



Highway 93A (ABOVE) *Highway 93A is a section of the original Icefields Parkway that meanders across the glacier-sculpted Athabasca River Valley floor south of town. Built in the 1930s as a Depression-era make-work project, this section of original route twists and turns alongside the Athabasca River for approximately 30 kilometres, connecting to the modern Icefields Parkway at Athabasca Falls.*

Northern lights (OPPOSITE) *Northern lights chasers have good reason to bring their search to the Canadian Rockies: Jasper National Park has been designated the world's largest accessible dark sky preserve by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. With more than 10,000 square kilometres of wilderness containing minimal light pollution, once the sun goes down on Jasper National Park, the night sky becomes an attraction in itself. Oceans of stars appear in high definition; far-off galaxies become visible to the naked eye; and if luck is on your side, the green, purple and yellow dance of the aurora will come out to play. The Athabasca River Valley east of Jasper is a fine place to frame an aurora image; pictured here Mounts Esplanade, Gargoyle and Roche De Smet are set aflame by the midnight glow.*

