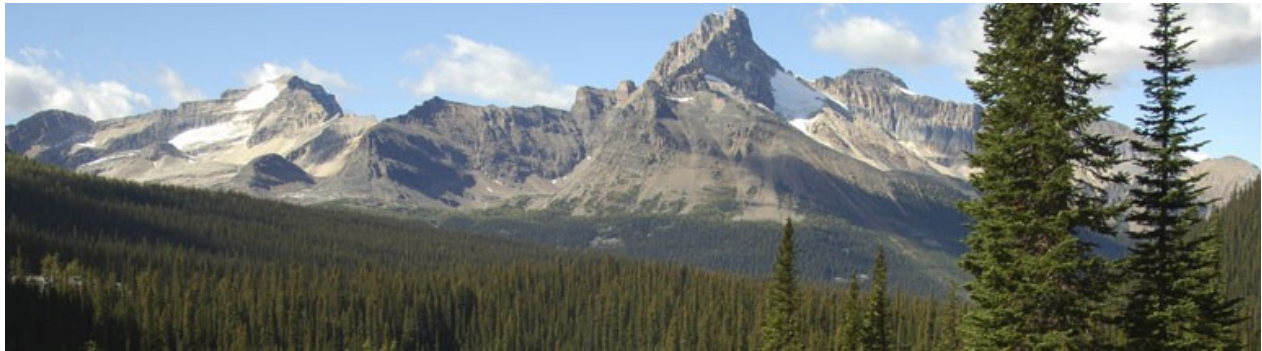


# Great Explorations



## Trip Dates

### 2012

July 14-19

August 11-16

### 2013

July 13-18

August 10-15

Self-guided and custom trips also available and can start any day. Call or email for details.

## Trip Size

8-12 participants

## Total Days:

6 days/ 5 nights

## Arrive/Depart:

Lake Louise /Emerald Lake

## Activity Level:

6 to 8 hours hiking each day. Options to shorten some day hikes

Fitness and sure-footedness required

## Terrain:

The terrain is mountainous

## Canadian Rockies, Walking Lake Louise and Emerald Lake

Dare to be adventurous. Experience the rugged wilderness of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks during the day while enjoying the warm, luxurious comfort of mountain lodges at night. Hike lodge to lodge. Hearts will pound as you crest stunning mountain passes - offering unparalleled views of snow-capped peaks. Chance upon grazing mountain goats or whistling marmots. Begin your exploration in Banff National Park, where towering mountains rise from the shores of turquoise-blue lakes. Move to Yoho National Park whose intimate scale make it the one favoured by Rockies' connoisseurs. Gleaming glaciers, overwhelming vistas, enchanted forests and iridescent lakes. Rewarding hikes through this marvellous UNESCO World Heritage Site provide an exhilarating sense of accomplishment that will last a lifetime.

## Itinerary



### Getting there :

**Lake Louise:** There is regularly scheduled air service to Calgary from across North America, with non-stop flights to Calgary from all major Canadian and many US centres. Additionally, non-stop international flights are available from London and Frankfurt. A number of companies offer an airport shuttle service to Banff from the Calgary Airport.

### DAY 1:

**Lake Louise** - The gem of Canada's oldest National Park, the turquoise blue lake against the lofty mountain peaks, makes this a stunning introduction to the Rockies. Soak up the natural splendour, take a canoe onto the lake, enjoy a short walk into the mountains.



### DAY 2:

**Lake Louise** - You have a number of choices today to explore the staggeringly beautiful scenery of Lake Louise. Step out of your lodge and begin with a hike to the highest teahouse in Canada, hidden in a picturesque alpine valley. Take in the Plain of Six Glaciers and the Beehive formations. Perhaps choose to transfer to the quieter Moraine Lake in the Valley of the Ten Peaks and hike back to Lake Louise via the stunning Larch and Paradise Valleys.

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## Cost

### Land Cost (current year):

CAD \$3270/US \$3270  
Includes 5B/2L/4D

### Single Supplement:

CAD \$440/US \$440

### DAY 3:

*Yoho National Park* - Start the day in Yoho National Park at Takakkaw Falls, third highest falls in Canada. Embark on a thrilling hike on one of the 5 best hikes in the Rockies. Enjoy the rugged, rocky trail along the breath-taking glaciers before descending onto the enchanted tree-lined path passing hidden lakes and glacier-fed rivers. Return to Cathedral Mountain Chalets for a quiet evening of relaxation.



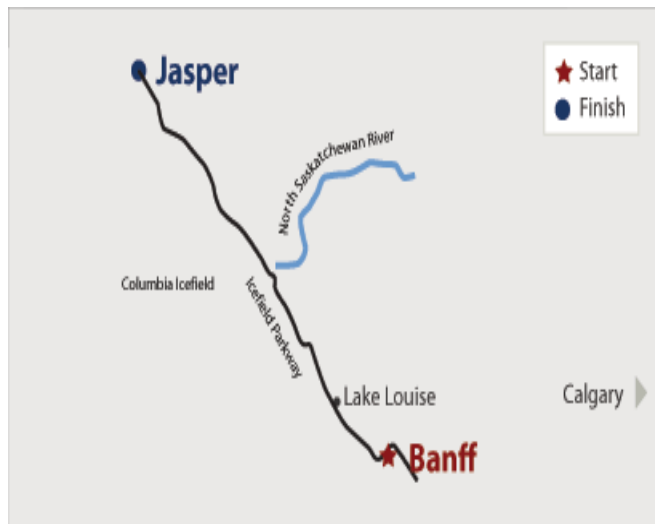
### DAY 4:

*Emerald Lake* - With a very short taxi transfer, begin your hike to the luxurious Emerald Lake Lodge. Feel the exhilaration as you reach Yoho Pass. Be enthralled by your first glimpse of Emerald Lake as it glistens in the afternoon sun. Stop for a picnic on the tree lined shores of secluded Yoho Lake while soaking in the natural wonder and inspiring beauty of the area. The spectacular President's Range with waterfalls cascading down the rocks merit a stop.

### DAY 5:

*Emerald Lake* - Explore the beautiful trails around Emerald Lake. Hike to Emerald Basin in the President's Range, which ends in a rocky amphitheatre of hanging glaciers and avalanche paths. Maybe choose the less travelled route to Hamilton Lake, a classic alpine lake. Or perhaps take time to enjoy the wonderful surroundings of Emerald Lake by renting a canoe, relaxing in the hot tub or lingering on the outdoor terrace.

**DAY 6:** Take a final stroll around magical Emerald Lake before your transfer arrives to return you to Lake Louise



## What's Included in the Cost of Your Trip?

- services of one or more experienced Great Explorations guides and support vehicle
- 5 nights lodging
- all breakfasts, 2 lunches, and all dinners but 1
- entrance fees for selected historical sites and museums
- detailed map and route instructions
- all baggage transportation
- all transportation from initial meeting point to final drop-off (see arrive/depart cities)

*Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 5% must be charged on trips in Canada.*

Please note: Final itinerary is subject to revision; any changes made are done so in an attempt to provide the best possible trip given route conditions and available services. Due to the nature of our business and exchange rates, prices are subject to change. All prices quoted are U.S. dollars but we gladly accept payment in Canadian dollars also. Due to cancellations and waiting lists, trip availability fluctuates daily. If you have any questions or would like to confirm space on this trip before making your reservation, please contact us at [info@great-explorations.com](mailto:info@great-explorations.com) or by telephone at **604.730.1247**

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## Accommodations



### **Deer Lodge, Lake Louise**

Lake Louise is only a few minutes walk from this rustic inn, which has been carefully restored from the original hand-hewn log structure and décor. The original tower rooms were resorted to their original condition complete with cast iron radiators, woodwork, lighting and brass fixtures. After a day of activities, enjoy the rooftop hot tub with a dazzling Victoria Glacier view. The dining room here is one of the best in the region.



### **Cathedral Mountain Lodge, Field**

Nestled in the forest at the edge of the glacier-fed Kicking Horse River, the lodge guestrooms and cabins are perfectly appointed to create an oasis of luxury, including handmade log beds, down duvets, wood burning and gas fireplaces, soaker tubs and more. Guests can enjoy canoeing on turquoise Moraine Lake.



### **Emerald Lake Lodge, Emerald Lake**

Originally built in 1902 from hand-hewn timber, this quintessential Rockies inn features massive stone fireplaces, a fine dining room with a view and quiet reading lounges. Guest rooms are all lake-side and have feather duvets, private balconies, and fieldstone wood burning fireplaces which are stocked daily with complimentary firewood.