

Banff • Jasper

ICEFIELDS PARKWAY

The World's Most Spectacular Journey



To travel the Icefields Parkway is to experience one of Canada's national treasures and most rewarding destinations. Stretching 232km (144 mi.) through the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site, this world-class journey offers access to a vast wilderness of pristine mountain lakes, ancient glaciers and broad sweeping valleys. This special travel route winds its way through two national parks, boasting a unique and irreplaceable landscape rich in history and natural beauty second to none.

**“ONE OF THE WORLD'S TEN
GREATEST DRIVES”**

~ National Geographic Magazine

Whether traveling by car, bus, bike, or on foot, this road trip of a lifetime offers the opportunity to see diverse wildlife, stop at majestic viewpoints and view interpretive displays. This is more than just traveling a mountain road; it's a journey of the self and a celebration of protected wilderness grandeur.

Getting There.

The Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93) is located in western Canada between Lake Louise and the town of Jasper. Joining Banff and Jasper National Parks, the Parkway traces a paved line paralleling the Continental Divide, the backbone of the Canadian Rockies. The Parkway is easily accessed through Alberta's two gateway cities Edmonton and Calgary, both featuring international airports.



www.icefieldsparkway.ca



Ride the Backbone of the Continent

Banff to Lake Louise – Distance: 56 km
(www.banfflakelouise.com)

Take in all the cosmopolitan town of Banff has to offer, from famed hotels and world-class golf, to art galleries, attractions like the Banff Gondola, and active outdoor pursuits of every kind. Visit the Cave and Basin National Historic Site – the birthplace of Canada's national parks system. Departing Banff, the Trans-Canada Highway offers viewing of the mighty Castle Mountain, pristine Vermillion Lakes, as well as a variety of waterfalls and glaciers along the way.

A Diamond in the Wilderness

Lake Louise to Peyto Lake – Distance: 40 km

This picturesque village provides many amenities and features Lake Louise itself, dominated by the majestic Victoria Glacier. Just 2 km beyond Lake Louise, turn off on Highway 93 and begin the ascent up along the Parkway. Outstanding viewpoints at Herbert lake and Hector Lake; a spectacular toe of ice known as Crowfoot Glacier; Bow Lake along with Num-Ti-Jah Lodge and Bow Summit, are all featured. Welcome to the Icefields Parkway!

Stretch Your Legs on a Mountain Trail

Peyto Lake to Saskatchewan Crossing – Distance: 73 km

Highlights along the way include the Snowbird Glacier, Waterfowl Lakes, the massive Mount Cephren known as "The Black Pyramid," and frequent sightings of moose and black bears. Located just over the Bow Summit, a high point along the Icefields Parkway, the lookout over Peyto Lake is easily accessed on foot. Set far below in a deep, glacial valley, this famed lake is one of the highlights of the Canadian Rockies.



Enduring Memories Worth Every Step

Saskatchewan Crossing to Columbia Icefields – Distance: 50 km

The mighty North Saskatchewan is one of Canada's most outstanding heritage rivers, meeting with the Howse and the Mistaya at this junction. Along this journey, pass by the impressive Weeping Wall, which is host to ice climbers from around the world in the winter season. Hardier souls will also enjoy the beautiful alpine trail up Parker Ridge.

Touch a Glacier

Columbia Icefield

Few of the world's travel destinations can compare with the Columbia Icefield. View the full magnificence of this area by hiking the hardy self-guided interpretive trail, or experience an Ice Age adventure aboard a giant 6-wheeled Ice Explorer touring on the Athabasca Glacier, the most accessible glacier in North America. Stop by the interpretive centre to enjoy interactive displays and fascinating information about the area.

A Truly Unforgettable Journey

Columbia Icefields to Jasper – Distance: 104 km

Mountain goats, bighorn sheep, elk, woodland caribou and other large mammals are among the highlights of the Parkway's final leg. Viewpoints along this route offer a glimpse of the powerful and cascading Tangle Falls, Sunwapta Falls and Athabasca Falls. Highlights also include the towering pinnacle of Mt. Kitchener, the fascinating Kerkeslin Goat Lick, Bubbling Springs and an abundance of crystal clear lakes and rivers.

A Mountain Retreat

Town of Jasper (www.jaspercanadianrockies.com)

Find all the modern amenities of a city in this four-season mountain community located in the heart of Jasper National Park. Surrounded by breathtaking landscapes and an abundance of wildlife, this scenic destination features luxury resorts, championship golf, and a myriad of activities and attractions, including the highest tramway in Canada, Maligne Lake, Mount Edith Cavell and the Miette Hot Springs.