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Vancouver, Victoria Island and the Canadian Rockies in 8 Days

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Vancouver



Day 1 • Vancouver Arrival • Panoramic City Tour

Assistance, meet and greet at Vancouver Airport by your English-speaking guide. Private transportation to your selected hotel for registration. Pickup from hotel for a guided half-day city tour of Vancouver. After introducing you to the downtown core including Canada Place, the waterfront and business district, this Deluxe Vancouver City Tour will drive through Vancouver's bustling shopping district, Robson Street. Enjoy stops in Stanley Park including the West Coast First Nations Totem Poles. At one thousand acres, Stanley Park is one of the largest urban parks in North America. It overlooks the waters of Burrard Inlet and presents impressive

views of the downtown core and the North Shore Mountains. Continue your tour as you travel through the lively neighbourhood of the West End and past the beaches of English Bay. After heading over the historical Burrard Street Bridge, you will spend time at one of the most vibrant spots in the city, Granville Island with its waterfront public market, unique shops, eateries, a mini-brewery and fine arts studios. Glimpse the vibrant arts and sports areas on the way to the second largest Chinatown in North America. Travel back to where Vancouver got its start as you visit historic Gastown. End the tour with a breathtaking ride to the top of The Lookout Tower in a glass elevator to take in the panoramic views of the lower mainland and coastal mountains. Transportation back to your hotel. 2-Nights hotel stay in Vancouver.

Day 2 • Victoria and Butchgarden Tour • Vancouver Island BC Ferry Excursion (B)

08:00 pickup from the hotel by our English-speaking guide. Transfer to the BC Ferry port in Vancouver. Embark on an unforgettable cruise and set out for the adventure of a lifetime in the Salish Sea to visit the

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Victoria Harbour, Vancouver Island

Day 2 • Vancouver Island BC Ferry Excursion (continuation)

Sights of Vancouver Island, including the breathtakingly beautiful Butchart Gardens and Victoria, the stately capital of British Columbia. On the 90-minute cruise, you can relax and admire the forested shores of the Gulf Islands. On a good day you might catch a glimpse of bald eagles soaring overhead, or of mighty whales such as orcas, humpbacks and minke travelling through the glassy waters. See why they call the Strait of Georgia a marine wonderland as you explore this pristine habitat. Drop anchor at Vancouver Island and then continue to the Butchart Gardens. This National Historic site of Canada features fifty-five acres of stunning floral show gardens. Stroll around the hundred-year-old estate and admire the Tsartlip and Tsawout First Nations totem poles, the quiet tinkling streams in the Japanese garden and the scent of roses, honeysuckle and jasmine. After you have had ample time to soak up the peaceful atmosphere of Butchart Gardens, head to the beautiful Inner Harbour area in the city of Victoria. You are free to discover the grand legislative buildings, colourful Chinatown, the informative museums and the unique shops that Victoria has to offer before you wander back to your boat to return to Vancouver.

Day 3 • Vancouver • Kelowna • Okanagan Valley • Winery • Vernon

08:30 pickup from your hotel. Start our journey on a deluxe coach via the Trans-Canada Highway and head east to Kelowna. After walking along Lake Okanagan, visit the winery for wine tasting and purchase. Pass by Kalamalka Lake, before stopping by a Honey Farm. It is hard to know which harvest is growing faster in this fertile and beautiful valley midway between Vancouver and Alberta: tourists or fruit. The 180km-long Okanagan Valley is home to orchards of peaches and apricots, and scores of excellent wineries whose vines spread across the terraced hills, soaking up some of Canada's sunniest weather. Optional lunch. 1-Night hotel accommodation in Vernon.

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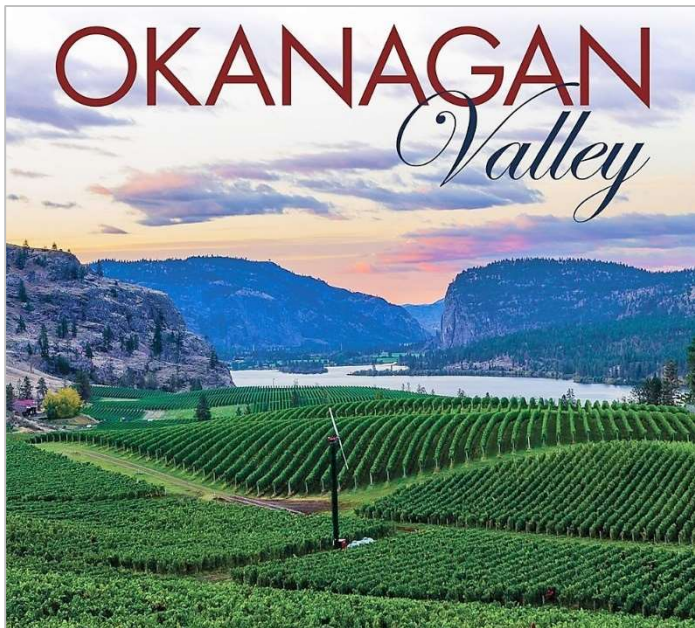
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Yoho National Park



Day 4 • Vernon • Last Spike • Golden • Yoho National Park • Natural Bridge • Emerald Lake • Banff

Morning departure towards the Eagle Pass to visit the “Last Spike”. After passing through Golden, we enter Yoho National Park to visit Emerald Lake and Natural Bridge. The surging waters of glacier-fed, ice blue Kicking Horse River that plow through a valley of the same name are an apt image for dramatic Yoho National Park. This spectacular park is home to looming peaks, pounding waterfalls, glacial lakes and patches of pretty meadows. We proceed to the Banff National park, passing by Vermilion Lakes. Transportation to the town of Banff. Hotel check-in. Explore the town. 1-Night hotel stay in the town of Banff.

Day 5 • Bow Falls • Two Jack Lake • Lake Minnewanka • Lake Louise • Moraine Lake • Ice Explorer

Morning departure as we head to Bow Falls. Ride the Mountain Gondola to enjoy a bird’s eye view of the Rockies. Stop and take photos at Two Jack Lake and Lake Minnewanka. Passing by Castle Mountain, stroll along the “Jewel of the Rockies”, the Lake Louise. Head to Moraine Lake (subject to operation condition) for a fantastic view of the Ten Peaks. Passing by Bow Lake, admire the wildlife and nature wonders through the Icefields Parkway. At sunset, get a ride on a VIP “Ice Explorer”. Stay overnight at the only hotel in the Columbia Icefield. Do not miss the best photo spot from the huge window at hotel lobby.

1-Night hotel accommodation at the Glacier View Lodge in the Columbia Icefield.

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Glacier View Lodge



Day 6 • Icefield • Glacier Skywalk • Athabasca Falls • Jasper • Maligne Canyon • Valemount (B)

After an Icefield breakfast, begin your adventure to Glacier Skywalk and Athabasca Falls. Capture the most magnificent view of the Rockies by River Rafting (optional, not included) or enjoy leisure time at the alpine town of Jasper. Visit Maligne Canyon. Capture a precious moment with the highest point in the Canadian Rockies-Mt. Robson before arriving at Valemount. 1-Night hotel stay in Valemount.

Day 7 • Valemount • Thompson River • Kamloops • Ginseng Factory • Hope • Vancouver

Departure from the Glacier View Lodge. Enjoy a brief stop at Wells Gray Park Information Center as we drive along the Thompson River. Visit the only GMP certified Ginseng factory. Pass through Hope, and arrive in Vancouver by late afternoon. Transportation to selected hotel. 1-Night hotel stay in Vancouver.

Day 8 • Vancouver Departure

Free day in Vancouver. Time permitting book an optional tour to visit Grouse Mountain and the breathtaking

Capilano Suspension Bridge (not included) or stroll through the streets of Vancouver. Pickup from hotel lobby and transportation to the Vancouver airport at coordinated time.

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Lake Louise, British Columbia

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Guided group departures every week • 7-Nights hotel accommodation • Assistance, meet and greet as per program • Airport transfers • Transportation and guided sightseeing tours by deluxe coach as per program • Cable Car Ride • Ice Explorer • Skywalk • National Park fees • BC Ferries • Butchart Gardens • (1) One Icefield Breakfast • Local English-speaking tour guides • Applicable provincial taxes

Category First Class and Superior First Class Hotels (Room Type)

3-Nights Vancouver, British Columbia • **Hampton Inn by Hilton** (Standard) www.hiltonhotels.com

1-Night Vernon, BC • **Prestige Vernon Lodge** (Standard) www.prestigehotelsandresorts.com

1-Night Banff, Alberta • **Mount Royal Hotel** (Standard) www.banffjaspercollection.com

1-Night Columbia Icefields • **Glacier View Lodge** (Standard) www.banffjaspercollection.com

1-Night Valemount, British Columbia • **Canada's Best Value Inn** (Standard) www.cbvivailemount.com

Not Included

International and domestic flights. Optional meals, optional services and optional entrance fees.

Travel and medical insurance. Tips for tour guides USD \$10 pp/day and drivers USD \$5 pp/day.

Optional Tour (not included and prices subject to change):

Jasper River Rafting, Adult CAD \$65, Child CAD \$21 (6-15 years).

Prices in CAD and/or USD available upon request. Terms and conditions apply as per our website.

Group quotations upon request. Many other hotels in all categories are available upon request.

Optional: Design your trip your way.

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