



## Canada Gold Rush Trail Adventure 20 Days Calgary to Anchorage – Departure in spring from \$3590

### **CALGARY**

Day 1: Arrive for Group Meeting and Dinner (H)

### **BANFF**

Days 2/3: We will try and visit Lake Louise and / or hike in any of the surroundings/amazing lakes close to Banff. The following day we can enjoy the small but vibrant town of Banff, hike Tunnel/Sulphur Mountains or visit the Banff Hot Springs (optional) to soak overlooking the Canadian Rockies. (C)

### **ICEFIELDS PARKWAY**

Day 4: One of the most picturesque drives in all of North America. Make sure your camera batteries are charged because it will be firing non-stop with all the breathtaking views and over 200 glaciers. (C)

### **JASPER**

Day 5/6: Less touristy than Banff, Jasper is no less an entertaining little town. We will explore Maligne Canyon and lake with abundant hiking opportunities, mountain biking and other optional activities are available along with wildlife viewing. (C)

### **YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY**

Day 7/8: Traverse Alberta into British Columbia along the Yellowhead Highway and Mt Robson. Camp along the Fraser Lake and explore this old fur-trading post area. (BC)

### **FIRST NATION VILLAGE**

Day 9: Visit the 'Ksan Historical Village where you'll experience the village and learn of its heritage as it has existed for centuries. (C)

### **MEZIADIN LAKE**

Day 10: We'll make our way to the start of the Cassiar Highway along with a side trip to the Bear Glacier. (BC)

### **CASSIAR HIGHWAY**

Days 11/12: One of the most scenic and prolific roads to spot black bear. "Into the wild" is an understatement. The Cassiar Highway was part of the Hudson Trading Company, mining, and logging. (BC)

### **WHITEHORSE**

Day 13/14: Whitehorse is located on the Yukon River where you can check out the historic paddleboat, the SS Klondike. An included side trip to the town of Skagway where the Klondike

Gold Rush started from the waters here and climbed up the Chilkoot Pass. (C)

### **DAWSON CITY**

Day 15/16/17: A visit to this lively and historic Klondike gold rush city perpetually set in 1896 includes checking out Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall, Jack London's cabin, and trying the Sour Toe Cocktail. Don't forget free gold panning! (BC)

### **CHICKEN/TOK**

Day 18: Cross over the Yukon River on a short ferry ride to drive the Top of the World Highway. See remnants of old mining operations along the way to Chicken, AK. (C)

### **BEAR LAKE/MATANUSKA GLACIER**

Day 19: Depending on the weather and other local circumstances we might stay at Bear Lake or Matanuska Glacier. (C)

### **ANCHORAGE**

Day 20: A beautiful drive on our final day surrounded by the Wrangell and Chugach Mountains. There are some spectacular views of the Matanuska glacier on our way to Anchorage (-)

H = Hotel stay C = Camping BC= Bush Camping



\*itinerary can change due to local circumstances\*

\*prices for optional activities are estimated costs and are subject to change\*



## What's included in the trip?

- 20-day tour in overland vehicle
- Accommodations outlined for nights in Hostel/Campsites
- All meals cooked off the bus (19xBreakfast, 16xLunch, 16xDinner, sometimes we go out for dinner/lunch at your own costs)
- Visit K'san Historical Village
- Visit Takhini Hot springs Whitehorse (depending on Covid policies/things might change)
- Side Trip to Skagway
- Gold Panning Dawson City
- Entrance into Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall Dawson City (depending on Covid policies, things might change and we might include other activities that are safe to do)
- Hikes/Walks at Lake Louise and Icefields Parkway
- Admission to National Parks and Monuments
- Pre-departure meeting to welcome and provide you with a good understanding of the trip ahead
- Services of two trained/commercially certified leaders/drivers
- Fully equipped Overland vehicle
- High quality four person tents (sleeping only two), camp chairs and cooking equipment
- Information regarding places to be visited, history, flora and fauna



## CALGARY



Situated along the Bow and Elbow Rivers, Calgary is a perfect gateway to the Canadian Rockies. Arrive in Calgary for your group meeting at 6 pm and follow that up with a group meal to get to know your fellow

travellers.

**Included:** Pre Departure Meeting, Hostel Calgary

## BANFF/LAKE LOUISE



A short drive from Calgary will take us into the Canadian Rockies. Banff is a popular tourist destination, and for good reason. Hike up Sulphur or Tunnel Mountains or/and have a soak afterwards in the local Hot Springs (optional). Day 2 will take us to explore the famous Lake Louise preceded or followed by a drive down the Bow Valley Parkway.

**Included Activities:** Visit and Hike near/around Lake Louise, Banff National Park

**Optional Activities:** Hiking Sulphur or Tunnel Mountain, Banff Hot Springs, Banff Gondola, Rock Climbing, Canoe Rentals, & More

## ICEFIELDS PARKWAY



Hands down this is one of the most picturesque roads in all of North America. Glaciers, lakes, and waterfalls line the road to make even the most basic

camera take professional looking pictures. We will be stopping many times throughout the day to take short walks to viewpoints and stop for a multitude of animal sightings.

**Included:** Scenic Drive Icefields Parkway including Peyto, Bow Lake and Athabaska Glacier

## JASPER



Located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, Jasper gives the adventure traveler ample opportunities at exploring wilderness or adrenaline pumping activities. One day is set aside for you to

choose from the many outdoor adventures, the other day we will explore the surroundings of Jasper hiking around / at Maligne Lake and looking out for some wildlife to find!

**Included Activities:** Hike at Maligne Lake

**Optional Activities:** Mountain biking, hiking, Jasper Tram, Whitewater Rafting, Horseback Riding



## YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY



With mountains and river valleys abound, we follow the Fraser River through the history of the Cariboo Gold Rush and Fur Trading Post area, traversing Alberta

crossing into British Columbia.

The dense forest and agricultural lands drive the economy and the Fraser Lake area has been dubbed “White Swan Capital of the World.”

## ‘KSAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE



Today we venture out to visit the ‘Ksan Historical Village. The ‘Ksan village is a great example of how the First Nation has continued to survive in harsh environments and keep their culture alive. View original totem poles and Indian history.

**Included Activities:** ‘Ksan Historic Village and Museum or Nsga’a Tribe

## MEZIADIN LAKE

The junction at Meziadin Lake Provincial Park has a large concentration of black and brown bears fishing along the many creeks. Alaska just sits 40 miles away and many on the Canadian side of the border like to argue that this is part of their land. We’ll visit the massive Bear Glacier that once filled the Bear River Pass only 50 years ago.



**Included:** Bear Glacier, weather dependent: drive into Hyder and visit Alaska for a few hours

## CASSIAR HIGHWAY



The Cassiar Highway is one of the most scenic and prolific roads to spot black bears, moose, and stone sheep. The road passes deep canyons, high glaciers, mountains, and can be rough at times and,

but the reward of travelling roads like this will truly give you a feel of being out in the wilderness!

**Included:** Jade City, Scenic Drive

## TESLIN



The day will start off with the preparation of our sign to be included at the Sign Post Forest in Watson Lake. There are already of 100,000 signs from around the world! If you want,

bring one from home. We will be camping in one of the Provincial Parks of the Yukon.

**Included:** Sign Forest at Watson Lake

## WHITEHORSE



We’ve crossed over into the Yukon Territory where there are more caribou than there are people! Whitehorse is located on the Yukon River where you can

check out the old paddleboat, the SS Klondike. Included in the trip is a worthwhile visit to soak our tired and weary bones in the Takhini Hot Springs and a side trip to Skagway/Alaska crossing the mountain range down to sea level.



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**Included Activity:** Takhini Hot Springs, Trip to Skagway

**Optional Activity:** Visit SS Klondike Museum, Hike the surroundings of Whitehorse

## DAWSON CITY



A visit to this lively and historic city includes checking out Diamond Tooth Gertie's, Klondike Gold Rush, Midnight Dome, Robert Service Cabin and the Jack London

Museum. Some might even dare to try the Sour Toe Cocktail! This small town was once home to over 40,000 gold fevered prospectors and we'll even try our hand at a little gold panning to try and strike it rich!

**Included Activities:** Entrance Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall, Gold Panning

**Optional Activities:** Visit Jack London Museum, Historic town tour, hike Midnight Dome, Paragliding, or gambling the night away!

## TOK/CHICKEN/BEAR LAKE



Cross over the Yukon River on a short ferry ride to drive the "Top of the World Highway." As we make our way to Tok, there are many remnants of old mining sites throughout these wooded areas. As we reach the highways apex, Poker Creek border crossing awaits us. The most northerly land border in the USA, it's an experience few have had the pleasure. Then, it's down the hill to Chicken, Alaska! Chicken, Alaska?? Why would they call someplace chicken? You'll just have to visit it to find out.

**Included:** Ferry Ride Yukon River, Scenic Drive Top of the World Highway

## ANCHORAGE



A beautiful drive surrounded by the Wrangell and Chugach Mountains. There are some spectacular views of the Matanuska glacier, taiga forests, and some of the highest peaks in North

America. The trip will end by 3pm.

