

# Glacier and Waterton Multisport Tour

## An Inn-to-Inn Hiking, Biking, and Whitewater Rafting Adventure

*Discover a land still wild with moose, bear, wolf, bighorn sheep, bald eagle and osprey. Encompassing over 1,500 square miles of wilderness, the magnificent country of Waterton-Glacier forms the ideal setting for a smorgasbord of active adventure and wildlife viewing; an absolute feast! We'll hike and mountain bike pristine trails and backcountry roads, and raft the whitewaters of the scenic Flathead River.*

**Day 1. Whitewater Rafting the Flathead River, Lake McDonald Lodge** (886-875-8456 or 406-862-8190 / private baths)

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Our group assembles at 10:00 a.m. at the Pine Lodge Quality Inn in Whitefish, Montana. Following a short orientation, we launch our rafts on the wild and scenic Flathead River. With paddles in hand, we shoot rapids with names like Jaws, Pinball and Bonecrusher. For those who prefer not to raft, join one of our guides and explore nearby Stanton Lake.

Our arrival at the Lake McDonald Lodge this evening is a fitting introduction to the grand lodges of Glacier National Park. The lodge was built in 1913 and retains its rustic hunting lodge charm with a huge log frame lobby, stone fireplaces and spectacular lakeside setting. A short walk leads to the lake with lovely spots to relax or for a refreshing swim - cold but invigorating!

- Rafting the Flathead River [Class II & III; booties provided]

**Day 2. Biking Going-to-the-Sun Road, Prince of Wales Hotel** (403-859-2231 / private baths)

[http://www.nationalparkreservations.com/glacier\\_princewales.htm?gclid=CMu61Iyr9pgCFOS7sgodxk592A](http://www.nationalparkreservations.com/glacier_princewales.htm?gclid=CMu61Iyr9pgCFOS7sgodxk592A)

In the cool of the morning, we tackle one of America's most remarkable alpine highways, the renowned Going-To-The-Sun Road. An award winning engineering feat completed in 1932, this road provides unforgettable vistas of towering glaciated peaks, giant alpine valleys and the glaciers and snow fields that gave the park its name. As we crest the Continental Divide at Logan Pass, watch for bighorn sheep and mountain goats in the surrounding cliffs and meadows. We then let loose on the downhill run to St. Mary and the eastern side of the park.

From St. Mary we journey north into Canada and the landmark Prince of Wales Hotel in Canada's sister park to Glacier, Waterton National Park. The hotel is one of three remarkable lodges built by the Great Northern Railroad between 1910 and 1927. Sitting on a promontory overlooking the blue-green waters of Upper Waterton Lake, this 7-story hotel opens to a world famous panorama that looks deep into the heart of the surrounding mountain wilderness. Sip a cup of tea or enjoy a glass of beer or wine while you savor the

incredible view through the lobby's wall-to-wall picture windows.

- Going-to-the-Sun Road [distance approximately 40 miles, 3,500 feet of elevation gain/loss]

**Day 3. Hiking in Waterton National Park, Prince of Wales Hotel**

Our hike today finds us on the Carthew Pass trail, the premier hike in Waterton Lakes National Park. The trail begins at the snow-encrusted headwall of Cameron Lake and ascends through an old growth evergreen forest with some of the largest trees in the park. The shady forest gives way to sun-splashed parklands filled with bear grass and wildflowers. After a steep but rewarding climb, we summit the wind-swept ridge of Carthew Pass and enjoy a sumptuous lunch amid 360 degree alpine splendor. We can return the way we came or enjoy the long descent past sapphire Carthew and Alderson Lakes, dancing waterfalls and lush meadows back to Waterton Village. Opportunities for wildlife sightings are excellent – grizzly and black bears, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, elk, moose and more all can be seen.

- Cameron Lake to Waterton Village [12 miles via Carthew Pass; steep 2,200 feet of elevation gain, 3,600 feet of elevation loss. Steep scree slopes.]
- Cameron Lake to Carthew Pass [9 miles round trip; 2200 feet of elevation gain, then loss. Steep scree slopes]

**Day 4. Mountain Biking in Waterton, Many Glacier Lodge** (406-892-2525 / private baths)

[http://www.glacierparkinc.com/many\\_glacier\\_hotel.php](http://www.glacierparkinc.com/many_glacier_hotel.php)

Back to bikes, this morning we cycle the Snowshoe Trail through the waterfall-filled Bauerman Creek Valley. Towering peaks and massive rock walls appear to grow as we proceed up the valley. After a lovely streamside lunch we take a leisurely walk around the bustling little resort town of Waterton Village.

In the late afternoon, we drive back to Glacier National Park for our final two nights at the Many Glacier Hotel, another of the Great Northern Railroad's masterpieces. This Swiss-style inn looks out onto Swiftcurrent Lake and a stunning mountain panorama considered by many the most wonderful in the park. Take a stroll on the Swiftcurrent lakeshore and watch for grizzlies, mountain goats, elk and bighorn sheep foraging on the vast alpine mountainsides that surround the lodge.

- Snowshoe Biking Trail [up to 11 miles, dirt roads, single and double-track trails, 800 feet of elevation gain/loss]
- Option: Wishbone Trail [ 7.2 miles ]

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### **Day 5. Hiking to Grinnell Glacier, St. Mary's Lodge**

The Blackfoot Indians called this beautiful valley "waterfalls". Europeans named it "Many Glacier". But there is not a single word that can truly describe this wonderland of glacier-carved mountains, turquoise lakes, vast alpine meadows and the still impressive bulk of Grinnell Glacier itself. Small wonder this is one of the most popular and memorable trails in the park. The trail is also a textbook illustration of the park's retreating glaciers since Grinnell has lost 70% of its mass over the past 100 years.

- Moderate Option: Grinnell Glacier [11 miles, 1,700 feet of elevation gain, then loss]
- Easy Option: scenic boat cruise [additional cost]
- Easy Option: Nature Loop Hike around Swiftcurrent Lake [3.6 miles total, elevation negligible, self-guided]

### **Day 6. Biking and Canoeing Two Medicine Lake, Whitefish**

Two Medicine Lake has some of the park's most spectacular scenery, and though it's often overlooked, a visit to the park wouldn't be complete without exploring its glacier-gouged lakes and purplish-red mountains. So we begin our last exhilarating day with a quiet bicycle ride along lower Two Medicine Lake. You can also choose to hike along the lake, canoe or kayak on the lake or take a scenic boat ride across the lake and hike on one of several trails amid the surrounding snowy peaks.

Our tour concludes back in Whitefish at approximately 5:30 pm.

- Biking Two Medicine Lake [11.3 miles; 650' elevation gain]
- Option: scenic boat ride across Two Medicine Lake with various hiking options [distance & elevation change variable]
- Option: kayak or canoe Two Medicine Lake [1 hour, self-guided]

## **Trip Details**

**Trip Type:** Inn

**Trip Length:** 6 days/5 nights

**2012 Departure Dates:** August 12-17

**2013 Departure Dates:** July 21-26

**Price:** \$3198

**Single Supplement:** \$750

**Bicycle Rental:** \$95

**Trip Rating:** Moderate to Challenging

**Activities:** hike (3 days), bike (2 days), raft (1/2 day), kayak or canoe (optional), guest naturalist

**Gateway City:** Kalispell, Montana

**Gateway City Transfer:** Flathead-Glacier Transportation Company provides shuttle service from the airport in Kalispell to Whitefish for \$15.00 one way for the first passenger plus \$2.00 for each additional passenger. Reservations are required and they can be reached at 1- 800-829-7039 / 406-892-3390. If you are staying at the Pine Lodge Quality Inn in Whitefish, a complimentary airport transfer is provided. Upon arrival at the airport, use a courtesy phone to contact the Inn. Other hotels may provide transfers, as well. Inquire at time of reservation.

**Meeting Time & Place:** 10:00 am at the Pine Lodge, 920 Spokane Avenue, Whitefish, MT (406-862-7600). Whitefish is 14 miles from Kalispell. We recommend that you have lunch before, and arrive ready to raft. We suggest that you bring a pair of old sneakers or sandals, a change of clothes and shoes, a bathing suit and/or nylon shorts, and a towel.

**Trip Conclusion:** Approximately 5:30 p.m., Pine Lodge, Whitefish, MT. *It is important that airline departures be scheduled no earlier than 7:00 p.m. from Kalispell.*

**Trip Fees Include:** Half-day raft trip, bell boy and raft guide tips, kayaking or canoeing on Two Medicine Lake, all meals (lunch Day 1-lunch Day 6), all accommodations (double occupancy), T-shirt, water bottle, support vehicle, national park fees, guest naturalist, professional guides and bicycle riding instruction.

**Trip Fees Exclude:** Airfare, personal insurance, miscellaneous hotel expenses (phone, fax, laundry, etc.), additional optional tours, services not specified in the tour itinerary, and guide gratuities (An appropriate gratuity to *each* trip leader is \$75-\$100 per guest).

## **The Next Step...**

**References** Don't take our word for it that The World Outdoors trips are the finest in the adventure travel industry. Ask our past guests. *Call about any of our trips and we'll be happy to refer you to someone who's been there with us.*

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How do I book airfare for this trip? Call our in-house travel agent, Sherry Marriner, at 800-488-8483 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time Monday through Friday or you can email her at [sherrym@theworldoutdoors.com](mailto:sherrym@theworldoutdoors.com). Sherry is also available to assist you with pre- and post-lodging needs. If Sherry is unavailable and your needs are urgent, please call Frosch Travel, a local travel agency, at 800-538-7461 and ask for Georgia (ext 251) or email her at [Georgia.Terry@frosch.com](mailto:Georgia.Terry@frosch.com). Be sure to tell her you are traveling with The World Outdoors. Alternatively, you are welcome to book your airfare online, directly with the airline or through your personal travel agent.

## **General Information, Questions & Answers**

What weather conditions can I expect? You can expect the average daytime temperature to range from 60°-75°F with evening temperatures being up to 30°F cooler. As in other mountainous regions, weather conditions in Glacier are extremely variable. Be prepared for anything.

How difficult is this trip? ... Really: This trip is more challenging than our Easy tours. It is intended for the average active adult who feels comfortable being active 4-6 hours a day. Hikes of 4-8 miles with options of up to 12 miles, and with climbs of 1350 feet, with options of up to 2200 feet. The bike rides are 13-30 miles/day with an option of up to 40 miles where some shuttling may be involved.

Emergency Contact Information: Our office in Boulder, Colorado is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time 1-800-488-8483. For emergencies outside of our normal business hours call Bill Marriner at 720-289-0460, Sherry Marriner at 303-915-9660, Darcie Carr at 303-595-8561 or Eric Wagner at 303-324-7795.

Traveling to Canada: Effective **January 8, 2007**, all U.S. citizens traveling by air to and from Canada are required to have a valid passport to enter the U.S. This requirement will include those traveling by land or sea (including ferries) in January 2008. Visas or passports are not required for U.S. citizens entering Canada from the U.S. However, you will need proof of U.S. citizenship such as a valid U.S. passport or certified copy of your birth certificate and a photo ID such as a current, valid driver's license. Driver's licenses, voter's registration cards or social security cards are not considered valid proof of citizenship. If you are a naturalized U.S. citizen and do not have a passport, you will need a naturalization certificate.

Persons under 18 traveling to Canada should be accompanied by both parents or legal guardians. If not, they should carry a letter from their parents or guardians authorizing the trip. Minors should bring their passports and birth certificate. The names of the parents on the birth certificate need to match the names of the parents traveling with the minor or proof of legal guardianship will need to be provided. For single parents traveling with a minor, note that you must have a signed letter of permission from the non-traveling parent or guardian granting authority for you to travel with your child across the border.

For additional information visit [http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/regional/regional\\_1170.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/regional/regional_1170.html)

Driving to the Meeting Place: From Kalispell, travel north on Highway 93 for approximately 14 miles. Highway 93 becomes Spokane Avenue once in Whitefish, and this road will take you into downtown. The Pine Lodge Quality Inn is located at 920 Spokane Avenue.(406-862-7600), just south of central downtown. Be sure to check with your hotel for parking options if you will be leaving your car here for the week.

Pre & Post-Trip Accommodations: If you come to Whitefish the evening before the trip, or stay over after the trip, we recommend the following hotels in Whitefish. Please tell them that you are with The World Outdoors as special rates may apply.

- Pine Lodge Quality Inn (406) 862-7600 [rate: \$135-\$220] Free pick-up in Kalispell at airport & breakfast is included.  
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- Grouse Mountain Lodge (877) 862-1505 or (406) 863-4705 [ask for The World Outdoors special rate of \$149+9% tax for Grouse Park View Rooms] <http://www.grousemountainlodge.com/>  
Includes complimentary a la carte breakfast in The Grill (up to two guests per room), complimentary transfers from and to Glacier Park International Airport in Kalispell (FCA), complimentary on-request shuttles to and from downtown Whitefish from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. daily. The spacious, well-appointed guest rooms all include refrigerator, coffee/tea service with Montana Coffee Trader coffee, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, robes, flat-screen TV, and complimentary high-speed wireless Internet access. Lodge amenities include an excellent restaurant and fully licensed bar, indoor pool & sauna, outdoor hot tubs, fitness center, 24-hour front desk, gift shop, activity planning desk & concierge, business center & complimentary high-speed wireless Internet.
- Super 8 (406) 862-8255 [rate: \$90-\$120]  
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- Duck Inn (800) 344-2377 or (406) 862-3825 [rate \$94-\$194]
- Garden Wall Inn 1-888-530-1700 or (406) 862-3440 [rate: \$125-\$255] <http://www.gardenwallinn.com/>
- Good Medicine Lodge (406) 862-5488 [rate: \$100-\$240] <http://www.goodmedicinelodge.com/>

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