

# Montana Glacier National Park Hiking Adventure

7 Days



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Glacier National Park — along with its Canadian sister park, Waterton Lakes National Park — offers some of the most dramatic mountain scenery on Earth. Chiseled valleys are blanketed with wildflowers while bottomless lakes mirror soaring peaks. Rolling grasslands stretch to the horizon and a wealth of wildlife, including bighorn sheep and black bears, call these mountains home. Explore some of the parks' most scenic trails, revel in endless vistas, and enjoy the warm hospitality of the American West at characterful lodges.

## Details

Arrive:	Kalispell, Montana
Depart:	Kalispell, Montana
Duration:	7 Days
Group Size:	8-12 Guests
Minimum Age:	14 Years Old
Activity Level:	

# Testimonials

"A prominent reason we have chosen MT Sobek as our favorite adventure travel company has been the excellent travel guides."

Carol & Burt D.

"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."

Dennis G.

## Why Take This Trip With Us?

#### REASON #01

Experience the best of this mountain paradise, with glacial moraines, hanging valleys, alpine tundra, jagged peaks, and permanent snowfields.

#### REASON #02

Follow top-notch guides as they share their passion and indepth knowledge of this remote and expansive alpine region.

#### REASON #03

Cross the border and enjoy Glacier's sister park, Canada's Waterton Lakes National Park; few itineraries get you to both parks!

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#### ACTIVITIES

Moderate to strenuous hiking on rocky paths, covering 6 to 9 miles per day at 1,500' to 8,850' elevation. Exciting paddling on Class I to Class III whitewater rapids, fun for beginners and



What to Expect

#### LODGING

Modern and historic threestar lodges with comfortable accommodations and excellent amenities in five-star alpine settings.



#### CLIMATE

Expect sunny days in June, July, and August with temps in the 60s to 80s; nighttime temperatures can drop into the 40s. Always be prepared for rain showers.

### **Meet Our Guides**

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

For over 20 years, Khriss has been leading adventure tours across the US and Canada. Patient and enthusiastic, he enjoys showing others the awe-inspiring natural world as much as he loves discovering its wonders for himself. As a Southwest expert, keen adventurer, and historian, Khriss is a great storyteller who loves spending evenings around the campfire or dinner table sharing travel tales and making new friends.

#### **Khriss Urban**

Never without his old battered hat, given to him by his grandfather, Joel Clark has an addiction to the wide open spaces of the West. He has hiked the Pacific Crest Trail, the Continental Divide Trail, the Appalachian Trail, and charted his own cross-country trek across the Mojave Desert totaling some 8,000 miles. Joel is an experienced guide, leading adventure tours and horse riding expeditions through the canyon lands of Southern Utah for nearly 10 years. When he gets out his guitar around the campfire, bring a handkerchief because you're going to hear some soulful old cowboy songs.

#### **Joel Clark**

# Itinerary

#### DAY 1 ARRIVE IN KALISPELL, MONTANA

Meet your guide at Kalispell airport in time for a group transfer to your hotel. Gather with your guide and fellow adventurers this evening for a welcome orientation and dinner.

Meals: D

#### DAY 2 HIKE WEST GLACIER & RAFT THE FLATHEAD RIVER

Embark on your first Glacier hike this morning, soaking in the spectacular scenery on a 4-6 mile hike with moderate elevation gain. This afternoon you will experience Glacier National Park's wild and scenic border river while whitewater rafting on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River, featuring nine sets of rapids. Along the way you will also learn more about the neighboring Bob Marshall Wilderness complex, the flora and fauna of the area, and the river ecology.

Activity: 4-6 miles hiking with 800' elevation gain/3 hours rafting Class I-III rapids

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 3 TREK TO GRINNELL GLACIER

Spend the day immersed in the beauty of the iconic Many Glacier valley, often referred to as the 'Switzerland of North America.' Soak in the alpine scenery as you start your trek to Grinnell Glacier, one of the most spectacular hikes in the park. You will be rewarded with views of glacial lakes and crystalline cascading waterfalls with stunning vistas of the surrounding peaks. At the trail's end, enjoy the view of massive Grinnell Glacier and the milky turquoise Grinnell Lake, which is formed from the glacier's melt, along with two smaller glaciers above Grinnell: Salamander and Gem.

Activity: 5-7 hours/8.9 miles hiking with 1,600' elevation gain

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 4 HIKE TWO MEDICINE VALLEY & WATERTON LAKES NATIONAL PARK, CANADA

Depart early to explore Two Medicine Valley, which is located along the southeastern edge of the park and shared with the neighboring Blackfeet Nation. Learn why this area is considered sacred by the Blackfeet as you hike along the shore of Two Medicine Lake and past the iconic Mt. Sinopah. Mid-afternoon, drive north and cross the border into Canada. Check into your beautiful mountain lodge, situated on the edge of Upper Waterton Lake.

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Activity: 4-5 hours/7 miles hiking with 700' elevation gain

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#### DAY 5 HIKE WATERTON LAKE AREA

Embark on a hike around Bertha Lake today, offering stunning alpine vistas along the way. Begin with a gentle ascent to Lower Bertha Falls. Enjoy the view of the lake and surrounding area, then embark on switchbacks to Upper Bertha Falls, and then to Bertha Lake for a 2.5-mile loop around the aquamarine waters. After returning to your hotel this afternoon, you will have free time to enjoy the view at your leisure.

Activity: 5-7 hours / 7 miles hiking with 1,500' elevation gain

Meals: B, L

#### DAY 6 EXPERIENCE GOING-TO-THE-SUN ROAD & FOLLOW ALPINE

Check out and start your travel west via Going-to-the-Sun Road, one of the most celebrated roads in the U.S. An engineering marvel, the road took 35 years to complete. Marvel at the spine-tingling scenery and stop at Logan Pass (6,646'), atop the Continental Divide. Break at Logan Pass for a pretty alpine hike to Hidden Lake Overlook or along Highline Trail (depending on the group's ability). Check in to Whitefish Lake Lodge for the evening and gather with your guide and fellow adventurers for a farewell dinner.

Activity: 3-4 hours / 3-5-miles hiking with 200'-400' elevation gain

Meals: B, L, D

#### DAY 7 DEPART KALISPELL

Following breakfast at the hotel, take a 30-minute transfer to the airport and depart.

Meals: B

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### Dates

Jul 5 - 11, 2022

Aug 16 - 22, 2022

Aug 23 - 29, 2022

Sep 13 - 19, 2022

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# **Inclusions & Exclusions**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information

Private guided tours at historic sites, museums,

- wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and porterage

#### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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