

# CALGARY & BANFF

4 Days | Rocky Mountains Student Tour

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## TOUR SNAPSHOT

Take your class to the Rockies on a 4-day student tour of Banff and Calgary. Tour Cave and Basin National Historic Site, head to the top of Sulphur Mountain via gondola, and bask in the warm waters of Upper Banff Hot Springs. Visit the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology and the Glenbow Museum. This school trip will inspire your class to embark on a lifetime of travel.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED:



#### Sites & Activities:

Guided tour of Cave and Basin National Historic Site, Banff Gondola to Sulphur Mountain, Banff Upper Hot Springs visit, The Ultimate Glacier Experience at Athabasca Glacier & Skywalk, Lake Louise Lakeshore Trail walk, Educational Program at the Royal Tyrrell Museum, Royal Tyrrell Paleontology Museum visit, orientation tour of Calgary, Calgary Tower visit, Glenbow Museum visit



**Your Brightspark  
Tour Leader**



**Accommodations**  
3 nights hotel



**Transportation**  
Private motor coach



**Meals**  
3 breakfasts, 1 packed lunch,  
2 dinners







# WHY BRIGHTSPARK?

## PUTTING YOUR EXPERIENCE FIRST

- **Our Tour Leaders Make All The Difference:** They are experts in fun and are equipped with educational content and interactive games that keep your students engaged. Extensively trained and masters in logistics, they deal with all the details to ensure a stress-free class trip!
- **The Best Support:** Our team is with you every step of the way from itinerary planning to board paperwork, online payment collection, and 24/7 on-tour assistance. We are dedicated to making the planning process simple and easy.
- **Go. Discover. Inspire:** You are not a tourist, but a traveller; we will expose you and your students to the soul of the destination and ignite your sense of wonder.



## EXPERTS IN STUDENT TRAVEL

We have 40+ years of travel experience, exceptional supplier relationships, and an impeccable safety record, so you can rest assured your tour will be sparktacular!

95%  
OF TEACHERS  
LOVE OUR  
TOURS

40+  
YEARS OF  
TRAVEL  
EXPERIENCE

33K+  
PASSENGERS  
TRAVELLED  
LAST YEAR



## WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED

### THE BEST INSURANCE

Feel safe with the knowledge that your students are fully protected with cancellation insurance provided by Travel Guard, which includes school board cancellation for **ANY REASON.**



*"Overall experience from start to finish was fantastic. The kids had a great time and will have memories that will last a lifetime. Our tour leaders, Phillipe & Adriele, went above and beyond getting to know the students and helping us with special requests. Thank you for everything!"*

*Gatestone Staff & Students, HWDSB*

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## DAY 1

- 10:15 a.m. **Arrive in Calgary**, where your Tour Leader will meet you at the airport.
- 11:00 a.m. **Board your motor coach and depart for Banff.**
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2:30 p.m. **Guided Tour of Cave and Basin National Historic Site.** Experience the birthplace of Canada's national parks and learn about the natural and cultural history of the mountains. Discover the hot water that seeps from the rocks, smell the minerals, and walk along the Upper Basin Trail.
- 4:30 p.m. **Banff Gondola to Sulphur Mountain.** Experience incredible views of the Canadian Rockies as you soar 2281 metres above sea level to the top of Sulphur Mountain. Once there, walk the boardwalk to Samson's Peak and find the historic Cosmic Ray Station.
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 8:00 p.m. **Banff Upper Hot Springs.** Soak in the historic spa and restored 1930s heritage bathhouse against a backdrop of spectacular alpine scenery. You will luxuriate in the comfort of soothing hot water where travellers have come to "take the waters" for more than a century.
- 9:30 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

## DAY 2

- 7:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. **Check out of your hotel** and load your luggage onto your motor coach.
- 11:00 a.m. **The Ultimate Glacier Experience.** Explore the ancient Athabasca Glacier on a giant Ice Explorer. Discover glaciology before stepping right onto the glacier itself! Walk out on the glass-bottomed Skywalk; this entire experience is a journey of wonder.
- 1:00 p.m. **Packed lunch**
- 3:00 p.m. **Walk the Lake Louise Lakeshore Trail.** Admire the crystal water and the towering Victoria glacier. As you walk around the lake, you'll get a wonderful view of Lake Louise Boathouse, perched on the water's edge, and a lovely view of the fairytale Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.
- 5:00 p.m. **Free time to explore Banff.** Walking down the main street of this spirited town, you are struck by the view of the mountains in front of you. Shop along Banff and Bear Streets, and don't be surprised to see wildlife grazing nearby.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:00 p.m. **Board your motor coach** and depart for Calgary.
- 9:00 p.m. **Hotel check-in**

## DAY 3

- 7:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Educational Program at the Royal Tyrrell Museum.** Programs include curriculum-based content in science, social studies, mathematics, and art for students in kindergarten through grade 12.
- 11:00 a.m. **Visit the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology.** At Canada's only museum dedicated exclusively to the study of ancient life, you will view engaging exhibits that bring the prehistoric past to life.
- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 3:00 p.m. **Orientation Tour of Calgary.** Your Tour Leader will guide you around the city at the centre of Canada's oil industry. Calgary is still steeped in the western culture that earned it the nickname Cowtown.
- 4:00 p.m. **Free time to explore and shop along Stephen Avenue.** Wander this cool pedestrian zone and perhaps pick up a souvenir or two.
- 6:00 p.m. **Dinner**

## DAY 4

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Check out of your hotel** and load your luggage onto your motor coach.
- 10:00 a.m. **Visit the Calgary Tower.** Any visit to Calgary is incomplete until you've seen the city from the top! This 190.8 metre, free-standing observation tower is located in the city's downtown core, offering 360-degree views. Are you brave enough to test your courage by stepping onto the glass floor to view the ground below?
- 11:15 a.m. **Visit Glenbow Museum.** Established as a museum in 1966, Glenbow's mandate is to celebrate and share the history, creativity, and beauty of western Canada. Galleries include West Africa, Rocks and Minerals, Blackfoot People, New Sun First Nations, Inuit & Métis, Alberta Mavericks, and more.
- 12:30 p.m. **Shopping at the CORE Shopping Centre.** The CORE is a shopper's paradise! Four floors featuring unique stores, famous brands, luxury boutiques, and a variety-filled food court.
- 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 2:30 p.m. **Board your motor coach** and depart for the airport to catch your flight home!

## START PLANNING NOW!



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