The Natural Wonders of the Rocky Mountains

You will experience it all in this fabulous 13-day tour. Experience the Canadian winter in the beautiful Canadian Rocky Mountains. Combine comfortable accommodations with great outdoor activities. Banff, Jasper, Yoho and Kootenay National Parks are four adjoining mountain parks that comprise some 13,500-square kilometers of Rocky Mountain landscape. They offer a wonderful winter experience. Not only for skiing but also for snow shoeing, dog sledding, ice climbing, cross country skiing and hiking. Our 'Secret Tips' and friendly, first class accommodations are part of this unique creation by Canadian Travel Design.

Included in package:

- 13 nights accommodation in Authentic accommodations
- 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinner at Helmcken falls Lodge
- All local taxes (hotel tax and GST)
- 14 day hertz SUV car rental all inclusive
- Toll-free local contact number
- Full travel package, containing:
  - A tour map of the area
  - area background information, focusing on the package interest
  - general description of the tour
  - 'secret tips' to connect you with concerts, lunch/dinner tips
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Day 1: Arrival Calgary
After arriving at the Calgary International you can cross the street to check into your hotel. You can pick up your rental car the next morning.
Accommodation: Delta Airport Hotel

Day 2: Banff
A scenic 2 hour drive will take you through the country side to the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Banff is the unquestioned capital of the Canadian Rockies. In the midst of this wild mountain landscape, the town of Banff offers many amenities such as museums, art galleries, hot springs, shops and restaurants.
Accommodation: Buffalo Mountain Lodge

Day 3: Banff
Banff has many different x country trails and if you would prefer a little bit less challenging walks or take a stroll on the main street of Banff with a variety of alpine shops and restaurants. This would be a great time to explore the beauty of the National Parks. The ‘Secret Tips’ in the documentation will give you some fantastic hints view.

Day 4: Lake Louise
When the snow flies in Banff National Park, the real fun begins. Cross-country skiers skim across the trails with a warm rosy glow in their cheeks, laughing children run back to the top of the tobogganing hill for another thrilling descent, and couples snuggle under the blankets on horse-drawn sleighs. Climb onto a dog sled for a breathtaking blast through the forest trails pulled by Alaskan huskies, or strap on snowshoes and look for wildlife tracks like the original settlers of the area.
Accommodation: Simpson’s Num Ti Jah Lodge

Day 5: Lake Louise
Num-Ti-Jah Lodge has 25 rustic rooms to stretch out in, hot showers any time, thick duvets to crawl under, and no phones or TV in the room to interrupt your thoughts. At Num-Ti-Jah Lodge, winter is their favorite season. The air is quiet, the skies are blue, and the snow is deep and untouched. Highway 93 is plowed for easy travel to reach them. The couches around the fireplaces invite you to linger. After the evening meal, you can relax with a book, a sketch pad, or a deck of cards in the Library. where the fireplaces are lit.

Day 6: Jasper
Today the exploration of the National parks continues. The route to Jasper, also known as The Icefields Parkway, is considered one the most scenic drives in the world. During the day you will see glaciers, wild rivers and waterfalls. Besides these natural wonders, the chance you might see a mountain goat or elk are very high.
Accommodation: Jasper Park Lodge, Deluxe room with sitting area

Day 7: Jasper & Jasper National Park
The town of Jasper, located in beautiful Jasper national Park, is a typical small mountain community. Since the town has not been allowed to grow for many decades it still has that small town, turn of the century feeling. The surroundings of the town of Jasper give you many recreation possibilities. It does not matter if you want to stay close to town or wonder off into the wilderness, every experience you have will be a good one. To name a few of jasper’s national treasures: Maligne Canyon, Maligne lake, Mount Edith Cavell and not to forget the Athabasca Falls. Again, your day-to-day itinerary will give you some fantastic hints.
Day 8: Wells Grey Provincial park
Clearwater will be reached by following the Yellowhead Highway 5 South, along the North Thompson River as it flows south through the forested hillsides and snow covered grasslands of the Thompson Plateau. This is a quiet, lightly populated region, and you soon realize that you’re sharing this part of British Columbia with relatively few people. It’s easy to go with the flow here.
Accommodation: Helmcken falls Lodge

Day 9: Wells Grey Provincial park
In winter, Wells Gray is transformed into a very different world: people enjoy on their skis, snowshoes, dog-sleds and snowmobiles. The area gets 3-4 meters of fine powder snow every winter. This gives us the perfect setting for all manner of winter fun. There are state of the art Nordic ski trails, superb snowshoeing opportunities and local businesses offer packages focusing on particular activities, or combining several for the complete winter experience.

Day 10 - 11: Sun peaks Resort
Sun Peaks Resort is a 3,600-acre playground full of possibilities. Tour the area on a snowmobile or see it from behind a team of sled dogs. At Sun Peaks, you don’t have to go far to have fun: The Kids Adventure Park, horse drawn sleigh rides and tubing are all located near the village. At the end of the day, nothing is more relaxing than time spent in a hot tub or outdoor pool at the Sports Centre.
Accommodation: Sun Peaks Lodge, Standard room

Day 12: Field and Yoho National Park
Today is not going to disappoint you. The road from Salmon Arm to Field is a beauty. It takes you through Glacier National Park and Yoho National Park. Along the way there are many stops to make for either a relaxing walk or just to take in the scenery. A good place to stop is the summit at the Rogers Pass. This Historic site shows you how the railway had a very important impact on this area.

Day 13: Field
Wake to a glistening winter morning in the Rockies. On this free day to explore, we suggest taking your skates to the ice at Emerald Lake gliding effortlessly with surreal glimpses of natural beauty at every turn. One of the best ways to appreciate the beauty of Yoho National Park is to strap on a pair of cross country skis and venture out into the vast wilderness while it lies under a thick blanket of fresh snow. Later, nuzzle next to the crackling fire under a cozy duvet with your loved one.

Day 14: Calgary International airport
A short drive will take you back to the Calgary International Airport.
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Activity Package includes the following:

National park Pass
In 1911 Canada proudly established the world’s first parks system. Today the people of Canada invest $400 million each year to protect and present this world renowned family of national parks and national historic sites from coast to coast to coast. Now you can explore and enjoy these natural and historic wonders with one of Parks Canada’s national passes.

Guided tour Banff
You will visit Banff’s landmarks and historic places. Hear how the 11,000 year old human history of the Bow Valley changed when three railway workers rediscovered the Cave & Basin, now a National Historic Site. See and learn about wildlife behaviour, habitat, and their winter survival adaptations. Your time will be spent enjoying the sights, taking photos, and participating in short walks to view points.

Itinerary and Highlights:
- Bow Falls: Water crashes over ancient limestone creating a spectacle of sound and sight.
- Banff Springs Hotel: The Castle of the Rockies is the railway’s contribution to the building of Canada.
- Cave and Basin: The birthplace of Canada’s national parks.
- Surprise Corner: A higher view of Bow Falls and the majestic Banff Springs Hotel.
- Hoodoos Lookout: What is a hoodoo? Understand the lay of the land.
- Lake Minnewanka: An underwater village, native history, and a pleasant refreshment break.

Heli Snowshoeing Jasper
This adventure begins with a one-hour drive west along the Yellowhead Highway to the base of Mt. Robson (elevation 3,954m), the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. After a brief instruction period you will board the helicopter for a scenic flight to an alpine cabin at Berg Lake. You will then strap on your snowshoes and tour with your guide through one of the most spectacular valleys in the Rockies, before heading back to the historic Hargreaves Cabin for a fire, hot chocolate and a lunch.

5 hour Dogsledding Wells Grey Provincial Park
Mush your own team of friendly Alaskan Racing Huskies! Never done it before? Not a problem! This is your time! All tours start with an introduction to dogsledding and then lead into a self-driven run that will give you a thrilling experience. Think this is outside of your comfort zone? Time to be amazed at how quickly you will become one with the team!. A full day in the back-country in the Clearwater area. Cover a minimum of 20 kilometers listening to the swish of the sled runners, and the hypnotic panting of these amazing athletes! Includes a light packed lunch for out on the trail.