

JASPER

NATIONAL

PARK

IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES



MALIGNE LAKE

Nature's Masterpiece, a challenge to the artist and the poet—an inspiration to mere mortals. Called "the most beautiful lake in the world"—towering peaks rise sheer from its gleaming surface to catch the rays of the setting sun and lose themselves in the clouds.



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If Karl Baedeker set out to do full justice to Jasper National Park, he would have to scatter a bushel of stars through the pages of his guide book.

It is something that Jasper is the largest national park in America. But mere size is not a virtue. The thing that counts is what makes up these 4,200 square miles, and Jasper has quality as well as quantity. High peaks bound by snow and ice the year round, magnificent and inspiring, to be admired from below (except by hardy alpinists); lesser mountains that invite hikers and riders to their skyline trails; wide spreading valleys, turbulent rivers and waterfalls, sparkling lakes, forests and rocky slopes where wild animals are hunted only by the camera—these make up the physiognomy of Jasper.

To the natural beauty and wonder of the Rockies man has brought his ingenuity. He has traversed the park with a railway that brings thousands of visitors every year from east and west. He has set up a modern hotel—Jasper Park Lodge—that for all its city comfort, catering to more than 600 guests, is not at outs with its surroundings. He has added to it a championship golf course, one of the finest in the world; tennis courts, an open-air swimming pool. He has cut trails for hikers and pony riders and laid out proud roads.

These highways lead to the foot of gorgeous Pyramid Mountain, to Maligne Canyon, to Punch Bowl Falls, to the ice on the slope of Mount Edith Cavell—The Angel Glacier—to the Miette Hot Springs, Sunwapta Falls, and even as far as the Columbia Icefield, in the heart of some of the most thrilling scenery this side of the moon.

The Columbia Icefield—"Mother of Rivers," for here are born rivers that run down the continent to three oceans—will be new to many tourists. Until the highway was opened recently, it was accessible only to travellers by pack train. This highway leads from Jasper through 75 miles of spectacular mountain scenery to within 200 yards of the foot of the Athabaska Glacier and discloses a vast amphitheatre rimmed by ice capped mountains—the largest glacial field close to civilization in the world.

Maligne Lake still holds its own as one of the wonders of the world and every year hundreds of visitors at Jasper Park Lodge seek it out by motor car, boat and horseback, to fish in waters that teem with speckled trout or to gaze in awe at its mountain-ringed glory.

A little west of Jasper, close to the railroad line, stands superb Mount Robson, loftiest peak in the Canadian Rockies, in itself worthy of a handful of Baedeker's stars.

From Jasper you have two routes to the Pacific Coast. You may strike northward and along the fabulous Skeena River, with its totem poles and other relics of Indian history, down to Prince Rupert. Or you may go southward through the Thompson and Fraser Valleys to Vancouver.

You may embark at either port for Alaska—"Alaskak," as the Aleuts called it, "The Great Country"—the Land of the Midnight Sun. Palatial Canadian National steamers carry you smoothly along a sheltered passage to this land of romance. They thread their way between picturesque islands, past pine-clad capes, past mountains and fjords and glaciers, with a special visit to the queen of Alaska glaciers, resplendent Taku. Calling at Ketchikan, Wrangell, Sitka and Juneau, ports with colorful past and enterprising present, they come to rest at Skagway, forever to be associated with the dash for gold in '98.

While the steamer waits, many tourists go by railway through the White Pass into the Yukon. There are delightful short trips to Bennett and West Taku Arm and, most romantic of all, the journey to Whitehorse.

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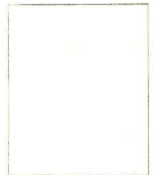
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