

GREAT PARKS OF THE WEST



DAY 1 - ARRIVAL IN VANCOUVER

Arrive Vancouver International Airport and transfer independently to your downtown hotel. Pick-up your Roadbook at the front desk as you check in. Remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Vancouver.

DAY 2 - VANCOUVER

Full day in Vancouver and the surrounding area. Climb aboard a San Francisco-style trolley for a fully commented Vancouver city tour. Sightsee at your own pace as you hop-on and hop-off for any length of time at many premier attractions, parks, gardens, galleries and restaurants. Overnight in Vancouver.

DAY 3 - VANCOUVER TO PENTICTON (395 KM)

Travel through the Coastal Mountains and Manning Provincial Park. In the park, you can take a walk on the remnants of the Dewdney Trail or the Rhododendron Flats. The town of Penticton lies at the lower end of Okanagan Lake and the lush orchards and vineyards of the Okanagan Valley. The region is also renowned for its beaches and hot, dry climate. We suggest a visit to the 560-acre Okanagan Game Farm near Penticton. Overnight in Penticton.

DAY 4 - PENTICTON TO REVELSTOKE (260 KM)

Morning is at leisure to enjoy the Okanagan Valley. Then drive past spectacular waterfalls, towering peaks and beautiful lakes en route to the Revelstoke area. Overnight near Revelstoke.

DAY 5 - REVELSTOKE TO BANFF (280 KM)

Scenic drive through Glacier National Park and Rogers Pass en route to Canada's oldest national park and the bustling resort town of Banff. Overnight in Banff.



DAY 6 - BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Entire day to tour Banff and the surrounding area. We suggest a visit to the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel or Bow Falls or ride the Sulphur Mountain Gondola. You may also try river rafting or a boat tour on Lake Minnewanka. Overnight in Banff.

ACTIVITY

SUNDANCE LOOP (at additional cost)

Escape into the Canadian Rockies for a 2-hour trail ride as you follow the Bow River and traverse the side of Sulphur Mountain. This is an excellent opportunity to photograph panoramic views of the valley from shores of the river to the heights of the upper trails. This excursion is suitable for novice to experienced riders.

DAY 7 - BANFF TO JASPER (285 KM)

Drive to Jasper via the spectacular Icefields Parkway. We suggest a stop at Peyto Lake and an Ice Explorer ride on the Columbia Icefield. Overnight in Jasper.

DAY 8 - JASPER NATIONAL PARK

You have a full day to relax and tour Jasper and the surrounding area. We suggest a ride on the Jasper Tramway or a visit to Miette Hot Springs. If time permits, the Athabasca River can offer exciting whitewater rafting excursions. Overnight in Jasper.

ACTIVITY

SPIRIT ISLAND CRUISE ON MALIGNE LAKE (at additional cost)

Let Maligne Tours take you on a 90-minute cruise on one of the Rockies' most picturesque lakes. The tour is operated in a glass-enclosed, heated cruise boat and is fully narrated by a Transport Canada licensed crew. Mid-way through there is a photo stop at Spirit Island where passengers disembark for a short walk to the lookout point. This is a wonderful photo opportunity not to be missed!

WILDLIFE DISCOVERY TOUR (at additional cost)

Explore the magnificent Maligne Valley and discover striking natural beauty, abundant wildlife and a genuine geological mystery. While searching for osprey, bald eagles, big horn sheep, elk, deer and bears, you'll visit the longest natural lake in the Canadian Rockies, view a spectacular 50-metre gorge created by 10,000 years of erosion and travel to "disappearing" Medicine Lake, the source of what is believed to be the largest underground river system in Canada. This tour delivers you to the heart of an unspoiled natural playground..

DAY 9 - JASPER TO 100 MILE HOUSE (465 KM)

Drive through the Yellowhead Pass, beside Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rockies, and continue south along the Thompson River, skirting the perimeter of Wells Gray Provincial Park. We suggest stops in Blue River and Clearwater en route to 100 Mile House. Overnight in 100 Mile House

DAY 10 - 100 MILE HOUSE

100 Mile House was founded during the days of the Cariboo Gold Rush, when a roadhouse was built here to service gold seekers heading to the goldfields. They travelled along the Cariboo Wagon Road, beginning in Lillooet and frequently stopped at the roadhouse that became known as 100 Mile House. The area is now known primarily for prime cattle ranching and leisure activities. Overnight in 100 Mile House.

DAY 11 - 100 MILE HOUSE TO WHISTLER (300 KM)

Scenic drive south along the Cariboo Highway and Duffey Lake Road to the edge of Garibaldi Provincial Park and the popular year-round resort of Whistler. Overnight in Whistler.

DAY 12 - WHISTLER

Full day to relax and enjoy outdoor activities including hiking, sailing, windsurfing, golfing, tennis and boating, as well as shopping in Whistler Village. Overnight in Whistler.

DAY 13 - WHISTLER TO VANCOUVER (125 KM)

Morning at leisure to visit the village. Scenic two-hour drive to Vancouver. Evening free to do some last-minute shopping or sample the fine cuisine and nightlife of Vancouver. Overnight near Vancouver airport.

DAY 14 - END OF TOUR

Check-in at Vancouver International Airport for your flight.

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