



Tour of Alberta

August 10 – 22, 2008

Approx. Cost: \$2,100

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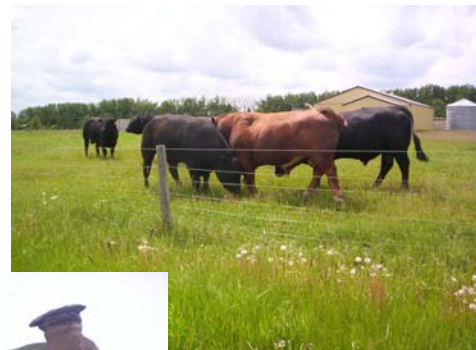
Introduction



This exciting trip to Alberta will expose you to the wealth, diversity and culture that can be found in Western Canada. You will have the chance to touch the sky, live in the past, peak into the future, commune with nature, and get caught-up in the hustle and bustle of Calgary, a modern large city in a province that is booming with an active oil industry. The focus of this trip will be on Agriculture and Natural Resource Management with visits to modern farms, agricultural industries, National and Provincial Parks, cultural museums and historic sites; and we will also visit rural towns and urban cities to give students and other participants a good exposure to life in western Canada.

Itinerary

We will arrive in Calgary, Alberta Canada on August 10th and travel to Olds, Alberta where we will stay at Olds College. While at Olds, we will visit the college, which is focused on agriculture. We will then tour two modern farms focused on animal production and agronomy. This will expose you to animals, plants and management techniques common to the region. A tour of the area will also expose you to the regional prairie landscape, and we will stop at the Tyrell Museum of Paleontology nestled in the banks of the Red river badlands, near Drumheller, AB.



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Itinerary (continued)

The next stage of the trip will involve a tour of a state of the art biofuels plant producing ethanol, a commodity that is having a large impact on agricultural production practices and international trade.



After the biofuels plant tour, we will head west into the provincial forest and eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Here we will stop in Nordegg, AB for a forest industry tour and learn about Provincial forest management and fire control. We will also discuss wildlife management in forests managed by the Alberta government. After our stay in Nordegg, we will enter Banff and Jasper National Parks spending three days at the Columbia Ice Fields, Banff town site and interacting with Park Rangers in an educational program focused on National Park Management.

Our tour then travels south from Banff, again through provincial forest areas including Kananaskis Country (a multi-use recreational forest area on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains). As we move south, we will stop at historic Bar U Ranch, visit the Pincher Creek area where there is a modern wind power farm and then back into the more populated areas around Fort Macleod and Lethbridge. Tours of Buffalo Jump National Historic Site and the Agriculture Canada Research Station will give glimpses into our cultural past and leading edge agricultural research including research related to biosecurity and bioterrorism.

We will wind up our tour with a stay in Calgary, a modern, active city that is thriving in an oil industry boom. Calgary has been host to the winter Olympics, is close to Spruce Meadows, a world class equestrian center. It has all the amenities of a large city and there will be time for shopping, site-seeing etc.

Funding Opportunities

Students can offset the cost of this trip by applying for travel scholarships (up to \$500) through SGA and may receive \$600 from a Canadian Government Grant.

Course Credit Opportunities

You may receive up to 3 hours of course credit in Agricultural and Natural Resources (see faculty) and credit is also available towards courses taken for the Canadian Studies Minor.

More Information

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