

CULTURAL WALKING TOUR

Glacier National Park

Going-to-the-Sun Road, Many Glacier & the Highline Trail

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Inside America's Most Beloved Park

There's so much to experience in Glacier National Park that most visitors never even imagine. They drive through and snap some photos. The fanatics strap on heavy backpacks to escape the crowds. But Classic Journeys can show you the intense grandeur and deep solitude of this treasure in unique style. On easy-going walks carefully chosen so you can glory in wildlife and wildflowers. You'll touch and appreciate Glacier as few people do with a perfect mix of outdoor activity and perfectly located lodgings at the end of every exhilarating day.

The Classic Journeys Difference

- ACTIVE HIKING & WALKING
- LOCAL WELL-CONNECTED GUIDES
- PREMIERE HOTELS
- FOODIE FOCUSED
- HANDCRAFTED TRIP DESIGN
- MORE IS INCLUDED

What's Included

- All breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

Above & Beyond Benefits

→ PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS

One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.

→ INVISIBLE CHECK-IN

When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately. No waiting – no tipping.

Terrain

Easy to moderate on good trails and paths. At your option, up to 2 to 4 hours of walking per day.

CLASSIC JOURNEYS ITINERARIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO SLIGHT CHANGES, HOTEL SUBSTITUTIONS, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS.

DAY 1 »

Whitefish

Meet in Whitefish, a quaint western town just outside the Glacier National Park boundaries. Nestled in the Rocky Mountains and surrounded on three sides by stunningly picturesque mountain peaks, Whitefish has retained the warm, friendly charm of its bygone railroading days.

Minutes from here, board the gondola that carries you to the summit of Big Mountain for a walk with cinematic views of the peaks in Glacier, the Flathead Valley and Whitefish Lake below.

MEALS: D

OVERNIGHT: WHITEFISH

DAY 2 »

Whitefish to West Glacier

This morning you'll join your guide for a cinematic nature walk that takes you along a forested footpath with trees over 500 years old. Your invigorating creekside walk leads you over a footbridge that crosses McDonald Creek, under towering red cedars, and ends at a private waterside picnic. Have your camera ready for the likely chance to see the wildlife, especially mule deer, as they move through their habitat along the riverbanks. Continue taking in the beautiful views along Trail of the Cedars, where you can marvel at the area's natural unspoiled beauty, including the lush green ferns and mosses on the forest floor.

On your walk, you are accompanied by one of our friends, Jack, a member of the Blackfeet Nation and a purveyor of stories and music that describe his culture and history. You'll learn about the plants and animals that have impacted this 10,000-year-old nation that once spanned eastern Montana and parts of Canada. Enjoy listening to his local expertise and fascinating insight before heading to your perfectly-sited accommodations at Glacier National Park.

MEALS: B, L, D

OVERNIGHT: WEST GLACIER

DAY 3 »

Highline Trail

After breakfast, we are off for a day of America's most spectacular scenery on Glacier's Highline Trail. We'll be walking in a pristine alpine environment with larkspur, Indian Paintbrush and bright blue forget-me-nots in the foreground and a backdrop of majestic peaks. All along the way, we'll be on the lookout for bighorn sheep, mountain goats and the marmots that are often seen here. As the broad, carefully improved trail traces the slopes, the awesome views are utterly unobstructed. At Haystack Butte, we'll stretch out for a picnic lunch with appetites sharpened by the incredible, crisp air.

At the end of this unforgettable walk, we drive back to our lodge for a rest and a leisurely dinner.

MEALS: B, L

OVERNIGHT: WEST GLACIER

DAY 4 »

Going-to-the-Sun Road

Going-to-the-Sun Road is one of America's greatest scenic (and engineering) treasures. If you were driving yourself, it would be strictly eyes-on-the-road, but our experienced driver guide frees you up to soak in the amazing views. En route, we'll stop at Sun Point, a promontory with excellent views of the lake and mountains. From Sun Point, we embark along a footpath that offers everything an explorer in Glacier Park can want to see in an easy-going walk—spectacular vistas of the glacial lake, three magnificent waterfalls (Baring, St. Mary and Virginia Falls) and lovely wooded areas. We'll picnic at Virginia Falls before continuing back to West

Glacier and on to Whitefish, keeping our eyes sharp for the abundance of elk and deer that make their homes in this area.

Later, we continue to St. Mary. Located in East Glacier, it provides us great access to incredible scenery and a variety of explorations around St. Mary Lake and the nearby Many Glacier area. After dinner, you may want to slip on a jacket and head outdoors to enjoy some spectacular stargazing under the enormous Montana sky.

MEALS: B, L, D

OVERNIGHT: ST. MARY

DAY 5 »

Many Glacier

After a hearty breakfast, we head to Swiftcurrent Lake in the Many Glacier Valley. Since the turn of the century, this area has been known as "America's Little Switzerland", and the railroad barons who owned the Great Northern Railway spared no expense when they built the lodges, trails and lake steamers that provided the classic luxury travelers from the East were accustomed to in the early 1900's. A luxury vacation included every sort of transportation available in that day. Travelers rode out from the East on the Great Northern train, rode horseback throughout the park, stayed at the spectacular chalets and lodges, and took tours on the lake steamers. To this day, the wooden boats remain an integral part of the Glacier Park experience.

Boarding one of the historic wooden boats, we cruise the Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes to a beautiful hike that takes us through spruce and fir forests. Throughout the day we keep watch for moose, bald eagles and mountain goats that make their homes here. Also as we walk, our guide tells us of the park's history and how, under pressure from miners who came looking for copper and gold, the mountains east of the Continental Divide were acquired in 1895 from the Blackfeet Indian tribes. The miners hoped to strike it rich, but no large copper or gold deposits were ever located.

Later in the afternoon, we return to St. Mary Village.

MEALS: B, L, D

OVERNIGHT: ST. MARY

DAY 6 »

Two Medicine Lake

After breakfast we head south together to walk scenic Two Medicine Lake. A gentle hike leads to Aster Park, located in a picturesque setting among impressive red peaks. Along the way, we pass through fields of Brown-eyed Susan and other wildflowers. This area is also the point where the plains begin to rise into the mountains of Glacier Park, and the broad meadows that we pass make great homes for the moose we often spot on our walks here.

Our time together ends with a transfer back to Whitefish.

MEALS: B, L

Tour Hotels



Lodge At Whitefish Lake

Inspired by the grand lodges of the past, the four diamond resort is surrounded by mountains with Whitefish Lake at its back door. Studio suites feature a gas stone fireplace and signature bathrooms with soaking tub and slate tile shower.

NIGHTS: 1 nights



Belton Chalet

Built in 1910 as Glacier's first railway hotel, this lodge is rich in history. It's beautifully restored Arts & Crafts style blends rusticity with convenience. Gardens surround the lodge, and the covered porch is the perfect spot to watch a sunset.

NIGHTS: 2 nights



St. Mary Village

This mountain resort sits on the edge of Glacier National Park. Guest rooms are rustically furnished and feature mountain views. This lodge is accessible to all park activities and offers complimentary Wi-Fi in public areas.

NIGHTS: 2 nights

Arrival & Departure

→ ARRIVAL DETAILS

START LOCATION: **Lobby of Lodge at Whitefish Lake**
START CITY: **Whitefish**
START TIME: **2:00 PM**

→ DEPARTURE DETAILS

END LOCATION: **The Lodge at Whitefish Lake**
END CITY: **Whitefish**
END TIME: **2:30 PM**