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Before You Go

A person is seen from behind, walking away on a dirt path through a dense forest. They are wearing a tan beanie, an orange jacket, and a large, quilted grey backpack. A silver water bottle is visible in a side pocket of the backpack. The path is covered with fallen leaves, and the trees are tall and thin, creating a canopy overhead.

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Not to be dramatic
but I went on one
of your trips last
weekend and
it was the best day
of my life.

-GUESS WHERE TRIPPER

How does a surprise road trip work?



Pick a Date

We recommend doing the trip within **6 months** of receiving this road trip. Pay close attention to the 'When To Go' within the 'Navigating the Road' section of this booklet.



Get Ready

The only requirement is having a vehicle, GPS and a driver. The trip is completely **self-guided**, so nothing needs to be booked in advance.



Check Updates

Before leaving, please check **travel updates** on our website. This will provide you with any major changes to the itinerary.



Pack Your Bag

Please refer to the '**What to Pack**' list in this booklet for items we recommend bringing with you.

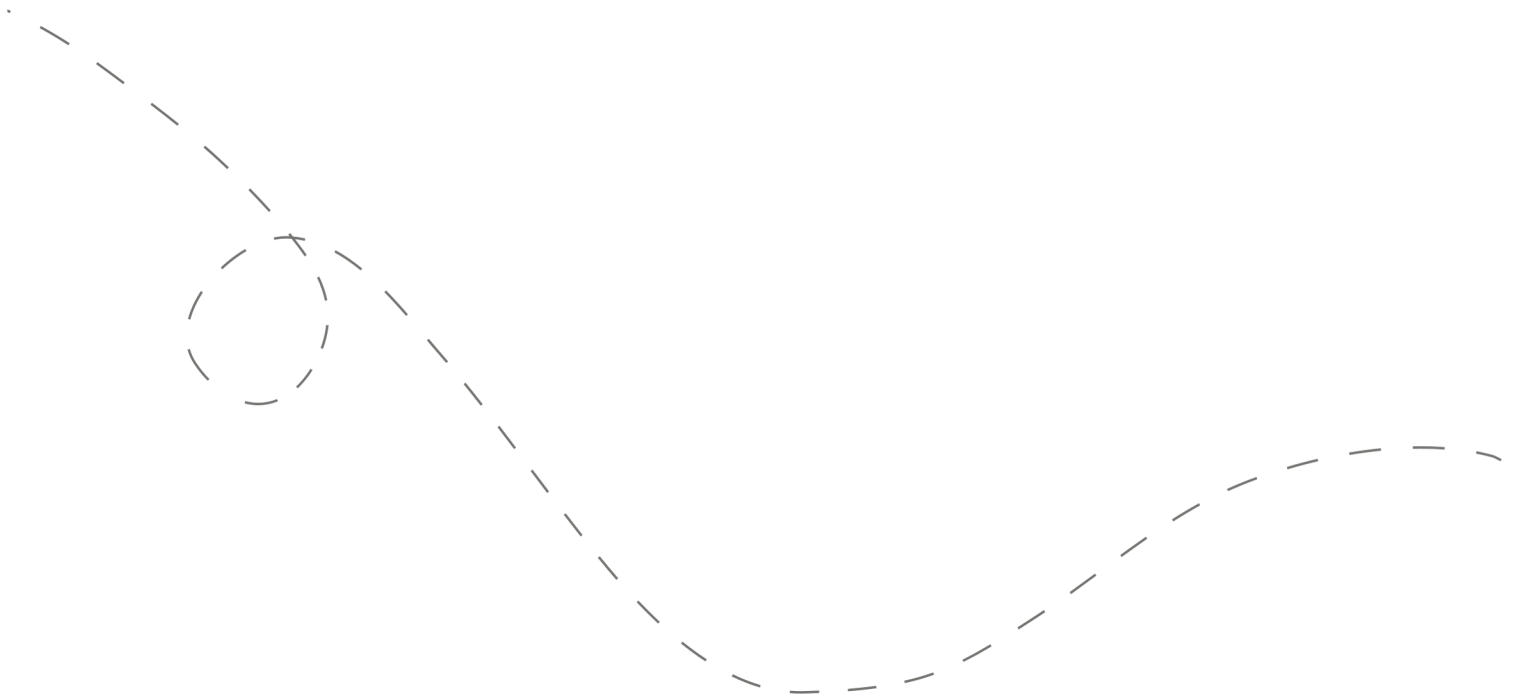


Hit the Road!

Don't open the first envelope until you're ready to leave. Once you're finished at the first stop, you can open the second envelope. Four stops are included within your road trip.

Your day ahead! Without giving away too many details.

We often include a variety of recommendations at each stop. You do not have to go to all of them, pick and choose what works best for you and your travel mates. If you can't get through all of the stops during the day - come back and explore them at a later date!



DETAILED ITINERARY



Time to Depart!

We recommend departing **around 9:30 am**. The later you leave, the less time you'll have to explore all of the stops.



Cartoon Coffee

Recommended duration: 30 minutes

Drive time to second stop: 20 minutes

**Light food options are available at this stop*



A Western Themed Adventure

Recommended duration: 1 hour

Drive time to third stop: 10 minutes

**Multiple lunch options available at this stop*



Cows or Cocktails?

Recommended duration: 1 hour

Drive time to fourth stop: 20 minutes



Choose Your Own Adventure

Recommended duration: 1 - 2 hours

**Light food options are available at this stop*



TRAVEL TIP: Some areas of this road trip may have low cell service, so please be prepared to navigate using a physical map or alternative GPS source, just in case!

Navigating the Road



When to Go

- ✓ This trip can be done in **any season** throughout the year.
- ✓ Best done **Thursday-Sunday**. Some closures may occur on holidays.



Stay Overnight

Head to the following link for a list of recommended accommodations close to the last stop.

[guesswheretrips.com/pages/hotels](https://www.guesswheretrips.com/pages/hotels)

**The link above will only reveal the general area where your trip will end.*



Itinerary Changes

Descriptions, dates and hours may have changed since publishing the itinerary. Find out if changes have been made to your trip by heading to:

[guesswheretrips.com/updates](https://www.guesswheretrips.com/updates)

Tip: scan below for the most updated trip!



Get the Digital Version

Every road trip package includes a QR code that you can scan to get the full digital version of the trip. This is a great option if you are traveling with a group of people in multiple cars!





What to Pack:

- ☐ A vehicle with a full tank of gas
- ☐ Comfortable walking footwear
- ☐ Weather-appropriate clothing
- ☐ Bug spray & sunscreen (summer)
- ☐ Cooler (to take home goodies!)
- ☐ Some form of GPS device (ie. Google Maps)
- ☐ Wallet (cash may be required)
- ☐ Your Guess Where Trips package
- ☐ Bring your **AB Provincial Parks pass** if you have one!
- ☐ A **Kananaskis Conservation Pass** is required for one activity on your fourth stop. (others available)
- ☐ Don't forget road trip music! Head to GWT's road trip playlist on Spotify here:



About the Trip Creator

Jessica Off has been planning road trip itineraries around the world for the last 14 years. She's always been obsessed with connecting the dots of the unexpected and is excited to continue doing so with Guess Where Trips.



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land you will be travelling on is the traditional unsundered territory of the Michif Piyii people.

Guess Where Trips believes land acknowledgments are an important way of recognizing and expressing gratitude to the First Nations, Inuit or Métis land that was stolen from them. Please respect this land.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much will the stops cost?

First Stop: No fee

Second Stop: No fee

Third Stop: No fee

Fourth Stop: No fee

**Please note: gas, tolls, and food may be additional costs.*

When should we leave?

We recommend leaving **around 9:30 am if you're leaving from Calgary**. The later you leave, the less time you may have to complete all of the stops.

Can I bring my dog?

This trip is **pet-friendly**; though, it may limit you from visiting some of the recommended locations. Most of our eatery options will only allow dogs on outdoor patios, so please coordinate with the weather.

Hiking safety & what to pack:

There are a few trails on stop #4 that lie within bear country. Should you choose to visit these spots, we recommend packing the “**eleven essentials for hiking**” when venturing into the wilderness:

- Bear spray, flashlight/headlamp with extra batteries, signaling device, fire starter, warm clothes, pocketknife, shelter (large plastic bag or tarp), water & snacks, first aid kit, navigation (map/GPS), and communications/cellphone.

How long will the total trip take?

See the approximate **round-trip driving distances/times** below. These are driving distances only and do not factor in time spent at stops.

From **Calgary:**

2 hours and 10 minutes / 170 km

From **Okotoks:**

2 hours / 169 km

From **Cochrane:**

2 hours and 45 minutes / 223 km

From **Airdrie:**

3 hours / 259 km

From **Red Deer*:**

5 hours and 15 minutes / 484 km

**We recommend booking an overnight hotel if the driving distance is greater than 4 hours round-trip.*

How many people can I bring with me?

We recommended **bringing up to 5 people** on your surprise road trip.

If you're bringing a larger group, we highly recommend having one person in charge of booking reservations at restaurants and attractions in advance. Please see the previous page for a copy of the digital itinerary.

Is this wheelchair or stroller accessible?

First Stop: The entire stop is accessible

Second Stop: The main suggestions are accessible. Our "on the way" recommendation has a gravel path that may be difficult to navigate.

Third Stop: The entire stop is accessible.

Fourth Stop: There are a few accessible options on this stop.

Risk

Get out on the road and have fun, but please be careful. Obey all road signs, never drink and drive, and use caution and common sense at all times. The risk of injury can be significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death. While particular precautions and personal discipline will minimize this risk, the risk of personal and emotional injury, illness, physical disability, or death does exist. Guess Where Trips Inc., its owners, officers, publishers, and agents assume NO liability for your actions or activities as a result of recommendations within this guide. You agree and acknowledge that you will do some, or all, of the recommendations suggested in this book with full and complete knowledge of the risk and dangers involved, and you agree to accept and assume any and all risks of any nature whatsoever.

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The Guess Where Trips Team



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