



Welcome to Rott's Manor

Canada 2015 Trip Report

We choose Globus Journeys for our tour operator to the Canadian Rockies. While we had a wonderful vacation, we found Globus Journeys to be subpar to other tour operators that we have used in the past and thus we would NOT recommend them to our family and friends.

September 3: We arrived in Calgary

September 4: Calgary

We had a fun filled day today. We had a private tour of beautiful Calgary with our friend Gary. He took us to the Military Museum to show us the newest exhibit that he has been working on. We had a great lunch, then went to his house where we chatted for hours..before we knew it, it was already dinner time. Gary and his wife took us to a lovely country club where we enjoyed another great meal.

September 4: Drumheller

Early this morning, we picked up a rental car and drove a few hours to the town of Drumheller, famous for its dinosaur fossils. We had lunch, then we were off to see the world's largest dinosaur museum. We spent hours in the museum. Afterwards, we visited the world's largest dinosaur building. We climbed the stairs to view out its mouth.

Tonight at 6 pm, we join up with our Globus tour group, meeting with our traveling companions and Tour Director over a welcome drink.

September 5: Calgary–Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump–Waterton Lakes National Park

Before departing Calgary, we had a brief orientation bus tour of the city's highlights. We traveled south along the Macleod Trail. Just outside the town of Fort Macleod, we visited HEAD-SMASHED-IN BUFFALO JUMP, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, it was on to scenic WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK with a photo stop at Cameron Falls. (Breakfast)

September 6: Waterton Lakes National Park–Glacier National Park–Going-to-the-Sun Road–Whitefish

Today we entered Montana through Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and behold the awesome snowcapped peaks of GLACIER NATIONAL PARK. The highlight for us today was boarding the famous vintage red “JAMMER BUSES” that will took us along one of North America’s most spectacular highways: Going-to-the-Sun Road. After crossing 6,664-foot-high Logan Pass, we entered a geographical wonderland of alpine scenery where jagged mountain peaks, deep-green forests, pristine lakes, and meadows dominate the landscape.

We had only a short hour for lunch today at a historic lodge.

Before arriving at our resort, we enjoyed a made-from-scratch piece of HUCKLEBERRY PIE and ICE CREAM—a delicious treat any time of day. (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 7: Whitefish–Fort Steele–Kootenay National Park–Banff

Today we re-entered Canada, with a stop in British Columbia before crossing into Alberta. We visited the restored town of FORT STEELE, where fortunes were made during the Kootenay Gold Rush. Next, we rode through the steep red cliffs of Sinclair Canyon and KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK before entering BANFF NATIONAL PARK, the heart of the Canadian Rockies. (Breakfast)

September 8: Banff

This morning, we took a scenic ride on the BANFF GONDOLA to the top of Sulphur Mountain. Our time here was too short to fully enjoy the hiking trails and the spectacular views of the valley below. Additional morning sightseeing included stops at Bow Falls and the Hoodoos. After a quick bite for lunch, we took an optional helicopter flightseeing trip for unsurpassed views of the Rockies. (Breakfast)

September 9: Banff–Columbia Icefield–Jasper

We followed breathtaking Icefields Parkway today and headed for JASPER NATIONAL PARK. Our bus driver scaled Bow Pass to provide us with splendid views of Peyto Lake. Then, he climbed Sunwapta Pass so that we could savor stunning vistas of alpine meadows, waterfalls, and glacier masses. Next is the highlight of the day: we stopped at the 1,200-foot-thick Columbia Icefield for a memorable ride aboard an ICE EXPLORER. We waved from shore to those who took the optional float trip down the historic Athabasca River. (Breakfast)

September 10: Jasper. Excursion to Maligne Lake

The schedule for the morning was at leisure. So, we booked a 2-hour horseback ride!

This afternoon, we journeyed to Maligne Lake for a fully narrated CRUISE of the glacial lake and Spirit Island. Afterward, we enjoyed a lakeside dinner with incredible views and local fare including famous Alberta beef. (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 11: Jasper–Lake Louise–Calgary

This morning, we visited Athabasca Falls and then retrace the route south along Icefields Parkway. One more highlight saved for the last day of our vacation: a visit to famous LAKE LOUISE where we had lunch. We then continued to Calgary, where our Tour Director hosted a farewell dinner. Over dessert, we were entertained by a local COWBOY POET who will brought the region's Western heritage to life through stories and songs. (Breakfast, Dinner)

September 12: Calgary

The tour ended after breakfast this morning with transfer provided to Calgary International Airport. (Breakfast)