

16 Days

America's Mid West

Alberta & BC, Canada - Montana, Idaho, Wyoming

July 17th to August 1st, 2004



- Day 1 Arriving from your departure city to Calgary Alberta. Your flight may arrive to late in the day to take in the stampede this evening. We will check into our hotel and enjoy some of the Stampede entertainment in the streets.
Jul. 17
- Day 2 Departing late morning to the Stampede Grounds to take in the afternoon Grandstand Show. Dinner can be obtained on the grounds and then we will attend the final entertainment show this evening.
Jul. 18
- Day 3 We travel south of the city and stop at the museum in Fort Macleod and the Head-smashed-in Buffalo Jump before arriving at The Waterton Park for the evening.
Jul. 19
- Day 4 After a quiet breakfast we depart the area to travel over the USA border and on through the Waterton Park that extends both sides of the Canadian and United States border. At St Mary we take the Going To The Sun Road to West Glacier, stopping to view the sites at the Logan Pass Visitor Center, Weeping Wall and Bird Woman Falls Overlook.
Jul. 20
- Day 5 Following a route around Flathead Lake to stop at the National Bison Range. On past Missoula to the Grant-Kohrs Ranch, a National Historic site. This area has many historical sites and stories of homesteaders as they made their way west. Our accommodation for the evening would be near Butte.
Jul. 21
- Day 6 We travel south again this morning to turn east at Idaho Falls to enter Bridger Teton National Forest at Alpine Junction. We then follow the route north to Jackson. The area has a lot to offer, a tram ride to view the Teton Mountain peaks and valleys, National Elk Refuge Center, Walking Trails, and just time to enjoy your surroundings for the evening.
Jul. 22
- Day 7 A day to enjoy the area and take in any number of the optional activities offered. We could break out into smaller groups to enjoy your interest. Hiking, horseback riding or just a coach tour to view the wild life and scenery of the area.
Jul. 23
- Day 8 North along the scenic route past Moose Park, Jenny Lake, and Jackson Lake- enter Yellowstone Park from the south gate. After making a tour of the southern loop we come to Old Faithful. She still draws an audience and we will wait for her.
Jul. 24
- Day 9 The route to the north gate is slow and winding but the views are spectacular. Back in Montana we travel through an area of petrified forest and hot springs. We stop to view the Mammoth Hot springs area before reaching our accommodations for the evening.
Jul. 25
- Day 10 Northwest to pick up the scenic rout past Canyon Ferry Lake to Helena and a stop at Holter dam. Great Falls is named after the great falls. Russell worked in this area and there is a good museum with a number of his paintings. His home is next to the museum and well worth a visit.
Jul. 26
- Day 11 Traveling north again through the cattle country of Montana we cross the boarder to Canada at Sweetgrass and stop to view the Writing-On-Stone Park. With a guide we can see some of the 3000 year old art of the native people. The Bar U Ranch is a national historic site marking the development of the west. Turning west into BC for our accommodation this evening.
Jul. 27
- Day 12 Departing this morning we travel north along the valley to the Radium Hot springs where we could stop for a dip. The road to Banff is the most scenic route to Calgary. We will stop at the convention center to pick up our registration before we check into the hotel.
Jul. 28
- Day 13 A day to have a quiet morning - then go to take part in or watch the parade and opening ceremonies for the 14th Canadian National Square and Round Dance Festival. Non dancers will be given a visitor's ribbon to enter and watch the activities.
Jul. 29
- Day 14 Those who wish can take a day tour out to the Drumheller Dinosaur Museum. Even if you have been here before you could see it again as they are working at enlarging the area every day. This is the largest find in North America. We will be back in time for an early dinner and be ready for more dancing this evening.
Jul. 30
- Day 15 A day tour to Banff and Lake Louise is planned for this morning. We should be back early afternoon for those who wish to do some dancing and take a seat for the closing ceremonies. Non dancers - your visitors ribbon allows you entry to view the show with everyone else. Dancing until 10:00 or 11:00 and then the hospitality parties begin, a farewell to Calgary.
Jul. 31
- Day 16 Flights home to begin with a shuttle to the Airport. The coach is departing for those wishing to take the tour through the Canadian Rockies to Vancouver. A flight departs for those wishing to take the tour of the Yukon and Alaska and top it off with a Holland America cruise from Anchorage to Vancouver.
Aug. 1



If you do not wish to Attend the Calgary Stampede you could arrive one day later
Do you want to depart later after a tour and /or cruise to The Yukon and Alaska?

We are only taking one coach group in each direction - Book early to save your seat.
Do we have a caller/cuer on board? Yes we do. We can dance at any turn in the road.

