



Full Itinerary & Trip Details

Rocky Mountain National Park Base Camp Tour

- ✓ Hike past Alberta Falls to The Loch
- ✓ Camp by the Park and enjoy a campfire dinner
- ✓ Spot wildlife and explore Lulu City ruins
- ✓ Summit Mount Ida for panoramic views
- ✓ Walk the Ute Trail with views of Long's Peak

BEST SELECTION

BEST PRICES

TRUSTED PAYMENTS

Trip Overview



PRICE STARTING FROM

\$2,260.00

DURATION

5 days

STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Estes Park → Estes Park

OPERATED IN

English

OPERATOR

Wildland Trekking

TOUR CODE

#118279

Itinerary

Introduction

This Rocky Mountain National Park camping tour is an opportunity to have a diverse range of mountain hiking experiences carrying only a light backpack. In the evenings you'll enjoy fantastic meals and access to showers at a quiet, private campground on the western, less-crowded side of the Continental Divide. During the days we'll enter Rocky Mountain National Park for an amazing variety of hikes throughout the Park.

From our basecamp we'll venture out on carefully selected day hikes to various stunning features of Rocky Mountain National Park. These hand-picked hikes will take you through mountain meadows, to waterfalls, to the tops of alpine peaks, to the shores of high mountain lakes, to the edges of glaciers, and through fantastic wildlife areas. Each evening you'll appreciate delicious meals prepared by your guide. Then it's time to relax by the campfire and/or have a hot shower. Your mornings will begin with a wonderful breakfast and hot coffee or tea before we head out on each day's adventure!

Day 1

Start Point



Estes Park,
USA

Shuttle to trailhead: 20 minutes

Hiking Mileage: 6 miles

Elevation Gain/Loss: 1500 feet

Shuttle to campground: 1.5 hours

This Rocky Mountain National Park hiking tour begins in Estes Park, where we drive to the famous Bear Lake/Glacier Gorge area of the Park. Our hike takes us past Alberta Falls, a beautiful cascading waterfall that plunges through a glacial-cut canyon. We'll continue up to The Loch, a picturesque alpine lake before continuing to Andrews Tarn and a dramatic view of Andrews Glacier. This hike is an extraordinary day in one of the most stunning alpine cirques in the Continental United States.

Following our hike we'll drive up and over Trail Ridge Road to the wilder, more wildlife-rich, west side of the Park. We'll set up camp at an established, private campground literally on the edge of the Park and get ready for a very tasty dinner prepared by your guide. At night you can enjoy a hot shower and then relax around the campfire with a glass of hot chocolate, tea, wine or beer (alcoholic beverages not provided).

Day 2

Shuttle to trailhead: 30 minutes

Hiking Mileage: 7 miles

Elevation Loss/Gain: 600 feet

We'll have a relaxing morning and breakfast before heading to the trailhead. Today's trail meanders along the head waters of the Colorado River in a secluded valley with vast beautiful meadows. A prime location for wildlife sightings of moose, elk, and deer. We'll break for lunch at Lulu City, a historical mining site abandoned in 1885. On our way back we will venture up the Red Mountain Trail to enjoy a dramatic, bird's eye view of the valley we just explored. Another tasty dinner and campfire will top off this fantastic day.

Day 3

Shuttle to trailhead: 15 minutes

Hiking Mileage: 8 miles

Elevation Gain/Loss: 1000 feet

After leisurely breakfast we will make our way to the North Inlet Trailhead for a day of wildlife viewing and waterfall exploration. The trail skirts the edges of a wetland meadow, where sightings of moose and deer are common. The trail begins to gain elevation as we hike along North Inlet Creek. We will break for lunch at Cascade Falls, and listen to the rapid water flowing to the headwaters of the Colorado River. Continuing further down the trail will bring more breathtaking views of mountain summits. With a full day of hiking, we will head back the way we came to our camp.

Day 4

Shuttle to trailhead: 30 minutes

Hiking Mileage: 9.5 miles

Elevation Gain/Loss: 2400 feet

Today we embark into the alpine to the remote summit of Mount Ida (12,889 feet). Of all Rocky Mountain National Park's peaks, Mount Ida provides one of the most astonishing vantage points on top of the Continental Divide, even compared to many higher summits. An early start is necessary to get ahead of afternoon storms, so after a nutritious breakfast and short shuttle, we will begin hiking above Poudre Lake. The trail begins with a steep incline until reaching tree line. We continue hiking along the crest of the Continental Divide, interspersed with some off trail travel and a few steep sections til reaching Mount Ida. From the summit we are rewarded with panoramic views of the Rocky Mountains as the backdrop to a delicious picnic lunch.

Day 5

End Point



Estes Park,
USA

Shuttle to trailhead: 1 hour

Hiking Mileage: 4 miles

Elevation Gain/Loss: 400 feet

Shuttle to Estes Park: 45 minutes

We will start our last day with another wonderful breakfast and relaxing morning. After collecting our belongings we will drive across Trail Ridge Road towards Estes Park. Along the way, we will stop to hike the Ute Trail. A moderate trail offering fantastic views of Long's Peak and yesterday's summit of Mount Ida. After lunch, we will make our way back to Estes Park to conclude our tour.

What's Included

Accommodation

Top-of-the-line tent, sleeping pad, sleeping bag, and technical backpack

Guide

A professional, knowledgeable, certified Rocky Mountain hiking guide

Meals

All meals are included from breakfast the first day through lunch on the last day

Transport

Transport as stated

Others

Use of trekking poles

Entrance fees and national park permits

Emergency equipment including a company-issued first-aid kit and satellite phone

You will receive a Lifetime Hiking Membership entitling you, your spouse and kids to a lifetime discount of 10% off any Wildland Trekking hiking trip after your first one!

What's Not Included

Flights

International flights are not included

Insurance

Travel insurance is not included

Others

Clothes, raingear and footwear

Sunscreen, toiletries and personal items

Water bottles and a headlamp or flashlight

Guide gratuity (industry recommendation is 10-20% of trip cost)

Mandatory 5% National Park Fee (added at time of booking and passed through directly to the National Park Service)

Optional

Other activities and services are not included

Departure Dates

STARTING IN Estes Park	→	ENDING IN Estes Park
21 July 2025		25 July 2025
28 July 2025		01 August 2025
04 August 2025		08 August 2025
11 August 2025		15 August 2025
26 August 2025		30 August 2025
01 September 2025		05 September 2025

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