

## Tom McGirr's Tours!

By Tom McGirr

Room for 2 more!

I have room for two more couples on the Alfa Wannabe Car Tour to Canada. The dates are September 9-18. If you are interested, please contact Tom McGirr at [tomsredalfa@gmail.com](mailto:tomsredalfa@gmail.com) or by phone 503-362-8797. See below for a detailed itinerary!

### First up – Canadian Rockies!

Banff, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake and Hot Springs – September 9-18, 2021

This will be the Alfa Wannabe's third trip to Canada. First one featured hot spring resorts, snowcapped mountains and Prince of Wales Hotel in Alberta. In 2019, we spent a week exploring Vancouver Island. The 2020 and June 2021 scheduled trips were deferred due to Covic. With a little bit of luck, we explore Banff and Jasper National Parks and slip in a few more hot springs resorts in September of 2021!

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

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.fairmonthotspots.com/hot-springs/> A leisurely 4 hour drive will get us to the resort early afternoon allowing for a long soak before dinner.



Fairmount Springs



Breakfast in Banff

Day 3: After entering Banff National park we will take in a number of 'wow' sights. Early afternoon, we will enjoy a soak in Upper Banff Hot Springs <https://www.hotspots.ca/> before checking into Irwins Mountain Resort. <https://irwainsmountaininn.com>



Irwin's Resort in Banff



Lake Louise



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Moraine Lake

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, or take the Lake Louise Tram to the top of the mountains with a good chance of seeing a grizzly bear! You may wish to join Tom and Paula as we enjoy a morning hike up Johnson Canyon, the top rated trail in the park system. One afternoon we will take chartered 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 while we take in the many sights along the Ice Highway including mountain lakes, waterfalls, the Columbia Ice Fields, and a lot more. We stay in the Fairmont Jasper Lodge.

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Fairmont Jasper Lodge



Johnson Canyon

Day 7: We take a leisurely scenic drive to Lake Maligne where we embark on a lake cruise taking in breathtaking views of the Canadian Rockies. We will return early afternoon to relax at the resort.

Day 8: Off to Sun Peaks near Kamloops, CA.



Sun Peaks Resort



Harrison Springs Resort

Day 9: A 5 hour drive will take us to Harrison Hot Springs Resort. We will arrive in time for a long leisurely soak before having our final dinner. Located on Lake Harrison, they have 5 different pools to enjoy.

[https://www.harrisonresort.com/?utm\\_source=googlemaps&utm\\_medium=local&utm\\_campaign=resort](https://www.harrisonresort.com/?utm_source=googlemaps&utm_medium=local&utm_campaign=resort)

Day 10: Home bound we are. An informal lunch stop is planned on the way.

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-\$790 US (but I got a group discount so got rooms down to \$610 US) but like I said, a once in a lifetime opportunity.

The only time Paula and I attempted to make it to Tea House at Lake Louise we were on a year delayed honeymoon tent camping in a park down the road. We decided to hike the trail from the main highway to Tea House. 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!

There is currently two openings (two rooms). If you are interested in joining us on a trully special trip, let me know asap.

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## June “Summer Solstice Tour and Picnic” – Cancelled

Steve Davis

After much discussion, the AROO Board took the difficult decision to cancel the June 19 Summer Solstice Picnic at Steve and Tina Davis’ house outside of Eugene. Our 2019 event drew 50 people and close to 25 cars, and we were looking forward to a big post-COVID event this year. Sadly, there is just too much uncertainty regarding CDC and Oregon State guidelines for us to feel comfortable with the first true “social gathering” of 2021.

So, on to 2022! Mark it in your calendars for Saturday, June 18th – the “it’s really gonna happen” Summer Solstice Tour and Picnic! Bring on the BBQ! Bring on the Alfas! Bring on lots of tables placed close together! Bring on the FUN!