



# CROWN OF THE CONTINENT GLACIER NATIONAL PARK



**JULY 8, 2012–JULY 13, 2012**  
**\$2,495–\$2,795 per person,**  
**double occupancy**  
**\$790 single supplement**

**WHY WE PICKED IT** Famous American Conservationist George Grinnell once dubbed this pristine mountain region the “Crown of the Continent.” Thanks in part to his influence, this region remains a staggeringly wild place, home to iconic species such as grizzly bears, wolves, wolverines and bull trout. Journey to explore the heart of this mountain kingdom, Glacier National Park in the U.S. and Waterton National Park in Canada. Known for their abundant wildlife, grand peaks, sparkling lakes and awesome hiking, this is sure to be an adventure you never forget.

**OFF THE BEATEN PATH** A commitment to responsible travel has directed Off the Beaten Path’s internal compass from our beginning. We constantly improve our journeys and operations to be a beneficial and sustainable component of the social and natural worlds where we work. Educating our clients about the issues that matter throughout our territories, we know travel plays a critical role in fostering understanding and conservation.

**THE NWF CONNECTION** On this journey, you will encounter many of the most iconic species in the North American conservation movement. NWF has been a leader in the fight to preserve and protect species such as the gray wolf, and continues the fight to protect the important habitats on which these extraordinary creatures rely. Here at NWF Expeditions, we believe there is no better way to spread our message than through inspiring others. We are confident that once you’ve witnessed the beauty of these wild creatures in their natural habitat, you will join us in our commitment to continue this fight!

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**PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR A COMPLETE DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY. TO ASK QUESTIONS OR TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR, PLEASE CALL 800-606-9563 OR EMAIL [expeditions@nwf.org](mailto:expeditions@nwf.org).**

**JULY 8** We make our way up and over the famed Going-to-the-Sun Road, surrounded by spectacular scenery and wildlife. Our experienced naturalist guides are familiar with the region, and will introduce us to what many consider the most pristine national park in the Lower 48. We stop for short hikes and photo opportunities to take in the dramatic, glacially carved scenery on the way to Many Glacier—an area known for its lakes, waterfalls, forests, meadows, and hiking trails. *Overnight: Many Glacier Hotel (B, L, D)*

**JULY 9** Watch the mountains of Glacier light up with the rising sun as the day begins with a hike in the Many Glacier area. Our guides provide interesting interpretation of the flora, fauna, and history of the area as we trek in the park. Enjoy lunch on the trail before returning to Many Glacier in the early afternoon. We quickly regroup, then leave Glacier Park and cross the border into Canada, headed to Waterton Lakes National Park. *Overnight: Waterton Lakes Lodge (B, L, D)*

**JULY 10** With a full day to explore Waterton Lakes National Park, there will be something for everyone on walks and hikes throughout the day. We view majestic towering cliffs, unusual geological formations, beautiful waterfalls, and snow-clad mountain peaks as we scan the hillsides for bear, moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats. In 1932, Waterton and Glacier National Parks linked to form the Waterton-Glacier International

Peace Park. Upper Waterton Lake—a sparkling gem in this park's chain of lakes, is the deepest lake in the Canadian Rockies. *Overnight: Waterton Lakes Lodge (B, L, D)*

**JULY 11** After a short morning hike we head to Fernie, traveling north through Pincher Creek and west to Crowsnest Pass. We stop at the town of Frank, to visit the site of a devastating rockslide that struck the area in 1903. The landscape is a testament to the authority of nature and the reality of mountain frontier life. Nestled in the beautiful Elk Valley, Fernie is one of the Canadian Rockies' hippest little towns. Our luxury, backcountry lodge accommodations are in a secluded, woodland setting near Fernie. *Overnight: Island Lake Lodge (B, L, D)*

**JULY 12** Accommodating only 32 guests, Island Lake Lodge is a private enclave surrounded by 7,000 acres of wilderness in the Canadian Rockies. Hiking is right out the door today. The group and guide can decide which trail options sound best, from a one-hour walk in old growth forest to a full-day hike to a mountain peak. Fly-fishing on the Elk River is also an optional activity for the day (for additional cost). *Overnight: Island Lake Lodge (B, L, D)*

**JULY 13** We head back across the Canadian border to catch afternoon departures from Kalispell—or stay a day or two longer to explore the fun town of Whitefish! *Departing flights leaving Kalispell, Montana after 1:30 pm. (B)*

**TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:** All accommodations, all transportation, all meals as listed in the itinerary (b=breakfast, l=lunch, d=dinner), all sites and excursions as specified, entrance fees to all sites, professional tour management throughout the entire program, gratuities for staff at hotels and restaurants included in the itinerary, taxes and service charges throughout, complete pre-departure materials to help you prepare for your tour.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare to and from departure city, optional guide and tour manager gratuities, alcoholic beverages, personal expenses such as laundry, souvenirs, and film.



**\$500 DEPOSIT PER PERSON**

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

Full refund minus \$250 per person prior to April 9, 2012

25% of trip cost from April 10–May 8, 2012

50% of trip cost from May 9–June 7, 2012

No refunds after June 8, 2012

**QUESTIONS AND RESERVATIONS**

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