



HARVARD

Alumni Association

CANADIAN ROCKIES EXPLORER WITH GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

AUGUST 11 – 21, 2018

One of North America's great unspoiled wildernesses, the Canadian Rockies offer stunning alpine scenery. Set out for Glacier National Park, which encompasses rugged mountains, thunderous waterfalls, still lakes, and glacial valleys stretching to the Canadian border. Enjoy 360-degree mountain views from atop Whitefish Mountain before entering Banff National Park and ascending to world-renowned Lake Louise. Continue to the Columbia Icefield, whose waters flow into the Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic Oceans. Take an Ice Explorer all-terrain vehicle up Athabasca Glacier and end your adventure with a ride aboard the Banff Gondola for spectacular views in every direction.

GROUP SIZE: Up to 24 guests

PRICING:

*\$5,391- Air inclusive from Seattle (includes airline taxes and fees)

• *\$5,195- Land only

• *\$1,295- Single supplement

*Please note, pricing for this tour is tentative

STUDY LEADER:

Dr. Naomi Oreskes is professor of the history of science and affiliated professor of Earth and planetary sciences at Harvard University, and an internationally renowned geologist, science historian, and author. She received a B.Sc. (First Class Honours) in Mining Geology from the Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, London (1981) and then worked as an exploration geologist in the Australian outback. In 1990 she received an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Geological Research and History of Science from Stanford University. She joined the faculty at Harvard in 2013 after 15 years at the University of California, San Diego.

Naomi is the author of both scholarly and popular books and articles on the history of earth and environmental science, including *The Rejection of Continental Drift* (Oxford, 1999), *Plate Tectonics: An Insider's History of the Modern Theory of the Earth* (Westview, 2003), and *The Collapse of Western Civilization* (Columbia University Press, 2014). For the past decade, Oreskes has been primarily interested in the science and politics of anthropogenic climate change. Her 2004 essay "The Scientific Consensus on Climate Change" (*Science* 306: 1686) has been widely cited, both in the United States and abroad, and her opinion pieces have appeared in many venues, including *The Times* (London), *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *Nature*, *Science*, *The New Statesman*, and *Frankfurter Allgemeine*.

SCHEDULE BY DAY

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

DEPART THE U.S. FOR CALGARY, CANADA

Depart the United States for Calgary. Upon arrival, gather for a briefing on the journey ahead followed by dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: *Hyatt Regency Calgary (D)*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

CALGARY / WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK / GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Set out this morning for the scenic drive to Glacier National Park in northern Montana. For lunch, stop at the famed Prince of Wales Hotel along the shores of Upper Waterton Lake. Canada's Waterton Lakes National Park is known as the place where the prairies meet the mountains. Waterton adjoins Montana's Glacier National Park, and the two together were designated as Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park in 1932 to celebrate the enduring peace between the two countries. After time to take in the splendid lake views here, cross the 49th parallel and enter the United States. Arrive at the lodge late this afternoon and enjoy dinner there together tonight.

Overnight: *St. Mary Lodge (B, L, D)*

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Today get your first look at Glacier National Park, a 1,583-square-mile swath of wilderness in Montana's Rocky Mountains encompassing rugged mountains, thunderous waterfalls, still lakes, and glacial valleys. Begin with a morning hike along St. Mary Lake, the divide between the Great Plains to the east and the soaring Rocky Mountains to the west. Movie buffs may recognize the lake from the iconic opening shot of Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining*. Embark on a cruise for panoramic views of the lake and its surroundings. This afternoon is at leisure amidst the

majesty of America's 10th national park before dinner at the lodge.

Overnight: *St. Mary Lodge (B, D)*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK / WHITEFISH

Step back in time and board one of Glacier National Park's legendary sightseeing buses: the Red Jammers, in use here since the 1930s. The ride this morning takes you along the fabled Going-to-the-Sun Road, a winding mountain pass with breathtaking views and hair-raising turns. This 50-mile road was the first to make the National Historic registers as a Place, Landmark, and Civil Engineering Landmark. After time for lunch on your own, continue southwest across the Continental Divide. The divide marks the border between the eastern and western portions of North America: all rivers originating east of the divide flow into the Atlantic Ocean, while rivers with headwaters west of the divide flow to the Pacific. Arrive late this afternoon in the resort town of Whitefish, Montana. Enjoy a leisurely dinner tonight at the hotel.

Overnight: *The Firebrand Hotel (B, D)*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

WHITEFISH, MT

Head into the forest this morning for a leisurely three-mile hike along the Whitefish Trail, starting at Lion Mountain Trailhead just outside of town. A network of more than 36 miles of paths through forests, prime wildlife habitats, and pristine lakes, the trail is an outdoor lover's dream. The trek ends at a lookout over postcard-worthy Skyles Lake. Continue to the popular ski area of Whitefish Mountain Resort, where you board chairlifts bound for the mountain's summit. After taking time to enjoy the mountain views, visit the Summit Nature Center to learn more about the mountain and its local environment. Return to the hotel in time for lunch on your own and an afternoon and evening at leisure. Outdoor lovers may wish to venture out on another hike, while foodies will find a variety of culinary options for dinner tonight.

Overnight: *The Firebrand Hotel (B)*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

WHITEFISH / LAKE LOUISE – BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Today's full day of travel presents some of the most striking scenery of the tour. Begin the day passing through forests, by lakes, and across high plains before crossing into British Columbia, Canada. After a stop for lunch and a drive along the western edge of the Canadian Rockies, enter world-famous Banff National Park and ascend to Lake Louise late this afternoon. Lake Louise is renowned for its aquamarine color, which comes from the rock flour runoff of nearby glaciers. Before dinner, take an easy hike for your first view of the lake, originally named Emerald Lake for its brilliant hue.

Overnight: *Deer Lodge at Lake Louise (B, L, D)*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

LAKE LOUISE / JASPER

This morning, revisit the viewing area to see the lake in the early morning light. Then depart for the drive to Columbia Icefield in Banff National Park, a UNESCO site. This 125-square-mile tract of snow and ice is the largest ice field in the Rocky Mountains. Interestingly, the Columbia Icefield marks a triple Continental Divide point: waters originating here ultimately flow into the Atlantic, Pacific, and Arctic Oceans. Bundle up for a tour highlight as you board the Ice Explorer all-terrain vehicle for the ride to Athabasca Glacier, driving right onto the glacier itself. Upon reaching Athabasca, disembark to explore, take photos, and fill your water bottles with the pure water of the glacier. Descend to the base station for lunch before driving northward again to the town of Jasper, which is within Jasper National Park (also a UNESCO site). Enjoy dinner tonight at the hotel.

Overnight: *Whistler's Inn (B, L, D)*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

JASPER

The scenery on display today is nothing short of breathtaking. View Maligne Canyon, a geological marvel where the limestone bedrock has been eroded by several underground rivers to a depth of 160 feet. The plunging canyon offers a dramatic

view from the top. Continue on to cerulean Maligne Lake, the largest glacially formed lake in the Canadian Rockies. Enjoy a morning cruise as you take in the sky-scraping mountain peaks, dark green forests, and three glaciers all visible from the lake. Cruise to Spirit Island, a tiny yet acclaimed islet, for a wonderful photo opportunity. Early this afternoon return to Jasper, where you have the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight: *Whistler's Inn (B)*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

JASPER / BANFF

Return today to the Columbia Icefields Parkway for more scenic views and a thrilling expedition. This dramatic road parallels the Continental Divide and runs through the heart of both Jasper and Banff National Parks. Mid-day set out for an exhilarating experience as you tiptoe across the Glacier Skywalk. One of the most unique ways to experience the majesty of the Canadian Rockies, this cliff-edge walkway leads to a glass-bottomed observation deck suspended nearly 1,000 feet above the valley floor. Eat a picnic lunch amidst the scenery of vast glaciers, snow-capped mountain peaks, and thundering waterfalls. Continue to the hotel in lower Banff National Park. Set amidst pine forests on the side of a mountain, the hotel offers an authentic alpine atmosphere where you enjoy dinner tonight.

Overnight: *Rimrock Resort (B, L, D)*

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

BANFF

Your last full day in the Canadian Rockies begins with a ride aboard the Banff Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain, so named for the hot springs on its lower flank. This 8,000-foot peak overlooking the town of Banff was the site of two research facilities, including the meteorological observatory built in 1903 which still stands atop Sanson Peak. Both your ride and the time you spend atop Sulphur Mountain afford stunning mountain views in every direction. Next, visit Bow Falls, a wide waterfall just outside of the town of Banff, before traveling Tunnel Mountain Road to visit the Hoodoos, a collection of eroded limestone spires strung along a wooded hillside.

Along the drive, look out for some of the park's many species of mammals, including elk, white-tailed deer, cougar, and red fox. The afternoon is free to explore Banff before celebrating your outdoor adventures with a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: *Rimrock Resort (B, D)*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

BANFF / DEPART FOR U.S.

Transfer this morning to the Calgary airport for your flights home. *(B)*