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DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transfers from Calgary Airport to the Rimrock Resort Hotel - Arrival Staff - Welcome Reception & Dinner - Overnight at the Rimrock Resort Hotel 	Reception on the Terrace and Dinner in the Ballroom
DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Activity: "Explore Your Way" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Breakfast at Sulphur Mountain · Sport Utility Vehicles · Lunch at Chateau Lake Louise - Dinner on own - Overnight at the Rimrock Resort Hotel 	Evening at Leisure
DAY 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast at Leisure (Included) - Group Activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Columbia Icefield/Snocoach Tour with Buffet Lunch - Middle Dinner - Overnight at the Rimrock Resort Hotel 	Pub-Crawl & Dinner at Wild Bill's Legendary Saloon
DAY 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast at Leisure (Included) - Hospitality Desk Open - Afternoon at Leisure or choice of Optional Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · ATV Tour · Whitewater Rafting · Fly Fishing · Golfing at Silvertip - Lunch and dinner on own - Overnight at the Rimrock Resort Hotel 	Evening at Leisure
DAY 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast at Leisure (Included) - Hospitality Desk Open - Afternoon at leisure or choice of Optional Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Guided Hike · Helicopter Sightseeing · Trail Ride - Farewell Program - Overnight at the Rimrock Resort Hotel 	MountView Barbecue Dinner and Dance
DAY 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breakfast at Leisure (Included) - Departures from Rimrock Resort and transfers to Calgary International Airport - Departure Staff 	

DAY 1—ARRIVAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO CANADA!

Guests arrive at the Calgary International Airport; once they have passed immigrations/passport control officers, uniformed Castle Travel Management Staff will greet and escort them to the waiting motorcoach.

Guests will enjoy breathtaking scenery as they travel along the Trans Canada Highway and enter the majesty of the Canadian Rockies.

CHECK-IN STAFFING SERVICES

Once guests arrive, they will be escorted to the Hospitality Desk for check-in. Guests are pre-registered; however, the hotel will take credit card imprints for incidentals. After check-in the afternoon is at leisure prior to dinner.

HOTEL INFORMATION



The Rimrock Resort Hotel is located in Canada's renowned Banff National Park in the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Nestled in a pristine mountain setting above the Banff town site, the Rimrock Resort Hotel offers comfort and luxury combined with the most breathtaking mountain and alpine valley views to be found. With unmatched style, decor and superb hospitality, the Rimrock Resort Hotel is a very special place to visit for a truly remarkable experience. Offering both grand views and grand designs, it's no wonder that the Rimrock Resort Hotel is the only member of "The Leading Hotels of the World" in Alberta. Enjoy the Canadian Rocky Mountains in Rimrock style. You will see the difference!

WELCOME RECEPTION ON THE TERRACE

Participants will enjoy the natural beauty of the Canadian Rockies with an outdoor welcome reception on the Terrace and dinner in the Ballroom.

Please Note:

- Beverages billed back on consumption.

Inclusions: RCMP Greeter, Mountain Music Trio (Fiddle / Guitar / Banjo)

DAY 2—"EXPLORE YOUR WAY" GROUP ACTIVITY



The morning will start with a short walk to Sulphur Mountain. Upon arrival, a fully enclosed gondola will transport guests to an elevation of 2,281m (7,486 feet) above sea level. At the top, guests will enjoy an unobstructed 360° view of the most memorable mountain scenery you will ever witness! A private breakfast will be served in the Panorama Room.

Following breakfast, guests will receive the keys to their Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs), and information packages that contain maps and guides for the area. The packages will also contain vouchers for lunch at the Chateau Lake Louise. Guests can redeem their lunch vouchers between 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

The SUVs will be parked at the base on the gondola.

Please Note:

- Upon returning to the Rimrock Resort, the keys can be dropped off at the Hospitality Desk

Inclusions: Tour Directors, Banff Gondola, Breakfast in the Panorama Room at Banff Gondola, Lunch at Chateau Lake Louise, SUV's, Maps and Travel Guides

Overnight at the Rimrock Resort Hotel.

DAY 3—GROUP ACTIVITY / PUB-CRAWL

COLUMBIA ICEFIELD TOUR



This tour is one you don't want to miss!

The Icefield Parkway is one of the most scenic drives in the world and leads to an incredible ice age adventure. Make sure you have your camera, as there will be a number of sightseeing stops including Bow Lake, Peyto Lake, and Crowfoot Glacier.

Though apparently tranquil, the Columbia Icefield is a powerful dynamic force, shaping both landscape and climate. Its glaciers move in an endless cycle of advance and retreat, mirrored by the area's plants and wildlife. It is an ancient, elemental dance of survival in a place where time is measured in millennia.

The Columbia Icefield is the largest sub-polar body of ice in North America, and is one of the reasons why the United Nations declared Canada's four Rocky Mountain Parks a World Heritage Site. The Icefield covers 325 square kilometres with solid ice up to 350 metres (1150 feet) deep. Melt water from the Icefield flows to three oceans: the Pacific, Arctic and Atlantic via Hudson Bay.

At the Columbia Icefield, enjoy a Snocoach Tour on the icy slopes of the Athabasca Glacier – a tongue of ice 6 kilometres long and one kilometre wide. The Snocoach travels to an icefall below the glacier headwall where you will have the opportunity to step onto ice formed from snow falling as long as 400 years ago. Caution is advised - the ice surface may be wet and slippery.



After this unique adventure, you will return to Banff by motorcoach.

Inclusions: Transportation, Tour Director, Box Lunch, Snocoach Tour

PUB-CRAWL AND DINNER AT WILD BILL'S LEGENDARY SALOON



Enjoy a decadent evening of touring Banff's many pubs and watering holes, collecting unique paraphernalia at each establishment. This involves discussions with local bartenders and wait staff to elicit answers to specific questions, as well as the collection of necessary articles as outlined in the clues each team must unravel.

There will be appetizers served along the way, as well as, one drink ticket at each pub.

The last stop will be at "Wild Bill's Legendary Saloon" where teams will submit the question booklets. While guests enjoy a western buffet dinner, our Tour Directors will be busy tallying the points.

Following an exciting evening of great food and entertainment, participants will return to the hotel by motorcoach.

Please Note:

- At Wild Bill's, beverages billed back on consumption plus gratuity, service charge, and GST.

Inclusions: Transportation, Tour Director, Pub-Crawl (3 drinks, appetizers, co-ordinator, town maps, answer sheets), Buffet Dinner and Gratuities, and Live Band.

Overnight at the Rimrock Resort Hotel.

DAY 4—DAY AT LEISURE / OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

This morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the Rimrock Resort Hotel (Included). After breakfast, your day is at leisure to track down that special place you've heard or read about and pursue sights on your own. The Hospitality Desk is open to point you in the right direction; or register you for one of the optional activities.

The Rimrock Resort has a complimentary scheduled shuttle bus service from the hotel to downtown Banff. An amazing number of shops and restaurants have been crammed together on Banff Avenue. Clustered in about a half dozen indoor malls and several blocks of street-front stores with modern-alpine architecture are art galleries and clothing, sporting goods, gift, photo, book, and confectionery stores. Items in the galleries range from trinkets to kitsch to genuine art.

ATV TOUR



Take the trail less travelled as you explore the breathtaking scenery and wildlife of the Canadian Rockies on an ATV Tour.

The adventure begins when you leave Banff. You will travel westbound on the Trans Canada Highway through the magnificent Bow Valley and over the Continental Divide into British Columbia. Watch for wildlife including moose as you head up an isolated logging road to the Beaverfoot Lodge. This rustic setting is the staging area for your fast-paced ATV tour.

Following a safety briefing by your guide, you are ready to practise your skills on the fun and instructional safety course. Once everyone is comfortable, get ready for an exciting journey over a variety of terrain. Sub-alpine forests, waterfalls and mountain meadows are just some of the sites along the way.

Once back at Beaverfoot Lodge, you will enjoy a hearty lunch of homemade soup and breads, cold cuts, crispy salad and dessert. Following lunch, relax and enjoy the journey back to your hotel.

Inclusions: Van Transfer, ATV Tour, Lunch

Duration: 8 hours

WHITewater RAFTING

A scenic 1.5-hour motorcoach transfer into British Columbia will take you to one of Canada's most exciting rivers, the Kicking Horse River. The adventure begins far upstream, as you meander through many different channels of the river, enjoying spectacular scenery. After one hour of gentle rafting, enjoy a full gourmet picnic lunch at a peaceful site overlooking the river.

Following lunch, prepare yourself for the thrill of a lifetime. With large oars, mounted in the centre of the raft, your guide will skilfully manoeuvre through the turbulent waters.



Paddles are provided for participants, as support paddles are needed in some areas of the river. The afternoon whitewater action consists of about 1.5 hours on the water. At the end of the rafting adventure, motorcoach transfers will return participants to Banff.

Please Note:

- The rafts are self-bailing and hold 8-10 participants each.

Inclusions: Motorcoach, Tour Director, all necessary equipment, Lunch

Duration: 9 Hours

FLY FISHING

The Bow River winds its way through the mountains of the Bow Valley, and is one of the finest trout rivers in the world. You will be transferred by van to the Bow River and following a short hike (10 - 15 minutes of walking) you will arrive at some of our favourite fishing holes.

Please Note:

- Full day trips can be arranged.
- For experienced fishermen, float trips can be arranged.
- All the equipment is supplied.
- The fish in the Bow River are wild and self-sustaining, so we actively encourage and practice 'catch and release' fishing.



Inclusions: Van Transfer, Qualified Guide, License, Fishing Gear

Duration: 5.5 Hours

GOLFING AT SILVERTIP

Participants will be transferred 20 minutes from the Rimrock Resort to Silver-Tip Golf Course. This world-class golf course winds through the valleys and escalating into the mountains; offering a unique and distinctive view from each and every hole. The natural setting is never compromised from beginning to end. The experience is one of variety and discovery. It is unlikely that you have ever played a golf course of such character and challenge, in a location as spectacular and inspirational, as Silvertip.



Inclusions: Motorcoach, Tour Director, Green Fees, Power Cart

Duration: 6 Hours

Overnight at the Rimrock Resort Hotel.

DAY 5—OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES / FAREWELL

This morning, you can enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the Primrose Restaurant (Included). After breakfast, your day is at leisure; or you can register for one of the optional activities at the Hospitality Desk. Remember the Rimrock Resort Hotel offers a complimentary scheduled shuttle bus to downtown Banff.

GUIDED HIKE

Need to escape but don't know the direction? Join our qualified interpretive guide on a hike through some of the most beautiful areas in the Canadian Rockies. Banff National Park has literally hundreds of kilometres of trails to explore. Don't forget your binoculars and camera!

Please Note:

- All walks require hiking boots or sturdy shoes.
- The hike will be selected based on trail conditions.

Inclusions: Van Transfer, Interpretive Guide

Duration: 3 Hours



HELICOPTER SIGHTSEEING



Nothing can compare to the sightseeing experience of a helicopter tour in the Canadian Rockies. The helicopter provides a smooth, dramatic and exciting view of the mountains, glaciers and wildlife of this wonderful alpine environment. Your mountain-trained pilot provides not only a safe and enjoyable flight, but also a commentary of the geology, history, wildlife and mountain peaks below you. Helicopter sightseeing will give you lasting memories of your Canadian Rockies experience!

Inclusions: Van Transfer, Helicopter Sightseeing, Safety Briefing

Duration: 2 Hours

TRAIL RIDE

For participants seeking a unique way to experience the majesty of the Rocky Mountains, awaken your senses and ride through the spectacular mountain scenery and fragrant pine forests. Departing from Martin Stables (a 10 minute transfer from the hotel), these professionally guided horseback trail rides have just the right mix of excitement, exploration, and discovery ... and the guide will ensure participants won't miss any of the "must-see" sights en route.

Inclusions: Van Transfer, Trail Ride

Duration: 2 or 3 Hours



MOUNTVIEW BARBECUE DINNER

Western outdoor barbecues are the highlight of any program in the Canadian Rockies. The Brewster Family have been serving their guests delicious, outdoor cooking since the first expedition 1892. The invention of the donut tent during the 1930's allowed guests to enjoy an open-pit fire while fully protected from the elements. Included in the evening is a western band

MountView Barbecues are designed to be a truly western experience. Buffet dinners feature famous Brewster hip of beef, tossed salad, baked beans, and baked potatoes, dinner rolls and condiments. Home baked apple pie and cowboy coffee follow this hearty main course.



The unique atmosphere provided by the donut tent and the renowned service, food and entertainment ensure visitors of a memorable and truly western occasion.

At the conclusion of the evening, guests will be transferred back to the Rimrock by motorcoach.

Please Note:

- Beverages billed back on consumption plus gratuity, service charge, and GST.

Inclusions: Transportation, Tour Directors, and BBQ Dinner.

Overnight at the Rimrock Resort Hotel.

DAY 6—DEPARTURE INFORMATION

TRANSFERS TO CALGARY

Participants will be transferred from Banff to Calgary International Airport in the vehicle of your choice (based on the flight manifest).

Please Note:

- Departures are scheduled for a minimum of three hours prior to flight departure time.

DEPARTURE STAFF

Uniformed Castle Travel Group Management Staff will be at the hotel to co-ordinate departures to the Calgary International Airport and assist with luggage handling. They will accompany the group to the airport and organize the porter services.