Tour Operator information package Mountain Madness Cycle Tours Inc. Jasper, Banff, Alberta, Canada 2023 - 2024 season



Small Group sizes, Custom designed enclosed trailer for transporting bikes





Custom bike trailer turns into a road side cafe

Gravel and E-bikes available for guests

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#### 4 day 3 night Jasper to Banff / Canmore Cycling Tour Summary

#### **Brief description of Itinerary:**

Arrival Day: Edmonton or Jasper

Day 1: Transfers from Edmonton to Jasper. Cycle (50 km) to Sunwapta Falls.

Day 2: Ride Sunwapta Falls to Saskatchewan River Crossing (100 km).

Day 3: Ride Saskatchewan River Crossing to Lake Louise (83 km).

Day 4: Ride Lake Louise to Banff / Canmore (60 km / 85km). Drive back to Edmonton via Calgary

airport.

Total distance = 288 - 312 km

# Pricing (Rack Rate):

2023 / 24 seasons = \$2467 + 5% gst per person twin share, Net rates available.

#### The price of the tour Includes:

- National park passes
- · Hotel accommodations (twin share): 3 nights
- Meals: 3 Breakfasts, three lunches, 3 Dinners, and four days of snacks.
- Bike transport: in a custom enclosed secure bike trailer.
- Full support during tour / Tour guide (support van driver).
- Transfers from Edmonton to Jasper for you and your bike in 14-passenger vans.
- USB with all high res. photos taken during the tour
- Satellite emergency communication coverage whilst in the National Park. There is no mobile / cell
  phone communication available in the park. We will also have two-way radios distributed amongst
  the group to enable communication between riders and the tour guide in the support van.
- Airport Transfers: Available on the last day of the tour to Calgary or Edmonton.
- Rental Bike: Kona Libre Gravel bike with slick tires, carbon fork, aluminum frame, or Electric pedal assist bike

#### The price of the tour does not Include: Optional extras

- Alcoholic drinks
- Additional / non rider activities
- Flights into Edmonton and out of Calgary.
- Lunch on the first day
- Tour guide Gratuity: Optional but appreciated and customary in Canada for good service.
- Accommodation in Edmonton or Jasper on the arrival day and Banff, Canmore, Calgary or Edmonton on the last day of the tour if required.
- Single supplement (Own room to yourself during tour) = \$485 + 5% gst
   Please note (no net rates available for single supplement)

#### **Getting here:**

Our scheduled tours depart from and return to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Please plan on arriving in Edmonton or Jasper the day before the tour is scheduled to depart.

**Edmonton arrivals:** We will pick you up from your hotel on Day 1 of the tour at about 8 am for your transfer to Jasper and the start of the tour.

**Jasper arrivals:** Via rail runs a regular service from Vancouver, and Brewster runs a regular bus service from Calgary, Banff and Lake Louise to Jasper. If you take this option, we will meet you on Day 1 of the tour at your Jasper hotel at around noon to start the tour.

Please note that the arrival night accommodation in either Edmonton or Jasper is not included in the package price.

#### **Departures:**

We recommend that you fly out of Calgary. We can drop you off at Calgary International Airport on our way home to Edmonton on the evening of the last day of the tour. Usually, we will drive through Calgary around 2-3 pm on the last day of the tour. Please allow sufficient time before your departing flight in case of any unavoidable delays.

We are also happy to drop people at local hotels in Banff or Canmore at the end of the tour if they'd like to stay longer in the Rockies. Please note that accommodation on Day 4 is not included in the package price.

# **Custom Groups**

For custom groups of 6 -11 people, we can customize the above itineraries to suit.

Larger groups of up to 30 people are possible for custom tours.

Please see this page of our website for custom tour ideas.

http://www.mountainmadnesstours.com/custom-tours/

#### Minimum numbers required to run the tour:

We are happy to provide guaranteed departures for a group of at least two passengers.

#### Photos and Video

Please see the following links to access professional photos and video footage from our tours for your use. We can brand the video with your organization's logo, website and contact information on request.

Photos: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rm87bmwt3ugwvff/AABMpWk0Gczro5j5A7hqPYoXa?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rm87bmwt3ugwvff/AABMpWk0Gczro5j5A7hqPYoXa?dl=0</a>
Video: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o8lx719724vnnvy/AACVhTjlCsLFGj2162Kydnx6a?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o8lx719724vnnvy/AACVhTjlCsLFGj2162Kydnx6a?dl=0</a>

#### 2023 Scheduled departures:

Tour 3: 16 - 19 June

Tour 4: 23 - 26 June

Tour 5: 30 June - 3 July

Tour 6: 7 - 10 July

Tour 7: 14 - 17 July

Tour 8: 21 - 24 July

Tour 9: 28 - 31 July

Tour 10: 4 - 7 August

Tour 11: 11 - 14 August

#### 2024 Scheduled departures:

Tour 3: 14 - 17 June

Tour 4: 21 - 24 June

Tour 5: 28 June - 1 July

Tour 6: 5 - 8 July

Tour 7: 12 - 15 July

Tour 8: 19 - 22 July

Tour 9: 26 - 29 July

Tour 10: 2 - 5 August

Tour 11: 9 - 12 August

Tour 12: 16 - 19 August

Tour 13: 23 - 26 August

Tour 14: 30 Aug - 2 September

Note: The above tour dates are subject to change and some may have been converted into longer custom group itineraries. Please check the <u>Join A Tour</u> page of our website for up to date information and current seat availability.

#### Food supplied on tours

Breakfast: Day 2,3,4

Buffet breakfasts supplied at hotel restaurant.

Items may include: Fruit, Cereal, Assorted pastries, Tea, Coffee, Juice, Yoghurt, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Toast, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Oatmeal.

Lunch: Day 2,3,4

A variety of sandwiches will be supplied from a local hotel restaurant and served at various locations along the route. The exact lunch menu is flexible and will be discussed in more detail with each individual once on the tour.

#### Snacks / Rest stop foods: Day 1,2,3,4

A variety of healthy and nutritious foods will be available to you several times during the day to keep your body adequately fuelled and running in top condition.

We recommend that you eat small amounts often throughout the day. You may choose from our large variety of rest stop foods at your will. You may also access your lunch sandwich at any time during the day.

#### Some common foods available include:

Trail Mix

Selection of Fruit (dried and fresh)

Banana Bread, White Chocolate Raspberry Scones, Chocolate Pretzels.

A selection of bars to help you get through the day if regular food doesn't quite do the trick for you.

# **Hydration:**

Water, Flavoured electrolyte mix to add to your water bottles if desired, Juice boxes and Pop / Soda.

#### Post ride snacks:

Typically we aim for an early dinner each day although post ride snacks will be available upon arrival to the hotel each evening if desired.

Alcoholic drinks are at your own cost upon arrival at the hotel and in most cases are available from the hotels onsite bar or can be purchased before the tour and made available at the end of the day. Certain location specific restrictions apply.

#### Evening Meal: Day 1,2,3,

A three course hot meal will be served at the onsite restaurant at the hotel each night. Set menu, buffet or order off the menu items can vary tour to tour and night to night. Usually the make up will be soup or salad followed by the main meal, followed by a desert of some kind. Alcoholic drinks are at your own cost.

#### Allergies, Specific nutritional requirements:

Are you allergic to any specific foods, are you gluten free, vegetarian, vegan or have any other food related sensitivities? Please let us know upon signing up for a tour so we can plan accordingly. In most cases there are alternative menu's and options available and if not we can come up with a variety of other options including you bringing your own specific nutrition along. If we know these things in advance we can be very flexible.

# What to bring on a supported cycling tour

#	Item:	Х
** N	lote If you aren't sure what these items are please visit your local bike shop prior to the tour to obtain these is. Due to variable weather conditions in the mountains at any time during the summer, these items will matically increase your comfort and enjoyment levels during the tour no matter what the conditions are.	
1	Plastic bag for wet / dirty clothes	
2	Small sunscreen, Lip Balm	
3	Warm layers to change into in case of getting into van. Base & mid layer.	
4	Socks (Merino wool a good idea)	
5	**Cycling jersey	
6	**Cycling shorts (padded)	
7	**Cycling gloves (long and short)	
8	** Wind / rain Proof Jacket (if weather is looking suspect, please carry this with you) Preferably breathable.	
9	**Arm warmers, Leg warmers. You will probably wear these for the first part of the day.	
10	Cell phone / Camera for photo's / video. (No cell reception between Jasper and Banff)	
11	Cycling shoe covers / booties, optional but recommended on early season tours	
12	**Thin Touque, buff, headband, Beanie to fit under helmet.	
13	Small travel pack of tissues	
14	Casual evening wear	
15	Bathing suit, board shorts	
16	Toiletries / Medications	
17	Other spare clothing usually required for a tour of this length, e.g. comfy shoes, socks, casual clothing.	
18	To carry with you on the bike: Some Cash, Drivers License, ID, Health Care Card	
19	One water bottle.	

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

# What does the cost of my tour include?

Round trip transport from Edmonton.

Transfers from your hotel in Edmonton to Jasper before and to Calgary or Edmonton after the tour.

National Park Entry Fees

Full support during ride

Satellite emergency communication coverage while in National Park and 2 way radios (no mobile / cell phone communication available in park).

Accommodation (twin share). 3 nights

All meals unless stated otherwise.

Photos of the group riding with spectacular scenery will be taken by the guide and distributed to individuals on a USB memory stick at the end of the tour.

# Do I need to bring my own bike?

No, the package price of the tour through tour operators includes one of our Kona Libre model gravel bikes with slick tires, carbon fork, aluminium frame, and disk brakes.

We also have a supply of Electric pedal assist bikes.

Please let us know your height and if you'd prefer a road or E-bike upon signing up for the tour.

#### What are the optional extras that will add to the advertised cost of the tour?

**Alcoholic drinks** with evening meals (at your own cost)

#### Meals not included:

First day breakfast and lunch

**Additional activities:** Hot springs, Gondola rides and other attractions that we may pass on the way are at your own cost and are dependent on a group decision on how flexible the itinerary is on that particular tour.

**Accommodation:** on the arrival night in Edmonton or Jasper and last night in Banff, Canmore, Calgary or Edmonton after the tour finishes if required.

**Tour Guide gratuity:** Optional but is appreciated and customary in Canada for good service.

#### Can I upgrade my hotel room from twin share to my own private room?

Yes, our packages include twin share accommodation in hotel rooms (2 separate beds per room)

Hotel single supplement (one person per room): +\$485 (No net rates available on single supplement)

#### Where do I meet up with the tour?

Our scheduled tours depart from and return to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

**Arrivals:** We recommend you fly into Edmonton the day before the tour. We will pick you up from your hotel at about 8am the next morning. The exact pick-up schedule is flexible and determined on a tour by tour basis.

**Meeting us in Jasper:** This is definitely an option if you are already traveling and find yourself in Jasper the day before one of our tours.

For example catching the <u>Via Rail train</u> from Vancouver to Jasper would be an interesting way to get to Jasper before the tour.

**Departures:** We recommend that you fly out of Calgary on the evening of the last day of the tour. We can drop you off in Calgary International Airport on our way home to Edmonton. Usually we will be driving through Calgary around 2-3pm on the last day of the tour. Please allow sufficient time before your departing flight in case of any unavoidable delays.

**Extending your stay in Banff or Canmore after the tour:** If this is the case we'd be happy to drop you at a local hotel before we continue onto Calgary and Edmonton at the end of the tour. <u>Banff Airporter</u> runs a regularly scheduled shuttle to Calgary airport from Banff, Canmore and surrounding areas to help you get home.

**Please note** that accommodations in the Rockies are very limited during the summer months and book up quickly, so you'll want to book your pre and post tour accommodations early as possible.

#### What is the usual group size?

Our maximum group size is 13 people, which keeps our tours small and intimate. With some notice though we can put custom tours together for groups of up to 30.

#### Custom groups of 8 - 30 people:

Keep the tour private to your group of friends and design your own tour. Please contact us for more info and custom tour pricing.

For some custom tour ideas please check out this page of our website.

#### Singles and couples:

We love you too. We commonly have just a few seats left on many of our tours. We'd love to have you along.

# How fit do I need to be to join this tour?

A medium level of fitness is recommended to join this tour. However with the support we provide, we've seen people of varying fitness levels, all shapes, sizes and abilities complete our tours in the past.

Good mental attitude will triumph all challenges and you'll come out the other side of this tour stronger and more confident than ever. We'll be just around the corner if it ever gets a bit too much and can give you a ride in the van if you're not feeling the love for it at any stage of the tour.

Some experience riding bikes on the road will be a good advantage. Electric Pedal Assist Bikes are available for those who find the elevation changes a bit intimidating.

# What is the elevation profile like? Will there be lots of climbing and descending?

Overall we start the tour at around 1000m above sea level in Jasper and finish at about 1400m above sea level in Banff. There are two high passes to cross between these two towns on the four day tour. These mountain passes are about 2000m above sea level. Most of the climbs with the exception of one are gradual at an average of 4 - 5%.

# Is this a mountain bike tour? Will we be riding off road?

No, we will be riding along the Icefields parkway (Jasper to Lake Louise), Bow Valley Parkway (Lake Louise to Banff) and the Legacy Trail bike path (into Banff and onto Canmore). These are paved (sealed) roads not accessible to through truck traffic but used by sightseeing tourists in cars and RV's. There is a wide shoulder adjacent to the driving lanes along 90% of the route. The pavement is in good condition for the majority of the way although subject to change each season. In the few sections where the shoulder narrows or is not in great condition the guide will aim to notify the group of the upcoming conditions and give advice on safe riding technique so that we can safely share the road with other traffic. For some parts of the tour you may have to ride single file in order to share the road with other users. The full length of the Icefields Parkway and Bow Valley Parkway between Jasper and Banff over the last few years has been repaved.

# How far is it between Jasper and Banff?

It is 288 km between Jasper and Banff.

If you and your friends desire to ride a longer or more challenging route there are lots of side trips available to extend the distance.

# How many days does it take to ride from Jasper to Banff? How many km do we ride each day?

Our most popular itinerary covers the 288km over 4 days. This includes a half day driving between Edmonton and Jasper on day 1 and a half-day driving between Banff and Edmonton on Day 4. Calgary drop offs are available on the way home on request for no extra charge. If this itinerary is chosen the approximate km per day looks like this.

Day 1 = 50 km Day 2 = 98 km Day 3 = 83 km Day 4 = 60 - 85 km

Other easier or more challenging itineraries can be designed for custom groups on request. Please visit this page of the website for more custom tour suggestions.

#### Will I need to carry anything on my back or bike?

No. We will carry all the food, supplies and your luggage in the van and trailer set-up. We will be just a few km away from you at all times. There will be a small top tube bag mounted to the bike that you can store a few things in. It's also recommended that you have 1 water bottle with you on the bike to keep you hydrated between rest stops.

# Do I need to bring fancy cycling clothes and equipment similar to what seems to be worn in many of the photos I see on your site?

Whilst it's not mandatory to bring cycling specific clothing, most cyclists wear this type of clothing for a reason. It's generally the most visible and comfortable gear to be riding in for an extended period of time. If you don't currently own a set of riding gear, you'll want to at least invest in the following items: helmet (unless renting one from us), gloves, wind and rainproof breathable jacket, warm layers, padded shorts and a water bottle or two.

# What do you mean by supported bike tour? Is there a guide riding with us in front and or behind the group?

We support our tours with a well designed tour van and enclosed bike / food trailer. We believe that the route is simple enough that you will be fine riding in small groups at your own pace. We've found that we can better support your tour by floating between the faster, medium paced and the more leisurely participants with our tour van and trailer set up. We will keep an eye on the group as we leap frog you along the route, reacting quickly to any issues that may come up during the day. We will generally let you ride ahead for a few km's then we will drive past the group making sure everyone is doing ok and park a few km's ahead of the group at an appropriate place (usually at a scenic lookout). We will at times park and watch you ride past and at other times set up an official rest stop where all the food and supplies will be set out for you.

#### If I don't feel like riding a particular part of the route what is likely to happen?

You are welcome to jump in the support van at any time if this occurs. If you don't feel safe riding any part of the route, maybe you're not confident riding down the hills or would prefer to skip the uphill sections, we'll be there for you. After the first day of the tour we'll have a good idea of everyone's ability and fitness levels and can recommend various strategies then. 2 way radios will be distributed amongst the group to enable you to contact the guide in the support van if assistance is required.

#### Safety during the tour

Your safety during the tour is our upmost concern and priority at all times. We have many back up plans and safety precautions in place to help keep you safe. Guides / Drivers and first aid trained, have access to first aid kits and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).

There is no mobile phone (cell) reception between Jasper and Lake louise (Day 1 - Day 3) of the tour. Our guides however will have satellite communication devices on hand in case of emergencies. As a secondary communication option we will have a number of 2 way radios to share among the group.

Riding a bike on a road shared with other vehicular traffic though the mountains however does carry certain unavoidable risks, many of which are outside of our direct control. We will endeavour to try and control or manage those risks that we have some control over to the best of our abilities, the rest we will need your help with.

For these reasons we will be asking you to take full responsibility for your own safety on the road during your tour. We will require you to accept this responsibility for your own safety by filling out a waiver before joining the tour (see below).

#### Is there a Waiver I must sign?:

Due to the nature of the activity being undertaken and various risks involved, an online waiver will need to be filled out and submitted before leaving town. Please find our online waiver by clicking the following link <a href="https://www.smartwaiver.com/v/biketourwaiver/">https://www.smartwaiver.com/v/biketourwaiver/</a>. Please contact us before signing up to the tour if you have any questions or concerns about filling out the waiver.

# Does the tour go ahead rain hail or shine?:

Yes.

The weather in the mountains is unpredictable, very localized and can change at a moments notice. There is no accurate way to tell what the conditions will be like during your tour either before hand or even during. Chances are that if weather conditions are unfavourable they will get better around the next corner or an hour or so down the road. The support van will be close by at all times in case you need shelter or decide to call it a day at any time. Our advice is to bring clothing to suit all potential weather conditions and hope for the best.

In the case of extreme weather conditions the itinerary may be modified to suit at the guides discretion.

# What are your terms and conditions for payment and cancellations?

Please find our preferred terms and conditions on Page 19. We understand though that we may have be flexible in this regard and in most cases are happy to conform to your standard terms and conditions that you use for other operators.

#### How soon should I book a tour?

We are a small operation which means we can be more awesome, service oriented and competitively priced than the big guys due to our lower overheads.

This also means that our capacity is limited and our tours can fill up fast.

Generally the majority of weekends will get snatched up during the winter months (Nov - April). Due to the the busy summer season in Western Canada, the hotels we use can book up quickly.

We book our accommodations more than a year in advance to ensure availability although we need to let go of unused rooms a month before the tour departs town. For this reason last min bookings are getting more challenging every year. To avoid disappointment please book your your at least 6 weeks before the tour departs.

#### How long is the summer bike tour season?, What is the best time to join a tour?

Summer is short but awesome in Canada. Our tours generally start at the beginning of June and go till the middle of September.

July and August are our busiest months.

# Do I need to be vaccinated against Covid 19 to attend the tour?

No, Although we strongly recommend guests be Vaccinated against Covid 19, we won't require any proof of this. Wearing a mask in the tour van's will be optional. Additional Covid related precautions will be observed during the tour as per the current health guidelines at the time of your tour.

#### **Insurance Document**

Please see below our 2023 business Liability insurance certificate. (please note that at the time of viewing this document, a newer version may be available)

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#### **Business Licences - National Parks**

Please find below our 2021 / 2022 Business Licence to operate in Jasper and Banff National Parks. (please note that at the time of viewing this document, a newer version may be available)

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# **Business Licences - Transportation**

Please find below our Intra and Extra-Provincial Business Licence to operate a transport service in Alberta and other provinces within Canada.

(please note that at the time of viewing this document, a newer version may be available)

# Albertan INTRA-PROVINCIAL OPERATING **AUTHORITY CERTIFICATE**

CERTIFICATE HOLDER / ADDRESS Johnson, Benjamin Robert 11624 93 St NW Edmonton, AB T5G 1C9

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 11-099-7103

MVID

0639-91798

EFFECTIVE ON

THIS CERTIFICATE EXPIRES MIDNIGHT (UNLESS OTHERWISE SUSPENDED OR CANCELLED BY THE REGISTRAR)

15-MAR-2019 31-AUG-2022

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE REGISTRAR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT, PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO OPERATE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

#### **CHARTER:**

Is authorized to transport passengers and passenger baggage.

From: Any point in Alberta

To: Any point in Alberta

#### Section Condition(s):

To provide pre-arranged service for groups of passengers to a common destination on a non-recurring basis.

#### Certificate Condition(s):

All vehicles operated under the authority of this certificate must have a vehicle inspection as required under Alberta's Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP) outlined under AR 211/06, AR 121/09. This includes inspections conducted outside of Alberta as recognized under Alberta Legislation.

The Registrar may add, remove or change terms and conditions on this certificate at any time at its discretion.



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#### **Business Licences - Transportation - continued.**

# Albertan EXTRA-PROVINCIAL OPERATING **AUTHORITY CERTIFICATE**

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THIS CERTIFICATE EXPIRES MIDNIGHT (UNLESS OTHERWISE SUSPENDED OR CANCELLED BY THE REGISTRAR)

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PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE REGISTRAR UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT, PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO OPERATE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

#### **CHARTER:**

Is authorized to transport passengers and passenger baggage.

From: Any point in Alberta

All Alberta boundaries for furtherance extra-provincially or vice versa

#### Section Condition(s):

To provide pre-arranged service for groups of passengers to a common destination on a non-recurring basis. May provide transportation through Alberta on a corridor basis where no pick-up or drop-off of passengers occurs in

#### Certificate Condition(s):

All vehicles operated under the authority of this certificate must have a vehicle inspection as required under Alberta's Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program (CVIP) outlined under AR 211/06, AR 121/09. This includes inspections conducted outside of Alberta as recognized under Alberta Legislation.

The Registrar may add, remove or change terms and conditions on this certificate at any time at its discretion.



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#### **Terms and Conditions for Tour Operators.**

Terms and conditions may be negotiable, please contact us to request any changes to the below.

Rates: Please contact us for rack and Net rates. Rates are in CA\$ and exclude 5% GST

**Group size:** We are pleased to be able to honour guaranteed departures for 2 or more passengers.

#### **Booking conditions:**

# When booking a tour with us please check current availability and tour dates by checking out **this** page of our website.

# To confirm the reservation, an email must be sent to Mountain Madness Tours with the complete passenger name, tour name, tour number and tour date. This email should be sent to info@mountainmadnesstours.com

A reply will be sent asking for more detailed information when necessary such as in and out bound flight details / pre and post tour accommodation details, bike rental details and any dietary concerns. A tour specific waiver will be required by the participant at this time.

# Late bookings are welcomed subject to availability and full payment is due immediately upon confirmation.

#### **Deposits:**

A \$200 deposit per person for FIT bookings or a \$500 deposit per custom group booking of 4 or more people shall be collected from the end consumer on behalf of Mountain Madness Tours and dealt with in accordance with the cancellation policy listed below.

#### **Final Payment:**

All payments are payable in Canadian Funds, and should be forwarded by direct bank deposit or wire transfer to Mountain Madness Tours 29 days prior to the tour departure date. See banking details below.

Please send a copy of Wire Remittance to info@mountainmadnesstours.com upon payment confirmation.

#### **Banking details:**

Will be supplied on request.

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

60 days prior to departure 100% refundable less a \$25 cancellation fee

45-59 days prior to departure 75% refundable

30-44 days prior to departure 50% refundable

0-29 days prior to departure 0% refundable

#### Detailed itinerary for use on tour operator websites

# Discover the Rockies by Bike 4 Days (3 Nights)

Cycling Jasper to Banff over four days is the perfect mix of effort, reward and relaxation; an incredible setting in which to challenge yourself physically and mentally, yet find the ability to let go and immerse yourself in the rejuvenation of the Rockies.

The tour begins with a leisurely half-day ride over gently rolling terrain; this relaxing introduction will warm you up nicely for the longer and more challenging 2nd and 3rd days ahead. The final day finishes spectacularly as we cruise to our final destination on the undulating Bow Valley Parkway. The mountain scenery is truly breathtaking and the slower pace offered by the bicycle means there is ample time to appreciate it. You'll take in the views, snap lots of photos, have a few rest breaks - and we'll still arrive at our nightly destinations with time to spare. Relax in the evenings with a hot bath or a beverage enjoyed in the blaze of a mountain sunset, or explore the nearby sights and views on foot. Staying in the unique and cozy hotels along the Icefields Parkway will give you the extra comfort each night that you deserve. You've worked hard during the day, and we love giving you time to pamper vourself in the evening.

Total tour distance: 288 - 312 km (depending on whether you choose to take on any of our additional "bonus trips" for a little extra mileage)

#### **Arrival Day: Edmonton or Jasper**

Upon your arrival in Edmonton, make your way to the local hotel of your choosing and relax for the day. We'll pick you up first thing tomorrow morning.

**Traveler's Tip:** Arrive a couple of days early to explore the capital city of Alberta and North America's largest northernmost city. Get a few more days of self-supported riding and sightseeing in on the many kilometres of bike paths and trails in and around Edmonton.

#### Things to Do:

- Experience Edmonton's magnificent River Valley which spans 48kms and crosses through 20 parks and attractions.
- Check out Elk Island National Park; only 40 minutes from the City Centre
- Go skydiving, shopping, golfing, dining, visit Museums, cultural sights and more.

#### Day 1: Transfer to Jasper

# Icefields Parkway to Sunwapta Falls – Total Distance: 50km (31 miles)

Coffee in hand, you will be picked up from your accommodation bright and early this morning for your transfer to Jasper. We'll make a quick lunch stop in Hinton and arrive in Jasper around 1pm. We'll pick up anyone that we are meeting in Jasper then after picking up some supplies from a local bakery we'll drive a few km's out of town to Beckers Chalets. There, we'll unpack the bikes while you take the opportunity to change into your bike gear and stock yourself up with food and water from our well-supplied stash. After a quick review of the route, elevation, and bike safety tips, you and the group will set off on an epic adventure as you are guided out of town and onto the beautiful Icefields Parkway. Watch out for wildlife and townsfolk cheering you on! There will be one rest stop at the spectacular Athabasca Falls which will help bring the group back together, as well as supply you with some nutrition. We will then continue on to our accommodations at the *Sunwapta Falls Hotel*. A delicious 3-course meal will be served in the on-site restaurant.

**Traveler's Tip:** If coming from Vancouver, we can also meet you in Jasper today if you wanted to take the relaxing scenic journey by train from Vancouver to Jasper (instead of flying into Edmonton).

# Things to Do:

- After dinner, relax with a glass of wine in front of your in-room fireplace (available in most rooms).
- Take a short, 1km walk down to the nearby falls and venture along one of the many hiking paths that snake along the river.
- Sit out on the deck of your cabin and watch the moon journey across a stunning mountain backdrop, with the sounds of nature at night rising all around you.

Day 2: Sunwapta Falls to Saskatchewan River Crossing – Total Distance: 98km (62 miles)
A bountiful, gourmet breakfast is served around 8am. After a quick briefing of the route, hills (aka "bumps") and rest stops, we'll hop on the bikes and hit the road for the day's journey to Saskatchewan River Crossing. We'll climb past Tangle Falls and over the BIG bump, making our way towards our lunch stop in the shadow of the great Columbia Icefields, from which flow the Athabasca and Dome glaciers. After a nutritious meal and a well-deserved break, we'll get back in the saddle and ride the scenic Sunwapta Pass. A rewarding 15 km downhill section awaits as we sweep down towards the valley floor again and on to the impressive cliffs and waterfalls of the Weeping Wall. A few rest stops along the way will break up the journey, provide photo opportunities, and give the group a chance to re-congregate as necessary. We'll then conquer the remaining rolling hills accompanied by the sound of flowing rivers and in the presence of towering, snow-capped mountains. Before you know it, you'll be enjoying a cold drink under Mt. Wilson at the *Crossing Resort*. You'll be tired but satisfied knowing you've just knocked off the longest day of cycling of the tour.

**Traveler's Tip:** Keep an eye out for the Crossing on your left as you approach! After nearly 100kms and with a 360 degree view of Mountains surrounding the resort, a tired traveler or two have been known to inadvertently sail on by!

# Things to Do:

- Check out the extensive gift shop! Lots of shopping is available at this unique mountain resort, and with plenty of cargo space in the van and trailer, we are happy to carry your treasures back for you.
- Enjoy the outdoor patio at the pub! Take in some stunning scenery while you recount the adventures had and memories made over the day's kilometres.

#### Day 3: Bow Pass to Lake Louise – Total Distance: 85km (53 miles)

After fuelling up at breakfast you'll climb out of the valley in the shadow of Mount Murchison. Shortly after, the terrain levels off again and you'll cruise easily past endlessly changing vistas of mountains, turquoise green Glacial Lakes and abundant wildlife. Bow Pass, the final challenge of the tour awaits – but feel free to take it at your own pace. Your reward will be witnessing a panoramic view like no other of Peyto Lake far below; in the distance, the valley that you've been riding down for the past few days can be seen in all its glory, surrounded by mountains as far as the eye can see. You'll descend to the shores of Bow Lake for a well-deserved lunch break in a breathtaking setting before we essentially roll downhill all the way to Lake Louise. The lovely and well-appointed *Mountaineer Lodge* is where you'll rest your head tonight.

**Traveler's Tip:** the Bow Pass ascent is long, but manageable! Don't forget, though, that you can always hop in the van if you're not feeling the love for it at any moment!

# Things to Do:

- Relax after the ride in the hot tub or steam room!
- Stretch your legs with a leisurely walk through the quiet village of Lake Louise.
- Get your group together and hop into the van for a jaunt up to the stunning Lake Louise, the area's namesake. This turquoise, glacier-fed lake is situated in an amphitheater of towering mountains and is absolutely a must-see!

# Day 4: Final ride into Banff / Canmore – Total Distance: 60 to 85 km (37 - 53 Miles)

After the last few days, today will be a breeze. You'll pedal the final 60km on gently rolling hills and flats towards Banff on the historic Bow Valley Parkway. Shaded by ancient trees, this final leg of the tour offers plenty of time for peaceful reflection in lush surroundings. We'll take a rest break under the awesome Castle Mountain before joining a bike path that brings us into the world-class town of Banff. You'll be able to take in all the magnificence of Banff's surroundings including Mt Rundle, Cascade Mountain and Vermilion Lakes from the peace and quiet of your bike. From here, you'll have the option of finishing the cycling portion of the tour **or** continuing to challenge yourself by riding an additional 25km on a dedicated bike path to Canmore. We'll have a group lunch to celebrate your fantastic achievement of riding a bike through Canada's Rockies! You can then sit back and relax, as we will provide transfers to Calgary or Edmonton where you can continue your travels.

**Traveler's Tip:** If you'd like to extend your stay in the Banff area (which we highly recommend!), we will happily provide transfers to your hotel in town.

#### Brief bike tour descriptions for tour operator websites

#### 88 words

With no roof to restrict your view, a fully supported, four day, 300km bicycle tour from Jasper to Banff becomes an adventure for the body, mind, and soul.

The tour traverses two national parks via the spectacular Icefields Parkway winding between Jasper and Lake Louise, We'll then cycle the Bow Valley Parkway to our final destination in Banff.

You'll enjoy the company of ancient trees and mighty, snow-capped peaks and the calm pace offers ample time to take in views of endless mountains, glaciers, lakes, waterfalls and wildlife.

#### 146 words

Located in Western Canada, Alberta, the Icefields Parkway winds its way through 2 National Parks between Jasper and Banff surrounded by Mountains, Lakes, Wildlife and Waterfalls. Instead of rushing by it all in a car, why not jump on a bike. With no roof to get in your way and travelling at a speed that will allow you to take in all the magnificent surroundings, sights, smells and sounds along the way. With our supported tours what could be a challenging ride just got a whole lot easier, enjoyable and more awesome. We'll carry all your luggage, set up rest stops, organize your accommodations, transfers for you and your bike, provide bike rentals and be just around the corner if you need our support along the way. Our tours usually depart out of Edmonton and we can drop you off at Calgary airport after the tour.

#### 255 words

Discover the Rockies by bike with Mountain Madness Cycle Tours Under the brilliance of an open sky with no roof to restrict your view, a 300km bicycle tour from Jasper to Canmore becomes an adventure for the body, mind, and soul.

We ride unhurried along spacious highway shoulders, enjoying the company of ancient trees and mighty, snow-capped peaks. The tour traverses two national parks via the spectacular *Icefields Parkway* winding between Jasper and Lake Louise, and the calm pace offers ample time to take in views of endless mountains, glaciers, lakes, waterfalls and wildlife. We'll cycle the length of the historic *Bow Valley Parkway* to Banff, before setting off for our final destination, Canmore, on the *Legacy Trail* bike path.

You'll travel this impressive distance over 4 days to enjoy a great balance of riding, sightseeing, and relaxation. The support service provides transfers to Jasper for you + your bike (bike rentals available) from Western Canadian gateways such as Edmonton or Calgary. Your luggage is carried for you; all you need to do is *ride*.

Should you need anything – a hill reprieve, assistance with your bike or access to your belongings, the support van will always be just around the corner. Rest stops complete with food and beverages are set up along the way to keep you nourished and hydrated.

Each day culminates in a stay at a unique and beautiful accommodation. Enjoy dinner (included) in the laid-back atmosphere of a rustic mountain setting as the day's adventures are recounted amongst great company and new friends.