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# Best of the West

SELF-DRIVE TOUR – ROUND-TRIP FROM VANCOUVER

EST. 1989

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This 16-day circular tour is a superb way of seeing the very best of the west.

The route showcases the lakes and orchards of the Okanagan Valley, the National Parks of the Rockies and the cattle ranching country of the Cariboo region.

## Key Facts

- \* 16 Days / 15 Nights
- \* 2020 Departure Dates: Daily from 1st May to 16th October



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## DAYS 1

### Vancouver

Arrive and relax as a private transfer takes you to your downtown hotel for a 2-night stay.

## DAY 2

### Vancouver Sightseeing

This morning, enjoy a 5-hour city and Capilano Bridge tour. Points of interest include Canada Place, Robson Street, Granville Market, Chinatown, historic Gastown and Stanley Park, en-route to the Capilano Suspension Bridge in the North Shore rainforest.

## DAY 3

### Vancouver to Kelowna (396km)

Pick up your rental car and enjoy a scenic drive to Kelowna in the Okanagan Valley.

## DAY 4

### Kelowna to Revelstoke (198km)

On today's drive you'll pass waterfalls, towering peaks and sparkling lakes before reaching Revelstoke. Overnight stay at the Coast Hillcrest Resort for all guests.



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**DAY 5****Revelstoke to Banff (251km)**

A day of scenic highlights as you drive through Glacier National Park, Rogers Pass and Kicking Horse Pass; the photo opportunities are endless! We recommend a stop at Lake Louise, the Jewel of the Rockies, before continuing to Banff for a 2-night stay.

**DAY 6****Banff**

A free day, the great outdoors is the main attraction – perhaps take the Banff Gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain, enjoy a hike, go wildlife-viewing or even take a heli-flightseeing tour for magnificent aerial views of the Rocky Mountains.

**DAY 7****Banff to Jasper (288km)**

Today's drive is along the Icefields Parkway which is recognised as one of the top scenic drives in North America. Keep your camera handy as there's a good chance of seeing wildlife on this road. Other photo opportunities on your journey include Peyto and Bow Lakes, Athabasca and Sunwapta Falls and the Columbia Icefield. Here you'll walk on the surface of the Athabasca Glacier in a specially-designed Ice Explorer. Check into your hotel for a 2-night stay.

**DAY 8****Jasper**

Enjoy a free day in the friendly, picturesque town of Jasper, a perfect base for exploring the array of natural attractions such as Maligne, Pyramid and Patricia Lakes and the Maligne Canyon. If you'd like to be more active take a rafting excursion or even a sidecar motorcycle tour.



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## DAY 9

**Jasper to Clearwater (318km)**

Drive along the Yellowhead Highway past Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, and follow the Thompson River to Clearwater. Your accommodation for a 2-night stay is the Alpine Meadows Resort (same for all guests), on Hallamore Lake.

## DAY 10

**Clearwater**

A free day to enjoy the secluded location and facilities of the lodge, which include fishing equipment, boats, canoes and kayaks (charge may apply to some services) or drive to Wells Gray Provincial Park to visit Helmcken Falls, Canada's fourth highest waterfall.

## DAY 11

**Clearwater to Whistler (422km)**

The scenic drive along the Cariboo Highway brings you to the popular year-round resort of Whistler for a 2-night stay.

## DAY 12

**Whistler**

A full free day to relax and enjoy the many outdoor activities including zip-lining, canoeing and hiking. Highly recommended is the Peak2Peak Gondola that links Blackcomb and Whistler Mountains and gives stunning views. In the summer black bears roam the ski slopes.

## DAY 13

**Whistler to Parksville (112km – land only)**

Leave Whistler and drive the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway on your way to Horseshoe Bay. There you'll board the BC Ferry (cost included) for a leisurely cruise to Vancouver Island. Take the short drive to Parksville and check into the Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort (same for all guests) for an overnight stay.



## DAY 14

## Parksville to Victoria (150km)

A short drive today brings you to Victoria. On the way we suggest you stop at the world famous Butchart Gardens to view the stunning floral displays and water features then check into your hotel for a 2-night stay.

## DAY 15

## Victoria

A day at leisure: watch the floatplanes as they take off and land on the water of the Inner Harbour; visit the Royal BC Museum; view the totem poles at Beacon Hill Park; or enjoy a whale-watching excursion.

## DAY 16

## End of Tour (72km – land only)

Drive north to Swartz Bay and take the 90-minute ferry cruise (cost included) through the Gulf Islands as you cross the Strait of Georgia to Tsawwassen ferry terminal. From there take a short drive to return your car to Vancouver airport rental depot.



Accommodation (Subject to availability, similar hotels may be substituted)

Day (s)	Location	Standard	Superior
1 & 2	Vancouver	Rosedale-on-Robson	Sheraton Wall Centre
3	Kelowna	Prestige Beach Hotel	Delta Grand Okanagan Resort
4	Revelstoke	Coast Hillcrest	Coast Hillcrest
5 & 6	Banff	Elk & Avenue Hotel	The Moose Hotel
7 & 8	Jasper	Lobstick Lodge	Sawridge Inn
9 & 10	Clearwater	Alpine Meadows Resort	Alpine Meadows Resort
11 & 12	Whistler	Aava Hotel	Delta Whistler Village Suites
13	Parksville	Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort	Tigh-Na-Mara Seaside Spa Resort
14 & 15	Victoria	Inn at Laurel Point	Doubletree by Hilton

### What's Included?

- \* Accommodation as detailed in your chosen category
- \* Private transfer from airport to hotel
- \* 5-hour city tour of Vancouver
- \* 14 days of intermediate car hire with GPS
- \* Ice Explorer ride
- \* BC Ferry Vancouver to Nanaimo
- \* BC Ferry Victoria to Vancouver
- \* Comprehensive documentation pack

### The Next Step?

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!

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