

Banff National Park

The second half of our combo tour was a visit to Lake Louise and Moraine Lake, and this was by far one of the most stunningly beautiful sights of our trip. Both lakes present with striking shades of turquoise caused by fine sediment dust (also known as rock flour) in the water which absorbs all colors of the light spectrum apart from blue and green. Walking up to the lakes was breathtaking, and you could hear the crowds gasp from the beauty when coming around the corner.

Insider tip: I strongly recommend visiting these sights on a tour rather than by self-driving, to avoid the hassle of parking. For example, the parking for Moraine Lake is only open from 4-7 am and fills up very quickly. If you are unable to park in the Moraine Lake lot, you have to park several miles away down the mountain and wait up to 2 hours each way to shuttle to the lake. Also, be sure to bring bug repellent in the summer months because the mosquitoes do bite!