

2020 - CANADIAN ROCKIES - TAKE 2!

Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake and Hot Springs

June 20-28, 2020

This eight night-nine day tour will feature the beauty of the Canadian Rockies, soothing mineral waters of five different hot springs, *luxury* lakeside lodging on Lake Louise and Moraine Lake, great food and stellar scenery (and some very nice roads!). A proposed itinerary is below. You may have to copy and paste the links to see the websites.

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Day 1: The trip will depart June 20th from Portland. The trip will feature back roads through the Palouse to Spokane and the Historic Davenport Hotel

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gegak-the-historic-davenport-autograph-collection/>.

This is a very classy elegant hotel that we have visited on past tours and all have really enjoyed.

Day 2: Destination is Fairmont Hot Springs Resort! <https://www.fairmonthot springs.com/hot-springs/> A leisurely 4 hour drive will get us to the resort early afternoon allowing for a long soak before dinner. This will be a new destination.



Fairmont Springs



Lunch in Banff

Day 3: After taking the gondola to the top of the mountain for lunch in Banff, we will enjoy Upper Banff Hot Springs <https://www.hot springs.ca/> before checking into Tunnel Mountain Resort.

<https://tunnelmountain.com/>



Tunnel Mountain Resort



Moraine Lake



Chateau Lake Louise

Days 4-5 we stay in the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Located in the high in the Canadian Rockies only a short distance from Banff, you will have the opportunity to enjoy high tea, explore several walking trails, paddle a canoe while you gaze at mountains and glaciers, and take the Lake Louise Tram to the top of the mountains with a good chance of seeing a grizzly bear! We will also take shuttles over to Lake Moraine and have the opportunity to enjoy perhaps even more spectacular sights. Check out the pics! Wow!

<https://www.fairmont.com/lake-louise/> <https://www.fairmont.com/jasper/>

Day 6 has us heading to Jasper where we stay in the Fairmont Jasper Lodge.



Mette Hot Springs



Fairmont Jasper Lodge

We will take in the many sights along the Ice Highway including mountain lakes, waterfalls, the Columbia Ice Fields, and a lot more.

Day 7: Early morning dip at Mette Hot Springs before we head to Sun Peaks.



Sun Peaks Resort



Harrison Springs Resort

Day 8: About 5 hour drive will take us to Harrison Hot Springs Resort.

https://www.harrisonresort.com/?utm_source=googlemaps&utm_medium=local&utm_campaign=resort Located on Lake Harrison, they have 5 different pools to enjoy.

Day 9: Home bound we are.

This will be one of those “Once in a life time” trips for most of us. The trip will not be cheap. The rooms at Lake Louise and Moraine Lake run \$950 to \$1,000 Canadian or \$713-\$750 US (but I got a group discount so a bit less) but like I said, a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The only time Paula and I attempted to make it to Lake Louise we were on a year delayed honeymoon camping in a park down the road. We decided to hike the trail from the main highway to The Chateau. After only a mile or so, Paula slipped and broke her wrist. After surgery and a stay in the Banff Hospital, the drugs pretty much obliterated memory of the remainder of our ‘honeymoon’ trip. Hence, this trip will be special for us!