



Jasper / Lake Louise / Banff Drive

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This 4-day drive will take you up to **British Columbia** and **Alberta, Canada** for a drive down the **Icefield Highway**. This is a drive **National Geographic** describes as a "once in a lifetime" drive. It is truly a scenic adventure as you drive down the **Canadian Rockies**. You'll get to see a lot of **Eastern** and **Central Washington**, too. A passport is required for this drive.



This is no small drive. Due to the distances, it is four long days with early (**7:00 am**) starts.



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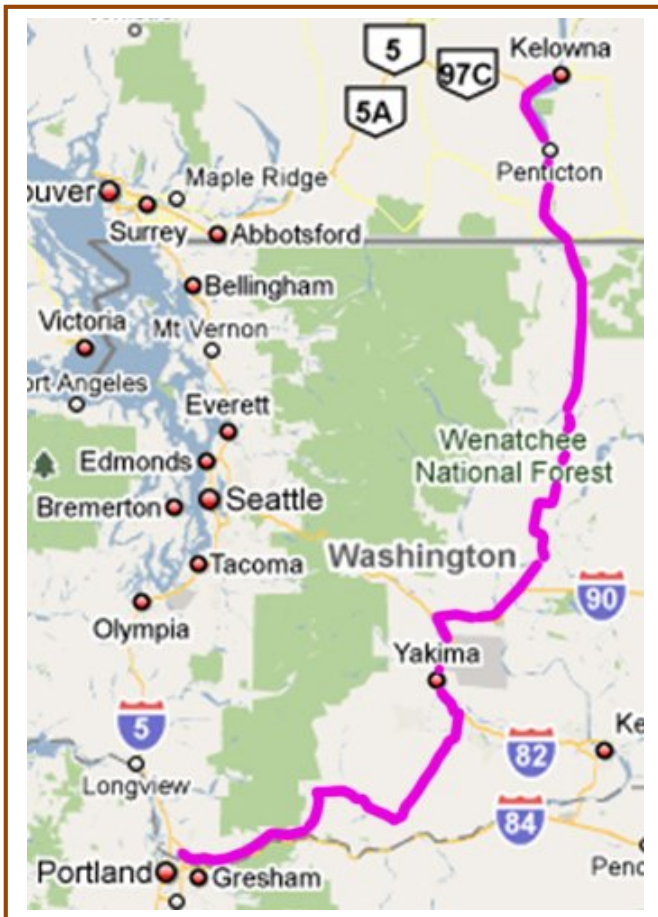


Scenery = 5

Total Driving Time: 30 hrs. 30 mins. / 1792 miles

Pack a picnic lunch and find your way to *Washington Hwy. 14* eastbound. A **7:00 am** departure will put you into **Kelowna** at about **6:30 pm**.

Portland to Kelowna, BC - Driving Time: 9 hrs. 30 mins. / 512.7 miles



Zero your odometer trip gauge as you pass by the **I-205/Hwy. 14 interchange** (the mileage points are based on this).

Proceed east on **Washington Hwy. 14** through **Camas, Washougal** and **Stevenson**. At **mile 51.6** is **Drano Lake** on your **left**. It is highly recommended that you stop here for a pit-stop as there just isn't anything further on. This rest stop is a "Day-Use" fee area for fishermen. However, we have never been bothered to just stop and use the facilities.

Just before entering **Bingen**, you will cross the **White Salmon River** and turn **left** / north on *Hwy. 141 Alternate* (**MILE 57.8**). This winding road takes you up out of the **Gorge** to the top of the plain.

At **B Z Corner** [**GPS**: 1255 Highway 141, White Salmon] you will turn **right** on *BZ-Glenwood Highway* toward **Glenwood** (**MILE 67.9**). At (**MILE 88.3**) you will enter **Glenwood** and turn **right** on *Glenwood-Goldendale Hwy.*

[You will be in for some great climbing twisties on this section!]



As you approach Hwy. 142, you will turn **left** / east (**MILE 112.6**). Proceed on to **Goldendale** and turn **left** / north on Hwy. 97 (**MILE 122.9**). At **Toppenish** follow Hwy. 22 and the signs to **I-82 North**. Head north on **I-82** through **Yakima**. Take **Exit #26**. At the end of the off-ramp is a **Shell** 🛢️ Station (**MILE 198.1**). You may want to use the restrooms here.

Rather than proceeding on **I-82**, when you leave the station, cross over **I-82** and turn **right** on **Washington Hwy. 821**. This will take you up some winding roads and through the **Yakima River Canyon**. It takes the same length of time as using the freeway, so... why not?

At **Thrall** turn **right** on Hwy. 821 to **I-82 (MILE 222.8)**. Take the **left** ramp onto **I-82 north (MILE 223.4)**. Take the ramp to **I-90 east (MILE 226.2)**.

At **Vantage (MILE 251.7)** take **Exit #136**. Turn **left** / north on **Huntzinger Road** which becomes **Main Street**. Turn **right** on **Wayne Street** into the **Ginkgo Forest State Park**. This park has picnic benches (for that lunch you packed) and looks over the **Columbia River**. Check out the various petrified trees. Do NOT wander off through the grass to look at petrified wood – this area has rattlesnakes! There are lots of samples of petrified wood that you can view right in the parking lot. This place may be windy!



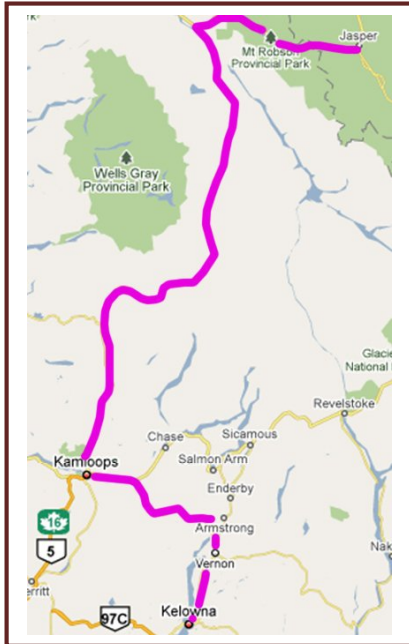
Leaving **Ginkgo State Park**, return to **I-90 east**. At **Exit #151** take the off-ramp and follow the signs to **Hwy. 283 north (MILE 268.2)**. Stay on **Hwy. 283** until you arrive at **Ephrata (MILE 289.1)**. Stop here for fuel. There is a **Chevron** 🛢️ station on the main street. [**GPS: Ephrata Chevron** address is 203 Basin St NW, Ephrata, WA]

Continue northeast on **Hwy. 283** to **1st Avenue N.W. (MILE 289.3)**. Turn **left** / north on **1st Ave. N.W.** – which becomes **Baird Springs Road** which becomes **Sagebrush Flats Road** which becomes **Coulee Meadows Road**. At **Hwy. 2**, turn **left (MILE 313.3)**. At **MILE 320**, turn **right** on **Hwy. 172 north**. At **MILE 338.8** turn **left** on **Road B N.E** which becomes **Bridgeport Hill Road**. At **MILE 350.1** turn **left** on **Hwy. 17 north**. At **Bridgeport** you will cross the **Columbia River**. Turn **right** onto **Hwy. 97 north (MILE 512.7)**.



Continue through **Omak, Riverside** and **Cordell**. Have that passport ready - at **MILE 432.8** you will enter into **Canada**. Continue north on *Hwy. 97* through **Penticton, Summerland** and **Peachland**. At **MILE 512.7** you will enter **Kelowna**. Find your motel and get dinner.

Kelowna, BC to Jasper, AB - Driving Time: 6 hrs. 15 mins. / 381.2 miles



Zero your odometer trip gauge as you leave **Kelowna** (the mileage points are based on this).

Have your breakfast restaurant prepare you a picnic lunch for later. Continue east / north on *Hwy. 97* through **Vernon** and **Monte Creek**. At **Kamloops (MILE 114.8)** turn **right** on *Hwy. 5 north*. Refuel in **Kamloops**. At **MILE 253.1** arrive at **Blue River Pine Provincial Park**. Find a picnic table and enjoy that picnic lunch.

Leaving the park, continue north on *Hwy. 5*. At **Tete Jaune Cache**, turn **right** / east on *Hwy. 16* – the *Yellowhead Highway (MILE 317.2)*. Move your watch ahead one hour to **Mountain Time** as you enter **Alberta**.

This is where the scenery starts to impress. You will be traveling into the **Canadian Rockies** and some stunning geography. Stop at **Mt. Robson Provincial park** along the way (**MILE 326.2**). Continuing east on *Hwy. 16*, you will pass by beautiful **Moose Lake** and then over **Yellowhead Pass** before entering the **Jasper National Park (MILE 366.9)**. The park entrance fee is **CN\$9.80/day** for each adult.

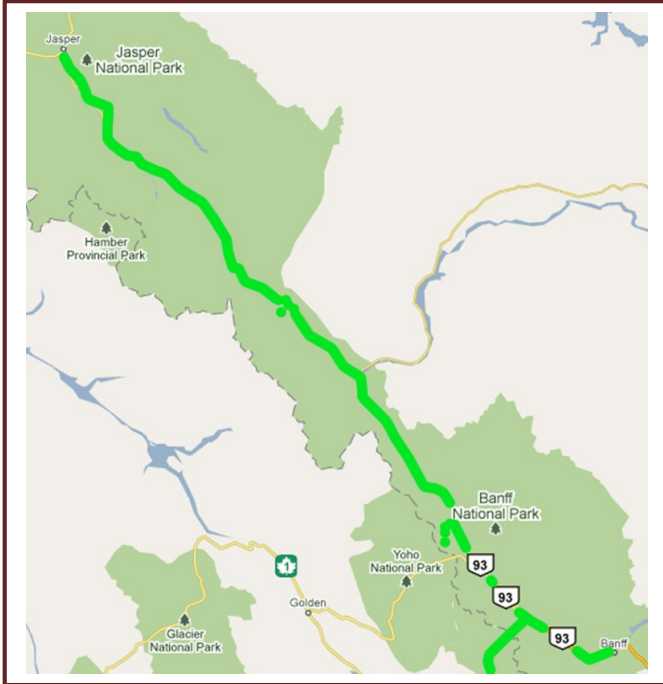
Continue on *Hwy. 16* to **Jasper (MILE 381.2)**. Refuel here and find your motel. You should arrive in **Jasper** at about **2:45 pm**, so there is still plenty of time to explore. Go sit by the lake.



Or ride a cable tram to the top of **Whistlers Mountain** for some spectacular views of **the Canadian Rockies**. This is the highest tram ride in **Canada**.



Jasper, AB to Invermere, BC - Driving Time: 5 hrs. 45 mins. / 293.6 miles



Zero your odometer trip gauge as you leave Jasper (the mileage points are based on this).

Leaving **Jasper**, head west on *Hwy. 16* – the way you came in. At **MILE 1.1** turn **left** / south on *Hwy. 93 – Promenade des Glaciers Highway*.

Today you are in for an adventure. You will travel down the *Icefield Highway* – in a valley with towering mountains on either side. Be sure to stop at the many scenic viewing areas.



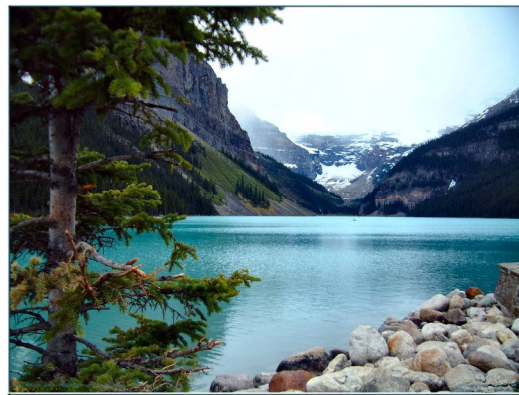
67 miles from **Jasper** you will come to the **Columbia Icefields Visitor Centre**. Here you will stop and get a nice warm cup of hot chocolate as you buy tickets to ride a sno-cat bus up onto the **Athabasca Glacier**. You will be able to get out and walk around (yes it can be slick).



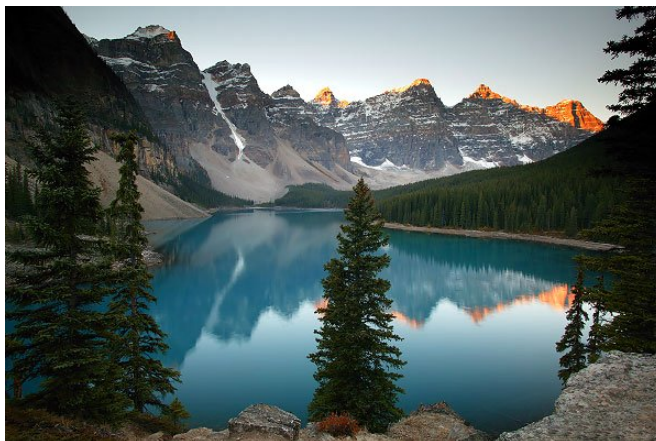
Continuing south on *Hwy. 93* you will encounter many scenic views. This is **Peyto Lake**:



At the town of **Lake Louise**, turn **right** / west on *Lake Louise Drive (MILE 144.7)*. Continue to **Lake Louise** and find a place to park (**MILE 147.8**). Here you will enjoy one of the most beautiful lakes in the world.



Stop into the grand hotel facing the lake to enjoy lunch and the view. On the way back to *Hwy. 93*, stop off at **Moraine Lake**. It is near **Lake Louise**, but is not to be outdone. It is a beautiful turquoise lake with 7 magnificent peaks surrounding it:



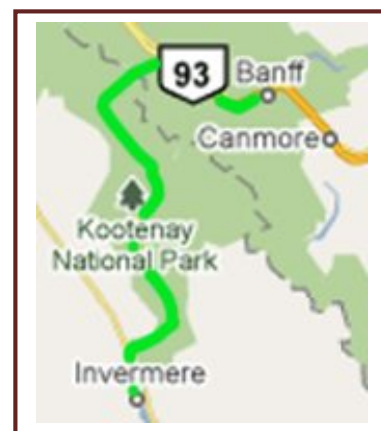
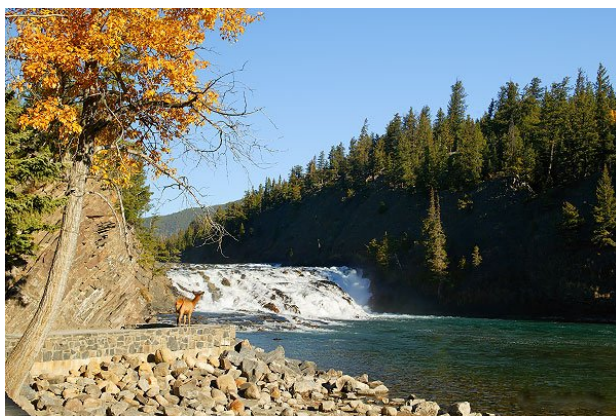
Leaving **Lake Louise**, at **MILE 149.7** turn **right** on *Moraine Lake Road*. Arrive at **Moraine Lake** and enjoy the view (**MILE 157.2**). Return to *Lake Louise Drive* and turn **right**. Arrive at the town of **Lake Louise (MILE 166)**. Turn **right** / south on *Hwy. 93*. You will be following the **Bow River** all the way to **Banff**. Keep your eyes peeled for bear along here. *Hwy. 93* becomes *Hwy. 1* at **Castle Junction**. Continue south on *Hwy. 1*. Arrive at **Banff (MILE 201.3)**.



At **Banff**, you can wander through the many shops, or admire the grand **Banff Springs Hotel**: (don't ask....you can't afford to stay there!)



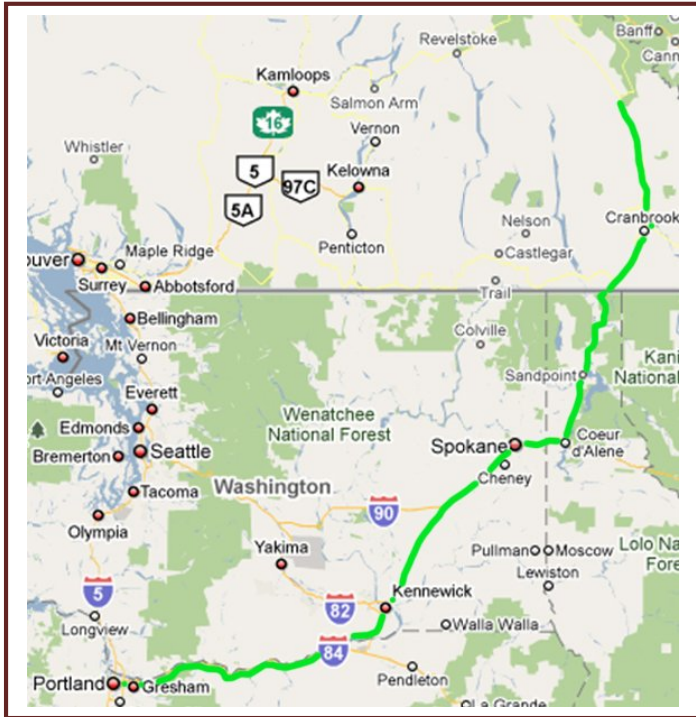
The hotel is perched on edge of the beautiful **Bow Falls**:



Leaving **Banff**, head north on *Hwy. 1* – the way you came in. At **Castle Junction** take the ramp to *Hwy. 1A / Hwy. 93* west (**MILE 202.4**). At **MILE 226.8** you will leave **Banff National Park**.

There will be no shortage of scenic views as you pass through the **Kootenay National Park**. At **Radium Hot Springs**, turn **left** / south on *Hwy. 93 / Hwy 95 (MILE 285.5)*. At **Lake Windermere (MILE 293.8)**, turn **right** to **Invermere (MILE 295.6)** and find your motel. You should arrive in **Invermere** at about **6:15 pm** depending on your stops throughout the day. Refuel here.

Invermere, BC to Portland - Driving Time: 8 hrs. 30 mins./ 618 miles



Zero your odometer trip gauge as you leave **Invermere** (the mileage points are based on this).

Retrace your steps back to **Lake Windermere** and Hwy. 93 / Hwy. 95 (**MILE 2.9**). Turn **right** / south on Hwy. 93. At **Fort Steele**, turn **right** / south on Hwy. 3 / Hwy. 95 south (**MILE 72.6**).

Continue on Hwy. 3 / Hwy. 95 through **Cranbrook, Moyie** and **Yahk**. At **MILE 132.8** you will enter the **US**. Move your watch back 1 hour as you enter **Idaho** and return to **Pacific Time**. Continue south on Hwy. 95 through **Bonnars Ferry** and **Sandpoint**. At **Coeur d'Alene (MILE 240.1)** take the ramp onto **I-90 west**. At **Spokane** you will want to refuel – and to stop for lunch (**MILE 271**).

Continue west on **I-90**. At **Ritzville (MILE 330.3)** take the **left** ramp to **Hwy. 395 south**.

At **Pasco (MILE 404)** bear right for the exit to **I-182 west**. Take **Exit #12A** to **Hwy. 395 South (mile 405.9)**. After crossing the river take the **left** ramp to **I-82 / Hwy. 395 South (mile 414.1)**.

At **Exit #131 (mile 432.9)** take the ramp to **Hwy. 14 west**. Continue on **Hwy. 14** to the intersection with **Hwy. 97 (mile 512.5)**. Take **Hwy. 97 south** and cross the **Columbia River** to **Biggs Junction**. You may want to refuel at **Biggs Junction**. Continue west on **I-84** to **Portland (mile 610)**.

Kelowna Hotels: CN\$ 86 to CN\$230 per night

www.kayak.com or:

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g154933-Kelowna_Okanagan_Valley_British_Columbia-Hotels.html

Jasper Hotels: CN\$ 139 to CN\$ 440 per night

www.kayak.com or:

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g154918-Jasper_Jasper_National_Park_Alberta-Hotels.html

Invermere Hotels: CN\$ 91 to CN\$ 210 per night

www.kayak.com or:

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g181783-Invermere_British_Columbia-Hotels.html

Jasper National Park information:

http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/ab/jasper/index_e.asp

Banff National Park information:

http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/ab/banff/index_E.asp

Passport Information: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Radar detectors are illegal in Canada and will be confiscated!

This is merely a suggested drive. You can shorten it – lengthen it – reverse it – modify it – deviate from it or just stay home and detail your car.

Enjoy and Drive Safely!

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The fun starts here!