. (Note that most travel agents and online travel sites charge a fee for their consulting services.)

TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN CALGARY AND BANFF

The prices and schedules listed were accurate at the time of printing but are subject to change; they may also be subject to a 6 percent Canadian Goods and Services Tax (GST). (See “Essential Information” for more about this tax.) Please call the companies directly for the most current information

Not all of the following options will work if you're arriving in Banff on the day the trip starts; we list them for your convenience if you're traveling to Banff a day or more before the trip starts.

- **Banff Airporter** (888-449-2901 or 403-762-3330; www.banffairporter.com) has multiple daily departures from the Calgary airport to Banff. Travel time to Banff is about 2 hours. One-way tickets are about \$50. Reservations are recommended.
- **Brewster** (800-760-6934 or 403-760-6934, www.sightseeingtoursCanada.ca) has two daily departures from the Calgary airport to Banff, departing at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Travel time to Banff is approximately 2 hours; you can request to be dropped off at your hotel. One-way tickets are approximately \$50. Reservations are recommended.



Note

While the information presented here details this trip's planned routes, activities, accommodations, meeting and departing times, we are constantly seeking new opportunities to enhance this itinerary and your experience. Naturally, we will keep you up to date on any changes that may affect your arrival, departure or lodging.

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- Sun Dog Tour Company (888-786-3641 or 780-852-4056; www.sundogtours.com) offers transportation between Calgary, Banff and other Alberta destinations. Their meet-and-greet airport shuttle service works best if you're traveling with a small group or your family since it is more expensive for individuals than the options listed above. (The cost for transportation from Calgary to Banff is \$220 plus tax for up to four people; \$260 plus tax for a group of 5 to 10 people.) Please contact Sun Dog Tour Company for reservations and more information.

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES

Rental cars are available through companies in Calgary, Banff and Jasper, including Hertz (800-654-3001; www.hertz.com), Avis (800-230-4898; www.avis.com) and National (800-227-7368; www.nationalcar.com). One-way rentals are possible for a drop-off fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM CALGARY TO BANFF

Banff is located about 80 miles (1½-2 hours by car) west of Calgary off Trans-Canada Highway 1. If you're driving to Banff from the east or west, take Trans-Canada Highway 1; from the north or south, take Route 93 to Trans-Canada Highway 1 East. Driving from the west, take the second Banff exit. From the east, take the first Banff exit. After exiting, head south toward Banff and continue onto Banff Avenue (the main street through town). The Rundlestone Lodge is on the right side of Banff Avenue (537 Banff Avenue). Parking is available at the Rundlestone Lodge for the duration of the trip.

Note: Banff Townsite is located within Banff National Park. A permit is required to enter the park.

Hotel Room Rate Guide (U.S. dollars per night)

Table with 2 columns: Price Range and Rating (diamonds). Rows: Up to \$100 (1 diamond), \$101-200 (2 diamonds), \$201-300 (3 diamonds), \$301-500 (4 diamonds), \$501 and up (5 diamonds).

WHERE TO STAY BEFORE & AFTER YOUR TRIP

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS

For help arranging pre- or post-trip hotels in conjunction with your Backroads trip, please work with your travel agent or the hotels directly. For assistance locating a travel agent please visit www.backroads.com/gettingthere. (Note that most travel agents charge a fee for their consulting services.)

Of course, we also recommend extending your stay at any of the hotels that we visit on this trip; see the sidebar above for details.

Please refer to the Hotel Room Rate Guide in the sidebar for starting double-occupancy rates. Note that the chart reflects the Internet and/or Best Available rates, which were accurate at the time of printing, but hotel rates are always subject to change.

CALGARY

THE FAIRMONT PALLISER

Built in 1914, the Palliser's recent \$28 million renovation has earned it a mention on Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List. The hotel's décor is a combination of traditional styling with luxurious accents such as plush down duvets and sumptuous fabrics in each of the Queen Anne-styled rooms. With its location in the heart of Calgary, the hotel's ideally situated for you to discover the warmth of the city as well as its thriving cultural scene. 133 9th Avenue SW; Phone: 800-257-7544 (reservations) or 403-262-1234; www.fairmont.com/palliser; 405 rooms. Rates: ★★★★★

CALGARY MARRIOTT

Located in the heart of downtown Calgary near restaurants, galleries and shopping, the Marriott offers spacious guest rooms with great views. Its central location makes it the perfect place from which to explore the city's cultural, commercial and natural attractions. 110 9th Avenue SE; Phone: 800-896-6878 or 403-266-7331; www.marriott.com; 374 rooms, 10 suites. Rates: ◆◆◆

DELTA CALGARY AIRPORT

You'll find the newly renovated Delta Calgary Airport, Calgary's only airport hotel, on the departures level in the Calgary International Airport. Set on the banks of the Bow River, among the rolling foothills of Alberta and with the Canadian Rockies in perfect view, the hotel's location is both convenient and scenic. Two restaurants, an indoor pool and easy access to numerous attractions including golf courses and the Aero Space Museum Association of Calgary make your visit relaxing and hassle-free. An added convenience: the bellman will transport luggage from your room to the airport check-in counter. 2001 Airport Road NE; Phone: 877-814-7706 or 403-250-6000; www.deltahotels.com; 296 rooms. **Special Backroads Savings: E-mail akennedy@deltahotels.com to reserve a reduced rate double room (Higher rates apply from July 4-13, the week of Stampede)** Rates: ◆◆◆

HYATT REGENCY CALGARY

With views of Stephen Avenue Walk, a lively pedestrian mall lined with quaint restaurants, pubs, theaters, museums and shopping, the Hyatt is a convenient choice for your stay in Calgary. End days of exploring with a visit to the hotel's Stillwater Spa, the city's premier spa. 700 Centre Street SE; Phone: 888-591-1234 or 403-717-1234; www.hyatt.com; 355 rooms. Rates: ◆◆◆

5 CALGARY DOWNTOWN SUITES & SPA HOTEL

Located in the Eau Claire district, within walking distance of excellent shopping and charming cafés, this hotel provides one- and two-bedroom suites with a multitude of amenities. The fitness center features a seasonal swimming pool, steam room, sauna and outdoor patio. Laundry facilities and a complimentary hot breakfast buffet are available to all guests. 618 5th Avenue SW; Phone: 888-561-7666 or 403-451-5551; www.5calgary.com; 304 suites. Rates: ◆◆

CITY VIEW BED & BREAKFAST

True to its name, this inn offers lovely views of Calgary and the neighboring Canadian Rockies from its lofty perch on Scotsman's Hill. Inside the inn, a fireplace and baby grand piano make for an inviting lobby; at its doorstep lies the Elbow River Walkway, a charming municipal path that leads through Stanley Park and to downtown Calgary. 2300 6th Street SE; Phone 403-237-0454; www.calgarycityview.com; 2 rooms, 1 suite. Rates: ◆◆

BANFF

RUNDLESTONE LODGE (OUR MEETING LOCATION ON DAY 1 & A DROP-OFF LOCATION ON DAY 6)

With an architectural style reminiscent of a classic European mountain lodge, the Rundlestone is a comfortable and welcoming place to begin or end your exploration of the Canadian Rockies. A large stone fireplace, rich colors, cozy furnishings and alpine-inspired décor welcome you in the main lobby. Guest rooms are similarly appointed and, while basic, offer plenty of amenities. A health club, well-regarded restaurant and convenient location make the Rundlestone a good choice for your stay in Banff. 537 Banff Avenue;

Phone: 800-661-8630 or 403-762-2201; www.rundlestone.com; Let the reservationist know you're a Backroads guest; 96 rooms; **Special Backroads Savings: 12% off the Best Available Rate for the dates of your stay.** Rates: ♦♦

THE FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS RESORT (A DROP-OFF LOCATION ON DAY 6)

Offering magnificent panoramic views, gracious hospitality, luxurious guest rooms and a world-renowned golf course, this resort lives up to its philosophy to “earn the loyalty of our guests by exceeding their expectations and providing warm and personal service in distinctive surroundings.” Not only has this prestigious hotel been praised by *Condé Nast Traveler* and others for its outstanding accommodations, but it's also been commended for a strong commitment to the environment. 405 Spray Avenue; Phone: 800-257-7544 (reservations) or 403-762-2211; www.fairmont.com; 770 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦♦

BANFF PARK LODGE (A DROP-OFF LOCATION ON DAY 6)

Located within walking distance of the heart of Banff and all of the shops and restaurants it has to offer, Banff Park Lodge is a great place to begin exploring not only this charismatic town, but the surrounding wilderness as well. If you favor fishing or canoeing, you'll appreciate the lodge's proximity to Bow River, only a few steps away. 222 Lynx Street; Phone: 800-661-9266 or 403-762-4433; www.banffparklodge.com; 211 rooms; **Mention you're traveling with Backroads to receive a special discounted rate.** Rates: ♦♦♦

THE RIMROCK RESORT HOTEL

Featured on *Condé Nast Traveler's* Gold List and a member of Leading Hotels of the World perched above the town of Banff, this prominent resort offers sweeping views of the Bow Valley, Spray Valley and Mount Rundle, complete with snowcapped peaks and lush green meadows. Elegantly appointed in dark wood furnishings and vibrant colored fabrics, the guest rooms are a peaceful refuge after a day of exploring the World Heritage site of Banff National Park. And if you prefer to dine in, the resort has two restaurants: Eden (AAA 5-diamond rating) for elegant cuisine and the Primrose for more casual dining. Mountain Avenue; Phone: 800-661-1587 or 403-762-3356; www.rimrockresort.com; 346 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦♦

BUFFALO MOUNTAIN LODGE

If you've imagined yourself in the Canadian Rockies lounging by a large stone fireplace, this quintessential lodge is sure to meet your expectations. Simple and elegant in design, Buffalo Mountain is built with a square timber post-and-beam construction featuring soaring high-pitched roofs and handmade pine, cherry and willow furnishings. For an extra-romantic stay, request a premiere guest room with a wood burning fireplace, heated slate floor and clawfoot tub. Tunnel Mountain Road; Phone: 800-661-1367 or 403-762-2400; www.buffalomountainlodge.com; 108 rooms; **Special Backroads Savings: 10% off the rack rate for the dates of your stay.** Rates: ♦♦♦

BANFF CARIBOU LODGE

With proximity to all of Banff's attractions and radiating a traditional alpine lodge ambience, this comfortable property is adorned in country pine furniture and brightly colored fabrics. After a day exploring Banff, you can look forward to relaxing by the fireplace with a good book. 521 Banff Avenue; Phone: 800-563-8764 or 403-762-5887; www.bestofbanff.com; 200 rooms; **Special Backroads Savings: 10% off Best Available Rate for the dates of your stay. Mention you're a Backroads guest when you call, or book online:** Click on “promotion code,” select Banff Caribou Lodge and enter promo code “backroads”; (If the lodge is full, the rate will be honored at its sister property, the Banff Ptarmigan Inn.). Rates: ♦♦

LAKE LOUISE

CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE

You would be hard-pressed to find a more magnificent setting than that of Château Lake Louise, featured on *Condé Nast Traveler's* Gold List and a *Travel+Leisure's* World's Best Awards winner. Upon arriving at the impressive château, you are immediately captivated by the intensity of the vibrant aqua-colored glacial-fed Lake Louise, as well as the majestic snow-covered peaks. To fully appreciate this inspiring "Jewel of the Rockies," you can paddle a canoe on the lake or stroll its shores, hike the neighboring trails, try out the world-famous golf course or simply soak up the scenery on one of the hotel's inviting decks. When booking, be sure to request your alpine-style guest room with a view of Lake Louise, Victoria Glacier or the Rocky Mountains. 111 Lake Louise Drive; Phone: 800-257-7544 (reservations) or 403-522-3511; www.fairmont.com; 487 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦♦♦

DEER LODGE

History meets modernity at the rustic Deer Lodge, originally a teahouse for early mountaineers. Even though it's only a short walk to Lake Louise, the lodge still manages to offer a sense of privacy, a peaceful oasis where you can enjoy a truly relaxing vacation or retreat after an activity-filled day. Bright cozy rooms feature feather comforters and teahouse-era antiques. Take in the incredible mountain views from the rooftop hot tub or curl up with a book in the log-and-stone sitting room. Television is not available to distract you here. 109 Lake Louise Drive; Phone: 800-661-1595 or 403-522-3991; www.crmr.com/lodgedeerlake.html; 73 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦

JASPER

JASPER INN

Jasper Inn offers alpine comfort amid the spectacular setting of Jasper National Park, the perfect place for both adventure and repose. Hotel amenities include a casual restaurant, indoor pool and Jacuzzi. 98 Geikie Street; Phone: 800-661-1933 or 780-852-4461; www.jasperinn.com; 144 rooms. Rates: ♦♦♦

ALPINE VILLAGE

Located on the Athabasca River in Jasper National Park, Alpine Village features 40 charming log cabins situated throughout a pine forest. These cozy accommodations include fieldstone fireplaces and private decks for enjoying the mountain air and watching for wildlife; the larger cabins have full kitchens. Soaking in the 16-foot hot tub with views of the river is a great way to cap off any day. Highway 93A; Phone: 780-852-3285; www.alpinevillagejasper.com; 40 cabins; (Minimum 3-night stay during high season). Rates: ♦♦

ATHABASCA HOTEL

Minutes away from shopping, restaurants and spectacular scenery, this homey retreat in the heart of Jasper is a great home base from which to explore the area. Newly renovated rooms, available to suit every taste, provide comfort and relaxation at the end of days spent outdoors. 510 Patricia Street; Phone: 877-542-8422 or 780-852-3386; www.athabascahotel.com; 61 rooms. Rates: ♦♦

We hope you've found this information useful, but nothing substitutes for speaking with one of our experienced Trip Consultants. Please call 800-462-2848 Monday-Sunday, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pacific time.