

# GREAT GLACIER **ADVENTURE**



SIT BACK, PUT YOUR FEET  
UP & ENJOY THE SUMMER...

**WHATEVER**



**HIKE - RAFT - RIDE - DINE - FISH - STAY**

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## WANTED:

ADVENTUROUS HIKING AND RAFTING ENTHUSIASTS WHOSE IDEA OF CAMPING IS STAYING AND DINING IN HISTORIC HOTELS AND LODGES.

If the above statement describes you, our Great Glacier Adventure is just what you are looking for. With a maximum group size of 24 people, join fellow Glacier lovers for 3 day-hikes (33 total miles), a 2-hour fly-fishing lesson, a 1/2 day of whitewater rafting, Native American storytelling, and as much fun as you can stand.

Tour from trailhead to trailhead in style aboard a vintage, convertible Red Bus. The relaxed and casual Jammer (Red Bus Driver) will guide you and ensure that your Adventure is the best it can be.

In partnership with the Glacier Wilderness Guides and the Glacier Raft Company, we offer you a safe, unique, packaged adventure that is not an ordinary, passive tour of Glacier National Park.

Telephone 406.892.6729 or email [agreen@glacierparkinc.com](mailto:agreen@glacierparkinc.com) today to book your Great Glacier Adventure!

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF EACH DAY

**DAY 1** - Welcome BBQ, Native American Storyteller, overnight Glacier Park Lodge

**DAY 2** - Red Bus Tour of Glacier's East Side, Iceberg Lake Hike, overnight Many Glacier Hotel

**DAY 3** - Grinnell Glacier Hike, overnight Many Glacier Hotel

**DAY 4** - Tour the Going-to-the-Sun Road on a Red, Highline Trail Hike, overnight Lake McDonald Lodge & Cabins

**DAY 5** - 2-Hour Fly-Fishing Lesson, Half-Day Whitewater Raft or Duckie, Farewell Dinner, overnight Lake McDonald Lodge & Cabins

**DAY 6** - Extend your stay or travel back home

## ADVENTURE:

### 2012 ADVENTURE DATES

**July** - 12, 19, 26

**August** - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**September** - 6

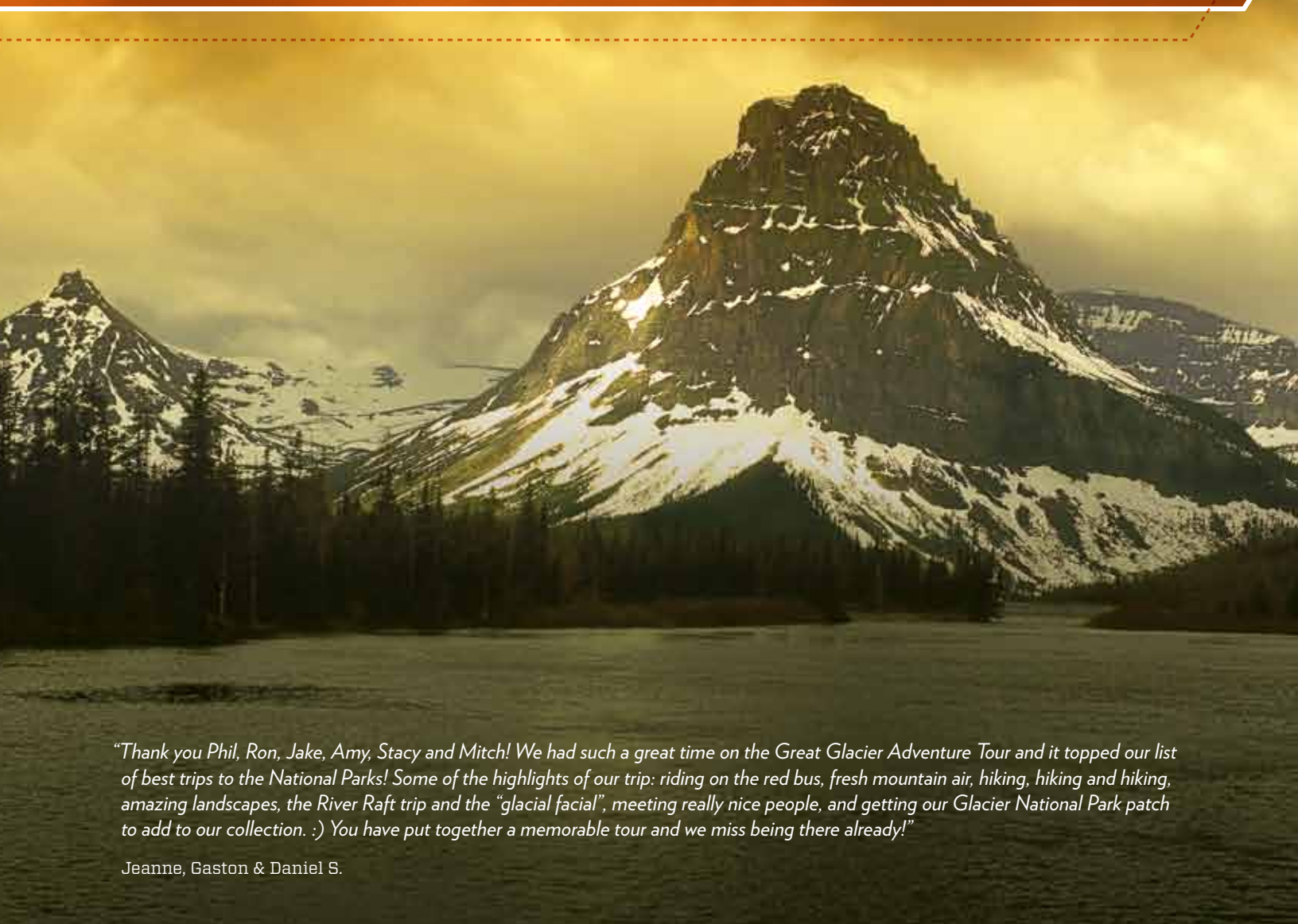
**Included Meals:** All Meals (5 Breakfast, 5 Box Lunches, 5 Dinners)

**Included Activities:** 3 Guided Hikes, Fly Fishing Lesson, Rafting/Kayaking, and Native American Storytelling

**Included Entertainment:** David Walburn

# DAY ONE

**“THE MOUNTAINS ARE CALLING  
AND I MUST GO.”** John Muir



*“Thank you Phil, Ron, Jake, Amy, Stacy and Mitch! We had such a great time on the Great Glacier Adventure Tour and it topped our list of best trips to the National Parks! Some of the highlights of our trip: riding on the red bus, fresh mountain air, hiking, hiking and hiking, amazing landscapes, the River Raft trip and the “glacial facial”, meeting really nice people, and getting our Glacier National Park patch to add to our collection. :) You have put together a memorable tour and we miss being there already!”*

Jeanne, Gaston & Daniel S.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY 1

Private BBQ  
Native American Speaker  
You are in MONTANA! Yeah!

## INCLUDED IN DAY 1

Transportation from airport/train station; Porterage; BBQ Dinner; Native American Speaker.  
Overnight at Glacier Park Lodge.



## WELCOME TO MONTANA AND THE BEGINNING OF YOUR GREAT GLACIER ADVENTURE!

Whether you arrive by plane, train, or automobile, Glacier Park Lodge is the perfect starting point for your vacation. Built in 1912, Glacier Park Lodge is nestled in East Glacier at the foot of Dancing Lady Mountain. The Lodge offers a swimming pool, nine-hole golf course, day spa, lounge, restaurant, and eclectic gift shop. Its close proximity to Glacier National Park makes this 161 room lodge a wonderful Montana destination.

Let us start your vacation off with a private, casual, mouth-watering barbeque offering a great opportunity to meet your fellow Adventurers. After dinner, a Native American speaker will enchant while weaving you through stories of the Blackfeet oral tradition and culture.

Cap off the night by relaxing in the Empire Lounge or chatting fireside in the Douglas fir and Cedar lined atrium lobby. Board and card games are on loan from the front desk if you wish to unwind and relax in true Glacier style.

## RISE AND SHINE BECAUSE YOU HAVE A FULL DAY OF ADVENTURE AHEAD OF YOU!

Start with a hearty breakfast in the Great Northern Restaurant, then board a historic Red Bus. Your Jammer will give you insightful and fun information about the flora, fauna, geography, culture, and history of the Blackfeet Nation and Glacier National Park as you journey up and into the Swiftcurrent Valley.

Start today's Iceberg Lake hike by meeting your Glacier Wilderness Guides. Glacier Guides, Inc. operates within Glacier National Park under an authorized concession contract with the National Park Service to provide guided backpacking and day hiking, rental equipment, and "Sherpa" gear delivery services. They are fun, informative, and have your safety in the forefront of their guiding services. You are sure to have a fantastic time with the Glacier Wilderness Guides throughout this Adventure.

Iceberg Lake is 4.7 miles (one-way) with a gradual elevation gain of 1,200 ft / 366 m. Your starting elevation at the Swiftcurrent Motor Inn is 4,878 ft / 1,487 m. It is an easy/moderate-level hike on what many consider one of the "crown jewel" hiking trails in the Park. The Iceberg Lake Trail is known to provide some of the finest wildlife viewing opportunities in Glacier National Park including passing through grizzly bear habitat. Other wildlife commonly seen on or around the Iceberg Lake Trail includes bighorn sheep, mountain grouse, ground squirrels, marmots, and the occasional mountain goat. Iceberg Lake itself is a striking aquamarine tarn surrounded on three sides by majestic cliffs.

After your hike, soak your tootsies in the ice-cold Swiftcurrent Lake for a little rejuvenation. Ahhhhh, Bliss! This evening, enjoy dinner in the Ptarmigan Dining Room. If you are looking for something to do after dinner, walk along the lake and look for moose grazing along the shore at dusk. There is also an evening Ranger/Naturalist Program nearby if you are still awake at 8 P.M. Remember to get a good night's sleep because a hike to stunning Grinnell Glacier awaits tomorrow!



**“THERE IS NOTHING SO AMERICAN AS OUR NATIONAL PARKS...”**

Franklin D. Roosevelt

### HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY 2

Red Bus Adventure  
9.4 mile Iceberg Lake Hike  
Sleep! You'll thank us tomorrow!

### INCLUDED IN DAY 2

Breakfast; Porterage; Red Bus transportation; Hikers Lunch; Hike with the Glacier Guides; Dinner.  
Overnight at Many Glacier Hotel.

# DAY TWO

# DAY THREE



**“THERE IS NO VOICE IN ALL OF THE WORLD SO INSISTENT TO ME AS THE WORDLESS CALL OF THESE MOUNTAINS.”**

Mary Roberts Rinehart



## A GOOD GLACIER MORNING TO YOU!

After breakfast at Many Glacier Hotel, you will head out with the Glacier Wilderness Guides for Grinnell Glacier. Starting at an elevation of 4,878 ft / 1,487 m, the trail is 5.5 miles / 9.7 km (one-way) and has a vertical gain of 1,600 ft / 490 m. The trail goes along Swiftcurrent Lake and then along Lake Josephine before climbing up to the glacier. The trail surmounts several steep switchbacks and as elevation is gained, the views get more and more rewarding. Views of Grinnell Lake, its beautiful waterfall, Mount Siyeh, and Cataract Mountain looming in the distance make this hike well worth the effort. The trail ends at the terminal moraine of Grinnell Glacier where you can see the ice caves and fissures of the retreating glacier.

The hike to Grinnell Glacier is one of the more scenic and popular hikes in the Park. It offers a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with a living glacier. In addition to Grinnell Glacier, two other glaciers can be viewed from Upper Grinnell Lake. The long, thin glacier that meanders its way along the continental divide is Salamander Glacier. This glacier used to be connected to Grinnell Glacier, but melting has caused the glaciers to separate. Gem Glacier, a small, square glacier can be seen high along the Continental Divide by Mt. Gould. You will get close to Grinnell and Salamander Glaciers but we are not allowed to walk on them for our safety and their preservation.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY 3

12 mile Grinnell Glacier Hike  
Glacial-Lake Foot Soak

### INCLUDED IN DAY 3

Breakfast; Porterage; Hikers Lunch; Hike with the Glacier Guides; Dinner.  
Overnight at Many Glacier Hotel.

Built in 1914, Many Glacier Hotel sits on the shore of Swiftcurrent Lake and rests at the base of Mt. Grinnell. The hotel has 214 rooms and offers restaurant, lounge, gift shop, and espresso stand. Red Bus tours, boat cruises, Ranger/Naturalist presentations, and David Walburn's evening entertainment are available at this Swiss-style lodge.

Enjoy a great dinner and then Sweet Dreams You Great Glacier Adventurer – another great day of hiking Glacier's pristine wilderness is in store for you tomorrow!

*“Amber, The Great Glacier Adventure was the first group tour Guy & I had ever participated in. We have travelled in many of our National Parks but always on a trip we had planned – lodge reservations, hikes, view points, nature programs, etc. We were not disappointed at all! Phil, Martin, & Jake did an excellent job – they were very informative, very friendly, and always made sure everyone was doing fine.*”

*My main concern about planning a trip to GNP was bears on the trails. I am happy to say we saw (a) bear and our guides, Carter & Emily, knew just what to do! I always felt safe. If you plan this type of tour in other National Parks let us know – we just might be interested!”*

Thank you, Guy & Nancy P.

# DAY FOUR

## HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY 4

Going-to-the-Sun Road  
11.6 mile Highline Trail Trek  
Skipping Stones Down on the Lake!

## INCLUDED IN DAY 4

Breakfast; Porterage; Red Bus transportation; Hikers Lunch; Hike with the Glacier Guides; Dinner.  
Overnight at Lake McDonald Lodge and Cabins.

### BY THIS MORNING, YOU SHOULD BE FEELING A LITTLE LIKE YOU ARE INSIDE OF A JOHN MUIR POEM.

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Swiftcurrent Valley taking with us memories of the sights, sounds, and adventures it presented. Aboard a historic Red Bus, journey along Glacier's rugged eastern slopes, and follow the stunning, glacially carved passage into the St. Mary Valley. As you weave along St. Mary Lake, the Going-to-the-Sun Road starts its gradual climb into the heart of Glacier National Park.

Soon you will find yourself on the apex of the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. A brief stop here affords you the opportunity to peruse the Logan Pass Visitor Center and take in the gorgeous panoramic vistas. The Glacier Wilderness Guides join you for one last hike on a trek along the Highline Trail. Starting at an elevation of 6,646 ft / 2,026 m, you will gradually descend 7.6 miles along the Garden Wall to Granite Park Chalet. This part of the hike is mostly downhill with only 200 ft / 61 m of gradual inclines and many, many flat spots.

The views provided from the Highline Trail are outstanding. The trail has great exposure for incredible views and runs frequently at or just above the tree line. During the first mile, the trail is carved into the rock wall with steep drops looking down on the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Then it passes through alpine meadows full of vibrant wildflowers - hence the name the Garden Wall. A popular destination for day hikers is Haystack Butte, which is a wide and level saddle with big glacial rocks, some of which have the fossils called stromatolites. Bighorn sheep, marmots, and mountain goats are almost a guarantee along the way.

From the Granite Park Chalet, you have a 4 mile / 6.4 km, 2,300 ft / 701 m decent to The Loop. Whew, you have done a lot of hiking in the past few days. Just when you think you cannot go any further today, you find yourself at the Loop where, (woohoo!) your Red Bus waits to whisk you off in stylish comfort. Continue to enjoy the infinite splendors and majestic scenery of Glacier National Park on your interpretive Red Bus Tour to Lake McDonald Lodge.

Built in 1914, Lake McDonald Lodge is nestled on the shores of the largest lake inside Glacier National Park. Lake McDonald has 100 guest rooms split between the lodge, cottages, and a motor inn and offers a unique gift shop, campstore, lounge, restaurant, and pizzeria. Red Bus Tours, boat cruises, and numerous other activities are available at this charming lodge.

Enjoy a cocktail in Lucke's Lounge and dinner in Russell's Fireside Dining Room this evening. You will notice that your surroundings have turned from high alpine ruggedness to a cozy inland rainforest. Enjoy the evening Ranger/Naturalist presentation and then relax, put your feet up, and enjoy your evening at Lake McDonald Lodge.

**“CLIMB THE MOUNTAINS AND  
GET THEIR GOOD TIDINGS.  
NATURE'S PEACE WILL FLOW  
INTO YOU AS SUNSHINE  
FLOWS INTO TREES...”**

John Muir



# DAY FIVE

**“EVENTUALLY, ALL THINGS  
MERGE INTO ONE, AND A RIVER  
RUNS THROUGH IT.”**

Norman Maclean, *A River Runs Through It*



## HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY 5

Fly-fishing Lesson  
Whitewater Rafting  
Last Night in Glacier - Bummer!

## INCLUDED IN DAY 5

Breakfast; Porterage; Red Bus transportation; Hikers Lunch; Fly-fishing Lesson and Rafting with the Glacier Raft Company; Dinner. Overnight at Lake McDonald Lodge and Cabins.



**HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP BECAUSE ANOTHER  
GREAT GLACIER ADVENTURE IS YOURS TO EXPERIENCE.**

Journey on a Red Bus 13 miles into West Glacier for your 2-hour casting lesson at the Glacier Outdoor Center. Once in the pavilion area, your instructor(s) will give a brief overview of equipment and casting. Then the instructor(s) will split the group up into smaller numbers and spread out between the stocked ponds and grassy locations. The fishing is catch and release and no permit is needed.

You will spend the majority of 2 hours learning to cast a fly rod, read water, as well as learn the differences in flies and basic fly-fishing techniques. The goal of this Glacier Outdoor Center lesson is to give you the best instructional fly-fishing experience available.

Now, Adventurers, off to the refreshing waters of the Flathead River. As winter snow recedes, spring runoff transforms the trickling Middle Fork of the Flathead River, which borders Glacier National Park, into spectacular class II-IV rapids, perfect for adventurous whitewater rafting. Shoot the rapids of “Bone Crusher,” “Jaws,” “Pumphouse” and others. Glacier Raft Company’s friendly and professional staff looks forward to hosting you on a river trip that will guarantee this excursion was one of excitement and a few thrills.

Your raft trip starts with a brief trip description and safety talk by the guides. Raft through the John Stevens Canyon of the middle fork of the Flathead River along the southern border of Glacier National Park. Your trip includes going through nine named rapids, mostly Class II and III whitewater (medium whitewater with numerous waves, narrow passages, eddies, and bends), including Tunnel and Jaws. Watch for a photographer at Bonecrusher and be sure to view and purchase your digital photos after the raft trip!

In the world of whitewater, there are few things more exciting than taking charge and paddling through the rapids in a small, inflatable kayak. It is one of the most exciting ways to see the river...up close and personal. In a “duckie”, or inflatable kayak, you have the chance to test your own skills and paddle the Middle Fork of the Flathead River on your own. This opportunity is limited so make sure to request paddling a duckie when you make your Great Glacier Adventure reservation.

Your raft trip will end at the bridge in West Glacier where you will disembark and take a short walk back to the Glacier Raft Company office. The Red Bus and your dry clothes will be available after the rafting trip and there will be plenty of time to purchase raft trip photos.

Back at Lake McDonald Lodge, enjoy a relaxing evening and a farewell dinner with your fellow Great Glacier Adventurers.

## WELL, WE HAVE HAD ONE GREAT GLACIER ADVENTURE OVER THE PAST FIVE DAYS.

Now it is time for you to return to your normal life back home (sigh!). However, we have a sense that you will go back feeling like your soul is a little happier from being here in Montana. That the sights-smells-sounds of Glacier have positively shocked your well-being and that you will carry the awesome wonder of Glacier around with you for quite a while.

ON THE OTHER HAND, stay for a while. Extend your Adventure and let us connect you to the right people, places, and things to do in and around the Park.



**“GET OFF THE TRACKS AT BELTON STATION, AND IN A FEW MINUTES YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF IN THE MIDST OF WHAT YOU ARE SURE TO SAY IS THE BEST CARE-KILLING SCENERY ON THE CONTINENT.”**

John Muir

### HIGHLIGHTS OF DAY 6

Going home?  
No, stay longer!

### INCLUDED IN DAY 6

Breakfast; Porterage; Transportation to airport/train station.

# DAY SIX



# TRAVEL INFORMATION

**AIR AND RAIL SERVICES** - Discounted air and rail tickets may be purchased through Glacier Park, Inc. for travel originating in the United States. Glacier Park, Inc.'s air/rail services can only be purchased in conjunction with a Glacier Park, Inc. Adventure. Tickets or e-ticket numbers will be mailed with final documents. If you cancel or change your air/rail before or after departure, all air/rail cancellation and change fees will apply.

**AMTRAK ARRIVAL** - If you are arriving via Amtrak, please note that the eastbound train arrives at Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier Park daily at approximately 9:54 A.M. The Westbound train arrives at Glacier Park Lodge at approximately 6:45 P.M. If possible, we advise westbound guests to arrive the day before the Adventure to be in time for the BBQ. Our staff will greet you at the train station to assist with luggage. At the conclusion of the Adventure, please plan to depart from West Glacier, MT (Belton).

**AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION** - If you are flying into Glacier Park International Airport (FCA), Adventure staff will be there to pick you up on the 1st day of the Adventure only at 2 P.M. We highly suggest that you plan to arrive the day before the Adventure if flights from your area will not get you to the airport by 2 P.M. on the Adventure's 1st day. At the conclusion of the Adventure, you will be returned to Glacier Park International Airport. All other airport transfers will be an additional expense.

**PERSONAL CAR** - You have a couple choices when driving your personal car. Option 1 is leaving it at Glacier Park Lodge in East Glacier. At the Tour conclusion, we will happily bring you and your luggage back to Glacier Park Lodge. Option 2 is leaving it at the Alberta Visitor Center parking lot in West Glacier. If you wish to continue from West Glacier at the conclusion of the Tour, we will gladly bring you and your luggage to the Alberta Visitor Center. Please let the Tour Specialist know your preference when you book and we will make the necessary arrangements.

**GLACIER PARK LODGE** is located in the small town of East Glacier Park, MT at the junction of Highway 2 and Highway 49. From Highway 2, turn to go under the white/multicolor railroad overpass and onto Highway 49 North. Proceed approximately 0.1 miles and turn left into Glacier Park Lodge. The front desk is ahead to your left and up the small driveway to the Lodge.

**THE ALBERTA VISITOR CENTER** is located in West Glacier at the junction of Highway 2 and onto the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Turn off Highway 2 and proceed under the railroad overpass. The Alberta Visitor Center is the big stone building immediately on your right.



## HOTEL INFORMATION

**GLACIER PARK LODGE** - All rooms are located in the Great Northern Wing and there is no elevator available.

**MANY GLACIER HOTEL** - Lakeside and Standard rooms located on floors 1-4 and there is no elevator available.

**LAKE MCDONALD LODGE** - Rooms will be in either the Main Lodge or Large Cottages. All rooms are non-view and there is no elevator available.

The historic lodges are structures built in the early 20th century. Due to the nature of these historic buildings, there may be times of brief unexpected power outages or a delay in hot water reaching your room. Should this occur, Glacier Park, Inc. will do everything in our power to make your stay enjoyable.

In keeping with the era in which the hotels were built, your accommodations will be rustic, yet comfortable. Please note that your rooms will not have televisions, in-room refrigerators,

hair dryers, coffee makers, irons, ironing boards, fans, or air-conditioners. Hair dryers, irons, and ironing boards are available upon request at the hotel front desk.

**VIEWS:** While a premium is placed on ensuring that the best rooms and Red Buses are available to you, views from the rooms, Reds, and road may be obstructed by flora and/or weather.

**HOTEL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (June-Sept Only)**  
**Glacier Park Lodge** ..... 406.226.5600  
**Many Glacier Hotel** ..... 406.732.4411  
**Lake McDonald Lodge** ..... 406.888.5431

# ADVENTURE INFORMATION

## HEALTH, SPECIAL REQUESTS, AND ACCESSIBILITY -

You should be in good health and able to walk reasonable distances as this Adventure is very active at high elevations. This Adventure is not recommended for wheelchair guests or guests with mobility concerns. Due to the historic nature of the vintage Red Buses, they are not compliant with current ADA handicap accessible requirements. Please inform Glacier Park, Inc. at the time of booking, and in writing, if you have any special requests or needs. We will do our best to accommodate these requests. Due to the age of the historic hotels, there are a limited number of handicap accessible rooms available.

**PHOTOGRAPHY ON ADVENTURE** - Occasionally, Glacier Park, Inc. will use photographs taken by fellow guests or your Adventure Guide for promotional purposes. If you prefer that your photo not be used in any marketing activities, please notify your Adventure Guide at the start of your Adventure.

**ADVENTURE SIZE** - The Great Glacier Adventure accommodates a maximum of three persons per room due to the limited bed-type configurations in the historic hotels. A maximum of 24 people will be booked per Adventure. The vintage Red Buses accommodate 17 passengers. On average, Glacier Park, Inc. will utilize two Red Buses per Adventure but reserves the right to alter the number of Reds used depending upon the final passenger count.

**SMOKING** - All transportation, guest rooms, activities, and facilities are non-smoking.

**PETS** - Pets are not allowed on the Adventure except for designated guide, service, and/or hearing companion animals. Pets are not allowed on trails or in the backcountry.

**AGE RECOMMENDATIONS** - Children 10 years of age or older at the time of travel are welcome on a Great Glacier Adventure. Based upon our experience with family travelers, for this itinerary we have a minimum recommended age to encourage comfort and enjoyment for all of our guests. All children must be accompanied on activities by a parent or

guardian. At least one guest in the traveling party must be 21 years of age or older in order to make a reservation.

**SAFETY AND WELFARE RESPONSIBILITY** - Glacier Park, Inc. welcomes the participation of child travelers age 10 or older on our Great Glacier Adventure. For safety and security purposes, children under 18 years of age must be booked into a room with at least one accompanying adult. If you are traveling with a child on a Great Glacier Adventure, you have the sole responsibility for ensuring that the child with whom you are traveling follows all rules of safety throughout the Adventure. By traveling with Glacier Park, Inc., you release Glacier Park, Inc., and our partners of all liability for any risks and/or injuries to the child with whom you are traveling.

**PARTICIPATION** - Glacier Park, Inc. reserves the right to terminate (without refund) the Adventure of any person who is abusive of others or whose behavior disrupts the group.

**GOING-TO-THE-SUN ROAD ACCESSIBILITY** - The National Park Service makes every effort to ensure that all visitors to Glacier National Park experience safe travel while touring the alpine sections of the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Due to unforeseen acts of Nature, emergency repair or scheduled maintenance, the National Park Service may restrict access to the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Glacier Park, Inc. has no control of these closures but will do everything in their power to provide an excellent Adventure regardless of access to the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

**WEATHER & SUGGESTED CLOTHING** - No matter the time of year, the weather in Glacier National Park is unpredictable. It could be a glorious morning and then snow in the afternoon. Please remember to pack clothing with layering in mind as well as comfortable shoes, a tie down hat, and a jacket. The mornings and evenings can be chilly with the afternoons warming up nicely. It could rain or snow at any time. Please remember to bring sunscreen and essential medications.

July and August tend to be dryer with daytime temperatures ranging from 60° F /15° C to 95° F /35° C. Nighttime

temperatures range from 34° F /1° C to 50° F /10° C. Late August through September can be a lot cooler with a chance of snow in the higher elevations. Daytime temperatures range from 50° F /10° C to 80° F /26° C and the nighttime temps range from 25° F /-3.8° C to 44° F /7° C.

**DAY HIKING** - When hiking in Glacier's temperamental weather, it is best to dress in layers. By layering clothing, you can adjust to the changing temperatures as needed. Synthetic shirts, pants, jackets, and socks wick away moisture and dry more quickly than cotton. All of these layers combined are a safety measure that will keep you comfortable and guard against hypothermia. Wearing sock liners while hiking is highly recommended because they help prevent blisters. Following is a list of items the Glacier Wilderness Guides suggest you bring to prepare for the hiking portion of this Adventure:

- Water bottle (32 oz or larger) or camelback
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Camera
- Binoculars (optional)
- Lightweight hiking boots
- Polypro/wool socks
- Synthetic liner socks (help prevent blisters)
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Waterproof, breathable rain jacket and pants
- Mid-weight fleece top
- Daypack to carry items above

### Additional items for Day Hikes in June or September:

- Polar fleece jacket
- Polypro top
- Polypro bottom
- Warm hat
- Gloves

**GETTING IN SHAPE** - Getting in the habit of exercising before your Adventure can really help make it more enjoyable. You can prepare for your Adventure by doing moderate aerobic activity at least 3 times a week. The most important thing is to find something that you enjoy to do. Walking, running, or cycling for at least 30 minutes can help to increase your aerobic fitness. Lightweight training and core exercises, such as sit-ups, are helpful to strengthen core muscles in your stomach and back. Do not forget to stretch!

**FLY-FISHING** - All you need to bring is a pair of shoes you do not mind getting wet, a jacket, sunglasses, a wide brim hat or cap, sunscreen, and a hearty handshake.

**WHITEWATER RAFTING** - Wear shoes and clothing you do not mind getting wet (swimsuit or shorts and T-shirt in warm weather, fleece pullover in cool temperatures – avoid cotton) and have dry clothes in the Red to change into after the trip. Bring only waterproof disposable cameras, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and sunglass strap, as well as water in plastic or aluminum bottles.

**CELL PHONES** - We understand and appreciate the value of direct access with your family, friends, and business associates. However, you will find that cell phone coverage is sparse, at best, in and around Glacier National Park. Please be prepared to make telephone calls from your hotel room or payphone. Calling cards are available for purchase in each hotel's gift shop.

**INTERNET ACCESS** - Due to limitations in and around the Park, Internet access is not available in the hotels and lodges utilized by this Adventure.

**NATIONAL PARK PASS** - Please remember your current America The Beautiful™ National Park Pass for entrance into Glacier National Park. If you do not have an annual pass, the Red Bus will stop at the Many Glacier Ranger Station where you will pay the 7-Day Single Entry Permit. Keep this receipt on you during the Adventure as you will exit and reenter the Park numerous times.



# LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

Glacier Guides would like you to become familiar with the seven principles of Leave No Trace. These are very important to the National Park Service, the Glacier Guides and to the overall well being of Glacier National Park. We want to leave the Park as we found it so it can be enjoyed by generations to come. Your Glacier Guide will go over these before you depart on your trip and answer any questions that you may have.

## PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you will visit. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies. Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use. Visit in small groups when possible. Consider splitting larger groups into smaller groups. Repackage food to minimize waste. Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.

## TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow. Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams. Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.

## IN POPULAR AREAS

Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites. Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy. Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.

## IN PRISTINE AREAS

Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails. Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

## DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter. Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches

deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished. Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products. To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

## LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts. Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them. Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species. Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

## MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light. Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires. Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand. Burn wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, and then scatter cool ashes.

## RESPECT WILDLIFE

Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them. Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers. Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely. Control pets at all times, or leave them at home. Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

## BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail. Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock. Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors. Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## DO I REALLY NEED HIKING BOOTS?

Yes, we highly recommend them. They provide strong ankle support and traction. It is a good idea to break them in before you start the Adventure!

## WILL IT RAIN / SNOW?

In Glacier, you have to be prepared for everything. The Park is in its own micro climate and the weather can change in minutes. Please bring adequate rain gear. Waterproof and breathable rain gear with Gore-Tex is the best.

## WHAT ABOUT BEARS?

While we cannot guarantee that you will see bears, the possibility exists. It is very important that we respect wildlife and follow certain safety precautions. Prior to your trip, your Glacier Guide will discuss wildlife, particularly bears, and how we conduct ourselves in the backcountry. Your guide carries bear spray. The National Park Service Backcountry Guide has a detailed discussion on hiking in bear country ([www.nps.gov/glac/activities/bcguide1.htm](http://www.nps.gov/glac/activities/bcguide1.htm)). The Glacier Guides want to make sure that a wildlife encounter is safe for both you and the animal.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE GETS HURT?

Most injuries are minor and can be avoided by simple preparation like wearing good hiking boots. Safety is our first priority and our guides will present a Safety talk before you depart. Our guides are trained in CPR and wilderness first aid and we work closely with the National Park Service to provide the best backcountry rescue training possible. Our guides carry satellite phones on backcountry trips.

## WHAT IS THE BEST TIME OF YEAR TO GO RAFTING?

Glacier Raft Company offers whitewater-rafting adventures 7 days a week from early May through mid-September, depending on weather and water conditions. The Flathead Rivers are free flowing, dependent on snow pack melt for their water flow. As a result, the water level and flow peak in early June with Class II-IV whitewater; the river gradually recedes and slows to solid Class II whitewater as the summer progresses. The high water adventure of early season rafting usually requires wetsuits, while warmer summer air and water temperatures let us raft in T-shirts and shorts.

## HOW COLD IS THE RIVER AND WHAT IF IT RAINS?

Since the Flathead Rivers are dependent on snow pack melt, the water temperature early in the season can be cold (45°), requiring the use of wetsuits by all rafters. As the summer progresses, the river warms up considerably and many of our rafters enjoy a refreshing swim in some of the calmer stretches of the river. From early May to mid-September, we offer rafting trips rain or shine! Since you will get wet anyway, rafting can be a great way to spend a rainy or cloudy day! Splash jackets and pants are provided.

## HOW ARE RAPIDS CLASSIFIED?

Whitewater is rated on a difficulty scale between I and VI. The Middle Fork of the Flathead River is classified Class II-IV and is considered exciting family whitewater!

**Class I Very Easy:** Small, regular waves, few obstacles, little maneuvering required

**Class II Easy:** Easy rapids, eddies and bends, some maneuvering required

**Class III Medium:** Numerous waves, narrow passages, maneuvering required, may require scouting

**Class IV Difficult:** Difficult rapids, abrupt bends, narrow passages, scouting often necessary, precise maneuvering required

**Class V Very Difficult:** Long rapids with wild turbulence and extremely congested routs, complex maneuvering, scouting is difficult

**Class VI Limits of Navigation:** Nearly impossible and very dangerous, a definite hazard to life.

## HOW MUCH OF THE TRIP IS WHITEWATER?

The majority of the whitewater on the Middle Fork of the Flathead is within 5 miles of West Glacier, with 9 major rapids, all of which are included with Glacier Raft Company's daily whitewater adventures.

## HOW LONG IS THE HALF-DAY RAFT TRIP?

Glacier Raft Company's half-day whitewater trip is 8 river miles. Depending on river flow, this trip will take 2.5 to 4 hours, including a short bus shuttle to the river and instruction and safety information.

# ALL INCLUSIVE ADVENTURE PRICING



<b>Single Occupancy</b> .....	\$2,734
<b>Double Occupancy</b> .....	\$2,227 per person
<b>Triple Occupancy</b> .....	\$2,056 per person
<b>Child</b> .....	\$1,093 per child

## INCLUDED

This Adventure is priced all-inclusive and is quoted per person in US dollars. The child price is per child age 10-11 years old. All hotel accommodations, meals, Red Bus transportation, luggage handling, and the services of local guides and the Adventure director are included. Prices are subject to change at any time without the reprinting of this brochure and are final only when the Adventure reservation is confirmed with a credit card.

## GRATUITIES

Information about included gratuities will come with your travel documents prior to the start of your Tour.

## NOT INCLUDED

**Travel** – Air, Rail, and Automobile fare to the Adventure origination point and from the Adventure ending point is not included. Discounted airfare and rail may be purchased from Glacier Park, Inc. for travel originating in the United States.

**Pre and Post Adventure Rooms** – To avoid jet lag and possible flight delays, you may wish to make hotel arrangements for the nights preceding and following your

Adventure. As a service, Glacier Park, Inc. will book additional nights for you on a space-available basis. Hotel room charges will be added to the Adventure cost. If you wish to spend additional nights, please discuss it with the Adventure Specialist when you book.

**Luggage Responsibility** – Although every effort is made to handle your luggage carefully, we cannot be responsible, assume liability, or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal effects due to breakage, theft, or fair wear and tear through hotel, airline, and group carrier handling. It is important for your own self-interest and protection that you make certain you have adequate insurance to cover these eventualities. If you wish to purchase Travel Insurance, please discuss it with the Adventure Specialist when you book.

**Individual Expenses** – Personal clothing and equipment for hiking, phone calls, alcoholic and bar beverages, laundry, airline luggage charges, free-time activities, Glacier National Park Entrance fee, individual airport transfers, and other optional or incidental extras are not included and may be considerable.

**Options** – Your Adventure Guide will assist you with information on free-time activities based on honest opinion and guidance, but will not sell you anything. This means enhanced value and a more comfortable experience for you.



# CANCELLATION OR ITINERARY CHANGES



**Adventure Cancellation** - There may be unforeseen circumstances, which compel Glacier Park, Inc. to cancel a published Adventure departure. Although GPI will make every effort to run all published Adventures, you may be asked to move to a different departure date. We highly suggest you purchase travel insurance for air/rail change and/or cancellation fees incurred from this Adventure cancellation and/or departure change.

**Itinerary Changes and Price Flexibility** - Glacier Park, Inc. pledges to make every effort to operate your Adventure as advertised. Glacier Park, Inc. reserves the right to alter or curtail the itinerary, or substitute sightseeing, hotels, and/or conveyances as deemed necessary. Any savings realized by these changes will be refunded to you. Glacier Park, Inc will cover any added expense. Although not expected, prices in this brochure may be modified due to unexpected significant external factors not forecasted at the time of printing.

**Holidays and Supplier Closures** - Adventure suppliers, travel, availability of alcohol, and personal shopping time may be disrupted due to unforeseen circumstances or the many cultural, religious, state, and local holidays locally observed. The National Park Service may choose to close trails at any time without warning. Bear activity may also result in temporary closures at any time. The Glacier Wilderness Guides may choose to substitute the trail you are hiking on dependent upon access to trails on that day.

## IF YOU HAVE TO CANCEL

**Cancellation Fees** – Regardless of reason, cancellations of confirmed bookings result in Glacier Park, Inc. incurring costly penalties and cancellation fees from our activity, travel, and hotel providers. Therefore, if you have to cancel a confirmed booking, Glacier Park, Inc. will charge you a cancellation fee according to when your cancellation notice is received in its Columbia Falls, MT office.

*Until 30 days prior to Adventure start date, 100% of the total Adventure cost per person is refunded less a \$200 administrative fee per person.*

*5-29 days prior to Adventure start date, 75% of the total Adventure cost per person is refunded.*

*0-4 days prior to Adventure start date, 100% of total Adventure cost per person is forfeited.*

*During the Adventure, 100% of total Adventure cost per person is forfeited.*

To help limit your liability, Glacier Park, Inc. recommends purchasing travel insurance. Please ask your Adventure Specialist about it when booking.

**In the event of an unforeseen circumstance beyond our control, Glacier Park, Inc. reserves the right to amend the cancellation terms outlined herein without a reprinting of this brochure.**

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