



Jasper, Maligne Lake, & Spirit Island



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Jasper National Park, home to glaciers and rocky mountains, is the largest national park in Alberta and sees more than two million visitors every year. This rugged mountain park was established in 1907, and has been a World Heritage Site since 1984.

Within the park, one of the most popular and most photographed locations is Spirit Island, which sits in Maligne Lake. Maligne Lake is the biggest lake in the park, and sits in a high-altitude valley surrounded on three sides by mountain peaks. The lake has been known to the Stoney Nakoda First Nations for ages, but received its modern name when photographer Mary Schaffer found it in 1908. Spirit Island is named by the Stoney Nakoda, and is an important spiritual site for their people.

Today, visitors to the park can take boat cruises around the lake, with a stop at Spirit Island for some of the most spectacular photography available in Alberta.