

# **The Athabasca River canoe trip with Timberwolf Tours**

Natives introduced the early traders and trappers in Canada to the use of the canoe. For the fur traders, the rivers and lakes were the only east-west roads through the northern forests. During our multi day canoe tours in Canada you follow their routes on the Athabasca River. The river has a rich history of the fur trade and the exploration of the far northern reaches of the continent. We supply all necessary equipment and meals, our leaders are expert guides, who know the river, its history and importance in earlier and modern times and the wildlife you might see.

For our guided 5-day canoe trips in Alberta, Canada, we paddle the younger Athabasca River where it leaves the Rocky Mountains, just east of Jasper National Park.

The 5-day canoe tours are fully outfitted wilderness camping tours with transport to and from Edmonton. For 3 nights we pitch our tents on islands in the Athabasca River or wherever we find a good spot along the shores. Primitive camping does not have to be uncomfortable. Your guide knows how to keep a proper camp without attracting nosy animals. It is an unusual and stimulating feeling when one realizes that you and your few friends are the only humans for miles around.

The canoes can carry 900 pounds safely, that means two paddlers with their personal gear, plus part of the group equipment. A few hours of paddle training are part of the program and are enough, so even beginners can have fun on our canoe tours in Canada.

We are very much concerned to leave as few traces as possible. No garbage stays behind, our footprints are washed away with the next rain. How all this can be accomplished, is part of the preparations for the canoe trip with your guide.