



ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROUTE

# Before You Go

A person is seen from behind, walking away on a dirt path through a forest. They are wearing a tan beanie, an orange jacket, and a grey quilted backpack. A silver water bottle is attached to the side of the backpack. The forest has tall trees and a ground covered in fallen leaves.

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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.



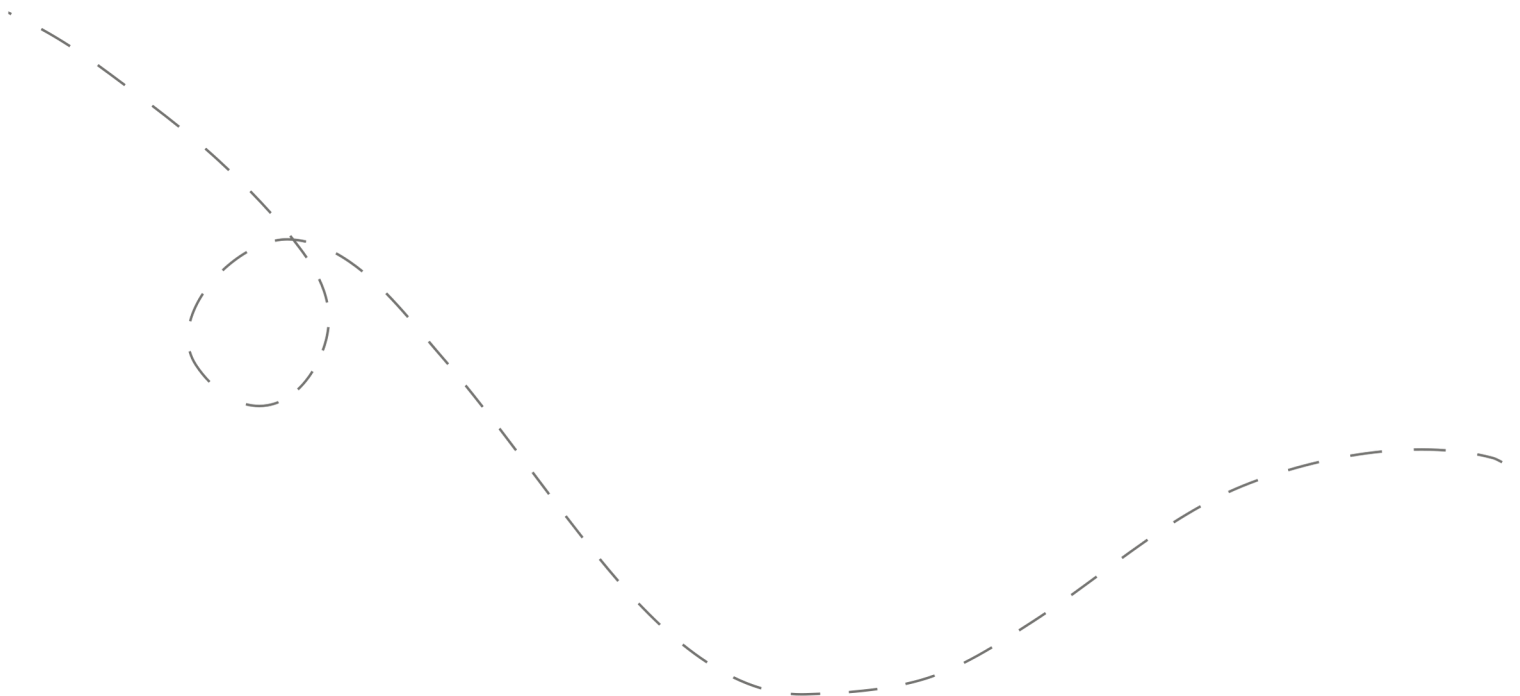
## Hit the Road!

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 between **8:30 - 9:00 am**. The later you leave, the less time you'll have to explore all of the stops.

1

## Historic Charm

Recommended duration: 30 minutes - 1 hour depending on activity  
Drive time to second stop: 32 minutes

*\*Light food options are available at this stop*

2

## Off-Road Discoveries

Recommended duration: 45 minutes  
Drive time to third stop: 22 minutes

3

## A Rockies Getaway

Recommended duration: 1 - 1.5 hours  
Drive time to fourth stop: 24 minutes

4

## A World-Renowned Town

Recommended duration: 2 hours

*\*Multiple food options are available at this stop*

# Navigating the Road



## When to Go

This itinerary can be used **any day throughout the year**. Some of the trails may be slippery through the winter months so please use caution.

**Please note:** Due to closures we do not recommend travelling on statutory holidays.



## Stay Overnight

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

**[guesswheretrips.com/pages/hotels](https://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://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!



Have questions? Email us at [questions@guesswheretrips.com](mailto:questions@guesswheretrips.com).



## What to Pack:

- ☐ A vehicle with a full tank of gas
- ☐ Comfortable walking footwear
- ☐ Clothing that stays secure in the wind / weather-appropriate attire
- ☐ Some form of GPS device (ie. Google Maps). **Signal may be spotty at times** so we recommend downloading a Google Map in advance
- ☐ Hiking essentials (see next page)
- ☐ Wallet (cash may be required)
- ☐ Road trip snacks
- ☐ Your Guess Where Trips package
- ☐ Bring your **AB Provincial Parks and National Parks passes** if you have them! (pre-purchase online or at the gate)
- ☐ Don't forget road trip music! Head to GWT's road trip playlist on Spotify here:



## About the Trip Creator

This trip was written by two Calgary locals, Tamara Elliot (@globeguide) and Megan Pierson (@megiipierson). Megan is a content creator, radio host, social media specialist, travel writer, and event host based in Calgary. She's constantly exploring the beauty of Alberta and sharing travel tips and unique finds on her Instagram and TikTok.



## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land you will be travelling on is the traditional unsundered territory of the Métis 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:** One option requires a significant entrance fee (\$21-\$33 pp), but we promise it is worth it! Free alternatives are provided.

**Second Stop:** No fee

**Third Stop:** No fee

**Fourth Stop:** You will need a valid National Parks pass to enter this stop. This can be pre-purchased online or at the gate (\$).

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

## When should we leave?

We recommend leaving **anytime between 8:30 - 9:00 am**. The later you leave the less time you may have to complete all of the stops.

## Can I bring my dog?

You can bring your furry friend, but it may limit you from going into some of the recommended stops. Please keep your dog on a leash at all times.

## Hiking safety & what to pack:

There is one trail and two beaches 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:**

3 hours and 36 minutes / 278 km

From **Okotoks\*:**

4 hours and 23 minutes / 355 km

From **Bragg Creek:**

3 hours and 13 minutes / 260 km

From **Airdrie:**

3 hours and 46 minutes / 311 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 featured stop is somewhat accessible. There are other accessible alternatives.

**Second Stop:** This stop is somewhat accessible.

**Third Stop:** There are multiple accessible options on this stop.

**Fourth Stop:** There are multiple accessible options on this stop.



Have questions? Email us at [questions@guesswheretrips.com](mailto:questions@guesswheretrips.com).

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# 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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