



Lake Louise & Moraine Lake

Lake Louise, a hamlet and a lake in the heart of Banff National Park in the Rocky Mountains, was named for the fourth daughter of Queen Victoria — Louise Caroline Alberta, whose husband was Governor-General of Canada.

The most famous manmade landmark found here is the Chateau Lake Louise, a massive hotel built in 1894 to replace a log cabin used by railway workers. The chateau was expanded and rebuilt over the decades, and is now a major destination hotel whose famous visitors have included Marilyn Monroe, Alfred Hitchcock, Teddy Roosevelt, and Queen Elizabeth II.

Next to Lake Louise is Moraine Lake, a glacier-fed lake in the Valley of the Ten Peaks which is one of the most-photographed locations in all of Canada. It has been featured on the Canadian \$20 bill. A moraine is a collection of rocks pushed together by a glacier, but nobody knows for sure if the rocks that dam the valley and made the lake are a true moraine or if they came from a rock slide. When the glaciers melt into the lake, the water turns an amazing and rich shade of blue.



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