



## Rockies and Ranchlands

This tour features the Kootenay Rockies and Southern Alberta

From **Calgary**, head west on Hwy #22X, and then south on #22 travelling through various communities such as **Turner Valley** and **Black Diamond**. Along this route is *Spruce Meadows*, voted the #1 Horse Show Jumping facility in the world. Continue south from **Black Diamond** to **Longview** and the *Bar U Ranch National Historic Site*. Turn east on Road #533 to Hwy #2 and the community of **Nanton**. Nanton is known for its antiques.

En route to **Fort Macleod** (west on Hwy 785) is a fascinating native heritage site, *Head-Smashed-in-Buffalo-Jump*. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved buffalo jumps across the Western Plains.

Then continue south to **Cardston** where the *Remington Carriage Museum* is located - North America's largest museum of horse-drawn transportation. From **Cardston**, it's a short 45 minute drive to *Waterton Lakes National Park*. This beautiful park is a nature enthusiast and photographer's paradise. There's a variety of activities to enjoy such as the *Waterton Shoreline Cruise*, *Red Rock Canyon* and *Cameron Falls*.

Highway #6 north from **Waterton Lakes** will take you to *Frank Slide*, a community buried by a limestone slide in 1903.

As you enter the province of British Columbia and **Sparwood**, it's impossible to miss the town's most famous visitor attraction. Painted in industrial green is the world's largest tandem axle dump truck, the *Terex Titan*. Tours of the area's active mine are available throughout the summer.

A quick side trip north on Hwy #43 will present you with the 'Wilderness Capital of British Columbia', **Elkford**. Close to town, you'd enjoy an easy 45 minute hike to a lookout above *Josephine Falls* or for the more adventurous, you may travel further north to the *Elk Lakes Provincial Park*.

**Fernie** will welcome you to a beautiful mountainous setting and Victorian architecture. Pick up a *Heritage Walking Tour* brochure at the Info Centre and take a stroll around town. **Fernie** is also famous for its world-class fly-fishing and golfing.

Along route to **Fort Steele**, stop at the *Kootenay Trout Hatchery*. Take a self-guided tour of the extensive interpretive area. A side trip from the highway

village of **Elko** to *Lake Koocanusa* is also an option - sandy beaches are the hallmark of this large lake and house-boating is very popular here.

**Fort Steele Heritage Town** is a restored boomtown of the 1890s, where colourful characters from the past entertain visitors on the street and period tradesman present fascinating demonstrations in their shops. Tour the town by horsedrawn wagon, catch a ride on the steam train, do a little gold panning and enjoy hilarious comedy shows at the *Wild Horse Theatre*.

Continuing your travels north, Hwy #93/95 will lead you by *Wasa Lake*, where sandy beaches and warm water awaits you. Or sooth your body in one of the hot springs, *Fairmont Hot Springs* or *Radium Hot Springs*.

The village of **Radium Hot Springs** Info Centre offers a 'Cultures in Contact Exhibit'. It provides a historical overview of the *Ktunaxa Nation* people; past, present and future.

Once you're back on Hwy #93/95, take Hwy #93 and head into *Kootenay National Park* and eventually back to **Calgary** again.



<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>5 Days/4 Nights</b>
<b>Tour Distance</b>	<b>1040 km/646 mi</b>
Day 1: Calgary to Waterton Lakes	4 Hour Drive
Day 2: Waterton Lakes to Fernie	3 Hour Drive
Day 3: Fernie to Fairmont Hot Springs	3 Hour Drive
Day 4: Fairmont to Banff	1 1/2 Hour Drive
Day 5: Banff to Calgary	1 1/2 Hour Drive

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**Special Interest**

*Banff—Whyte Museum, Sulphur Mtn Gondola, Lake Minnewanka*

*Calgary—Glenbow Museum, Zoo, Canada Olympic Park, Heritage Park*

*Cardston—Remington-Alberta Carriage Centre*

*Cranbrook—Fort Steele Heritage Town, Cdn Museum of Rail Travel*

*Elk Valley—Terex Truck, Josephine Falls, Fernie's Heritage Walking Tours*

*Fairmont—Lussier and Fairmont natural hot springs*

*Fort Macleod—Head-Smashed-in-Buffalo Jump, Fort Museum*

*Invermere—Lake Windermere, Panorama Mountain Village*

*Kootenay National Park—Marble Canyon, Paint Pots, Continental Divide*

*Radium—Radium Hot Springs, Columbia Valley Wetlands, Sinclair Canyon*

*Turner Valley—Turner Valley National Historical site*

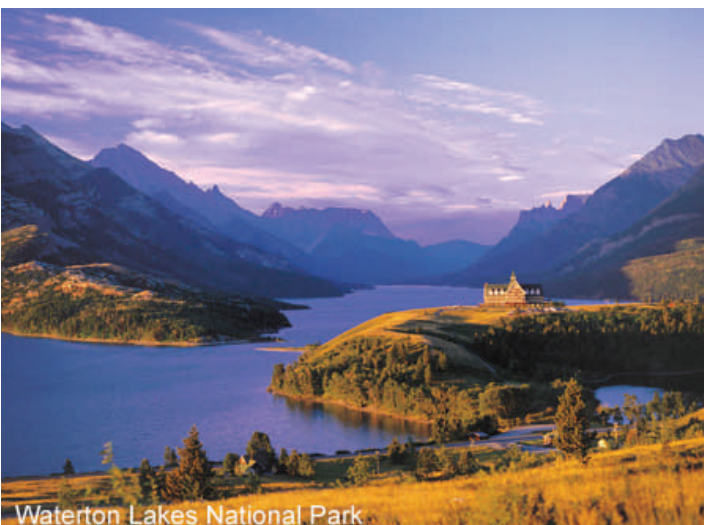
*Waterton Lakes—Cameron Falls, Shoreline Cruises, Red Rock Canyon*

**Itinerary Planning:  
KootenayRockies.com/itineraries**



The **myTrip** tool from the website, KootenayRockies.com, creates a travel vacation package for you by customizing your preferred activities and services in the Kootenay Rockies region.

**This tour features the Cowboy Trail and Waterton Lakes National Park in southern Alberta, and the Kootenay Rockies in British Columbia. Calgary Alberta is the international gateway for this circle tour, however you may also begin west or south of Calgary. The tour visits three national parks and various historical attractions.**



Waterton Lakes National Park



Fort Steele Heritage Town