



DETAILED ITINERARY*

Glacier, Waterton & Banff—Rocky Mountain Magic in Montana & Alberta National Parks



Multi-Adventure • Premiere & Casual Hotels

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I'm a great fan of Backroads, and your Trip Leaders are what differentiates you from other active travel companies.

-Barbara Sidor - Palo Alto, CA

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6 Days, 5 Nights

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Activity Levels 1-3

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WHY BACKROADS?

"Backroads is the best of the best!"

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We operate our own trips around the globe. That way we control the quality—and we're fully responsible for your great experience.

Two Support Vans

We provide two support vans on all of our trips* so you can count on us to be there when you need us, regardless of the route you take.

Three Leaders

Our trips have three leaders*, for an average 6:1 guest-to-leader ratio. On Hiking & Walking Trips, two or more leaders or local guides get out on the trail with you, offering superior support. Guests consistently score our leaders 9.8 out of 10, telling us they make all the difference.

Thoughtful Trip Design

We know how to create exceptional travel experiences, ensuring that you get the most from your trip as it unfolds.

Multiple Daily Routes

Being able to choose among several expertly designed routes each day gives you the freedom to enjoy the best of a region at your own pace.

We Celebrate Mixed Abilities

To accommodate varied activity levels, you need three leaders, two vans, multiple route options, detailed directions, a rating system showing if shuttles are required, and plenty of well-matched riding/hiking companions.

*See web for more information on leaders and van support

Click [HERE](#) for more on the Backroads Quality Guide

STRAIGHT TALK

We want to make sure you're on the right trip and that you have the best experience possible. Every Backroads trip is unique and this one is no exception.

Accommodations & Service Standards

While the accommodations on this trip reflect the natural surroundings of the national parks and provide unparalleled access to the best activities in the area, two hotels are simpler than is typical of Backroads lodging. Many buildings date back to the turn of the century and have only been minimally renovated, in accordance with park regulations. St. Mary Village and Prince of Wales Hotel have basic guest rooms that are not equipped with televisions or air-conditioning. Overall, the service standards can seem slow and casual when compared with the hospitality found on other Backroads trips. Please note that internet and cell phone service are extremely limited throughout the parks.

Meals in National Parks, Forests and Surrounding Areas

The properties we use on this trip are chosen for their character and ideal location – they are not known for their food. Meals can be simple and menu options tend to lack variety. Please be aware that options for vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and low-carb meals will be especially limited and substitutions are rarely available.

Weather in Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies

Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies are special places where four seasons can occur in one day. For that reason, our itinerary may change based upon road and trail status due to weather (including snow) or animal activity.

Essential to Your Backroads Trip



During this trip, we cross the Canada/US border. US citizens must present a valid US passport or other Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)-compliant document to re-enter the United States from Canada. Non-US citizens may need a visa for entry into the United States and/or Canada. Visit backroads.com/why/regional-requirements for more information.

Day 1

Meeting Time: 7:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Grouse Mountain Lodge (406-862-3000), located at 2 Fairway Drive in Whitefish, Montana, United States

Attire & Luggage: Please arrive dressed in your biking clothes and bring your luggage and a daypack containing your rain gear, pedals or bike saddle if you brought them and anything else you may want for today's ride and 3-hour shuttle to our ride start (your luggage will be transported to our first night's accommodations).

Shuttle to Glacier National Park 3 Hours

Biking Route 30 Miles (2,700' elevation gain)

Welcome to Big Sky Country! We start our journey with a shuttle around the southern border of Glacier National Park along the Flathead River and over Marias Pass. At the east side of the park we'll pause for a picnic.

Here, your Backroads Trip Leaders fit your bike and give a brief talk on biking techniques and safety. After lunch, it's time to set out on two wheels through Glacier National Park along the east side of the famed Going-to-the-Sun Road. Pedal through a landscape of sculpted valleys, majestic peaks, gleaming waterfalls and virgin forests.

Built in 1932, the spectacular Going-to-the-Sun Road passes through almost every type of terrain in the park, from large glacial lakes in the lower valleys to windswept alpine tundra at Logan Pass on the Continental Divide. (Please note that due to snowfall and a short season for road repairs, we'll likely

encounter construction and varying road conditions as we pedal to Logan Pass. Short delays, or even a quick van shuttle over unpaved sections, could be a part of our journey.)

At 6,646 feet, Logan Pass is the highest point of today's ride. On our way, you might spot mountain goats, bighorn sheep or even grizzly bears. When you reach the summit, give your cycling muscles a rest while you soak up the 360-degree high-alpine scenery. Back on your bike, an exhilarating downhill ride between glaciated peaks takes you past the shores of St. Mary Lake.

This afternoon, we settle into our first night's hotel, St. Mary Village. Set near the east entrance of Glacier National Park, the lodge boasts a dramatic mountain backdrop and views of Divide Creek and the Great Plains of Montana. This evening, we gather for a welcome reception followed by dinner at the lodge's restaurant. *Lodging: St. Mary Village*



Day 2

Shuttle to Baab 30 Minutes

Biking Options:

12 Miles (800' elevation gain; 1,700' elevation loss)

20 Miles (1,500' gain)

30 Miles (2,000')

Today begins with a short shuttle as we begin our journey north to Canada. This morning's biking route starts with a brief stretch of busy road followed by a challenging five-mile climb in the shadow of Chief Mountain. Known to the Blackfoot Nation as *Ninastako*, the 9,000-foot mountain rises as a sacred landmark in Glacier National Park, and is revered in legend as the place where creation began under the watchful eye of *Nah-too-si*, the sun.

Along the way, we'll pedal hills and cross several small rivers before reaching the US/Canada border. This is where Waterton Lakes National Park and Glacier National Park share the boundary that makes up the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, the first of its kind.

We cross the border (don't forget to carry your passport today!) and descend into Canada and our lunch spot near the Belly River. Our afternoon ride mixes rolling hills and expansive views of the mountains on our way to Waterton Lakes National Park. After entering the park, we pedal alongside Lower and Middle Waterton Lakes.

Our home for the night is Prince of Wales Hotel, which stands alone on a bluff above Upper Waterton Lake against an extraordinary backdrop of glacier-carved peaks. This historic inn is one of the most photographed hotels in North America, thanks to its supremely picturesque setting where the mountains meet the prairie.

This evening we reconvene for dinner at a nearby restaurant. *Lodging: Prince of Wales Hotel*

Day 3

Hiking & Walking Options:

3 Miles (800' elevation gain)

5 Miles (1,300')

6.6 Miles (2,000')

Shuttle to Kananaskis 4 Hours

After breakfast at the hotel, it's a short shuttle to this morning's trailhead. Our alpine hiking adventure takes us through Waterton Lakes' diverse landscapes, including through a section of park burned by the 2017 Kentow fire. We'll crisscross Rowe Creek as we trace its path through forests and meadows, eventually reaching Lower Rowe Lake, an alpine lake cradled by pine trees and jagged peaks. Rest here or continue onward to the serene Rowe Meadow. After lunch on the trail, we follow Rowe Creek back down the mountain.

Following our hike, we shuttle to the heart of Kananaskis Country, an alpine playground of rivers, lakes and mountains. Watch the scenery evolve from the jagged peaks of Waterton National Park, through the ranch lands of southern Alberta and on to the front ranges of the Canadian Rockies.

After a scenic journey, we arrive at our mountain lodge where options for rest and relaxation abound. This evening, have dinner at your leisure at one of the lodge's restaurants. *Lodging: Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge*



Day 4

Optional Morning Hiking Route 2.2 Miles (200' elevation gain)

OR

Optional Horseback Riding in Kananaskis 2 Hours

Shuttle to Rafting 45 Minutes

Rafting on the Kananaskis River 2 Hours

Shuttle to Banff 30 Minutes

Begin today with a leisurely breakfast and some time to spend as you wish. If you're feeling up for a hike, the short loop trail to Troll Falls and Hay Meadows is a great option (per park regulations this hike is unguided). It's a quick walk to the trailhead and from there, a gentle climb on a wide, well-maintained trail takes you to the falls and the Troll Head rock. Your descent passes through beautiful meadows and aspen forests along the Kananaskis River.

This is also a good morning to book a horseback trail ride at a nearby ranch. Or, spend the morning making the most of hotel amenities like the pool and the award-winning 50,000 square-foot Nordic spa. (Spa treatments and horseback riding are not included in the trip price. Advance reservations are recommended. See "Optional Horseback Riding in Kananaskis" for more information.)

We gather for lunch and then set out on our afternoon activity: an exciting white-water rafting adventure! Don't worry if you're new to rafting. Our experienced guides will get you geared up and teach you the basic skills for a safe and fun outing. Paddle through calm flat waters and sections of Class II and III rapids. Enjoy splashes of chilly mountain water and pristine alpine scenery.

After rafting, we make our way to Fairmont Banff Springs, which resembles a Scottish baronial castle and will be our home for the next two nights. Tonight, enjoy dinner on your own in charming Banff. *Lodging: Fairmont Banff Springs*

Day 5

Sunshine Village Shuttle/Gondola/Chairlift 50 Minutes

Hiking & Walking Options:

2.2 Miles (119' elevation gain)

4.4 Miles (426')

6.6 Miles (675')

Gondola & Shuttle to Banff 45 Minutes

This morning we shuttle west to Sunshine Village ski resort and board a gondola that takes us high into the Rockies. We'll spend the day on alpine trails, trekking through flower-filled meadows and the backcountry landscape beyond. As we hike toward Rock Isle, Grizzly and Laryx Lakes, we'll be in remote areas few get to visit in Banff National Park. Get your camera ready for the Standish Viewpoint and its panoramic views of towering peaks, turquoise lakes and picturesque islets. Along the trail, we'll pause for an alfresco lunch before heading back to the gondola and returning to the valley floor.

After shuttling back to the Fairmont Banff Springs, you'll have some time to relax (perhaps the spa is calling?). This evening, we reconvene for a farewell reception followed by dinner and the chance to share stories of our adventurous week in Montana and Alberta. *Lodging: Fairmont Banff Springs*



Day 6

Biking Route 9 Miles (400' elevation gain)

Take a meandering spin on a bike path through the Banff Springs Golf Course—considered one of the most scenic courses in the world—and enjoy beautiful vistas of Mount Rundle and Bow Falls. If a final morning at the spa or a walk around the stunning grounds of the property sound more appealing, feel free to hang back at the hotel. We reconvene at the hotel before we say our goodbyes. (Please see "Meet & Depart Information" for end-of-trip logistics.)

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

We are always seeking opportunities to enhance this itinerary. We'll be certain to notify you of any important changes prior to departure; other changes may be communicated on trip by your leaders.

SHIFT GEARS

Our trips are designed to be flexible, giving you the freedom to experience the best of the region the way YOU want. Feel like you're ready to go, go, go? We can show you the way! Want some downtime or prefer to head out on your own? No problem!

Your Trip Leaders will make sure to tell you the best days to take time for yourself (if you want it) without feeling like you're missing out.

So feel free to shift gears and make it your day!

Where You'll Stay

Premiere & Casual Hotels



2 Nights (Premiere | Pictured)

Fairmont Banff Springs

Built in the style of a Scottish baronial castle, this exquisite hotel is set in the heart of Banff National Park and offers magnificent panoramic views, luxurious guest rooms and an award-winning 35,000-square-foot spa. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | Banff | 866-540-4406 or 403-762-2211 | fairmont.com/banff-springs

1 Night (Casual)

St. Mary Village

Set near the east entrance of Glacier National Park, the lodge boasts a dramatic mountain backdrop and views of the Great Plains of Montana and Divide Creek. | St. Mary | glacierparkcollection.com/lodging/st-mary-village | 844-868-7474 or 406-892-2525

1 Night (Casual)

Prince of Wales Hotel

This historic green-gabled hotel offers vistas of the mountains reflected in glacier-fed lakes. | Waterton Lakes National Park | glacierparkcollection.com | 403-859-2231

1 Night (Premiere)

Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge

Set in the heart of Kananaskis Country, this luxurious mountain lodge nestled in the Rockies was originally built in 1986 for the Winter Olympics and at the end of 2017 completed a full renovation including the addition of a 50,000 square-foot Nordic spa. (pool, spa) | Kananaskis Village | lodgeatkananaskis.com | 403-591-7711

Meet & Depart Info

To make our morning meeting time, **plan to arrive in Whitefish at least one day before the trip starts.**

All prices are in US dollars and subject to change.

Meeting Time & Location

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Meeting Location: Grouse Mountain Lodge (406-862-3000), located at 2 Fairway Drive in Whitefish, Montana, United States

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Conclusion of the Trip

Trip End Time: 11 a.m.

Trip End Location: Fairmont Banff Springs in Banff, Alberta, Canada

Additional Details: If you are booking an airport shuttle to the Calgary Airport, we recommend using the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel as your pick-up location. Travel time to Calgary is approximately 2 hours; Please schedule your flight for after 3:30 p.m. **Please note that Backroads does not offer a shuttle back to Whitefish, Montana.**

Flight Arrangements

This trip starts in Whitefish, Montana, United States and ends in Banff, Alberta, Canada. We suggest flying into Glacier Park International Airport (airport code: FCA) in Kalispell, Montana and flying out of Calgary International Airport (airport code: YYC) in Calgary.

For help arranging air transportation to and from your Backroads trip, please work with your own travel advisor, or you may work with our preferred travel agency. Their professional expert travel advisors are ready to assist you with any of your travel needs. Please note that they are an independent travel agency and

consulting and ticketing fees may apply, based on the services requested. Simply ask your Backroads Trip Consultant to connect you! You can also book directly with the airline or through a travel website.

When to Book Flights

Please note that trip start and end locations are subject to change and can vary by departure. A Travel Planner, complete with trip details specific to your chosen date, will be sent to you at time of booking or soon after and will be viewable in your Backroads account. **Do not schedule your flights until your reservation is confirmed.**

Transportation from the Kalispell Airport to Whitefish

The drive from Glacier Park International Airport in Kalispell to Whitefish takes around 20 minutes, but shuttle and taxi companies will likely charge the rate for a full hour. Rideshare services are available but limited. Plan ahead for hotel shuttles and taxis, particularly late night arrivals.

See the airport website for transportation options: [iflyglacier.com/ground](https://www.iflyglacier.com/ground).

Driving to Whitefish from Missoula

You may find it more convenient to fly into the larger international airport, Missoula Montana Airport (MSO) and rent a car to drive 2½ hours to Whitefish, located 130 miles away. You can park your car in the hotel parking lot of the Grouse Mountain Lodge for the duration of the trip.

Taking the Train to Whitefish

Amtrak ([amtrak.com](https://www.amtrak.com); 800-872-7245) provides limited service to Whitefish (station code: WFH). Discounts are offered to seniors and children; sleeping cars are available at a higher fare. Please contact Amtrak for the most current schedule and fares.

Transportation between Banff & Calgary

The prices and schedules listed may be subject to a 5 percent Canadian Goods and Services Tax (GST). Please contact the companies directly for the most current information and reservations.

Banff Airporter (banffairporter.com; 888-449-2901 or 403-762-3330) offers shuttle service from Banff to the Calgary airport; travel time is about 2 hours. You may be able to receive a discounted rate by calling and identifying yourself to the reservations agent as a Backroads guest. Or if making an online reservation, go to banffairporter.com/book, enter "backroads" in the Promo Code field and select "Apply." Your discounted rate will then appear.

Brewster (banffjaspercollection.com/brewster-express; 866-606-6700) provides shuttle service from Banff to the Calgary airport. Travel time is approximately 1¾ hours. Reservations are recommended.

Banff Transportation Group

(banfftransportation.com; 403-762-0000) provides taxi service between Banff and Calgary. Travel time is about 2 hours.

Transportation between Banff & Whitefish

The prices and schedules listed may be subject to a 5 percent Canadian Goods and Services Tax (GST). Please contact the companies directly for the most current information and reservations.

Calgary Airport Shuttle (airportshuttleexpress.com; 403-509-4799) provides transportation services between Banff and Whitefish. Travel time ranges between 5½-6½ hours.

PRICES & SCHEDULES

All prices and schedules were current at the time of printing but are subject to change at any time.

Weather & Destination Details

Climate

Summer temperatures in western Montana and southern Alberta are usually pleasant and warm during the day, becoming chilly at night. **Afternoon thunderstorms are always possible**, especially at higher elevations. High winds are common close to the Continental Divide and can rapidly bring colder temperatures and clouds. (Waterton Lakes is the second windiest place in Alberta.) Please come prepared with waterproof breathable rain gear (jacket and pants) and warm clothes. Knit or fleece hats and mittens are also handy on cooler evenings. Remember that at higher altitudes, the weather is unpredictable and can change from sunny and warm to rainy and cold in a matter of minutes.

Temperatures in Canada are measured in degrees Celsius. Zero degrees Celsius is 32 degrees Fahrenheit. For a quick conversion, double the Celsius reading and add 30 to determine the approximate temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.



Whitefish

Average:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High °F	30	35	44	56	65	72
Low °F	15	15	22	31	39	45
Precip. inches	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.6	2.5	3.2
Average:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	79	79	71	55	38	30
Low °F	50	48	39	31	24	17
Precip. inches	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.4	2.0	2.3

Banff

Average:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
High °F	24	30	38	47	57	64
Low °F	7	10	17	26	34	41
Precip. inches	0.7	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.9	2.5
Average:	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	71	70	61	48	32	23
Low °F	46	44	37	29	17	7
Precip. inches	1.7	2.0	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.7

Travel Documents & More

Travel Documents

During this trip, we cross the Canada/US border. We recommend bringing a passport for proof of citizenship. **Though a birth certificate is accepted as proof of citizenship for US citizens when entering Canada, it is not acceptable documentation for US citizens returning to the United States from Canada.** In order to re-enter the United States by land, US citizens must present a valid US passport, Enhanced Driver's License, NEXUS card or other Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)-compliant document (a passport is required for air travel). US citizens under age 16 may present an original or copy of their birth certificate instead. Passports issued to minors under the age of 16 are set to expire every 5 years. Check your expiration dates carefully! Not having proper ID and proof of citizenship may prevent you from re-entering the United States. For more information about the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and acceptable forms of identification for land and sea travel, visit cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/whti-program-background.

Please be aware that you are personally responsible for your own admittance to and exit from Canada, including what you bring into Canada. Border officials are strict with some of their policies, such as past DUIs, firearms and any substance that may be considered illegal to bring into Canada (such as cannabis). To ensure you have the most current information on entry eligibility requirements, check the US State Department's website (travel.state.gov) and Canada Border Services Agency website (cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel-voyage/rpg-mrp-eng.html).

Please note that non-US citizens may require a visa for entry; visit the above resource for more information.

IMPORTANT: Each time you renew your passport, you are issued a new passport number. Depending on the trip, some of our service providers (like hotels or airlines) may require current passport information for each guest, so if you renew your passport after booking your trip, please make sure to update us with the new information prior to your departure date.

We recommend that you make two photocopies of

your airline ticket/e-ticket confirmation and your passport. Leave one set of copies at home with a friend or relative, and bring one set with you, keeping it separate from the original documents.



Terrain Info & Getting Active Before Your Trip

NAVIGATION OPTIONS ON THIS TRIP

GPS devices come pre-loaded with all the **biking** route options for this trip. Turn-by-turn paper directions are included (or downloadable GPS files are available for use on your own device) for the **walking** routes.

Conditioning Tips

Every Backroads trip is designed to appeal to a wide variety of interests and fitness levels. We know your pace may vary from one day to the next—and your traveling companions' may differ somewhat from yours. So we present a range of mileage options, and each day you decide exactly what and how much you want to do.

Before your trip, we suggest biking and hiking regularly and hitting a few hills whenever you can. Review the route options in the daily itinerary for the range of mileages offered on this trip. But mostly, just show up and have fun!

ACTIVITY LEVEL

The routes on this trip are rated Levels 1–3.

	BIKING		WALKING & HIKING	
	Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain (feet)	Avg. Miles	Max Elev. Gain (feet)
Level 1 (2-3 hours)	8-22	1000'	2-5	800'
Level 2 (2-4 hours)	18-32	2200'	4-7	1300'
Level 3 (2-5 hours)	26-42	3400'	5-9	2000'
Level 4 (4-6 hours)	36-54	4400'	6-11	3000'
Level 5 (5-7+ hours)	48-70+	4400'+	7-13+	4000'+

Review the "Activity Level" section on the web for more details on daily route options.

Hotel Recommendations

For help arranging hotel accommodations for before and after your Backroads trip, or an extension to your trip, please work with your own travel advisor, or you may work with our preferred travel agency. Their professional expert travel advisors are ready to assist you with any of your travel needs. Please note that they are an independent travel agency and consulting and ticketing fees may apply, based on the services requested. Simply ask your Backroads Trip Consultant to connect you! You can also book directly with the hotel or through a travel website.

Please note that Backroads does not block rooms and does not offer special rates for pre- and post-trip stays.

If you plan on extending your stay at our first night's hotel before the trip starts or our last night's hotel when the trip ends, let the hotel reservations agent know that you're traveling with Backroads—you may be able to avoid changing rooms. We recommend booking your rooms as early as possible, especially during peak travel season!

HOTEL ROOM RATES

IN US DOLLARS PER NIGHT

\$501 and up ★★★★★

\$301 to \$500 ♦♦♦♦

\$201 to \$300 ◆◆◆

Up to \$200

The following is a selection of recommended properties that span a range of prices, amenities and locations. Refer to the Hotel Room Rates guide for the starting double-occupancy rates, which were accurate at time of printing. Note that rates are subject to change and some hotels may require a minimum stay.

Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish is our meeting location on Day 1. See the following for more information on these hotels.

Whitefish, Montana

Hotel map: bit.ly/WhitefishHotels

Lodge at Whitefish Lake

This luxury hotel with a waterfront pool and spa is host to Whitefish's summer glitterati. For longer stays or larger groups, consider the lodge's two- and three-bedroom lakefront condominiums. (pool, spa) | 1380 Wisconsin Avenue | lodgeatwhitefishlake.com | 877-887-4026 or 406-863-4000 | 120 rooms & condominiums | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

The Firebrand

Built in 2016 and situated in the heart of Whitefish, this comfortable boutique hotel's amenities include a rooftop hot tub! Shops, art galleries and custom jewelers are just steps away. (spa) | 650 East Third Street | firebrandhotel.com | 844-863-1900 or 406-863-1900 | 85 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Good Medicine Lodge

This stunning bed-and-breakfast enjoys a prime location to access all the attractions at Glacier National Park and Flathead National Forest. | 537 Wisconsin Avenue | goodmedicinelodge.com | 800-860-5488 or 406-862-5488 | 14 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Grouse Mountain Lodge

Overlooking the Whitefish Lake Golf Club, this expansive lodge offers an indoor swimming pool, two hot tubs and an activities desk to arrange your next adventure. (pool) | 2 Fairway Drive | grousemountainlodge.com | 877-862-1505 or 406-862-3000 | 145 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Best Western Rocky Mountain Lodge

This lodge features comfortable rooms with mountain views, a complimentary continental breakfast and airport shuttle service. (pool) | 6510 Highway 93 South | bestwestern.com | 800-780-7234 or 406-862-2569 | 79 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦

Whitefish Riverfront Hotel

Newly renovated, family-friendly riverside hotel located just south of downtown Whitefish, complimentary breakfast and airport shuttle. (pool) | 5920 Spokane Avenue | whitefishriverfronthotel.com | 406-862-7600 | 76 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦

Whitefish Mountain Resort, Montana

The following properties are located on Big Mountain at Whitefish Mountain Resort, 20 minutes from downtown Whitefish. There is no complimentary shuttle service from the properties, although taxi service is available.

Kandahar Lodge

This three-story European-style alpine lodge features an inviting stone fireplace, period antiques mixed with Scandinavian furnishings and beautiful panels of etched glass reflecting natural scenes by Whitefish artist Myni Ferguson. | 3824 Big Mountain Road | kandaharlodge.com | 406-862-6098 | 50 rooms, lofts, studios & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦

Ptarmigan Village

These one- to three-bedroom condos in the woods give you plenty of room to spread out. Each comes with a fully equipped kitchen, separate bedrooms and spacious living room with a fireplace or wood stove. Some rentals have a minimum night stay. (pool) | 3000 Big Mountain Road | ptarmiganvillage.com | 800-552-3952 or 406-862-3594 | 103 units | Rates: ♦ ♦

Banff

Hotel map: bit.ly/BanffHotels

Rimrock Resort Hotel

A grand contemporary lodge on Sulphur Mountain with awe-inspiring views of Bow Valley and the surrounding Rockies. *Travel + Leisure* World's Best. (pool, spa) | 300 Mountain Avenue | rimrockresort.com | 888-746-7625 or 403-762-3356 | 343 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Buffalo Mountain Lodge

If you've imagined yourself in the Canadian Rockies kicking back by a large stone fireplace, this quintessential lodge was made for you. For an extra-romantic stay, request a premiere guest room with a wood-burning fireplace, heated slate floor and claw-foot tub. | 700 Tunnel Mountain Drive | buffalomountainlodge.com | 800-661-1367 or 403-762-2400 | 85 rooms | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

Located in the heart of Banff National Park, this exquisite hotel offers magnificent panoramic views, gracious hospitality, luxurious guest rooms and a host of amenities. (pool, spa, golf) | 405 Spray Avenue | fairmont.com/banff-springs | 866-540-4406 or 403-762-2211 | 770 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa

Offering free and easy access to Banff's attractions via the town's comfortable Roam Bus system, Banff Caribou Lodge emanates alpine warmth and comfort with country pine furniture and brightly colored fabrics. (spa) | 521 Banff Avenue | banffcariboulodge.com | 800-563-8764 or 403-762-5887 | 190 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Banff Park Lodge

Its location in the heart of downtown, within walking distance of shops, restaurants, galleries and museums, puts Banff Park Lodge in an ideal spot for exploring the lively town. Each room features a balcony or patio with

a view of Banff National Park. (pool) | 222 Lynx Street | banffparklodge.com | 800-661-9266 or 403-762-4433 | 211 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Rundlestone Lodge

Reminiscent of a classic European mountain lodge, the Rundlestone is a great place to begin or end your vacation in the Canadian Rockies. (pool) | 537 Banff Avenue | rundlestone.com | 800-661-8630 or 403-762-2201 | 96 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Fox Hotel & Suites

The hotel's centerpiece is the hot pool, inspired by Banff National Park's original Cave and Basin site commemorating the birth of Canada's National Park system. Please note that hotel rooms are not air-conditioned. | 461 Banff Avenue | foxhotellandsuites.com | 800-661-8310 or 403-760-8500 | 116 rooms & suites | Rates: ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦