



Road Bike Tours
Between Jasper & Banff, Alberta
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Jasper to Banff 5 day, 5 night Cycle Tour (Hotel)

Arrival Day: Wednesday 7th July 2021

Please plan to arrive in Edmonton today or earlier. If you can arrive on the same or similar flights we may be able to provide airport transfers to your hotel in Edmonton. You'll be located right next to the river Valley trails so feel free to go for a run or ride in the River Valley or just chill at your hotel for the evening, We'll pick you up first thing tomorrow morning.

Meals included: none

Day 1: Thursday 8th Transfer to Jasper + optional 50km (30 mile ride)

You will be picked up from your accommodation bright and early this morning for your transfer to Jasper. Exact departure details will be published closer to the actual tour date but it will likely be around 8am. We'll make a quick lunch stop in Hinton then upon approaching Jasper we'll take a side trip up to Maligne Lake for some sightseeing then an optional 50km (30 mile) mostly down hill ride to Beckers Chalets, located just outside Jasper on the banks of the Athabasca River. Dinner will be at the onsite restaurant at around 7pm.

Traveler's Tip: We can also meet you in Jasper today if you wanted to take the relaxing scenic journey by train from Vancouver to Jasper (instead of flying into Edmonton and taking our shuttle).

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 2: Friday 9th

Icefields Parkway to Sunwapta Falls – Total Distance: 50km (30 miles)

After breakfast at the hotel (included) you'll have the morning to wander around Jasper, go for a hike or get some extra miles in with a bonus bike ride. We'll discuss all the options on the drive to Jasper or during last night's dinner. After Lunch at about 12.30pm we'll review the route, elevation, and bike safety tips and you and the group will set off on an epic adventure as you are guided out of town and onto the beautiful Icefields Parkway. Watch out for wildlife and townsfolk cheering you on! There will be one rest stop at the spectacular Athabasca Falls which will help bring the group back together, as well as supply you with some nutrition. We will then continue on to our accommodations at the *Sunwapta Falls Hotel*. A delicious 3-course meal will be served in the on-site restaurant.

Things to Do:

- After dinner, relax with a glass of wine in front of your in-room fireplace (available in most rooms).
- Take a short, 1km walk down to the nearby falls and venture along one of the many hiking paths that snake along the river.
- Sit out on the deck of your cabin and watch the moon journey across a stunning mountain backdrop, with the sounds of nature at night rising all around you.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Downloadable Map for your GPS device: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/29836210>



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Day 3: Saturday 10th

Sunwapta Falls to Saskatchewan River Crossing – Total Distance: 98km (62 miles)

A bountiful, gourmet breakfast is served around 8am. After a quick briefing of the route, hills (aka “bumps”) and rest stops, we’ll hop on the bikes and hit the road for the day’s journey to Saskatchewan River Crossing. We’ll climb past Tangle Falls and over the Big bump, making our way towards our lunch stop in the shadow of the great Columbia Icefields, from which flow the Athabasca and Dome glaciers. After a nutritious meal and a well-deserved break, we’ll get back in the saddle and ride the scenic Sunwapta Pass. A rewarding 15 km downhill section awaits as we sweep down towards the valley floor again and on to the impressive cliffs and waterfalls of the Weeping Wall. A few rest stops along the way will break up the journey, provide photo opportunities, and give the group a chance to re-congregate as necessary. We’ll then conquer the remaining rolling hills accompanied by the sound of flowing rivers and in the presence of towering, snow-capped mountains. Before you know it, you’ll be enjoying a cold drink under Mt. Wilson at the *Crossing Resort*. You’ll be tired but satisfied knowing you’ve just knocked off the longest day of cycling of the tour.

Traveler’s Tip: Keep an eye out for the Crossing on your left as you approach! After nearly 100kms and with a 360 degree view of Mountains surrounding the resort, a tired traveler or two have been known to inadvertently sail on by!

Things to Do:

- Check out the extensive gift shop! Lots of shopping is available at this unique mountain resort, and with plenty of cargo space in the van and trailer, we are happy to carry your treasures back for you.
- Enjoy the outdoor patio at the pub! Take in some stunning scenery while you recount the adventures had and memories made over the day’s kilometres.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Downloadable Map for your GPS device: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/29845808>



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Day 4: Sunday 11th Bow Pass to Lake Louise – Total Distance: 85km (53 miles)

After fuelling up at breakfast you'll climb out of the valley in the shadow of Mount Murchison. Shortly after, the terrain levels off again and you'll cruise easily past endlessly changing vistas of mountains, turquoise green Glacial Lakes and abundant wildlife. Bow Pass, the final challenge of the tour awaits – but feel free to take it at your own pace. Your reward will be witnessing a panoramic view like no other of Peyto Lake far below; in the distance, the valley that you've been riding down for the past few days can be seen in all its glory, surrounded by mountains as far as the eye can see. You'll descend to the shores of Bow Lake for a well-deserved lunch break in a breathtaking setting before we essentially roll downhill all the way to Lake Louise. The lovely and well-appointed *Mountaineer Lodge* is where you'll rest your head tonight.

Traveler's Tip: the Bow Pass ascent is long, but manageable! Don't forget, though, that you can always hop in the van if you're not feeling the love for it at any moment!

Things to Do:

- Relax in the hot tub or steam room!
- Stretch your legs with a leisurely walk through the quiet village of Lake Louise.
- Get your group together and hop into the van for a jaunt up to the stunning Moriane Lake or Lake Louise, the area's namesake. This turquoise, glacier-fed lake is situated in an amphitheater of towering mountains and is absolutely a must-see!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Downloadable Map for your GPS device: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/30019117>

Day 5: Monday 12th Final ride into Banff / Canmore – Total Distance: 60 to 85 km (37 - 53 Miles)

After the last few days, today will be a breeze. You'll pedal the final 60km on gently rolling hills and flats towards Banff on the historic Bow Valley Parkway. Shaded by ancient trees, this final leg of the tour offers plenty of time for peaceful reflection in lush surroundings. We'll take a rest break under the awesome Castle Mountain before joining a bike path that brings us into the world-class town of Banff. You'll be able to take in all the magnificence of Banff's surroundings including Mt Rundle, Cascade Mountain and Vermilion Lakes from the peace and quiet of your bike. From here, you'll have the option of finishing the cycling portion of the tour **or** continuing to challenge yourself by riding an additional 25km on a dedicated bike path to Canmore.

At this stage of the planning process we haven't included a nights stay in Banff or Canmore for the group however we'd be happy to add this to you along with dinner and Breakfast the next morning if desired. Banff is in the middle of all the action but can be expensive. Canmore is another awesome mountain town 25km down the valley and is more affordable as an alternative option. If people are keen to finish up today we'd be happy to shuttle you to Calgary airport for outbound flights. We'd plan on arriving at Calgary airport by 3pm so you'd want to book flights departing from 5pm or later. If it turns out a large percentage of the group wants to depart this evening we'll likely continue driving back to Edmonton and the people staying in Banff or Canmore would be on their own arrangements for Dinner and Breakfast the next morning along with a shuttle to Calgary via the Banff Airporter.

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Downloadable Map for your GPS device: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/30025027>

Day 6: Departure Day: Tuesday 13th

Assuming some of you stay an extra night or two, you'd likely make your own arrangements to get to Calgary via a local shuttle company (Banff airporter) or if the full group decides to stay an additional night, we'll hang around and provide a group shuttle for you.



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WHATS INCLUDED:

Package Includes:

- 5 nights hotel accommodation (twin share)
Arrival Night 1: Chateau Lacombe Edmonton, Night 2: Beckers Chalets (Jasper), Night 3: Sunwapta Falls Resort, Night 4: The Crossing Resort, Night 5: Mountaineer Lodge (Lake Louise)
Optional extra night available in Banff or Canmore on request.
- Meals: 5 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners and unlimited snacks
- Van support during riding days and National Park fees
- Transport for you, your luggage and your bike.
- USB disk with high-quality photos taken during the tour.

Package Excludes:

- Meals on arrival day, Lunch on Day 1, and Dinner on Day 5.
- Single supplement (Own room to yourself during tour) = \$600 + 5% gst.
- Rental Bike = \$220 + 5% gst. (road bike, Felt VR30 model, carbon fork, aluminum frame, disk brakes, Shimano 105 components) OR E-Bike.
- Flights into Edmonton and out of Calgary if required.
- Tour guide Gratuity: Optional but appreciated and customary in Canada for good service.
- Additional non rider activities
- Alcoholic drinks not included in evening meals.

Note: A moderate level of fitness and a road / cross / touring / mountain bike (with slick tires) or one of our rental bikes are recommended to take part in this tour.

- We've seen all types of people of varying fitness levels and bikes successfully complete this tour. Good mental attitude will triumph all challenges and you'll come out the other side of this tour stronger and more confident than ever. We'll be just around the corner if it ever gets a bit too much and can give you a ride in the van if you're not feeling the love for it at any stage of the tour.
- Are you a bit scared of the distances or hills on the tour or worried about keeping up with your partner or others on the tour? We have an electric pedal assist bike available in our rental fleet to help you out .

More Questions: Please see our [FAQ document online](#) for more general information applicable to all our bike tour itineraries.



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Single Supplement (room to yourself): CA \$600 + 5% gst.

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