Canadian Rockies Explorer
with Glacier National Park
July 17-27, 2023

11 days for $6,451 total price from San Francisco
($6,295 air & land inclusive plus $156 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, seven-time honoree Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Club Travelers,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 11-day tour to the Canadian Rockies with an exciting, nature-focused itinerary that brings your small group 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 board a legendary Red Jammer sightseeing bus. Continuing on to Whitefish, Montana, an authentic mountain town, take a leisurely hike along the scenic Whitefish Trail. 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 sky-blue Maligne Lake. A breathtaking expedition to the Glacier Skywalk affords spectacular views. On the tour’s final full day, ride the Banff Gondola to Sulphur Mountain’s peak.

Space is limited to only 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Your deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. Reserve risk-free today!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

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**COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: CANADIAN ROCKIES EXPLORER**

To reserve your place on tour, please call The Commonwealth Club at (415) 597-6720 or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Commonwealth Club representative.

*If you prefer,* you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to The Commonwealth Club’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: The Commonwealth Club
110 The Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94105

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I/We would like to request __________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

Full Passport Name __________________________ Date of Birth __________ Gender _____

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Please book my/our air from ______________________________________________________________

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

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
- I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.
Monday, July 17: 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.

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Tuesday, July 18: 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 49th parallel and enter the United States. We arrive at our lodge late this afternoon and enjoy dinner there together tonight.

B,L,D

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One of North America's great unspoiled wildernesses, the Canadian Rockies offer bountiful rewards for outdoor-loving travelers. While staying in unique mountain lodges, we ride in Glacier National Park's famed Red Jammers, visit cerulean Lake Louise, and set foot on Athabasca Glacier. Amid stunning alpine scenery, it's a feast for the eyes – and the spirit.

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Cover photo: Spend several days amidst the natural beauty of Banff National Park’s rivers, mountains and forests.
Road, a 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

Friday, July 21: Whitefish, MT We head into the forest this morning for a leisurely hike along the Whitefish Trail, starting at Swift Creek Trailhead. The mile-and-a-half loop offers opportunities for wildlife viewing. Our trek includes a lookout over postcard-worthy Whitefish 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

Saturday, July 22: 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

Sunday, July 23: 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 World Heritage 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 World Heritage Site). We enjoy dinner together at our hotel. B,L,D

Monday, July 24: 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

Tuesday, July 25: Jasper/Banff We return today to the Columbia Icefields Parkway for more scenic views, and a thrilling expedition. This dramatic road parallels the Continental Divide, running down the
spine of both Jasper and Banff national parks. Midday 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. \textit{B,L,D}

**Wednesday, July 26: Banff** Our last full day in the Canadian Rockies begins with a ride aboard the Banff Gondola 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. \textit{B,D}

**Thursday, July 27: Banff/Depart for U.S** We transfer this morning to the Calgary airport for our flights home. \textit{B}

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**Tour Departs: July 17, 2023**

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $156, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,795. Your $500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days from departure. 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.

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"Going to the mountains is going home."
– John Muir

A bull moose enjoys a dip.

Maligne Lake and Spirit Island, Jasper National Park

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, First Class, and unrated hotels
- 22 meals: 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners
- Education program throughout the trip
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Commonwealth Club representative at 15 guests
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations, inoculations, and COVID-19 testing; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional bagage 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 cancel your tour: cancel 95 days or more before departure: full refund; 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 tour, the effective date of cancellation will be based on the date the change is confirmed by Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. 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 all necessary travel documentation (suggested minimum amount: $300 per traveler). Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes are not confirmed or cannot be confirmed in writing, your reservation will be cancelled and your deposit will be refunded. All changes will be processed 90 days prior to departure unless otherwise specified by the sponsor. All deposits are fully refundable up to 95 days before departure. If you wish to make changes to your tour, you must contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. at least 90 days prior to departure or your deposit will be forfeited.

Eligibility: We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealthclub.org/membership or call (415) 597-6720.

The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under its control. If any supplied or ancillary services are not as expected, it is through no fault of Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and we cannot be held responsible for the services of others.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, 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 will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

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 assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols: The well-being of our guests and staff members is our top priority. We are committed to following the guidelines of the State Department, CDC, WHO, and authorities at your destination. Detailed protocols for this tour, based on conditions at the time, will be provided to you prior to your departure.