

Adventures on the Rocky Mountaineer and Alaska Cruise – July 2019 Part 3 – driving from Banff to Jasper on the Icefields Parkway

Saturday:

Today's journey on the coach would take us from Banff to Jasper, along one of the top 10 scenic roads in the world, the Icefield Parkway.

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driving from Banff to Jasper on the
We left the hotel at 09:20 and waved good-
Icefields Parkway
bye to Banff, which had completely stole our
hearts. Our first stop of the day was Peyto
Lake- a glacial lake at the highest point of
the Icefield Parkway.



Again, the glacial rock flour gives the lake a wonderful turquoise colour, and the view-point is higher than the lake, which means you're looking down onto the lake with huge mountains as a backdrop.

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It's utterly breathtaking and Keith even goes as far as saying it's his favourite one so far.

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After this we continued along the Icefield
Icefields Parkway
Parkway, marvelling at the scenery and on
the constant lookout for bears and eagles!

Having a driver makes it very relaxing.



We stopped for lunch before continuing on to

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driving from Banff to Jasper on the
the Athabasca Glacier for our next stop. The
Icefields Parkway
majority of the group had taken the opportunity to book onto the SnoCoach tour. The Sno Coach is a huge vehicle designed to drive on-to the glacier. The tyres are Huge and cost €4000 each! It's a bumpy but exciting ride down to the glacier but accompanied by entertaining and lively guides- offering plenty of interesting commentary to distract us that we are bumping along!

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Once on the glacier we had around 30 min-
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utes to walk on the glacier itself! Wow this
was absolutely FANTASTIC! What an opportu-
nity!



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We got hundreds of pictures and despite it
Icefields Parkway
being busy, found an area to ourselves to
take it all in. It was absolutely ASTOUNDING
to think that underneath our feet was
enough ice to cover the Eiffel Tower. Above
our heads, the large ridges that towered
above us would have been full of ice just 100
years ago. It really brings it home to us how
our planet is getting warmer. It's been
suggested that in around 50 years this entire
glacier will be gone which is staggering.

Our visit was tremendous and something
which I'll never forget.

Our next stop was the Athabasca Falls, which
was a scenic spot to take some photos be-
fore heading into Jasper to find our hotel.

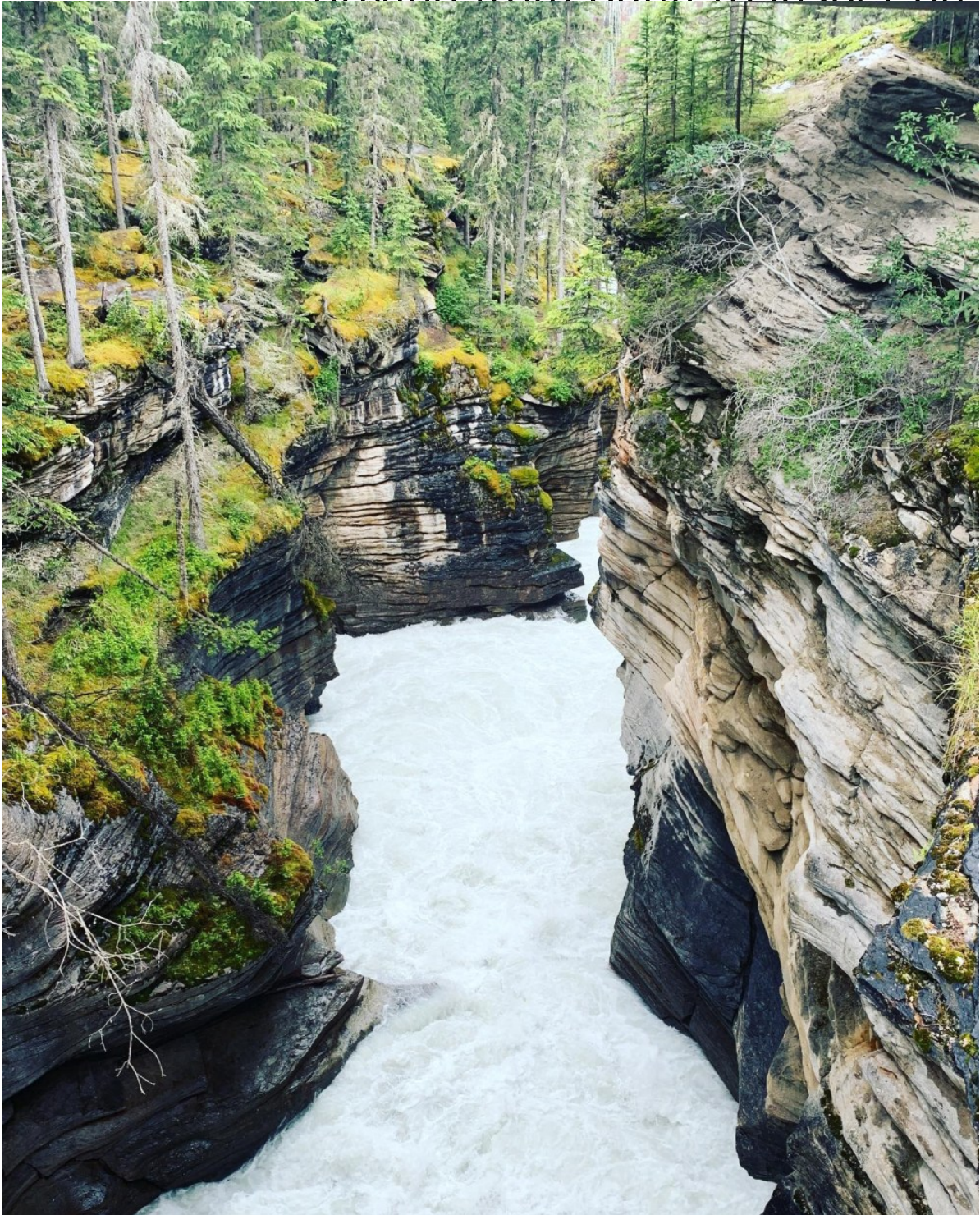
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Today had been epic and to be honest, I'd got-
Icefields Parkway
ten quite tired! After a quick happy hour cock-
tail, I could have been convinced to stay lo-
cal for dinner, but luckily, Keefy convinced
me otherwise so we made the 15 minute
walk into town.

Dinner was at the Inn Grill which was right by
our hotel, The Chateau Jasper, and we opted
for steak and ribs which were lovely.

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We walked it off into town, and saw our train
Icefields Parkway
for tomorrow, the mighty Rocky Mountaineer.
We were able to get a number of photos be-
fore having a beer at Jasper Brewing Com-
pany, at which point the wall of tiredness hit
me so we made our way back.



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A fabulous day!

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