

# Western Canada and Calgary Stampede Tour 2010

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## Our 20th Annual Tour to The Calgary Stampede

Every year the City of Calgary throws open the doors to cowboys and girls from near and far and hosts what is now known as the “greatest outdoor show on earth.”

Our tour offers an itinerary that combines world class scenery with innovative agricultural opportunities. For some, this might just be considered the perfect reason to visit Canada – we invite you to join us for an incredible journey!

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## Australian Farmers Travel Celebrating over 20 Years of Travel in Canada STAMPEDE ITINERARY July 14–30, 2010

### **DAY 1 – Wednesday, July 14**

DEPART SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT / ARRIVE CALGARY

HIGHLIGHTS: Welcome to Calgary!

Welcome to Calgary, home to the famous Calgary Stampede. Meet your tour director at the airport and transfer to your hotel. This afternoon join a guided city sightseeing tour of Calgary. Return to the hotel and get ready for a night on the town. Calgary is alive with the energy and excitement of Stampede Fever. Anyone up for some two-stepping?

Overnight Best Western Suites,  
Calgary Downtown

### **DAY 2 – Thursday, July 15**

CALGARY (B)

HIGHLIGHTS: Heritage Park.  
Admission to Calgary Stampede Evening  
Show and Chuck Wagon Races

After breakfast, it's a trip back in time to the early 1900s during a visit to the Calgary Heritage Park. Live entertainment and authentic heritage displays provide a first hand glance at the rugged and challenging conditions of days gone by. This evening, it's time to hit the action of the Stampede

with admission to Silver Section of the Chuck Wagon Races followed by the Grandstand Finale, an incredible display of young local talent that will keep you on the edge of your seat! When Calgary claims "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth" they mean it!

Your tour package includes unlimited entry to the Calgary Stampede Grounds, exhibitions, cattle auctions and entrance to the International Guest Reception Room.

Overnight Best Western Suites,  
Calgary Downtown

### **DAY 3 – Friday, July 16**

CALGARY (B)

HIGHLIGHTS: Livestock Auction,  
Rodeo and Calgary Stampede

This morning, the group travels to the Livestock Auction where premium Alberta beef cattle go under the hammer. Enjoy this authentic Alberta agricultural experience. Your coach will leave the livestock selling centre in time for you to get organized to get down to the stampede grounds and entry to this afternoons rodeo.. You also receive tickets to the best seats in the house for the action packed rodeo.

Overnight Best Western Suites,  
Calgary Downtown

### **DAY 4 – Saturday, July 17**

CALGARY (B)

HIGHLIGHTS: Rodeo, Calgary  
and "The Stampede"

Today you have the opportunity to understand what the stampede means to Calgarians, the whole city becomes part of this annual spectacle. Enjoy "The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth" at your leisure. This afternoon you have reserved tickets for the best seats in the house for the action packed rodeo, and this evening "gold" seats for the chuck wagon races and evening show.

Overnight Best Western Suites,  
Calgary Downtown

### **DAY 5 – Sunday, July 18**

CALGARY – PINCHER CREEK ( B,L,D)

HIGHLIGHTS: Cowboy Trail,  
Waterton Lakes National Park, Cruise,  
BBQ dinner with local ranchers.

This morning it is time to hit the trail, more specifically, the picturesque Cowboy Trail which runs south through stunning Alberta prairielands. Drive into Waterton National Park and enjoy a cruise on the southern most banks of Canada a truly scenic experience, Alberta continues to impress. After the cruise enjoy a picnic



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lunch while touring through a buffalo reserve. This afternoon we head up to Pincher Creek, a land without limits and undulating grazing country, rich in history, culture and tradition. Tonight the ranching community has prepared a welcome dinner to celebrate your visit. This is a unique opportunity to interact with the locals and get first hand information on the issues that Canadian farmers are facing.

Overnight Heritage Hotel (or similar)  
Pincher Creek, Alberta

## Day 6 – Monday, July 19

### PINCHER CREEK – LETHBRIDGE (B,L)

HIGHLIGHTS: Ranch visits, Hutterite Colony, "Head-Smashed-in-Buffalo-Jump" National Monument.

In Pincher Creek we meet up with local ranchers for a tour of the local livestock and feedlot operations as well as a tour of a Hutterite Colony, enjoy a sumptuous lunch provided by your Hutterite community hosts, great Canadian hospitality and friendliness. After lunch the group tours the "Head-Smashed-in-Buffalo-Jump", a Unesco World Heritage sight. Learn about the Blackfoot Indian culture, how they hunted Bison and what was involved in "the jump".

Overnight Sandman Hotel (or similar)  
Lethbridge, Alberta

## Day 7 – Tuesday, July 20

### LETHBRIDGE (B,D)

HIGHLIGHTS: Excellence in Agriculture-ranch touring of the best kind.

With AF Travel, our focus is on Excellence in Agriculture and Alberta certainly fits the criteria. Lethbridge is the centre of

agricultural activity and today the group will have a first hand look at a number of exciting ranches and farms. We'll tour Canada's finest, feedlots, irrigation farms, machinery, livestock and auction facilities. Witness extensive mixed cropping operations and 20 and more types of cropping. This evening dinner in Lethbridge.

Overnight Sandman Hotel (or similar)  
Lethbridge, Alberta

## Day 8 – Wednesday, July 21

### LETHBRIDGE – KANANASKIS (B)

HIGHLIGHTS: Feedlot tour, Crowsnest Pass, Frank Slide Interpretation Centre and Kananaskis Country.

Today is a full day filled with contrast and rich scenery. The morning will be spent touring a 7,000 head feedlot farm, then we head off on our way towards the Rocky Mountains, our first real experience of the Rockies occurs as we travel through Crowsnest Pass. A little further on we stop at the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre, find out how a town simply disappeared, and not that long ago. Then we move on into Kananaskis Country, vast valley floors and high mountain peaks, brilliant scenery.

Overnight Delta Lodge Hotel (or similar)  
Kananaskis, Alberta

## Day 9 – Thursday, July 22

### KANANASKIS (B)

HIGHLIGHTS: 2 ranch visits, Afternoon at leisure

You wake up in Kananaskis Country, vast floors and high mountain peaks, brilliant scenery. After breakfast we visit 2 local working ranches, arriving back at your hotel

mid afternoon. Spend the remainder of the afternoon absorbing the spectacle which is the Rocky Mountains.

Overnight Delta Lodge Hotel (or similar)  
Kananaskis, Alberta

## Day 10 – Friday, July 23

### KANANASKIS – CANMORE (B,L)

HIGHLIGHTS: BBQ lunch at Boundary Ranch, an optional nature walk or horse-back riding.

This morning enjoy a nature walk from your hotel, a magnificent setting viewing the Rocky Mountains. For those looking for soft adventure enjoy an optional horseback ride in the Rocky Mountains, this is a ride that anyone can do. Enjoy a traditional Albertan BBQ lunch at Boundary Ranch before driving on to Canmore.

Overnight Westridge Country Lodge (or similar)  
Canmore, Alberta

## Day 11 – Saturday, July 24

### CANMORE – BANFF (B,D)

HIGHLIGHTS: Orientation tour of Banff and the area including, Yoho National Park, Spiral Tunnels, etc, Lake Louise, Sulphur Mountain.

After a good sleep and hotel breakfast we get ready to explore the Canadian Rockies and Banff National Park. Pristine Lake Louise, Spiral Tunnels and Yoho National Park are all stops during this fabulous day of sightseeing. There is also a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain where you will feel like you are on top of the world.

Tonight we dine in Banff and "Meet a Mountie".

Overnight Westridge Country Lodge (or similar), Canmore, Alberta

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## Day 12 – Sunday, July 25

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER,  
BANFF – KAMLOOPS (B,L)

HIGHLIGHTS: The World Famous Rocky Mountaineer rail journey.

The tour climbs aboard "the Most Spectacular Train Trip in the World" – courtesy of Rocky Mountaineer Railtours.

As you journey through the Canadian Rocky Mountains enjoy breakfast and lunch served by friendly, informative staff who provide commentary about this spectacular area of Canada. As you journey west and south you will be surrounded by the dramatic scenery of the Continental Divide and by the river valleys of the Monashee and Columbia Mountain ranges.

Overnight Popular Style Hotel, Kamloops  
NOTE: You leave the train for an overnight stay in the city of Kamloops, BC

## Day 13 – Monday, July 26

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER, KAMLOOPS –  
VANCOUVER (B,L)

HIGHLIGHTS: The Fraser Canyon Railtour

Your journey continues west towards the Pacific Ocean and the coastal city of Vancouver. On today's journey you will again see dramatic changes in scenery, from the desert-like environment of the interior, through winding river canyons and forests surrounded by peaks of the Coast and Cascade Mountains to the lush green fields of the Fraser River Valley. Highlights include the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River and the rushing

waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon. Your journey ends in Vancouver. Breakfast and lunch are provided on board. You arrive in Vancouver in the evening and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight Hampton Hotel (or similar)  
Vancouver, BC

## Day 14 – Tuesday, July 27

VANCOUVER – CHILLIWACK  
– VANCOUVER (B,D)

HIGHLIGHTS: Dairy Farm Tour and  
Agriculture Tours, Celebration Dinner

After a hearty hotel breakfast, drive to the lush agricultural area of Chilliwack located outside of Vancouver. Visit Corner's Pride Dairy Farm that has over 800 head of cattle, 320 acres of corn and 200 acres of grass silage. After lunch, take in the sites of Bridal Veil Falls and then head to Muxlow Cattle Company, a feedlot with 700 head and housing for 400 heifers. We are back in Vancouver in the late afternoon. This evening is the last night of the tour and we celebrate a fantastic tour with our Farewell Dinner at the Steamworks Brewery that is a favourite spot for the locals and yes, beer sampling is included! It's been a super tour and tonight we'll end it in proper celebration— Australian style!

Overnight Hampton Hotel (or similar)  
Vancouver, BC

## Day 15 – Wednesday, July 28

VANCOUVER (B)

HIGHLIGHTS: Vancouver City Tour

Vancouver is truly one of the most breathtaking cities in the world – a place where cosmopolitan flair meets amazing mountain and ocean views. This morning, enjoy a grand city tour including the North Shore Mountains. In the afternoon the city is yours to explore at leisure. Tour Stanley Park on a tandem bike, take the ferry to Granville Island, wander Robson Street for a taste of true Vancouver living or just relax or do that last minute shopping.

For those returning home, dinner is at your leisure and an 8pm check out of the hotel before transferring to the airport for the return flight home. Optional add-ons for those staying on include Alaskan cruises, Vancouver Island, Agricultural tours to Oregon & California and more.

## Day 16 – Thursday, July 29

In Flight, Crossing the  
International Date Line

## Day 17 – Friday, July 30

Arrive Sydney International Airport 0815hrs

**Thank you for travelling with us!**

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## THE DETAILS:

17 Day Tour  
July 14–30, 2010  
**\$8,950/person**

Twin share (ex Sydney)  
Single Supplement \$1749

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### TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy airfares from Sydney to Calgary, Vancouver to Sydney
- Transfers and transport in Deluxe Coach whilst in Canada
- Professional Tour Director
- All accommodation in comfortable hotels whilst in Canada (14 nights accommodation and late check out in Vancouver)
- Two Day Rocky Mountain Rail Tour, Red Leaf – Gold Leaf upgrade available for \$960.00 / person
- All admission fees and excursions as mentioned in the itinerary including: Admission to Calgary Stampede for 3 days and Reserved seats for Evening Show & Chuck Wagon Races (2 nights) in Silver and Gold seating and 1 afternoon Rodeo in Platinum seating (should you require seats for the rodeo on Days 2 and 4 please advise AFTravel (extra seats are subject to availability); Heritage Park, Livestock Auction, Hutterite Colony visit, the "Head-Smashed-in-Buffalo-Jump" National Monument, Waterton Lakes National Park, Boat Cruise, Frank Slide Interpretive Centre, Boundary Ranch, tour of Banff National Park and surrounding region, Gondola to Sulphur Mountain, "Meet-a-Mountie". Rocky Mountaineer Red leaf Class for 2 days, multiple ranch visits
- Orientation tour of Banff
- Guided city tours of Calgary and Vancouver
- All professional and farm visits as mentioned in itinerary
- 14 hearty continental breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners including the Farewell Evening meal with ale tasting
- Baggage handling (1 suitcase per person)
- All tax and services for meals, visits, hotels mentioned in the itinerary
- Gratuities for tour guides and driver

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Airline taxes, Fuel Surcharges, Airport improvement taxes or additional airfares
- Personal expenses
- Meals and activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Optional extension tours to Alaska, Vancouver Island, California and Oregon
- Pre or Post tour accommodation

PLEASE NOTE: all accommodation, services and ranch visits are subject to change

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## THE AUSTRALIAN FARMERS TRAVEL SERVICE: BOOKING CONDITIONS & GENERAL INFORMATION

**IMPORTANT:** The terms, conditions and limitation of liability under which the tours operate are detailed hereunder and the payment of the security deposit hereunder and the payment of the security deposit or tour price represents acceptance by the purchaser of the following:

1. This tour is organised and/or operated by The Australian Farmers Travel Service (hereinafter called "the Company").
2. The Company reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coaches at any time for any reason; to cancel or alter the itinerary and/or tour without notice as may be found necessary for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to, road, weather or traffic conditions, non-performance of suppliers, industrial action, operational conditions and requirements. All additional expenses incurred as a result of any delays, cancellations or alterations will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.
3. A minimum number of bookings are required to operate a tour and also to ensure an enjoyable group atmosphere. Where sufficient numbers cannot be achieved, the Company reserves the right to cancel a scheduled departure. The decision to operate the tour is usually made 65 days prior to the scheduled tour departure date, however in some instances, this decision may not be available until 30 days prior to the departure date.
4. Where a tour is cancelled prior to the departure date, according to clauses 2 or 3 above, we shall refund all monies in full.
5. Any special passenger requirements must be notified to the Company at the time of booking. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the Company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The Company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any such reason.
6. The Company can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by the Company in the tour and the Company will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions.
7. The Company reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or to refuse to carry any passenger where payments have not been received by the Company within the times specified in the tour itinerary. It is a condition of carriage that a passenger has paid all tour monies prior to the departure of the tour.
8. In the event of industrial action affecting air, rail or tour related transportation the Company will make every effort to contact the client and advise alternative arrangements. However if contact is not made, passengers should phone the local call cost number 1 300 366 275.
9. The Company reserves the right to vary the price advertised or printed to cover any significant increase in airfare, fuel price, or other tour related tariffs and costs. Passengers are reminded that this is a condition of travel.
10. Where the Company does not operate the tour, attractions, excursions and/or optional tours (hereinafter called the "Tour Inclusions") which may be included in the Tour Itinerary or associated with the tour, the Company shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury occasioned to any person or property as a result of any such Tour Inclusion undertaken during the tour whatsoever or howsoever the same may be caused whether as a result of negligence or otherwise. These tour inclusions may include activities such as trekking, climbing, exploring, swimming and snorkeling. The passenger unreservedly accepts that these activities involve varying degrees of risk.
11. Baggage is entirely at "owner's risk" during the tour and we **STRONGLY RECOMMEND PRIVATE TRAVEL INSURANCE** be taken out. Passengers are **CAUTIONED** against leaving articles on board carriers or the tour coach at any time.
12. Due to Government regulations and company policy, smoking is not permitted inside tourist coaches, however, frequent stops provide opportunity for those who desire to smoke.
13. The company will not be bound by any representation reported to have been made on their behalf unless the representation is confirmed by the Company.
14. A limited number of single rooms are available by request at the time of booking. Where a single passenger is willing to share accommodation with a fellow single passenger, the Company will endeavour to find another traveller of the same gender. The Company otherwise accepts no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partner and it is a condition of travel that single passengers willing to share accommodation accept the rooming partners allocated by the Company. If a passenger at any during the tour considers the rooming partner to be unsuitable, the Company will, subject to availability and at the additional cost of the passenger, arrange single accommodation.
15. Whilst the Company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, the Company accepts no Liability for any loss of enjoyment whatsoever and howsoever experienced by the passenger.
16. The airlines, and where applicable rail carriers and sea carriers, (hereinafter called the "Carriers") used in association with the tours are not responsible for statements in this brochure relating to the tour, or any of its features and the Company indemnifies the Carriers against any claim, action, loss or damage which may be made against the Carriers or which the Carriers may incur as a result of any misdescription or misleading information contained in this itinerary. The passenger tickets in use by the Carriers when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the Carriers and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers using these tickets.
17. Land Content **DOES NOT INCLUDE TRANSFERS** to departure/return points nor additional accommodation (pre or post tour). Passengers electing to take Land Content only or who require an altered itinerary are required to arrange their own transfers at the commencement and completion of the tour.

**Tour Price and Duration:** All prices in this itinerary are quoted in Australian currency and include tour preparation, operation and marketing costs. All prices in this itinerary are current at time of printing but are subject to change without notice. Due to currency fluctuations it may be necessary to make a surcharge on the price of your tour. The number of days duration stated in the itinerary includes day of departure and day of return.

**Included in your Fare:** Airfares (not included in "Land Content Only" fares), all coach travel, transfers, services of Tour Director, meals, accommodation sightseeing and admissions (as indicated in the itinerary).

**NOT Included in your Fare:** Travel Insurance, airport taxes, meals (except where specified), drinks, laundry, passport fees, and items of a personal nature. Changes to flight schedules may require additional overnight accommodation at either commencement or completion of tour, which is at passenger's own expense.

**Travel Documents:** Australian and New Zealand passport holders do not require a visa to travel to Canada, however if you wish to extend into the USA you will require a visa. Passengers must have a valid Passport (with 6 months validity from return date), and a valid return air ticket.

CANCELLATION FEES:	Days of Notice	Fee per person
	120 and over	full refund
	75 to 120	10%
	46 to 74	25%
	45 or less	100%

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