



Glacier and Waterton Lakes National Parks Tuesday, July 9 – Wednesday, July 17, 2019



Discover historic National Park lodges and magnificent displays of nature as you explore two jewels of the "Crown of the Continent" — Glacier National Park in Montana and Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta.

Immerse yourself in the history, beauty and untamed wilderness of this soaring wonderland through its historic lodges, amazing geological features and diverse flora and fauna.

Daily field trips showcase some of the most intact wildland on the entire continent.

Discover breathtaking views, rugged peaks, vast glacier-carved valleys and thundering cascades as you journey over the historic Going-to-the-Sun Road aboard an iconic Red Bus.

Program Price Includes:

- Round-trip air transportation, transfers, and round-trip charter coach transportation from Bradley to Chicago O'Hare
- Eight nights' accommodations
- 20 meals (8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 6 dinners)
- 12 field trips and 4 expert-led lectures
- Experienced Road Scholar Group Leader and Bradley staffer throughout the trip
- All gratuities, taxes, and admission fees

All Inclusive Pricing with Round-Trip Airfare:

Double Occupancy - \$4,299 per person
Single Occupancy - \$5,299 per person

For those wishing to extend their trip and make their own transportation arrangements (including to and from the airport, flights, and transfers), land-only prices are:

Double occupancy land only - \$3,549 Single occupancy land only \$4,569

Registration is open **Tuesday, November 27 through Thursday, January 10, 2019**. If we receive more registrations than number of spots on the trip, all registrations received will be placed in a lottery. **Those selected in the lottery will be notified by Monday, January 14.**

For those selected via lottery, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due on Friday, January 18, 2019.

To Register:

- In person at the Continuing Education office, corner of Main and University streets
- Online (form only): bradley.edu/olli and look for link to print the registration page
- Via telephone: call Gwen at (309) 677-3900

Lottery closes on **Thursday, January 10, 2019**. If spots are still available after that date, seats will be filled first-come, first-served.

Final payment, with optional cancellation insurance fee, is due on Friday, March 1, 2019.

Accommodations:

DoubleTree by Hilton O'Hare, Chicago - 1 night

Only a five minute drive from Chicago O'Hare International with complimentary shuttle service to the airport 24-hours a day. On-site Steakhouse, Bistro Lounge, and Coffee/Gift Shop. This hotel also features indoor pool and fitness center. And the best part --enjoy a freshly baked chocolate chip cookie on arrival!

Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell, Montana - 3 nights

Enjoy a warm welcome at the Hilton Garden Inn Kalispell, a standout among hotels in Kalispell, MT and nestled in the picturesque Flathead Valley of Montana. Conveniently located just 30 miles from Glacier National Park, and just 10 miles from Glacier International Airport.

Many Glacier Hotel, Glacier National Park, Montana - 2 nights

Many Glacier Hotel is located in the northeastern part of Glacier National Park on the shores of Swiftcurrent Lake. The chalet hotel boasts a true Swiss atmosphere from the alpine beauty that surrounds the building to the themed architecture and décor of the striking atrium lobby. The hotel was declared a National Historic Landmark.

Prince of Wales Hotel, Waterton Park, Canada - 2 nights

Ambiance of a majestic National Park hotel with stunning views overlooking Waterton Lake. The Prince of Wales Hotel was built as an extension to the chain of hotels and chalets built and operated by the Great Northern Railway in Glacier National Park, Montana. The hotel is named after the Prince of Wales, the popular Prince Edward, who was later to become King Edward VIII.

Flights

United Airlines #2267 Wed 10 JUL ORD/ Chicago O'Hare 9:10 a.m. to FCA/Kalispell 11:50 a.m.

United Airlines #2247 Wed 17JUL FCA/Kalispell 12:42p.m. to ORD/ Chicago O'Hare 4:55 p.m.

- This is a tentative itinerary and subject to change, including hotels and flights

DAILY SCHEDULE:

DAY 1 -Tuesday, July 9: Travel to Chicago, DoubleTree Hotel

Morning: Departure from Bradley University

Afternoon/Evening: After checking in to our rooms, we will have dinner on your own.

MEALS INCLUDED: None

DAY 2 -Wednesday, July 10: Check-in, Program Registration, Orientation, Welcome Dinner, Hilton Garden Inn Kalispell

Morning: Transfer from hotel to O'Hare airport, flying from Chicago direct to Kalispell.

Afternoon: Hotel check-in available from 3:00 p.m. Collect your welcome packet from the front desk of the hotel upon check-in. It will contain your name-tag and an up-to-date schedule that reflects any last-minute changes, and other important information. If your arrival is delayed, please ask for your packet when you check in. Program Registration: 4:00 p.m. After you have your room assignment, come over to the noted meeting room and meet your Group Leader. Here you will complete any necessary paperwork. Orientation: 5:00 p.m. The Group Leader will greet everyone with a warm welcome and lead introductions. We will review the up-to-date daily program schedule and any changes, discuss roles and responsibilities, logistics, safety guidelines, emergency procedures, and answer any questions you may have. Free time is reserved for your personal independent exploration. Please be aware that program activities, schedules, and personnel may need to change due to local circumstances. In the event of changes, we will alert you as quickly as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Dinner: At the hotel, we'll have a buffet meal with entrée, sides and dessert plus coffee, iced tea, lemonade or water; other beverages available for purchase.

Evening: At leisure. Continue getting to know your fellow participants, settle in, and get a good night's sleep for the day ahead.

MEALS INCLUDED: D **Activity note:** Hotel Check-in 3:00 p.m. The elevation of the hotel is 2,956 feet.

DAY 3 -Thursday, July 11: Presentation, Lake McDonald Valley in Glacier National Park, Hilton Garden Inn Kalispell

Breakfast: At the hotel, a breakfast buffet made just for us, will include eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, seasonal sliced fruit, an assortment of baked muffins and breads, hot and cold cereals, plus an assortment of juices, milk, coffee, hot tea, and water.

Morning: In the hotel, we'll have an expert-led introductory lecture to the Glacier Waterton area. After the presentation, we'll travel to Glacier National Park where we will be greeted with spectacular scenery on the shores of ten-mile long Lake McDonald. The lake and the surrounding valley were carved by glaciers long ago. We'll continue to the historic Lake McDonald Lodge which was constructed over 100 years ago. We'll explore this National Historic Landmark and learn more about early visitors in Glacier.

Lunch: In Glacier National Park at Jammer Joe's Grill and Pizzeria, we'll order off the menu. Jammer Joe's serves up pizzas, salads and sandwiches in a retro diner atmosphere.

Afternoon: We'll then embark on an interpretive hike led by our expert instructors continuing to explore the unique ecosystems found west of the continental divide. Along the way, keep an eye out gain an appreciation for the plants and animals that inhabit this region. After our hikes conclude, we will return to the hotel in Kalispell.

Dinner: Hotel buffet.

Evening: In the hotel meeting room, we'll attend an evening presentation about the natural history of Glacier National Park given by a local expert. Afterwards, be sure to prepare for check-out and transfer in the morning

MEALS INCLUDED: B,L,D **Activity note:** Hiking 1 to 2 miles; maintained dirt trails that may be rocky and uneven; max elevation of 3,300 feet. We'll split into smaller groups with varying distance choices; distance dependent on personal preference. Driving approximately 48 miles one way to Glacier National Park; about 1 hour 15 minutes.

DAY 4 -Friday, July 12: Many Glacier via Going-to-the-Sun Road aboard Red Bus, Many Glacier Hotel

Breakfast: Hotel buffet.

Morning: Gathering at the hotel, we'll start with a presentation given by a local expert on the ecosystems and animals of Glacier National Park. After checking out of the hotel, we'll drive to the shore of Lake McDonald inside Glacier National Park. While enjoying the scenery, which includes towering peaks and a deep lake carved by glaciers over 10,000 years ago, our expert field instructors will share information on topics that may include botany, geology, wildlife, history, aquatics, and more.

Lunch: Stopping for a picnic on the shore of Lake McDonald, we'll have our fresh, pre-selected sack lunches with sandwiches or wraps and sides. Please bring your reusable, leak-proof water bottle to consume at lunch and throughout the day.

Afternoon: We'll then begin our transfer to the historic Many Glacier Hotel via Red Buses along the Going-to-the-Sun Road (access subject to weather and road conditions). As we travel aboard these iconic vehicles, we'll be fully immersed in the natural grandeur of the region through expert commentary from the drivers. First used in the mid-1930s to transport visitors in Glacier, and fully restored in 2001, the historic "Jammers" continue to delight passengers today. Their canvass roll-back tops allow for unsurpassed views of the towering mountains in every direction. The Going-to-the-Sun Road is a National Historic Landmark and it is the only road that crosses Glacier National Park. It is a testament to human ingenuity as portions of the road hug the mountainsides. The narrow and winding road was designed to complement the landscape and give visitors the opportunity to enjoy some of the most spectacular scenery Glacier National Park has to offer. Along the way, we'll stop to stretch our legs with our instructors and take in the view at Logan Pass, located along the Continental Divide, where waters flow either toward the Pacific or the Atlantic Oceans. Logan Pass is the highest point on the Going-to-the-Sun Road with an elevation of 6,646'. Continuing our journey over the Going-to-the-Sun Road we'll view sky scraping peaks, waterfalls and broad alpine meadows teeming with wildflowers and wildlife. Then we'll check in to Many Glacier Hotel. Many Glacier was built in 1914 by the Great Northern Railway as a destination resort for its rail tourists. The hotel sits among soaring peaks and glassy lakes.

Dinner: In the Ptarmigan Dining Room located on-site at the hotel, we'll order plated meals

from the menu.

Evening: At leisure. You may wish to bring your binoculars and join in some wildlife viewing behind the lodge with our instructors to look for grizzlies, moose, and bighorn sheep, or you may want to just relax and enjoy the scenery.

MEALS INCLUDED: B,L,D **Activity note:** Hiking approximately 1 to 2 miles throughout the day on maintained dirt trails that may be rocky and uneven, paved trails, and boardwalk with steep steps. Max elevation about 6,800 feet. Driving approximately 105 miles; about 4 hours aboard bus and historic Red Bus.

DAY 5-Saturday, July 14: Interpretive Hike in Many Glacier Valley, Many Glacier Hotel

Breakfast: In the hotel dining room, we'll order plated meals from the menu, or you may wish to eat at the buffet. Coffee, tea, juice, milk water included; other beverages available for purchase.

Morning: Join one of our experts on an easy to moderate walk/hike in the scenic Many Glacier Valley. As you hike around a series of small, glacially carved lakes, be on the lookout for bears, moose and wildlife that thrive in this valley.

Lunch: In the hotel dining room, we'll order plated meals off the menu with a choice of non-alcoholic beverage; other beverages available for purchase.

Afternoon: We'll have the opportunity to learn more about Glacier National Park during a presentation given by a local expert in the meeting room at the hotel.

Dinner: Menu select in the hotel dining room.

Evening: At leisure. For those who are interested, our instructors will spend another evening leading wildlife viewing. Prepare for check-out and transfer in the morning.

MEALS INCLUDED: B,L,D **Activity note:** Hiking about 2 miles; possible extension hike up to 4 miles depending on group ability and interest. Elevations from 4,900 to 5,200 feet. We'll split into smaller groups with varying distance choices; distance dependent on personal preference. Restroom facilities available at most trail heads

DAY 6 - Sunday, July 15: Waterton Lakes, Remington Carriage Museum, Buffalo Jump, Prince of Wales Hotel

Breakfast: Hotel plated meal.

Morning: After checking out of Many Glacier Hotel, we'll begin our transfer to Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada; be sure to have your passports accessible for the US/Canadian border crossing. On the way, we'll stop at the Remington Carriage Museum in Cardston where we'll see over 240 carriages, wagons and sleighs in the largest collection of horse-drawn vehicles in North America. Museum staff will lead us around the collection offering commentary and answering questions.

Lunch: Aboard the motorcoach en route, we'll have our fresh, pre-selected sack lunches with sandwiches or wraps and sides.

Afternoon: Next, we'll visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which bears witness to an aboriginal hunting practice that was used by native people of the North American plains for almost 6,000 years. We'll stop at this unique site and learn from museum staff about this essential piece of history. Completing our transfer in Waterton Lakes

National Park, we'll check into the stunning Prince of Wales Hotel, which was built by the Great Northern Railway in 1927 and boasts Swiss-style architecture with British ambiance. It's named after the popular Prince Edward of Wales, who later became King Edward VIII, and the hotel is a National Historic Site of Canada.

Dinner: In the Royal Stewart Dining Room, located on-site at the hotel, we'll have plated meals from the menu with a choice of non-alcoholic beverage; other beverages available for purchase.

Evening: At leisure. For those who are interested, our instructors will spend another evening leading wildlife viewing from the hotel deck.

MEALS INCLUDED: B,L,D **Activity note:** Have passports accessible for the US/Canadian border crossing. Walking up to 1 mile with periods of standing in two museums today. Driving approximately 170 miles; about 3.5 hours total aboard motorcoach.

DAY 7 - Monday, July 16: International Scenic Boat Cruise, Waterton Hike, Waterton International Peace Park, Alberta, Prince of Wales Hotel

Breakfast: In the Royal Stewart Dining Room at the Prince of Wales Hotel, we'll have plated meals from the menu. The menu offers standard American classics as well as a lighter fare for those not looking for a heavy morning meal.

Morning: We'll drive the short distance to downtown Waterton for an international boat cruise on pristine Waterton Lake. During our ride narrated by the captain, we'll see some truly spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains, including majestic towering cliffs, unique geological formations, striking waterfalls, snow covered peaks, and the international border between Canada and the United States. We'll get off the boat and board the motorcoach for our return to the hotel.

Lunch: In the hotel dining room, we'll have plated meals from a select menu with a choice of non-alcoholic beverage; other beverages available for purchase.

Afternoon: Under the lead of our expert naturalist, we'll drive to the trailhead and hike on one of the scenic trails in Waterton.

Dinner: This meal has been excluded from the program cost and is on your own to enjoy what you like in Waterton. The Group Leader will be happy to offer suggestions.

Evening: At leisure. Take this opportunity for personal independent exploration to see and do what interests you most. Please feel free to ask the Group Leader for free time activity suggestions. For those who are interested, our instructors will lead an evening of wildlife viewing.

MEALS INCLUDED: B, L **Activity note:** Hiking about 2 miles; up to 3 hours; easy to moderate terrain on natural dirt trails that may be uneven or rocky. Getting on/off a boat; ride is approximately 2 hours. Driving about 25 miles total throughout the day, with stops for field trips

DAY 8 -Tuesday, July 17: Return to Kalispell, Glacier Park Lodge, Goat Lick Overlook, Hilton Garden Inn Kalispell

Breakfast: Hotel plated meal.

Morning: After checking out of the hotel, we'll begin our transfer back to Kalispell and the U.S.A. – have your passports accessible for re-entry into the USA. Once through, we'll visit The

Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier. The immense timbers that support the Lodge were between 500 and 800 years old when they were cut. There are a total of 60 timbers. They are 36 to 42 inches in diameter, 40 feet long, and all retain their bark. The timbers in the lobby are Douglas fir and the verandahs are supported by Cedars from Washington. Our expert instructors will show us around explaining how the history of this hotel relates to the railroad and also what the first non-indigenous visitors to Glacier National Park experienced.

Lunch: At one of our stops en route, we'll have our fresh, pre-selected sack lunches with sandwiches or wraps and sides.

Afternoon: We'll also stop and visit the Goat Lick Overlook where exposed rocks along the deep canyon creek seep salts and minerals that attract and nourish local mountain goats. We'll go on a short walk led by our instructors to see the area. Upon our arrival at the hotel, we'll check-in and have some time to freshen up before dinner.

Dinner: At the hotel, we'll celebrate a week full of adventure and learning with a casual, plated farewell dinner together consisting of an entrée, sides, and dessert, plus a glass of wine, coffee, iced tea, lemonade, or water; other beverages available for purchase. Share some of your favorite experiences from the program with new Road Scholar friends.

Evening: At leisure. Be sure to prepare for check-out and departures in the morning.

MEALS INCLUDED: B,L,D **Activity note:** Have passports accessible for the Canadian/US border crossing. Driving approximately 175 miles; about 5 hours drive time to Kalispell plus stops along the way.

DAY 9 - Wednesday, July 18: Program Concludes, Travel day

Breakfast: Hotel buffet. This concludes our program.

Morning: We will board our motorcoach to head to the airport

Afternoon/Evening: Return flight from _____ to Chicago, then motorcoach back to Peoria.

If you have questions about the trip, please contact: Catherine Lawless (309)677-3900