



Glacier and Montana Adventure: 6 Day Detailed Itinerary

Glacier Moments, Alpine Lakes, Big Sky Nights & Wild Mountain Passes — An Easy-Going Adventure Through Glacier National Park

Airport Information:

Arrival & Departure Airport: Glacier Park International Airport (FCA)

Day 1: Arrivals & Welcome Dinner

Please plan your flights so that you arrive at **Glacier Park International Airport (FCA)** by **5:00 PM**. This gives everyone a comfortable arrival window before we meet in the hotel lobby at **6:15 PM** for our **6:30 PM welcome dinner**.

After dinner, we'll make our way back to the hotel for a restful night before we begin our adventure.

Transportation:

 **Taxi / Uber / Lyft**

Airport  Hotel

Approximate travel time: 20 minutes depending on traffic

Kalispell's airport is small, easy to navigate, and incredibly simple for arrivals. Uber, Lyft, and local taxis all pick up directly outside the terminal, and many travelers choose to schedule their Uber or Lyft rides in advance based on their flight arrival time. Guests will book their own transfer.

Meals included:

 Welcome dinner

 **Accommodation included:** Accommodation in Kalispell (one night - arrival)

Day 2: Glacier's Greatest Hits — Glacier National Park Highlights & A Whitefish Afternoon

Approximate Day Timing: 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM (Exact timing may shift based on wildlife, weather, and road conditions).

Wake up ready for adventure — today we get our first views of Glacier National Park, including the iconic Going-to-the-Sun Road. We'll move through several of Glacier's signature highlights.

Grab breakfast starting at 7:00 AM at our hotel. We will meet in the hotel lobby and depart at 7:30 AM for our Red Bus Tour.

Morning – Red Bus Tour & Going-to-the-Sun Road

- Begin the day with the iconic guided Red Bus Tour through Glacier National Park.
- Key sights include glacier-carved valleys, alpine overlooks, rivers, and major viewpoints along Going-to-the-Sun Road.
- Your Red Bus Tour Guide will provide park history, geology, and wildlife information throughout the drive.

Estimated time: 3.5 hours

Afternoon – Lake McDonald & Apgar Village

Arrive at Lake McDonald for a relaxed lakeside break. Enjoy a picnic lunch at shaded tables near the shoreline, with time for photos of the lake's clear water and colorful pebbles.

After lunch, guests will have free time in Apgar Village. Options include walking the shoreline, visiting local shops, grabbing ice cream or coffee, or renting kayaks to explore the lake (optional, paid individually).

Estimated time: 1 – 2 hours

Afternoon – Whitefish Visit

- Travel to Whitefish, a nearby mountain town known for boutiques, cafés, and local artisans.
- Free time to shop, explore, or relax with a drink.

Estimated time: 2 hours

Evening – Return to Lodging

- Head back to our accommodations outside the park.

Transportation:

 Walking & Activity Level

Glacier

Today's walking is light and broken into short segments throughout the day. Most stops along the Red Bus Tour are located directly at or very close to the pull-outs, with flat, easy paths to viewpoints. Any optional walks are brief, well-maintained, and designed for relaxed exploring.

Expect a mix of:

- Short boardwalk loops
- Easy viewpoint walks
- Frequent stops with plenty of time to rest, take photos, and enjoy the scenery

Approximate total walking time: Minimal. Walks from our vehicle to viewpoints are all under approximately 15 minutes.

 Air-conditioned private vehicle

Accommodations  Glacier

Approximate travel time: one hour each way to reach Glacier

 Air-conditioned shared red bus vehicle

Glacier

Approximate travel time: 3.5 hours

Our Red Bus Tour runs from 9:00 AM to approximately 12:30 PM.

Once inside the park, our day naturally follows a relaxed rhythm of drive + explore + drive, with short scenic stretches between each stop. These internal drives are broken up by frequent viewpoints, boardwalk walks, wildlife sightings, and photo opportunities, making the day feel dynamic rather than long.

 **Meals included:** Breakfast & picnic lunch

 **Accommodation included:** Shared accommodation in Kalispell (4 nights)

Day 3: Scenic Float and Local Spots

Approximate Day Timing: 7:45 AM – 6:00 PM

Morning – Optional Scenic Float

We'll start the day with an optional gentle scenic float along a wide, calm stretch of river. This is a non-technical, no-rapids float where your professional river guide does all the rowing. Guests can sit back, relax, enjoy mountain views, and look for wildlife as the boat moves downstream. It's an easy, comfortable experience designed for fun, photos, and soaking in the scenery.

For guests opting out of the float, you can enjoy a relaxed morning at our accommodations.

Estimated time: 3–4 hours total, including approximately 2 hours on the water.

Afternoon – Lavender Farm Visit (Season Dependent)

Next, we'll stop at a local lavender farm. Guests can browse small batch lavender products, learn about how they're made, and enjoy the calming atmosphere of this locally owned spot. Each guest will receive a take home lavender goodie—something fragrant, packable, and Montana inspired.

Estimated time: 1 hour

Optional Stop – Llama or Alpaca Farm If timing allows, we'll make a brief stop at a nearby llama or alpaca farm. This is a short visit with time for photos and a chance to meet the animals.

Estimated time: 1 hour

Transportation:

 Walking & Activity Level

Walking today is light, with short, easy segments depending on how much you choose to explore during our local stops. The scenic float requires little walking beyond getting in and out of the raft, and the lavender shop visit involves simple, flat walking around the property and browsing the shop.

Approximate total walking time: 30–60 minutes spread across the day (no single walk longer than 10–15 minutes).

 Air-conditioned private vehicle

Accommodations  Scenic Float

Approximate travel time: one hour each way

 Air-conditioned private vehicle

Scenic Float  Farm Visits  Accommodations

Approximate total travel time: one – two hours

 **Meals included:** Breakfast

 **Accommodation included:** Shared accommodation in Kalispell (4 nights)

Day 4: Two Medicine Lake & Glacier's East Side

Approximate Day Timing: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Morning — Two Medicine Lake

Option 1 — Roundtrip Boat Ride (Easy, No Hiking)

Enjoy a relaxed scenic boat ride across Two Medicine Lake. Guests stay on board for the full loop and return to the main dock to relax by the water or head to the general store for great lake views.

- **Time:** ~45 minutes–1 hour
- **Effort:** Very easy
- **Cost (not included):** \$20.85 (roundtrip)

Option 2 — One-Way Boat Ride + Hike Back

Take the boat one way, then hike back to the main dock. This route is a great choice for guests who want a **gentle, scenic hike** without committing to anything strenuous. Here's what they can expect.

- **Twin Falls Route:** ~2.5–3 miles
- **Effort:** Easy to moderate
- **Total estimated time:** ~1.5–2 hours
- **Cost (not included):** \$10.40 (one-way trip)

Terrain & Trail Conditions

- The trail is **well-maintained**, mostly **flat to gently rolling**, with a few short, mild uphill sections.
- Surfaces include packed dirt, small rocks, and occasional roots — typical Glacier terrain but not technical.
- No steep drop-offs or exposed ledges.
- **Easy to moderate** — suitable for most guests with basic walking fitness.

Option 3 — Lakeside Relaxation

Stay near the Two Medicine Picnic Area, which has benches, picnic tables, and easy shoreline access. There's also a small general store with great lake views—perfect for grabbing a coffee and relaxing with a good book while others hike or boat.

- **Effort:** Very easy

Estimated time in Two Medicine: 2-3 hours

Afternoon — Glacier East(Conditions & Time Permitting)

Entering Glacier from the east side, we'll visit stops like St. Mary Lake, the beautiful historic lodge overlooking the park, and nearby gift shops and visitor centers.

We'll make stops for:

- Stunning photo viewpoints
- St. Mary Lake + east-side overlooks
- Visitor centers
- Wildflower pullouts

Evening

Return to our accommodations with time to unwind, enjoy dinner, and prepare for tomorrow's adventures.

Walking & Activity Level

Approximate total walking time: 45–120 minutes throughout the day. This includes short walks around the lake, time spent boarding the boat, and your choice of activity at Two Medicine Lake:

- **Relax & Return by Boat:** Light walking only — generally 45–60 minutes total for the day.
- **Optional Hike Back from Twin Falls:** Guests choosing the hike and walking back along the lakeshore trail will have 90–120 minutes of total walking time, depending on pace.

Air-conditioned private vehicle

Approximate travel time:

- ~5.5 hours of total driving (accommodations → Two Medicine → Glacier east to west → return to accommodations)

The day follows a relaxed rhythm of **drive + explore + drive**, with scenic stretches and plenty of time to enjoy the views.

Meals included: N/A

Accommodation included: Shared accommodation in Kalispell (4 nights)

Day 5: Flathead Orchards, Bison Range & Farewell at the Hot Springs

Approximate Day Timing: 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM

Morning

- Scenic drive through Flathead orchards
- Stop for cherry wine and local orchard goods
- Light browsing + souvenir pickup

Midday

- Drive through Bison Range
- Wildlife viewing: bison herds, bison sheep, mountain goats, and scenic overlooks
- Slow-paced loop with photo opportunities

Afternoon

- Relaxation at the hot springs
- Access to naturally geothermal pools
- Unwind, soak, and enjoy mountain views

Evening

- Farewell dinner overlooking the lake

 **Meals included:** N/A

 **Accommodation included:** Shared accommodation in Kalispell (4 nights)

Day 6: Departure Day — Must We Leave?

Approximate Day Timing: Flexible based on flight times

Enjoy a slow morning — make a cup of coffee, step outside for one last breath of mountain air, and soak in the quiet beauty around you. For anyone who'd like breakfast, we'll head into Kalispell before beginning airport transfers.

For late morning and afternoon departures, your group host will provide one scheduled group transfer to the airport. Timing varies based on traveler departures, and this shared transfer is

typically around 10am. Final transfer time is confirmed once all flight details are received at the start of the trip.

If you have a later flight, your host can drop you in downtown Kalispell for one last stroll before arranging an afternoon Uber, Lyft, or taxi. Travelers with early morning departures will need to schedule an Uber, Lyft, or taxi.

 **Walking & Activity Level:** N/A

 **Air-conditioned private vehicle**

Accommodations  Glacier Park International

Airport (FCA)

Early or late afternoon/evening departures: Taxi, Uber, or Lyft

Approximate travel time: 20–30 minutes

 **Meals included:** N/A

**** Important Notes About Conditions & Flexibility**

Because this itinerary takes place in a dynamic mountain environment, all activities are subject to weather, wildlife, road conditions, and time of year. Your group host may adjust timing or the order of activities, and in rare cases may need to modify or cancel an experience. We appreciate your flexibility as we navigate the natural conditions that make this destination so special.