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## CANADA

# ALBERTA DINOSAURS, LAKES & GLACIERS SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 12023)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Calgary

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 26 - 09 Oct 26

### EXPERIENCE

Self-Drive

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Discover the fascinating landscapes of Alberta in this 10-day self-drive experience, where you can explore the treasures of Western Canada.

## Highlights

- Escape the ordinary and venture into the rugged Canadian Badlands
- Freedom of Choice days in both Banff and Jasper
- Travel through the Canadian Rockies along the scenic Icefields Parkway
- Experience wildlife watching at Elk Island National Park

Commencing in Calgary, your self-drive adventure starts with a short drive to the stunning mountain resort town of Banff. Admire views of the Canadian Rockies either from the top of Sulphur Mountain or by boat on Lake Minnewanka. Enjoy the serenity of being surrounded by majestic lakes and awe-inspiring mountains.

Your journey then continues on to Lake Louise, including a memorable stay at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Be sure to stop at Johnston Canyon to view the magnificent waterfalls. From Lake Louise, you head north to Jasper National Park. Discover Canada's most scenic mountain roadway, the Icefield's Parkway, featuring over one hundred visible glaciers, turquoise lakes and rushing waterfalls. Venture onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier in a specially designed Ice Explorer for a spectacular Ice Age adventure.

Jasper National Park features a spectacular array of rolling hills, jagged peaks, forests, meadows, marshes, streams, and stunning glacial lakes. From Jasper, you head east to Edmonton to experience West Edmonton Mall and take in some wildlife spotting at Elk Island National Park.

Depart Edmonton and head south towards the badlands of Alberta and the city of Drumheller. Escape the ordinary and venture into the rugged Canadian Badlands before concluding your memorable holiday in Calgary.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Banff at the Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa
- 1 night in Lake Louise at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
- 2 nights in Jasper at the Forest Park Hotel
- 2 nights in Edmonton at the Sandman Signature Downtown
- 2 nights in Drumheller at the Canalta Jurassic Hotel
- 10 days full-size car rental
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk Admission
- Admission to Royal Tyrrell Museum

Freedom of Choice Days

### Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 2
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 5

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

## ITINERARY

Day

1

Calgary Banff

Leave the Stampede City of Calgary for the short drive to Banff, a resort town renowned for its scenic natural beauty and stunning wildlife.

Overnight in Banff at the **Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa**



CALGARY | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA

Day **2**

## Banff

Today, you can personalise your day in Banff by choosing one of the four Freedom of Choice excursions below.

Overnight in Banff at the **Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa**

### Freedom of Choice Options

- **Banff Gondola:**

Maximise your views of Banff National Park with minimal exertion on a round-trip gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

**OR**

- **Bow River Horseback Adventure:**

Saddle up for a journey through the celebrated landscape of Banff National Park on this guided horseback riding adventure.

**OR**

- **Lake Minnewanka Cruise:**

Admire views of the Canadian Rockies by boat as you cruise across the turquoise-hued Lake Minnewanka and over to Devil's Gap.

**OR**

- **River Explorer Canoe Tour:**

Enjoy the serenity of the Bow River and marvel at the surroundings. A fun & interactive way with your guide to explore the waterways of Banff National Park. Perfect for families. No paddling experience necessary.



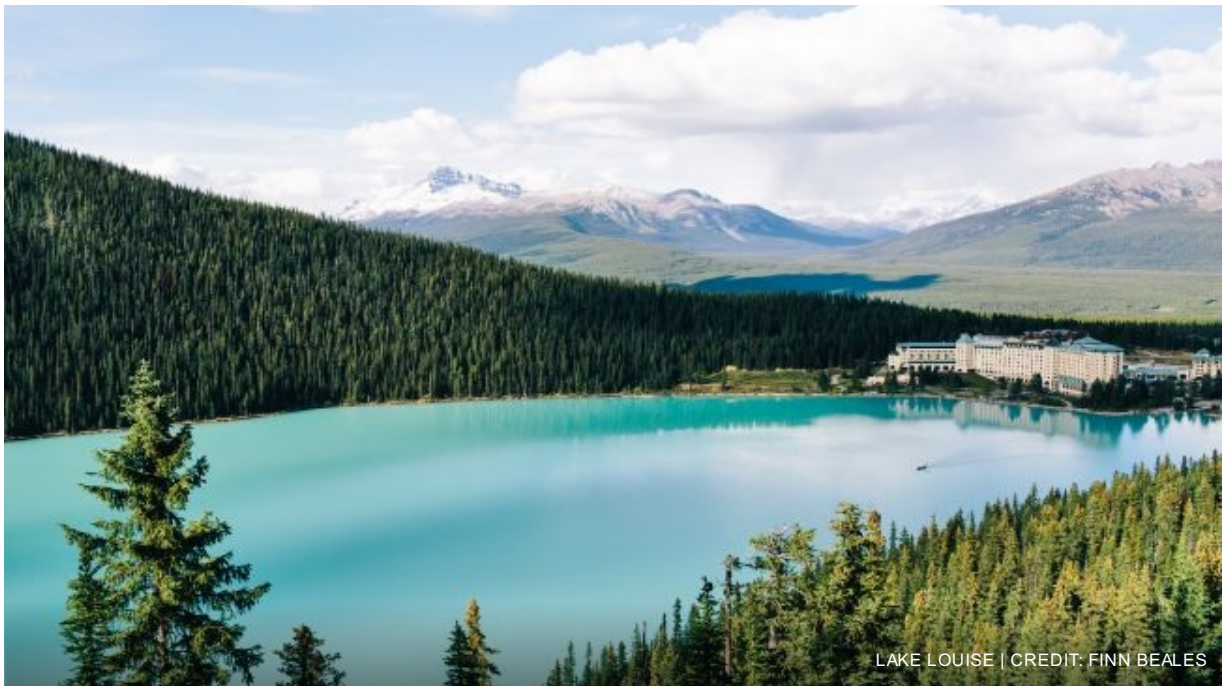
BANFF | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA PAUL ZIZKA

Day **3**

## Banff Lake Louise

Today we suggest taking the scenic Bow Valley Parkway route which runs parallel to the Trans-Canada highway. Be sure to stop at Johnston Canyon and walk along the paved footpath to either the lower or upper waterfalls.

Overnight in Lake Louise at **The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**



LAKE LOUISE | CREDIT: FINN BEALES

Day **4**

## Lake Louise Jasper

Today, travel through the spine of the Canadian Rockies along the amazing Icefields Parkway and encompass the ultimate glacier exploration. From walking on ancient ice with the Ice Explorer ride, to standing on a glass platform almost one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included), today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for this treasured region of the Rockies.

Overnight in Jasper at the **Forest Park Hotel**



ICEFIELDS PARKWAY | CREDIT: ROMAN KOENIGSHOFER

Day **5**

## Jasper

Time to explore all that Jasper has to offer! Today you can personalise your day by pre-selecting one of the three Freedom of Choice excursions below.

Overnight stay in Jasper at the **Forest Park Hotel**

### Freedom of Choice Options

- **Jasper Nature Walk:**

A guided nature walk featuring a spectacular array of rolling hills, jagged peaks, forests, meadows, marshes, streams, and stunning glacial lakes.

**OR**

- **Jasper River Float:**

Enjoy a gentle rafting tour on the Athabasca River for a unique perspective of Jasper National Park.

**OR**

- **Maligne Lake Cruise:**

Cruise Maligne Lake, where you can marvel at the magnificent shoreline and Spirit Island.



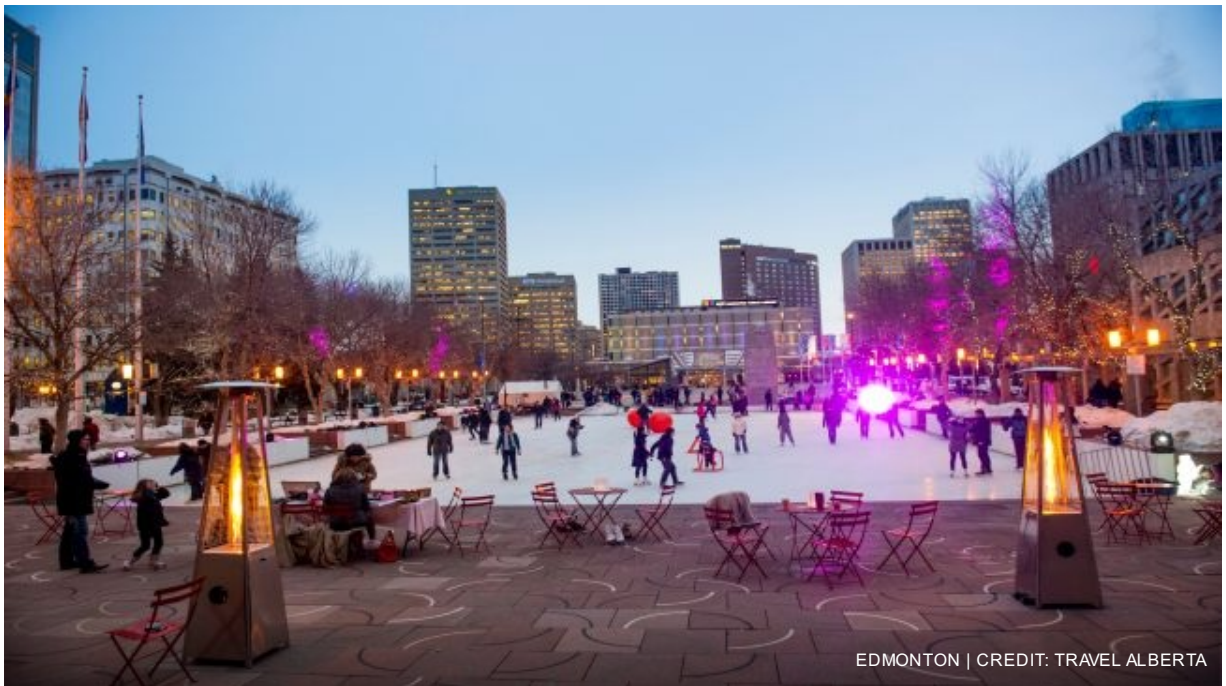
JASPER NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT: TOURISM JASPER

Day **6**

## Jasper Edmonton

Journey through the beautiful landscapes of Jasper National Park, and into the golden prairies of Alberta. Arrive in the city of Edmonton, and spend the remainder of your day exploring. Don't miss the walking trails and parks of the downtown River Valley, and the eclectic shops and cafes of Whyte Avenue.

Overnight in Edmonton at the **Sandman Signature Downtown Hotel**



EDMONTON | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA

Day **7**

## Edmonton

Spend a day exploring West Edmonton Mall, the largest shopping centre in North America. Complete with an expansive water park, amusement park, indoor skating rink, mini golf park, and over 800 stores. For those looking to get outside, Elk Island National Park is less than an hour's drive from the city, and offers great wildlife watching and hiking trails.

Overnight in Edmonton at the **Sandman Signature Downtown Hotel**



Day 8

## Edmonton Drumheller

Depart Edmonton and head south towards the badlands of Alberta and the city of Drumheller. This fascinating destination is home to a unique landscape shaped by sandstone pillar hoodoos. Many dinosaur fossils have been excavated from this area, drawing palaeontologists from around the world. Visit the Royal Tyrrell Museum (included) and walk amongst the impressive array of dinosaur fossils.

Overnight in Drumheller at the **Canalta Jurassic Hotel**



Day 9

## Dinosaur Provincial Park Exploring

From Drumheller, travel two hours to Dinosaur Provincial Park, where you will have a chance to escape the ordinary and venture into the rugged Canadian Badlands. Two interpretive displays allow you to see what a dig site really looks like. Check out the bones of a “duck-billed” dinosaur still partially encased in the sediment that buried them. Or, a full body (articulated skeleton) of a *Corythosaurus*, the “helmet-headed lizard”. Continue to Cypress Hills Provincial Park – the hidden gem of Southern Alberta.



Day **10** Drumheller Calgary

Conclude this memorable holiday with a quick drive from Drumheller to Calgary.



## ACCOMMODATION

### Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa

#### Banff

Located in Banff National Park, the Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa offers a mountain lodge hotel, a great steakhouse restaurant and a full-service spa, all in one outstanding location. This ideal vacation spot is located on Banff Avenue, the main street in the town of Banff. Surrounded by

mountains, there are plenty of activities to keep you busy.

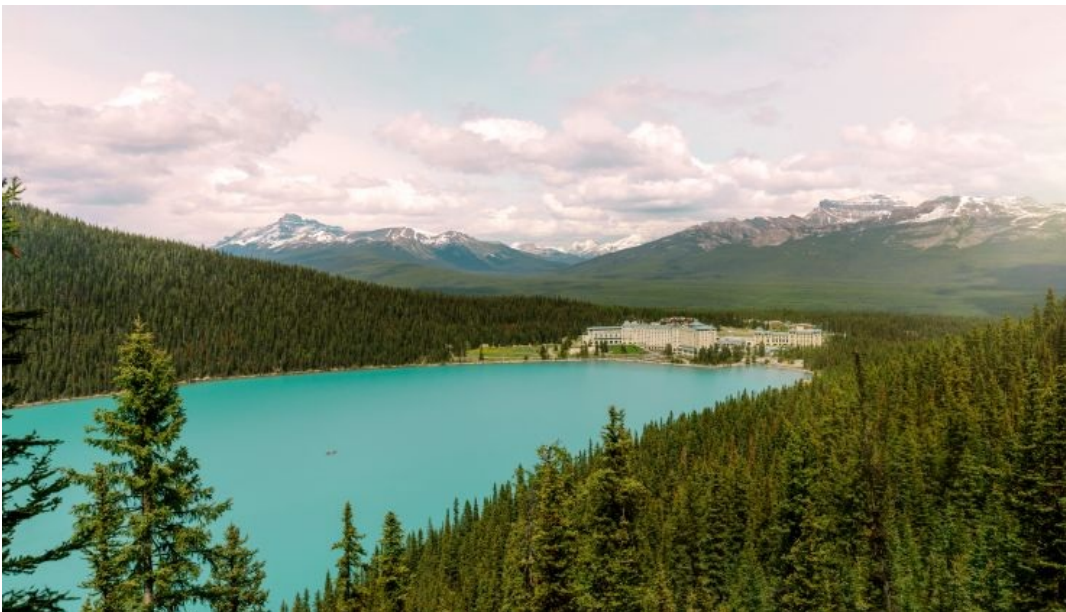


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## Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

### Lake Louise

Surrounded by soaring mountain peaks, the majestic Victoria Glacier and a glistening emerald lake, the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise hotel is located in Alberta's Banff National Park. Discover endless outdoor recreational activities including hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking and river rafting.



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## Forest Park Hotel

### Jasper

Set amidst the breathtaking Canadian Rockies, the Forest Park Hotel (formerly the Sawridge Inn) is a resort style hotel that offers the rustic charm you'd expect in Jasper National Park. Beautiful guest rooms, on-site spa, decadent dining and heated pool with jacuzzi and steam room add to the luxury you want in your mountain getaway.



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## Sandman Signature Edmonton Downtown Hotel

### Edmonton

The Sandman Signature Edmonton Downtown Hotel is in the perfect location to marry comfort, style, and convenience, right in the heart of downtown. You'll appreciate the refined aspects, including overstuffed pillow-top beds, fluffy duvets, contemporary furniture, and so many more offerings that are provided for you.



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## Canalta Jurassic Hotel

### Drumheller

The Jurassic Inn is located at the heart of the magnificent Drumheller Badlands. Famous for its dinosaur and fossil specimens, Drumheller offers spectacular scenery and recreational opportunities include the Royal Tyrell Museum and Dinosaur Trail Golf and Country Club.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

| OFFICIAL LANGUAGE | LOCAL CURRENCY   |
|-------------------|------------------|
| French & English  | Canadian Dollars |

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- Fuel, road tolls, parking fees, as well as any extra charges associated with car rental
- One-way car rental fees (if applicable). If any one-way surcharges apply, this will be advised at the time of booking and is payable locally upon collection of the vehicle
- Car rental rates exclude optional coverage such as Personal Accident Insurance Plus (PAI Plus) and Personal Effects Protection (PEP)
- GPS rental is not included and can be requested (at an additional supplement paid locally) if required