

NATURE RULES

POST TRAVEL CLASSICS TOUR – AUGUST 18-21, 2013 (Max. 7)



LAKE LOUISE

Our story begins where the crown jewel of [Banff National Park](#) lies at the foot of the mighty Victoria Glacier. The impossibly perfect [Lake Louise](#) welcomes you with a hidden stash of untold tales and a beauty so entrancing, it instantly soothes the mind, body and soul.

"As God is my judge, I never in all my explorations saw such a matchless scene." Those were the words of Thomas Wilson, a Canadian Pacific Railway worker who became the first white man to see what was then known to the Stoney Indians as the "Lake of Little Fishes" in 1882.



THE FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE

Since 1890, the Chateau Lake Louise has played a considerable role in the colourful history of Canada's mountain West. Originally built as a one-story, log cabin "for outdoor adventurers and alpinists" by the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1890, the hotel now boasts over 500 rooms and all the luxurious amenities of a modern, world-class property.

This exquisite hotel will be home base for the Nature Rules post-Travel Classics tour of Banff National Park.



BACKCOUNTRY RIDES, HIKES & TEA!

Whilst in Lake Louise, you will be offered the opportunity to explore the beautiful backcountry by horse or on foot as the original Swiss [mountain guides](#) who first navigated the rugged alpine once did.

Hikers and riders are rewarded for their journey with the welcoming aromas of freshly baked treats and home-style brews in the historic backcountry teahouses at [Plain of Six Glaciers Teahouse](#) and [Lake Agnes Teahouse](#).



MORAINE LAKE

You will visit the subject of many photos and paintings, [Moraine Lake](#), one of the deep turquoise, peak-and-pine-engulfed lakes of Banff National Park. Surrounded by the Valley of the Ten Peaks, Moraine Lake appears to be the stuff of storybooks and landscape artists. This setting once adorned the back of Canada's twenty-dollar bill.

Moraine Lake is also the trailhead to many of the park's [classic hikes](#) and serves as an excellent place to view some of the indigenous wildlife. Some of the animals to look out for here include grizzly bears, marmots, golden-mantled ground squirrels, chipmunks and pikas.



ICEFIELDS PARKWAY

To travel the [Icefields Parkway](#) is to experience one of Canada's national treasures and most rewarding journeys. Stretching 232 kms (144 mi) through the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site, the road will carry you past more than 100 ancient glaciers, cascading waterfalls and dramatic rock spires.

Explore one of the world's most scenic routes by travelling the Icefields Parkway via Peyto Lake, Bow Lake, the Columbia Icefield and Athabasca Glacier.



SIMPSON'S NUM-TI-JAH

Visit [Simpson's Num-Ti-Jah Lodge](#), a historic property whose story begins with a wild, red-haired 19 year old named Jimmy Simpson, one of the area's most eccentric pioneers, who left England for Canada in 1896 and became the legendary outfitter known as the last and greatest of the Canadian mountain men.

Num-Ti-Jah Lodge hasn't changed much since it was completed in 1950. What you'll see and feel here is the dream and story of the Simpson family.



ICEFIELDS HELI

Enjoy the ultimate view of the Rockies by helicopter and marvel at the sparkling emerald lakes dotted throughout Banff National Park and the enormous glaciers that carve the surrounding valleys. Your aerial journey with [Icefields Heli](#) will tell the story of the extraordinary geological forces that led to the creation of the magnificent Canadian Rocky Mountains.



COLUMBIA ICEFIELD

The Columbia Icefield is one of only two [hydrological apexes](#) in North America, a point from which glacial melt water flows into three oceans – the Arctic, the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Guarded by 11 of the Canadian Rockies' 22 highest peaks and located at an average elevation of 3,000 metres (9,840 ft.), the [Columbia Icefield](#) is sustained by about 10 metres (33 ft.) of snowfall annually; snow that accumulates in every month of the year. In some places, the ice is 900 metres (2,952 feet) thick.

Explore this unique geological feature and behemoth glacier on the specially-designed Ice Explorer bus.



GLACIER SKYWALK

Travel to the site of the [Glacier Skywalk](#), currently being built just north of the Columbia Icefield. Here you will learn about Brewster Travel's new project and its award-winning design which embraces the spectacular surroundings with infrastructure that mimics, rather than detracts, from the natural environment.

This project, years in the making, has become a fascinating tale of how progression and preservation can be achieved simultaneously.

CANADIAN ROCKY MOUNTAIN CUISINE

The fresh mountain air and active adventure for which Banff National Park is renowned are guaranteed to give you a healthy appetite and the cuisine of the mountains promises to satisfy taste buds of every type. Imagine smoked, cured or roasted wild game. Root vegetables and mixed grains. Fresh indigenous berries and perhaps a chocolate fondue with a view.

