

# Great Divide **Nature** Interpretation

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## Interpretive Hikes and Walks Summer 2012 Information for resellers

### Season

June 1 to Sept 30 (options may be limited in the early and late parts of the season)

### Group Size

**Regular hikes:** maximum of 8 people.

**Private hikes:** maximum of 12 people per guide. Up to 2 guides are available.

Lake O'Hara is different - please see our O'Hara information sheet.

### Children

Children younger than age 6 are not accepted on regular hikes, but can be accommodated on private hikes.

### Regular Hikes

The first client to book sets the trip length, difficulty and destination for the day. Other clients can choose to join a trip already set up or choose a trip of their own on days still available.

If you book a regular hike, we must determine which hike will be done in order to sell it to other participants. The most important information for us is the **fitness level and particular interests** of your clients (see below). Once we know these, we can choose a trail for the day and let you know what it will be. Our choice will be based on client information and seasonal highlights.

### Private Hikes

We can take private bookings on available days. We will contact the clients the night before to discuss and choose the best trail for them.

Two kinds of private hikes, however, must be **decided in advance**: Special Theme hikes and hikes to Lake O'Hara. Please refer to the specific sheets that outline these trips.

Theme hikes might appeal to certain enthusiasts and a Lake O'Hara hike is likely to be an exceptional experience for people who are avid hikers.

**Experiences** YOU WON'T FIND IN ANY GUIDEBOOK

### Meeting Time and Place for Regular Hikes

9 am Lake Louise Visitor Centre Front Door. The visitor centre is located in the village of Lake Louise. Directions will be provided in our email confirmation.

### Meeting Time and Place for Private Hikes

We meet clients in the lobby of their hotel (or other agreed upon location )at the time of their choosing.

### Cancellations

Cancellation fees will vary with circumstances. O'Hara bus fees are always non-refundable.

### Prices

15% commission applicable. We invoice you at the end of the month in which the event takes place, or whatever works with your system.

The 5% Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be added to the prices below. Payment can also be made in U.S. dollars at current exchange rates.

A portion of our profits is donated to wildlife conservation and research.

### Regular Hikes

Our regular hikes are open to individuals, couples and families.

Half Day	\$64 / adult	\$44 / child 6-16
Full Day	\$89 / adult	\$59 / child 6-16

### Private Hikes

Other clients cannot join a private hike.

For Fondue with a View (full day hikes only), add \$25 per person.

#### Half Day

1-2 people	\$250 for the group
3-5 people	\$325 for the group
6+ people	\$59 per person

#### Full Day

1-2 people	\$350 for the group
3-5 people	\$450 for the group
6+ people	\$79 per person

### Event Details to Go Over with Client

Transportation is not provided. People should bring their rental cars. **Make this a selling point:** it allows them maximum flexibility to explore at the end of the trip.

Weather is highly variable in the mountains and can range from summer to winter-like conditions in all seasons. Clients should dress in layers. Please have them bring:

- sturdy footwear, with good grip
- winter hat & gloves or mitts (a must in all seasons)
- sun screen & sunhat
- water & a snack or lunch
- rain gear (pants & jacket)

Some extra equipment is available: clothing, hiking poles and packs.

### Safety Details

Hikes are on established trails only, but natural terrain can pose unforeseen risks.

A waiver must be signed by all participants. It is not a formality. By signing the waiver, participants give up the right to sue. Please call us with questions.

The guide has the right to refuse a client that he/she feels is not able to make the trip safely.

### How to make a Booking

We will need to know all of the following things:

- Requested date(s).
- Type of hike:
  - Half day or full day?
  - Regular or private?
  - Fondue with a View? - full day private only
  - Special Theme hike? - full day private only
- Start time:
  - If half day regular, 9 am or 1 pm start?
  - If private, desired start time?
- Client names, ages and fitness levels.
- Particular interests?
- Where are they staying the night before the event?
- What are their transportation arrangements?
- What level of hike difficulty would they like? Half days will have shorter distances, but fall within these elevation ranges:

#### **Walk**

- Up to 6 km (4 mi), flat or almost flat. Half days only.

#### **Easy Hike**

- Up to 12 km (7.5 miles) and less than 1000 ft (305 m) elevation gain.

#### **Moderate Hike**

- Up to 15 km (9.5 miles) and 1000-1800 ft (305-549 m) elevation gain.

#### **Difficult Hike**

- Longer than 15 km (9.5 miles) and/or over 1800 ft (549 m) elevation gain. People must be very fit to enjoy these.

Once we have all this information, we will email you a final confirmation.

