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THE WORLD'S FINEST WALKING TOURS

## Glacier National Park

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



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*Classic Journeys  
provides unbeatable  
access to experiences  
around the globe.”*

TRAVEL + LEISURE

## 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.



DAY 1 »

## Whitefish

- Explore the historic town of Whitefish
- Ride a scenic gondola to the top of Big Mountain

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

- Enjoy a scenic walk with excellent wildlife viewing opportunities
- Visit with a member of the Blackfeet Indian Tribe

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 the west gate of Glacier National Park.

MEALS: B, L, D                    OVERNIGHT: WEST GLACIER

DAY 3 »

## Highline Trail

- Walk on the region's most spectacular trail
- Picnic lunch overlooking the Continental Divide

After breakfast, you are off for a day of America's most spectacular scenery on Glacier's Highline Trail. You'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, you'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, stretch out for a picnic lunch with appetites sharpened by the incredible, crisp air.

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

MEALS: B, L                    OVERNIGHT: WEST GLACIER

DAY 4 »

## Going-to-the-Sun Road

- Explore the scenic Going-to-the-Sun Road
- Stroll along a nature trail and a walk to three waterfalls

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, 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. You'll picnic at Virginia Falls, keeping your eyes sharp for the abundance of elk and deer that make their homes in this area.

Later, continue on to East Glacier to enjoy the 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

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DAY 5 »

## Many Glacier

- Cruise along a lake on a historic wooden boat
- Walk with stunning views of receding glaciers, as well as moose, bald eagles and mountain goats

After a hearty breakfast, 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, cruise the Swiftcurrent and Josephine Lakes to a beautiful hike that takes you through spruce and fir forests. Throughout the day, keep watch for moose, bald eagles and mountain goats that make their homes here. Also, as you walk, our guide shares 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, return to St. Mary Village for dinner and downtime.

MEALS: B, L, D      OVERNIGHT: ST. MARY

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DAY 6 »

## Two Medicine Lake

- Walk along Two Medicine Lake
- Transfer back to Whitefish and part company

After breakfast, head south together to walk scenic Two Medicine Lake. A gentle, mostly flat trail leads us through quiet forest and open meadows to Running Eagle Falls, a unique waterfall that appears to pour straight out of a rock wall during late summer. Also known as "Trick Falls," this spot is named after a legendary Blackfeet woman warrior, and it's rich with cultural and natural significance. Along the way, we pass fields of Brown-eyed Susan and other wildflowers, and keep an eye out for moose that often browse in the nearby wetlands. This is also where the sweeping plains begin to rise into the rugged mountains of Glacier Park, making it a striking transition zone full of beauty and wildlife.

Our time together ends with a transfer back to Whitefish, where you'll part company.

MEALS: B,L

## Tour Hotels



### [Whitefish Riverfront Hotel](#)

The Whitefish Riverfront Hotel offers the perfect blend of comfort and adventure near downtown Whitefish. Wake up to the beauty of Montana, soaking up the river views from your balcony room and relaxing in the heated pool at this riverside retreat.

**NIGHTS:** 1 nights



### [Lake McDonald Lodge](#)

Built in 1913, this historic lodge is perfectly located on the eastern shore of beautiful Lake McDonald. Enjoy the property's charming rustic decor, a cozy room, and warm hospitality during your stay.

**NIGHTS:** 2 nights



### [Many Glacier Hotel](#)

Built by the Great Northern Railway in 1914-15, Many Glacier Hotel is situated on the shores of Swiftcurrent Lake inside Glacier National Park. Outside, awe-inspiring majesty. Inside, a magnificent towering lobby.

**NIGHTS:** 2 nights

## Arrival & Departure

### → ARRIVAL DETAILS

LOCATION: Lobby of Whitefish Riverfront Hotel  
CITY: Whitefish, Montana  
TIME: 2:00 PM

### → DEPARTURE DETAILS

LOCATION: Downtown Whitefish  
CITY: Whitefish, Montana  
TIME: 2:30 PM

## The Classic Journeys Difference

- ▶ CURATED WALKS THAT LEAD TO 'ONLY WITH CLASSIC JOURNEYS' EXPERIENCES
  - Immerse and connect you across cultures as you explore on foot
- ▶ EXCEPTIONAL LOCAL GUIDES
  - Bring authentic experiences to life
- ▶ ENCHANTING ACCOMMODATIONS
  - Where luxury and local mean you feel at home
- ▶ EAT LIKE (& WITH) THE LOCALS
  - Local flavors and time to savor the moments together
- ▶ SMALL GROUPS, GUARANTEED
  - Mean deeper, richer experiences while making friends along the way
- ▶ REGENERATIVE TRAVEL
  - We take strides to preserve cultures, traditions, and nature

## What's Included

- Accommodations for 5 nights
- 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.

## Enhancing Your Journey

We're constantly seeking ways to improve your experience. Count on us to update you with any significant changes before departure. Minor adjustments may be communicated by your guides during the trip to ensure you have the best possible journey.