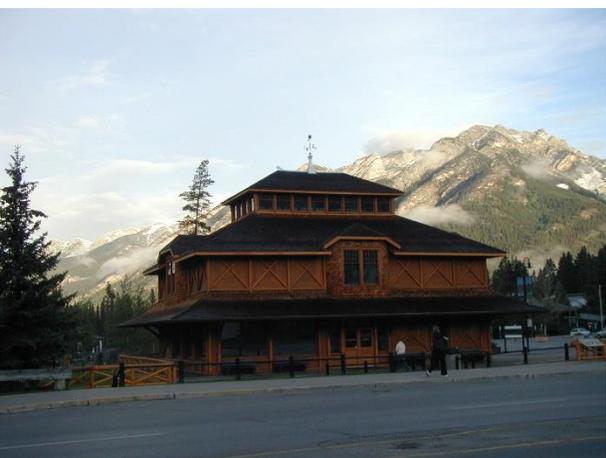


Sherry & John's Canadian Rockies Trip - September 2010
Self-drive tour: Calgary-Banff-Fairmont Chateau on Lake Louise-Jasper



We drive around beautiful emerald green (glacial) lakes in Jasper, Alberta (Peyton, Hector, Herbert, & Bow Lakes). Beautiful snow-capped mountains surround us. Soaring peaks & fast flowing streams. Bow River & Bow Falls in Banff.



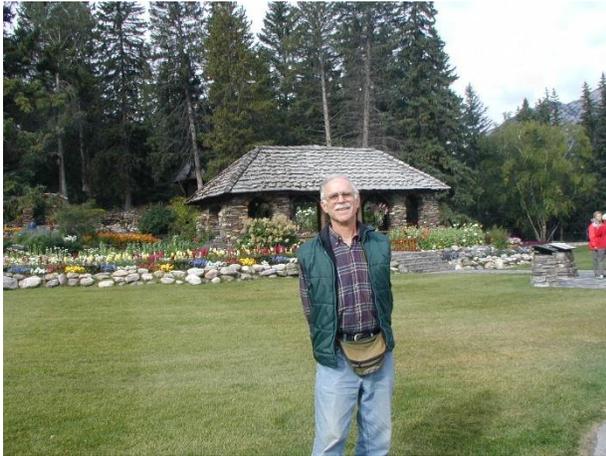
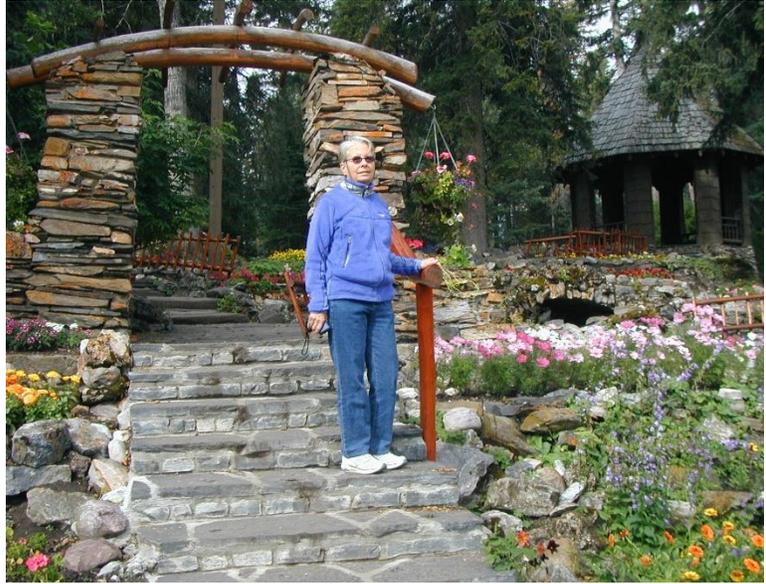


Downtown Banff with its very European feel. Banff Park Museum (above) with many stuffed birds & other animals. Pow Wow of the Nakoda Indians on the road from Calgary to Banff.



Costumes represent different dances. Below, mom is passing on the dance tradition to her child.

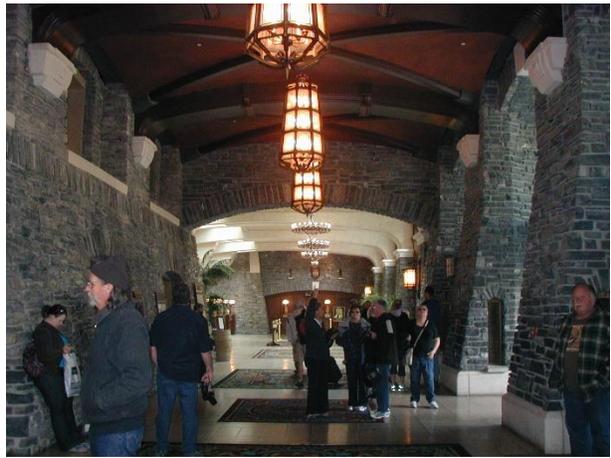




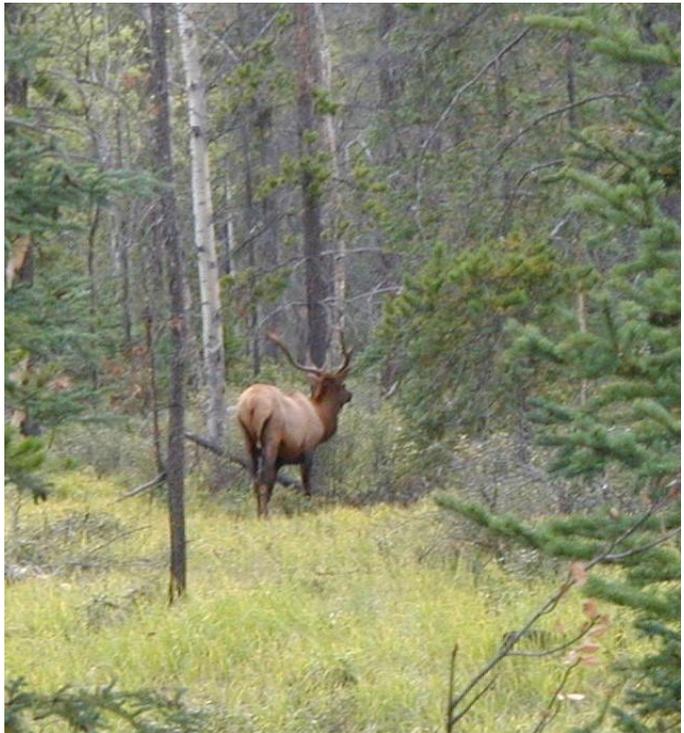
A beautiful walk through Cascade Gardens in Banff. Bright, brilliant flowers in the shadows of the Canadian Rockies. Below, the gondola trip up Sulphur Mountain to the top of Sanson Peak and the Observatory where we capture beautiful views of Banff nestled in the valley on the Bow River. Mr. Sanson made over a 1000 trips in his life time to gather meteorological data.



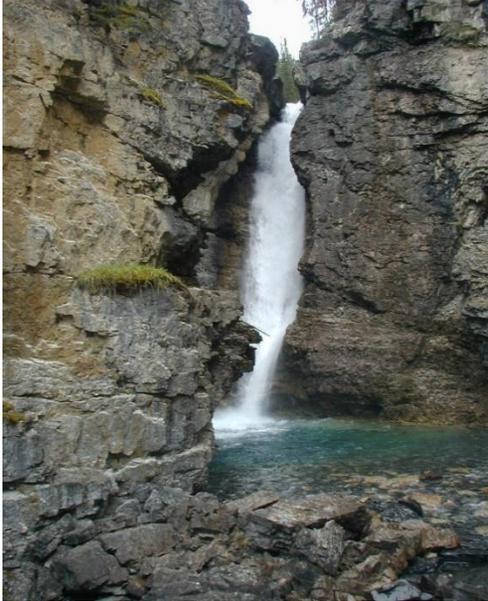
Photos on following pages: Fireweed. Lake Minnewaka near Banff. Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. The bridge in the movie, River of No Return, with Robert Mitchum and Marilyn Monroe kissing on the bridge. Castle Mountain overlooking the highway.



Athabasca Falls on the Athabasca River. Black bear eating berries. Lower & Upper Falls of Johnston Canyon. Our first elk.



Maligne Lake & Canyon. We walk the Mary Schaffer Loop. Herd of elk watched over by the stag as we approach Jasper.





The Astoria Hotel in downtown Jasper. Railroads are a major means of transportation. Like in the USA, luxury hotels were built by the railroads. The Jasper Lutheran Church, originally constructed in 1924 by the Catholic Church and named Our Lady of Lourdes, was purchased by the Lutherans in 1967. Unfortunately, it closed in 2022. The JLC board received five proposals from organizations in the community, but in the end, they chose the local Baptist Church and Kurios – a non-profit organization that works in conjunction with the congregation to offer students a gap-year program – as the beneficiary of the properties.





Alpine Village just outside Jasper. Two nights here and two at the Astoria in town. A stag passes by our porch followed by one of his mates in heat. We heard the stag through the night. Jasper tramway rising to its terminal up the north face of the Whistlers. John sitting at the summit at 8,104 feet. The town of Jasper stretched out below on the Athabasca River.





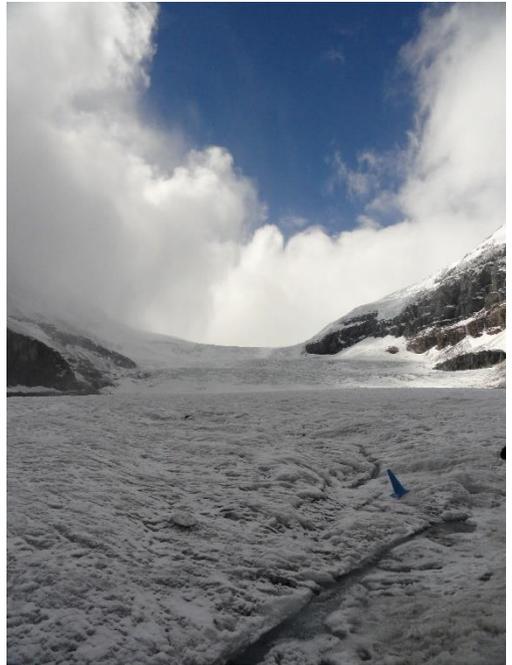
Jasper Park Lodge built 1921 by the Canadian Railroad. Lakes Annette and Edith Cavell. Edith, a British nurse, executed for helping prisoners of war in German-occupied Belgium in WWI. Also on the road we saw a sign for "Ukrainian Internment Camp 1916."



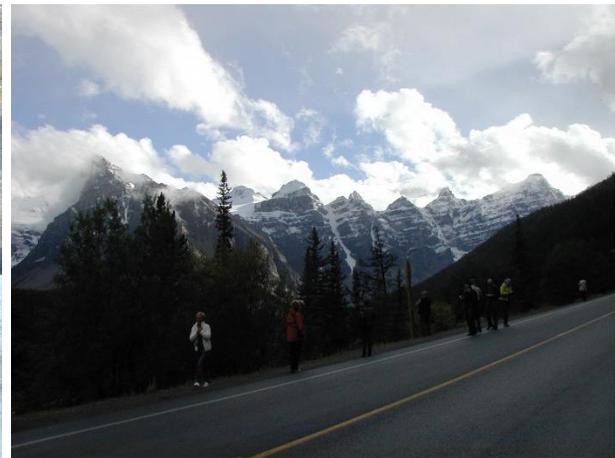
Horseback riding and lunch on the lake. Angel's crater with cairn and frequent mini avalanches.



Above – Pyramid Lake and Sunwapta Falls on Road south from Jasper to Lake Louise.



325-square-kilometer Columbia Icefields on the 235 kilometer Icefields Parkway from Lake Louise to Jasper. 23 of the busses above built by the aerospace Canadian firm Bombardier, one of which is being used by the U.S. in Antarctica.



As technology changes, three iterations over several decades of transportation on the Columbia Icefields. 10 peaks as we approach Moraine Lake on which Sherry is seated. Lake Louise with its rich emerald color & reflection





Flora & fauna on the shores of Lake Louise. Our Paradise Lodge where Sherry awaits. The gondola rises from the Lodge of Ten Peaks. Canadian Pacific Railroad.





A store in Canmore. Also, the Ralph Connor Memorial United Church (1891). In Yoho National Park are Takakkaw Falls and the Natural Bridge. Below are beautiful yellow flowers and the luxurious Fairmont Chateau on Lake Louise.

