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EXPERIENCE GUIDE



TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Indigenous Tourism Alberta acknowledges that we are on traditional territories in Alberta, home to many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit who have called these territories home for time immemorial. We acknowledge with respect the traditional territories of Treaty 6, 7, 8, 4, and 10. We also acknowledge the homelands of the Métis, the 8 Métis Settlements, the 6 Métis Regions of the Métis Nation of Alberta, and the diverse histories and cultures of all the Indigenous Peoples of this province.

Experience Indigenous Tourism in Alberta

Find rich Indigenous culture throughout Alberta's diverse landscapes. Discover how Alberta's First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people maintain a unique balance of authentic traditional culture in today's contemporary world. Whether it's in a modern city, on the prairies or in the wild Rockies, across the central heartland, or out in the North's wilderness, come experience a powerful culture that thrives amid Alberta's exhilarating landscapes.

Take part in authentic and inspiring Indigenous activities throughout Alberta. Spend the night in a tipi as Northern Lights swirl colour across the prairie sky. Hear legends and tales over tea and warm bannock around a campfire. Experience mystical heritage sites. Feel the vibrant energy of a traditional dance or the tranquility of canoeing amid ancient forests. Snowshoe or horseback ride into the mountains to learn survival skills and spot elk, moose, bears, and bighorn sheep.

Across Alberta, knowledgeable First Nations, Métis, and Inuit operators are keen to share their culture through varied experiences from the rugged Rockies' peaks and foothills through the southern prairies that give way to the vast northern boreal forest.

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MÉTIS CROSSING

Smoky Lake, AB

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Built on the original river lots of Métis settlers to this region in the late 1800s, Métis Crossing is home to Alberta's first Métis cultural interpretive centre. Drop in for a cultural tour or camp in a replica fur trapper tent. For an immersive Indigenous journey, book the Victoria Trail Voyageur Experience. You'll take an interactive tour of Métis Crossing, including learning to set a beaver trap, sampling dried bison and dancing a Red River jig (it's not a real Métis party until the jigging starts). Your costumed interpreters will walk you through the historical village, and teach you to weave a Métis sash at a loom. Then, settle into a voyageur canoe for a paddle, just like fur traders did for hundreds of years. To finish, you'll tour Victoria Settlement, a former fur trade fort. Métis Crossing is open seasonally from May long weekend through Labour Day. Due to COVID-19, all tours are restricted to individual groups. Packages are available by pre-booking only. Bookings will be available to groups of 10 or less, and all bookings will be allocated a reserved date and time for a private tour experience.



SHADOW CREEK RESORT

Joussard, AB

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Shadow Creek Resort has 120 of the proposed 500 R.V. lots available for use, along with access to 120 of the proposed 400 docks in the marina and offers a range of full serviced campsites within the park.



TALKING ROCK TOURS

Edmonton, AB

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Talking Rock Tours is Alberta's first geo-educational hiking and sightseeing adventure company! They conduct educational small group tours while exploring some of central Alberta's geological wonders. They share its natural history and Indigenous storytelling to create a truly unique holistic experience. The three main takeaways from every tour is science for the mind, stories from the heart, and history of the land. The Geo-Explorers will find themselves inspired on many levels once they fully appreciate what they are about to see because every rock and stone has a story to tell. Rediscover your backyard today with the Edmonton River Valley and Elk Island National Park Discovery Tours. In addition, there is the Badlands, Edmonton Oil & Gas, and Nordegg Discovery Tours that are offered as a "Guide for Hire" experience at this time.

ACCOMMODATIONS

BEST WESTERN PLUS SAWRIDGE

Fort McMurray, AB

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The eco-friendly Best Western Plus Sawridge Suites is designed for short or long-term stay guests. Kitchenettes, Standard Parking and Underground Parking, Meeting Space and Fitness Center (with Steam Rooms) and 24/7 Grab & Go Market are just a few hotel highlights. Its close proximity to the oil sands and short drive to downtown make this the best choice for Fort McMurray business travelers. You'll also find an open concept dining and lounge that'll leave you and your taste buds happy. Travelling with your four legged family members? That's no problem either as Best Western PLUS Sawridge Suites welcomes all very important pets! They are proudly the only full service Hotel located just off Highway 63 in the TaigaNova Eco-Industrial Park. Save over an hour of drive time each day if you are heading to the Oil Sands Sites while still only 7 minutes away from downtown Fort McMurray. Additionally, as a Best Western property, members are rewarded for their stay!





MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM FORT MCMURRAY

Fort McMurray, AB

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This non-smoking property features free continental breakfast and 24-hour coffee service. Take advantage of the large wellness area, with a relaxing hot tub and sauna. The 24-hour business centre and free WiFi allows you to work on the go, keep up with your email or simply plan your day in the area. Enjoy nearby activities like indoor or outdoor ice skating, the skateboard & BMX parks, Tayles Water Spray Park or the outdoor aquatic area at the Abbey Centre. Visit the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame & Museum or historic Fort Normandeau or take in an 18-hole game of golf at the River Bend Golf & Recreation Area along the Red Deer River.

PEAVINE INN & SUITES

High Prairie, AB

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Relax at the Peavine Inn & Suites High Prairie! Situated just 20 minutes from the shores of the Lesser Slave Lake the Peavine Inn and Suites has something for everyone. Our hotel is designed for ultimate guest comfort with our 88 deluxe rooms and suites. Each room comes standard with deluxe linens, luxurious pillow top mattress, spacious work desk with high speed internet, cable television, iron & ironing boards, hair dryer, in room coffee and a mini fridge.





SAWRIDGE INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE, PEACE RIVER

Peace River, AB

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The Sawridge Inn Peace River offers both the travellers and corporate clients all of the amenities you would expect from a full-service hotel. On-site facilities include a renovated fitness centre, sauna, business centre, free parking, high-speed wireless internet, and much more.

SAWRIDGE INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE, EDMONTON SOUTH

Edmonton, AB

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Conveniently located just south of the Whitemud Drive in Edmonton, the Sawridge Edmonton South, is ideal for the corporate or leisure traveler. This stunning property is at the centre of it all, close to the airport, downtown, Southgate Centre, South Edmonton Common, and only a short hop to West Edmonton Mall.

This Edmonton south side hotel features spacious guest rooms and ample meeting and wedding space, this hotel also boasts an inviting lobby and warm dining atmosphere. Plus, with its pet friendly rooms, the hotel also welcomes the four-legged members of your family.





TOWNEPLACE SUITES, FORT MCMURRAY

Fort McMurray, AB

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TownePlace Suites by Marriott is an extended-stay hotel where you can balance work and life as you like, with the comfort, flexibility, and affordability that you require. Relax and feel at home with complimentary hot breakfast, fully equipped kitchen or kitchenette and high-speed Internet access. Whether you're staying with them for the night, weekend, month or longer, TownePlace Suites by Marriott is designed to provide everything you need to live life uninterrupted.

WATERFRONT HARBOUR B&B

Cold Lake, AB

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This spotlessly clean, boutique bed & breakfast sits right on the lakeshore giving guests unobstructed views of the majestic scenery. With your choice of four unique bedrooms with private baths, or a three-bedroom suite perfect for families, Waterfront Harbour proudly offers home-cooked breakfasts, fresh baking, a different entrée each day, and a selection of tea and coffee for guests at any time of day.





WINGATE BY WYNDHAM, EDMONTON WEST

Edmonton, AB

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Close to West Edmonton Mall, this pet-friendly hotel has in-room fridges and microwaves, an indoor pool with a waterslide, free Wi-Fi, complimentary breakfast and fitness facilities.

RESORTS & CASINOS

CASINO DENE

Cold Lake, AB

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Eat, play and be entertained at the hottest spot in the Lakeland. With two restaurants, free live entertainment every weekend and over 250 different games to choose from there is always something to do at Casino Dene.





RIVER CREE RESORT & CASINO

Enoch, AB

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Located in west Edmonton, on Enoch Cree Nation, the River Cree Resort & Casino is a 4-star full service destination resort offering 2 Casinos, 6 restaurants, 3 lounges, lobby coffee café, 24,000 sq.ft. meeting space and Concert venue. Additional value added is the significant free self-parking, free WiFi and free shuttle back and forth to the world famous West Edmonton Mall. Their 249 nonsmoking guest rooms and suites provide premium bedding, flat screen TV's with the ability to cast movies from your Netflix account, microwaves, and coffee makers. Additional Resort amenities include a fully equipped fitness center, swimming pool/hot tub, and the NHL sized Twin skating rinks. The non-smoking main Casino floor provides 950 slot machines, table games and poker room. In addition, their second casino is the smoke friendly expansion called Embers with 405 slot machines, and table games.

CULINARY

HOMEFIRE GRILL

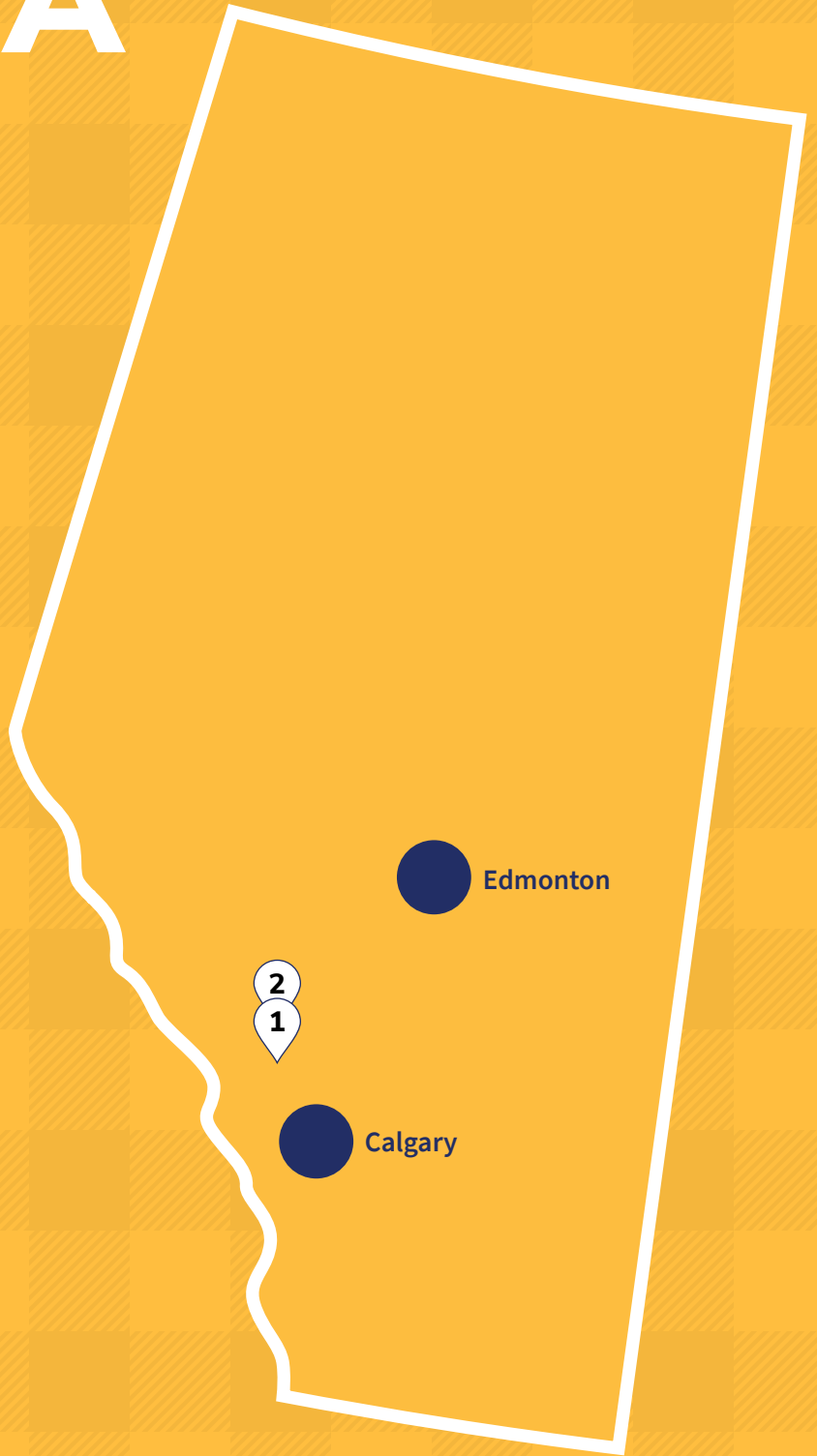
Edmonton, AB

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Gather around the communal fire and savor Indigenous-inspired foods made with local ingredients at Homefire Grill. Their Indigenous driven menu features foods from land and sea, cooked over an open flame. Their fire-roasted regional cuisine and open kitchen concept take you on a culinary journey testing all of your senses. Watch the chefs prepare local ingredients, enjoy the aroma from the flames and taste the bold, smoky flavors from the perfectly cooked dishes. Cozy up next to the fire with a glass of red or enjoy a scintillating dessert to top off your meal. For intimate social gatherings or business events, our private dining room offer the perfect ambiance for gathering. Experience our West Edmonton restaurant and fire to table cuisine that celebrate the native cooking spirit of Canada.



CENTRAL ALBERTA



① Painted Warriors

② Mahikan Trails

PAINTED WARRIORS

Sundre, AB

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Painted Warriors Indigenous Outdoor Experience is now open! Experience the traditional and modern day lifestyle of the Cree and Saulteaux people, skills such as animal tracking and snowshoeing, horse riding, archery and many others. Painted Warriors is an Indigenous outdoor adventure company located one hour northwest of Calgary. The facility is on an 82 acre ranch on pristine forest land in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. There are 1 day to multiple day tours with accommodation available. Spend the night in authentic Métis style trappers tents, and wake up to the extraordinary view of the Rocky Mountains.



MAHIKAN TRAILS

Sundre, AB

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

It's an eye-opening experience when you take a walk in a mountain meadow or through the forest with Brenda Holder. She can point to and identify any plant, tree or bush and tell you how it can be used to make something crucial to survival – a fire cider for a flu or cold, a food source or a fire starter. Holder, operator and owner of Mahikan Trails, is following in the footsteps of her family lineage as a Cree guide of the Kwarakwante people of Jasper, Alberta where she grew up. Passing along her knowledge is part of her passion for supporting Indigenous tourism for which she has won many distinctions. Holder offers several workshops, including her medicine walks, designed to educate people about how her ancestors survived off the land for millennia. Over two days in the hands-on workshop guests learn how to identify a variety of plants and learn how to make simple medicines.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA



- 1 Drift Out West Fly Fishing
- 2 Redwood Meadows Golf & Country Club
- 3 Westin Calgary Airport
- 4 Grey Eagle Resort & Casino
- 5 Little Chief Restaurant

DRIFT OUT WEST FLY FISHING

Airdrie, AB

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Drift Out West Fly Fishing offers guided fly fishing trips on the Bow River near Calgary, Alberta, or on one of Alberta's pristine mountain streams. Choose one of three trip packages, or customize an experience of a lifetime. Indigenous owned and operated, this experienced guide will share his experience and passion for fly fishing with beginners and seasoned experts alike. There's nothing like the thrill of a perfect cast and the excitement of boating your first fish or that monster you've dreamed about. Book a day with Drift Out West to get your fly fishing fix!



REDWOOD MEADOWS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Redwood Meadows, AB

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

With extraordinary mountain vistas, this 18-hole championship golf course west of Calgary has full golf services including a clubhouse, restaurant, club rentals and practice facilities. The area is surrounded with birds and wildlife.

Welcome To
REDWOOD MEADOWS
GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
OWNED & OPERATED BY THE TSUO TINDS

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ACCOMMODATIONS

WESTIN CALGARY AIRPORT

Calgary, AB

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Engage with Canada at The Westin Calgary Airport. Departing and arriving is easy with free parking and shuttle service from Calgary International Airport, less than two kilometers from our hotel. Cross Iron Mills outlet shops and the Calgary Zoo are also in easy reach. This is where business events thrive and weddings and social gatherings enliven all guests in Calgary's largest hotel ballroom – modern and more than 16,000 square feet of versatile



RESORTS & CASINOS

GREY EAGLE RESORT & CASINO

Calgary, AB

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Welcome to Calgary's New Resort Hotel, located on the beautiful Tsuut'ina Nation. Located minutes from downtown, yet miles from your hectic day, sitting on the doorstep of the Rockies. All of guests are treated to a hot deluxe breakfast buffet daily included with their stay. Our beautiful, modern 4 Star Resort Hotel offers first class services and amenities, such as state of the art meeting and convention space that can accommodate events of all sizes from 2-2500 attendees.

LITTLE CHIEF RESTAURANT

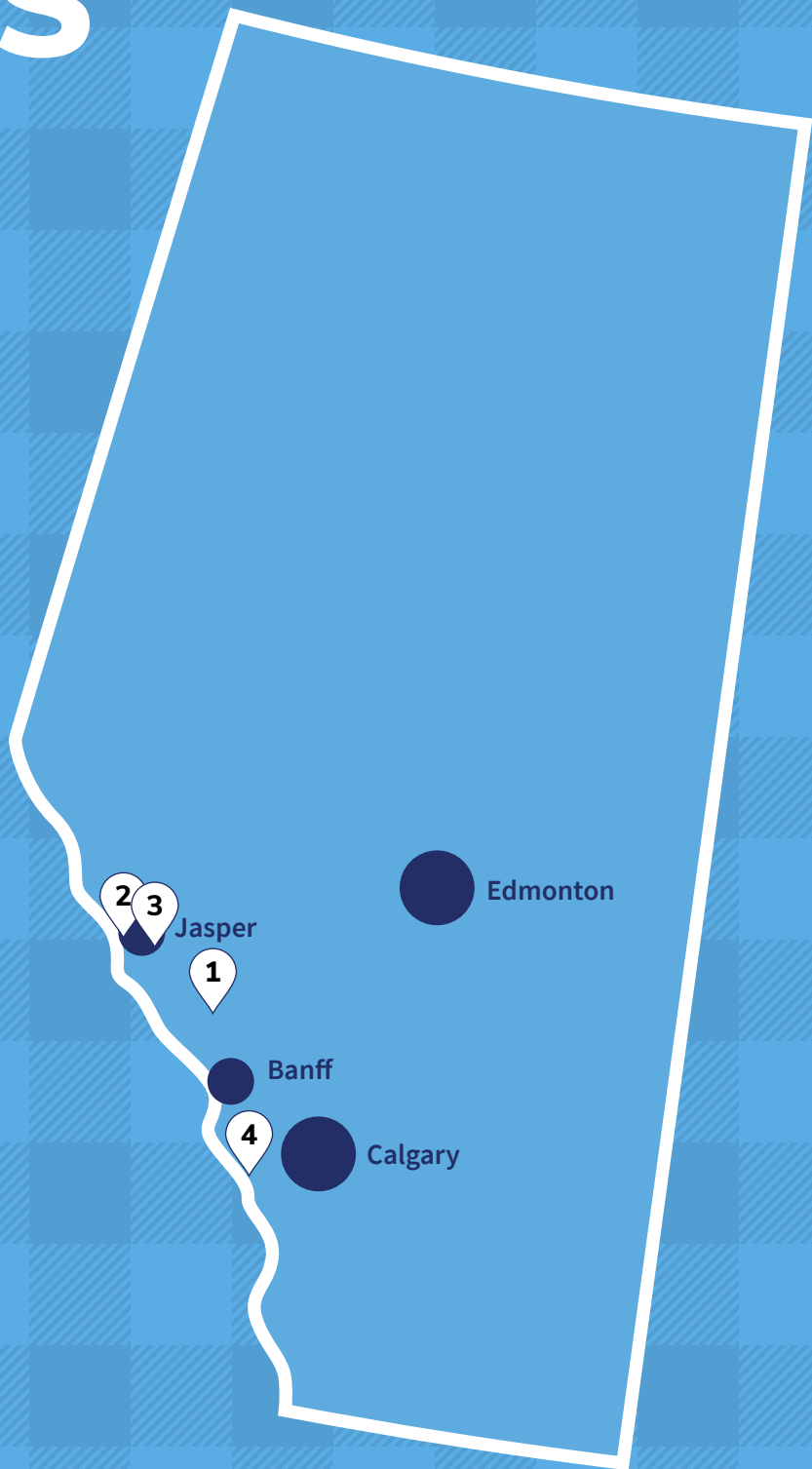
Calgary, AB

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The Little Chief Restaurant resides in the Grey Eagle Resort Hotel on the Tsuut'ina Nation. Offering family-friendly dining for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and with so many wonderful options to choose from we know, you will find everything you are looking for and more at the Grey Eagle Resort and Casino Little Chief Restaurant.



THE ROCKIES



- 1 Girth Hitch Guiding
- 2 Jasper Tour Company
- 3 Warrior Women
- 4 Stoney Nakoda Resort & Casino

GIRTH HITCH GUIDING

Nordegg, AB

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Girth Hitch Guiding thrives on introducing outdoor enthusiasts – from beginners to experts – to the beautiful mountains through Via Ferrata climbing and everything rock-related. Their approach to guiding strives to bring the best out of everyone they work with. They believe that mountains are not something to be conquered but rather ancient friends to discover and experience. As the principal owner of Girth Hitch Guiding and a proud Métis man, Tim Taylor's heritage is aligned with the stories and legends of the David Thompson Corridor and his passion for the mountains he calls home is rooted in his Cultural background. Join Tim and his team to find the sweet spot where challenge and growth come together to offer profound opportunities for personal development. At Girth Hitch Guiding, they embrace failure and success while fostering safe and meaningful experiences in the mountains.



JASPER TOUR COMPANY

Jasper, AB

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have traversed through these mountains, creating routes used to trade between the different communities living on either side of the divide. The advent of the Fur Trade, saw them continue to do so, with many of them acting as guides to the European traders. Now, more than 200 years after the first Europeans were shown the way through the Rockies, the Jasper Tour Company continues to do the same. Following in the footsteps of those who came before, the Jasper Tour Company will take you out in search of experiences generally only found on the periphery of our daily lives. The Jasper Tour Company will treat you to a memorable pioneering experience that will help you build more of your own excellent history. The mountains provide the setting. They provide the guide. Without you, there can be no adventure.

WARRIOR WOMEN

Jasper, AB

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Warrior Women offer drumming shows to those traveling all across the Globe. Having performed over 300 shows, Warrior Women will not leave you disappointed. Join Jasper's local Knowledge keeper for performance shows, workshops, tours, guided experiences, training and much more. If you are looking to be moved by the heartbeat of mother earth, hear the stories of the land and listen to legends of the Cree people that will stay with you forever, the Warrior Women is the group for you.



RESORTS & CASINOS

STONEY NAKODA RESORT & CASINO

Kananaskis, AB

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Discover the Stoney Nakoda Resort & Casino, a vibrant combination of affordable comfort, premier casino gaming, family-friendly adventure and entertainment with first-class service and warm hospitality in Kananaskis. Escape to the “Basecamp of the Rockies,” only 30 minutes west of Calgary in beautiful Kananaskis Country! Surrounded by stunning views, the mountain resort playground offers countless amenities, including 110 beautifully appointed rooms and suites, a state-of-the-art casino, an exhilarating pool and waterslide, two restaurants and exciting adventures throughout the year. All hotel rooms come with a complimentary daily hot breakfast buffet. Rooms are equipped with their own dedicated WiFi, as well as HD TVs. Come find everything you need for the perfect vacation at the only casino resort in the Alberta Rockies – the Stoney Nakoda Resort & Casino!





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