



As if the sparkling expanse of six glaciers and the turquoise waters of a glassy lake weren't enough of an incentive, Canadian Parks Services operates The Teahouses. And that's what carried me to the start of two hiking trails in the splendor of the Canadian Rockies. It would have been satisfying, and easy, to enjoy the scenery from the lawn of the historic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. From there we could admire the picturesque Lake Louise, one of the gems of the Canadian Rockies. A leisurely stroll on a paved 1.2-mile promenade, even in thin-strapped sandals, would have been enough to soak in the wonders of sculpted mountains, the rush of silty glacier meltwaters, and the warmth of the late summer sun in a flawless sky. But I was wearing hiking boots.

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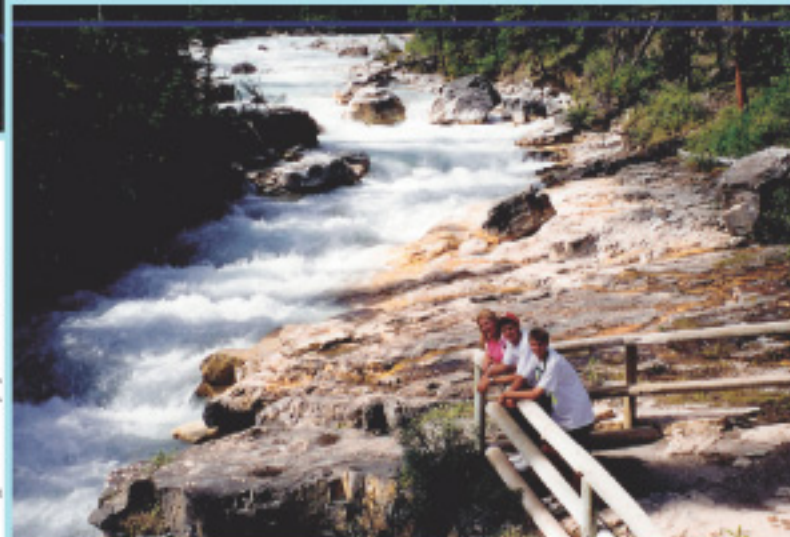
# Tea Time in the CANADIAN ROCKIES

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**Top:** The entrance to the town of Banff.

**Above:** Arriving at the Teahouse:  
A challenging hike—a special pay-off.

**Right:** Marble Canyon in Kootenay National Park.



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