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Canadian Rockies & Vancouver Island Road Trip

Western Canada Road Trip

12 Days / 11 Nights Vancouver to Calgary or Calgary to Vancouver

Priced at USD $2,899 per person

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 10 yrs & under

INTRODUCTION

Explore the very best of Alberta and British Columbia on this 12-day Western Canada road trip between Calgary & Vancouver. Discover spectacular mountains, emerald lakes and charming mountain towns, then travel to Vancouver Island's rugged west coast for sensational scenery and wildlife excursions. This 12-day itinerary has been carefully created to take you through the most scenic highways in the regions, and allows you to choose your own tours in Victoria, Tofino, Jasper and Banff for a personalized experience.

Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1	Vancouver to Victoria
DAY 2	Victoria | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
	Option 1. Butchart Gardens Admission
	Option 2. Eat like a Canadian Food Tour
	Option 3. Whale Watch Cruise
	Option 4. High Tea at the Empress Hotel
DAY 3	Victoria to Tofino/Ucluelet
DAY 4	Tofino | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions
	Option 1. Coastal Bear Watch Cruise
	Option 2. Whale Watching Cruise

DAY 5	Tofino/Ucluelet to Whistler
DAY 6	Whistler | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
	Option 1. Whistler Guided Lunch Tour
	Option 2. River of Golden Dreams Canoe Tour
	Option 3. Guided Whistler Valley Bike Tour
	Option 4. Whistler Peak 2 Peak Gondola
	Option 5. Upgrade Option: Bear Safari in Whistler Olympic Park
DAY 7	Whistler to Sun Peaks Resort
DAY 8	Sun Peaks Resort to Jasper
DAY 9	Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
	Option 1. Maligne Lake Cruise
	Option 2. Jasper River Float
	Option 3. Jasper Nature Walk
DAY 10	Jasper to Banff | Ice Explorer + Skywalk
	Ice Explorer Ride onto the Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
DAY 11	Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
	Option 1. Banff Gondola
	Option 2. Lake Minnewanka Cruise
	Option 3. River Explorer Canoe Tour
	Option 4. Bow River Horseback Adventure
DAY 12	Banff to Calgary

MAP

DETAILED ITINERARY

The below itinerary reflects our recommendations for this specific trip. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.

Day 1 Vancouver to Victoria
Leaving Vancouver drive south to Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal for a 90 min ferry ride to Swartz Bay. On-board BC Ferries enjoy the scenery of the Gulf Islands as you cross the Strait of Georgia. From Swartz Bay continue on to the charming city of Victoria.

Day 2 Victoria | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of four excursions.
Option 1. Butchart Gardens Admission
On its 100th birthday in 2004, the Butchart Gardens was named a National Historic Site of Canada. Explore 22 Hectares/55 acres of breathtaking gardens on the 53 hectare/130 acre estate.
Option 2. Eat like a Canadian Food Tour
Not many people can define exactly what Canadian food is. From local ingredients to historic dishes, this tour is the best way to experience Canadian culinary culture. Sip and savour local cuisine, explore the iconic Inner Harbour, and meet the chefs and owners that make Victoria such an exciting culinary hot spot
Option 3. Whale Watch Cruise
Get up close with the killer whales on the Salish Sea with this guided, 3.5-hour whale-watching cruise from Victoria. Climb aboard a covered or open boat equipped with hydrophones to hear the whales and bring the underwater experience to light.
Option 4. High Tea at the Empress Hotel
Enjoy High tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel is a delightful, traditional experience. Indulge in a lavish array of tea, finger sandwiches, pastries, and scones, served in an elegant setting, enhancing the allure of this historic Victoria, British Columbia landmark.

Day 3 Victoria to Tofino/Ucluelet
Travel to the rugged West Coast of Vancouver Island and head to Pacific Rim National Park. En route stops should be made at Duncan the 'City of Totems', where you may visit the Quw'utsun' Heritage Village, which will provide you with an insight into the lives of the northwest coast people (admission not included). Make a stop in the artist community of Chemainus, where you can admire the giant murals which adorn the exterior walls throughout the town. Drive through majestic Sutton Pass and the Sawtooth Range of the Cascade Mountains to arrive in Tofino around mid-afternoon.

Day 4 Tofino | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions
Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of two excursions
Option 1. Coastal Bear Watch Cruise
Search for foraging bears from the comfort and safety of a 24' Zodiac vessel. Abundant on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, black bears roam the shores at low tide in search of their favorite delicacy, the Rock Crab.
Option 2. Whale Watching Cruise
Cruise through the pristine waters of Clayoquot Sound to view beautiful scenery and wildlife. Depending on the time of year, you may encounter gray whales, humpback whales, sea lions, sea birds and resident bald eagles.

Day 5 Tofino/Ucluelet to Whistler
Depart Tofino for your return journey to the East Coast. En route, picture stops should be made at Cathedral Grove to enjoy the splendour of 800-year-old Douglas Fir and Cedar trees, as well as the Mars Water Bombers at Sproat Lake, the world's two largest water-bombers used for the sole purpose of putting out forest fires. From Departure Bay sail on BC Ferries to Horseshoe Bay. and continue along the scenic Sea-to Sky Highway to Whistler. Highlights along the way include the cascading Shannon Falls and the Stawamus Chief Rock where climbers from all over the globe migrate to climb the granite cliffs.

Day 6 Whistler | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 5 Excursions
You can personalize your day by choosing one of five excursions.
Option 1. Whistler Guided Lunch Tour
There's no better way to spend an afternoon in Whistler than exploring the eclectic culinary scene. Guests will enjoy a delicious multi-course lunch while visiting some of the best local lunch spots and indulge a sweet tooth at a couple of chocolate shops.
Option 2. River of Golden Dreams Canoe Tour
This summertime paddle takes you on an enchanting canoe journey from Alta Lake to Green Lake. Wildflower-lined banks, old-growth forests and local wildlife are all part of your passing tableaux.
Option 3. Guided Whistler Valley Bike Tour
Explore some of Whistler's best scenery by bike on one of the Valley Trail Bike Tours. Learn about Whistler's history, geography and view key nature spots along the way with naturalist adventure bike guides.
Option 4. Whistler Peak 2 Peak Gondola
Experience the beauty via the Peak Adventure on Whistler Mountain as you soak in the unbelievable views of glaciers, extinct volcanoes and snow-capped peaks.
Option 5. Upgrade Option: Bear Safari in Whistler Olympic Park
Experience Olympic Park's untouched wilderness, housing numerous black bears. Witness them forage from your vehicle amidst pristine landscapes. Drive up iconic Ski Jumps for breathtaking mountain panoramas.

Day 7 Whistler to Sun Peaks
Begin your spectacular drive on the Duffey Lake Road where you will see breathtaking views of Joffre Glacier. Continue on through Lillooet, known as the land of the Gold Rush Trail to Sun Peaks.

Day 8 Sun Peaks to Jasper
Today, follow the Thompson River through rolling plateaus to the snowy peaks of the Monashee Mountains. View Pyramid Falls and the expansive glaciers of the Albreda Icefields. Pass by Mount Robson, at 3954 metres, which is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies.

Day 9 Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of three excursions
Option 1. Maligne Lake Cruise
Cruise Maligne Lake, where you can marvel at the magnificent shoreline and Spirit Island.
Option 2. Jasper River Float
Enjoy a gentle rafting tour on the Athabasca River for a unique perspective of Jasper National Park.
Option 3. Jasper Nature Walk
A guided nature walk featuring a spectacular array of rolling hills, jagged peaks, forests, meadows, marshes, streams, and stunning glacial lakes.

Day 10 Jasper to Banff | Ice Explorer + Skywalk
Today, travel through the spine of the Canadian Rockies along the amazing Icefields Parkway and encompass the ultimate glacier exploration. From walking on ancient ice with the Ice Explorer ride, to standing on a glass platform almost one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included), today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for this treasured region of the Rockies

Day 11 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of four excursions
Option 1. Banff Gondola
Maximize your views of Banff National Park with minimal exertion during this round-trip gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain.
Option 2. Lake Minnewanka Cruise
Admire views of the Canadian Rockies as you cruise across the turquoise-hued lake and over to Devil's Gap during this boat tour.
Option 3. River Explorer Canoe Tour
Enjoy the serenity of the Bow River and marvel at the surrounding. A fun & interactive way with your guide to explore the waterways of Banff National Park. Perfect for families. No paddling experience necessary.
Option 4. Bow River Horseback Adventure
Saddle up for a journey through the celebrated landscape of Banff National Park on this guided horseback riding adventure.

Day 12 Banff to Calgary
It is time to say goodbye to Banff and your Canada adventure. Drive to Calgary to drop off your rental car and begin your journey home.

INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation in Victoria
- 2 nights accommodation in Tofino/Ucluelet
- 2 nights accommodation in Whistler
- 1 night accommodation in Sun Peaks
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- Return BC Ferries toll for vehicle & passengers between Vancouver and Vancouver Island with reserved sailing time.
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Hotel Information | Moderate Grade

- Victoria - Inn at Laurel Point | Laurel Wing Guest Room
- Whistler - Aava Hotel or Listel Hotel | Deluxe Guestroom
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room

Hotel Information | Superior Grade

- Victoria - Inn at Laurel Point | Erickson Wing Studio Suite
- Whistler - Delta Whistler Village Suites | One Bedroom Suite
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel | Deluxe Mountain Village View Room
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony / Alpine Standard
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room

Hotel Information | Deluxe Grade

- Victoria - Fairmont Empress Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Whistler - Fairmont Chateau Whistler | Fairmont Room
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel | Deluxe Balcony Mountain Village View Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room

Hotel Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- Victoria - Fairmont Empress Hotel | Deluxe Harbour View Room
- Whistler - Fairmont Chateau Whistler | Deluxe Slopeside Room
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel | Deluxe Balcony Mountain Village View Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Premier Deluxe Room
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Mountain View Room

Tofino Hotel Information | All grades

- Water's Edge Shoreside Suites | One Bedroom Suite
- Black Rock Resort | Studio Trail Room

Not included:

- Rental Car
- Road Tolls

DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: Daily
(Tour Code: SD39)
Departs from Calgary: Daily
(Tour Code: SD38)

DATE	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade				
01 May 24 - 10 May 24	$2,899	$4,700	$2,456	$845
11 May 24 - 02 Jun 24	$3,566	$6,034	$2,901	$845
03 Jun 24 - 30 Sep 24	$3,822	$6,546	$3,066	$845
01 Oct 24 - 10 Oct 24	$3,115	$5,134	$2,600	$845
Superior Grade				
01 May 24 - 10 May 24	$3,206	$5,313	$2,649	$845
11 May 24 - 02 Jun 24	$3,800	$6,503	$3,046	$845
03 Jun 24 - 30 Sep 24	$4,074	$7,051	$3,223	$845
01 Oct 24 - 10 Oct 24	$3,355	$5,614	$2,749	$845
Deluxe Grade				
01 May 24 - 10 May 24	$4,720	$8,298	$3,802	$845
11 May 24 - 02 Jun 24	$5,684	$10,226	$4,445	$845
03 Jun 24 - 30 Sep 24	$5,961	$10,779	$4,624	$845
01 Oct 24 - 10 Oct 24	$5,567	$9,992	$4,367	$845
Deluxe Plus Grade				
01 May 24 - 10 May 24	$5,048	$8,953	$4,021	$845
11 May 24 - 02 Jun 24	$5,997	$10,851	$4,653	$845
03 Jun 24 - 30 Sep 24	$6,274	$11,406	$4,832	$845
01 Oct 24 - 10 Oct 24	$5,878	$10,614	$4,574	$845

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