



## Traveling Aggies

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# CANADIAN ROCKIES EXPLORER

August 18-28, 2018

**11 days for \$5,191 total price from Houston**  
(\$5,095 air & land inclusive plus \$96 airline taxes and fees)



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**An Exclusive Small Group Tour for  
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**Howdy, Ags!**

Join the Traveling Aggies on an exclusive small group journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies to embark on a nature-focused itinerary that brings you face to face with some of North America's truly stunning sights.

Begin your 11-day tour in Montana's breathtaking Glacier National Park, where you take in the splendid views of Upper Waterton Lake and board a legendary Red Jammer sightseeing bus. Continue on to Whitefish, Montana, an authentic mountain town. Here, you enjoy a leisurely hike along Whitefish Trail, and board a chairlift to Whitefish Mountain's summit for spectacular views. Then, savor the striking scenery en route to world-famous Banff National Park. Highlights here include visits to photogenic Lake Louise and a traverse of Athabasca Glacier in a special vehicle. Jasper National Park follows, where you admire dramatic Maligne Canyon and cruise cerulean Maligne Lake. Enjoy a thrilling expedition to the Glacier Skywalk, where glaciers, mountain peaks, and waterfalls can be viewed through the transparent-bottomed observation deck. On your tour's final full day, ride the Banff Gondola to Sulphur Mountain's peak.

With room for only 24 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig 'em,

*Jennifer Bohac*

Jennifer Bohac '87, Ph.D.  
 Director of Travel – Outreach and Engagement

**TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM: CANADIAN ROCKIES EXPLORER**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Canadian Rockies Explorer**, departing **August 18, 2018**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918. Or you may call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514, or fax your reservation form to 979-845-9263. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Canadian Rockies Explorer, August 18-28, 2018**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions:

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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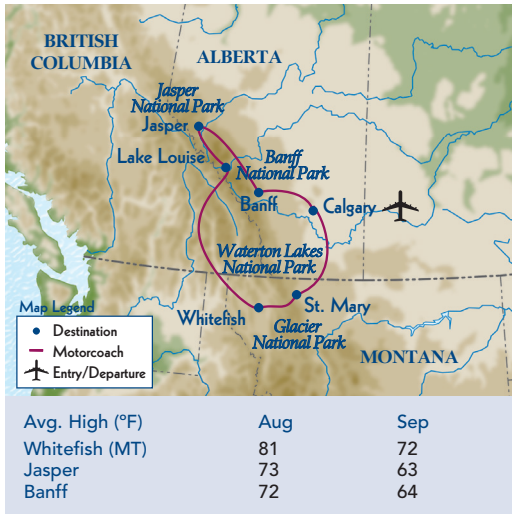
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## Day 1: Depart the U.S. for Calgary, Canada

We depart the United States today for our flight to Calgary. Upon arrival, we check in to our centrally located hotel then have time to explore this cosmopolitan Canadian city on our own. Tonight we gather for a briefing on the journey ahead followed by dinner at our hotel. *D*

## Day 2: Calgary/Waterton Lakes National Park/Glacier National Park, U.S.

We leave Calgary by coach this morning for the scenic drive to Glacier National Park in northern Montana. For lunch we stop at the famed Prince of Wales Hotel along the shores of Upper Waterton Lake, the deepest lake in the Canadian Rockies and where the prairie meets the mountains. After time to take in the splendid lake views here, we cross the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel and enter the United States. We arrive at our lodge late this afternoon and enjoy dinner there together tonight. *B,L,D*

## Day 3: Glacier National Park

Today we get our first look at Glacier National Park, a 1,583-square-mile swath of wilderness in Montana's Rocky Mountains encompassing rugged mountains, thunderous waterfalls, still lakes, and glacial valleys stretching to the Canadian border. We begin with a morning hike along St. Mary Lake, the park's second largest and the clear divide between the Great Plains to the east and the Rocky Mountains to the west. Movie buffs may recognize the lake from the iconic opening shot of Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining*. Then we embark on a cruise for panoramic views of the lake and its surroundings. This afternoon is at leisure amidst the majesty of America's 10<sup>th</sup> national park before dinner together at our lodge. *B,D*

## Day 4: Glacier National Park/Whitefish

We enjoy a travel highlight today as we step back in time and board one of Glacier National Park's legendary sightseeing buses: the Red Jammers, in use here since the 1930s. With roll-back canvas convertible tops, these buses take their name from the sound of the early drivers jamming the manual transmission into low gear to negotiate steep roads. Our ride this morning takes us along the fabled Going-to-the-Sun Road, a

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Breathtaking Rocky Mountain scenery • Stunning Glacier National Park • Ride in "Red Jammers" along scenic Going-to-the-Sun Road • Whitefish Trail hike with lake views • Canada's Banff and Jasper national parks • Stunning Lake Louise • *Ice Explorer* vehicle ride and walk on Athabasca Glacier • Maligne Canyon and lake cruise • Dramatic scenery from Glacier Skywalk • Banff Gondola ride to top of Sulphur Mountain • Stays at unique mountain lodges within national parks

| Day  | Itinerary                     | Hotel                 | Rating      |
|------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1    | Depart U.S. for Calgary       | Hyatt Regency Calgary | Deluxe      |
| 2-3  | Glacier Nat'l Park (St. Mary) | St. Mary Lodge        | Not rated   |
| 4-5  | Whitefish                     | The Firebrand Hotel   | First Class |
| 6    | Lake Louise                   | Deer Lodge            | First Class |
| 7-8  | Jasper                        | Whistler's Inn        | Not rated   |
| 9-10 | Banff                         | Rimrock Resort        | Deluxe      |
| 11   | Depart for U.S.               |                       |             |

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

Cover photo: We enjoy a cruise on stunning Maligne Lake in Jasper National Park on Day 8.





A scene in Glacier National Park, which we explore on Days 3 & 4

winding mountain pass that offers breathtaking views and hair-raising turns. After time for lunch on our own we meet up with our motorcoach and continue southwest across the Continental Divide. After arriving late this afternoon in the resort town of Whitefish, Montana, we dine together tonight. *B,D*

**Day 5: Whitefish, MT** We head into the forest this morning for a leisurely three-mile hike along the Whitefish Trail, starting at Lion Mountain Trailhead. A network of more than 36 miles of paths through forests, prime wildlife habitats, and pristine lakes, the trail is an outdoor lover's dream. Our trek ends at a lookout over postcard-worthy Skyles Lake. Then we continue on to the popular ski area of Whitefish Mountain Resort, where we board chairlifts bound for the mountain's summit. After taking time to enjoy the 360-degree views and crisp summit air, we visit the Summit Nature Center to learn more about the mountain and its local environment. We return to our hotel in time for lunch on our own and an afternoon and evening at leisure. An authentic mountain town, Whitefish boasts an abundance of restaurants and activities. *B*

**Day 6: Whitefish/Lake Louise – Banff National Park** Today's full day of travel presents some of the most striking scenery of our tour. We begin the day passing through forests, by lakes, and across high plains before crossing from the U.S. back into Canada – this time, into British Columbia. After a stop for lunch and a drive along the western edge of the Canadian Rockies, we enter world-famous Banff National Park and ascend to Lake Louise, and our hotel, late this afternoon. Before dinner here, we take an easy hike for our first view of the photogenic lake, originally named Emerald Lake for its brilliant hue. *B,L,D*

**Day 7: Lake Louise/Jasper** This morning we visit the viewing area to see the lake in the early morning light. Then we depart via the Columbia Icefields Parkway for the drive to the 125-square-mile Columbia Icefields in Banff National Park, a UNESCO site. Here we bundle up for a tour highlight as we board the *Ice Explorer* all-terrain vehicle for the ride to Athabasca Glacier, the most visited glacier in North America. Equipped to drive right onto the glacier itself, the massive *Ice Explorer* boasts super-sized tires specially designed for glacier travel. Upon reaching Athabasca, we disembark to explore, take photos, and fill our water bottles with the pure water from the glacier. Then we descend to the base station for lunch before we begin our drive northward again, arriving at our hotel centrally located in the town of Jasper, which is within Jasper National Park (also a UNESCO site). We enjoy dinner together at our hotel. *B,L,D*

**Day 8: Jasper** The scenery on display today is nothing short of breathtaking. First we view Maligne Canyon, a geological marvel where the limestone bedrock has been eroded by an underground river to a depth of 160 feet. Only six feet wide at some points, the plunging canyon offers a dramatic (and heady) view from the top. We continue on to cerulean Maligne Lake, the largest glacially formed lake in the Canadian Rockies. Here we board our boat for a morning cruise, taking in the sky-scraping mountain peaks, dark green forests, and three glaciers all visible from the lake. We cruise by acclaimed Spirit Island, which makes for a wonderful – and uniquely Canadian – photo opportunity. Early this afternoon we return to Jasper, where we have the rest of the day at leisure. *B*

**Day 9: Jasper/Banff** We return today to the Columbia Icefields Parkway for more scenic views, and a thrilling

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expedition. This dramatic road parallels the Continental Divide, running down the spine of both Jasper and Banff national parks. Mid-day we enjoy an exhilarating experience as we tiptoe across the Glacier Skywalk, a cliff-edge walkway that leads to a transparent-bottomed observation deck suspended nearly 1,000 feet above the valley floor. Here the vast glaciers, snowcapped mountain peaks, and thundering waterfalls seem close enough to touch. We enjoy a picnic lunch amidst this jaw-dropping scenery then continue on to our hotel in lower Banff National Park. *B,L,D*

**Day 10: Banff** Our last full day in the Canadian Rockies begins with a ride aboard the Banff Gondola



*We may see moose in Glacier NP.*

to the top of Sulphur Mountain, so named for the hot springs on its lower flank. This 8,000-foot peak overlooking the town of Banff affords stunning mountain views in every direction; indeed, we can see six mountain ranges during this excursion. Then we travel Tunnel Mountain Road to visit two more natural wonders: the Hoodoos, a collection of eroded limestone spires strung along a wooded hillside; and Bow Falls, a wide waterfall just outside Banff. The afternoon is free to explore Banff before we celebrate our outdoor adventures with a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

**Day 11: Banff/Depart for U.S** We transfer this morning to the Calgary airport for our flights home. *B*

## Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 22 meals: 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



*A magnificent vista in Glacier National Park*

## Tour Departs: August 18, 2018

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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| Seattle  | \$4,691 |
| Los Angeles, Portland (OR),<br>San Francisco   | \$4,991 |
| Atlanta, Baltimore,<br>Chicago, Cincinnati,<br>Cleveland, Denver, Detroit,<br>Houston, Minneapolis,<br>Philadelphia, Phoenix | \$5,191 |
| Boston, Dallas, Miami,<br>New York, Orlando,<br>Tampa, Washington, DC  | \$5,291 |
| Land Only (transfers not included)   | \$4,395 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$96, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,295. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

**Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven terrain in a natural environment. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest. Elevations at hotel locations are not severe, ranging from 3,400 ft. to 5,200 ft. The relatively high altitude reached on two excursions – Columbia Icefields (9,800 ft.) and Going-to-the-Sun Road (6,700 ft.) – could pose problems for guests with certain health conditions. You should consult your personal physician if you have concerns.**

**For more information and reservations, please call The Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514, or toll-free at 800-633-7514.**

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**Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**



## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit, per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); communication charges; optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

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**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking on uneven terrain, in a natural environment, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and The Association of Former Students assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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