

8

DAYS

# Western Journey

ESCORTED TOUR FROM CALGARY TO VANCOUVER

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This tour is exceptional on its own or links perfectly with the Eastern Journey to form a 14-night cross Canada itinerary.

On this superb tour you will travel through craggy Rocky Mountain passes and Pacific coastlines with stunning vistas of fjords and glacial valleys. Marvel at sparkling glaciers, plunging canyons and fierce rivers. You will explore the wild paths of fur traders, gold prospectors, cowboys and the mounted officers that policed them. Search for elk, mountain goats, bears and whales. Experience the romance and hospitality of the West in charming mountain resorts, prairie frontier towns and sophisticated port cities. Urban excitement and breathtaking natural wonders combine to make touring western Canada an unforgettable experience.

## Key Facts

- \* 8 Days / 7 Nights
- \* 2020 Departure Dates: Various dates available between May and September



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## DAY 1

**Arrival in Calgary**

Arrive at Calgary's International Airport and transfer independently to your downtown hotel. After an individual check-in, the remainder of the day is free to explore the streets of this dynamic city, famous for its annual Stampede. The tour director will contact you in the late afternoon. Overnight in Calgary at the Sandman Calgary City Downtown Hotel or similar.

## DAY 2

**Calgary to Banff / Canmore**

This morning you set out to meet fellow travellers at breakfast before you tour the sights of Calgary. You admire such modern and historic landmarks as the Calgary Tower, Fort Calgary and the skyscrapers of the commercial district. Leaving Calgary behind you set your sights on the Rocky Mountains, which can already be seen, far off in the distance. Experience the majesty of the mountains as you first travel through the foothills and then enter Banff National Park. You tour the region around Banff amidst snow-capped peaks, sparkling glaciers and emerald green lakes and see landmark Banff Springs Hotel, Bow Falls and Tunnel Mountain. Overnight in Canmore at the Coast Canmore Hotel or similar. Canadian breakfast included.

## DAY 3

**Canmore / Banff National Park**

The entire day is at leisure to tour Banff and browse through the many boutiques and specialty shops along Banff Avenue. An optional full-day tour is offered to the Columbia Icefield. The tour starts with a visit to the turquoise waters and spectacular glacier of Lake Louise, the jewel of the Rockies. From the unsurpassed beauty of Lake Louise you enter rugged wilderness as you travel up the world famous Icefields Parkway. At the spectacular Columbia Icefield you board an Ice Explorer that will take you onto the surface of the ancient Athabasca Glacier. You may also take an optional helicopter tour of the world-famous Three Sisters Mountains. Overnight in Canmore at the Coast Canmore Hotel or similar. Continental breakfast included.





## DAY 4

## Canmore to Kamloops

Your drive today is on the famed Trans-Canada Highway, following a route charted by the railroad engineers and fur traders of the mid 1800s. You continue your tour of the Canadian parks system as you cross the jagged Kicking Horse Pass into British Columbia's Yoho National Park. From the highway, you are treated to a dazzling display of vast Icefields, deep canyons, dense forests and glacier-fed streams. One awe-inspiring landscape follows another en route to Glacier National Park. You continue through the Monashee and Selkirk mountain ranges to the rugged interior town of Kamloops. Overnight in Kamloops at the Ramada Kamloops or similar. Continental breakfast included.

## DAY 5

## Kamloops to Whistler

You can expect a day of dramatic scenery changes when you drive through the ranch lands and head for the coastal mountains. A journey along the Duffey Lake Road exposes new vistas at every turn. An optional Floatplane Sightseeing Tour over Garibaldi Park gives you an inspiring view of a natural preserve of volcanic peaks, alpine lakes and meadows. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Whistler at the Whistler Village Inn or similar. Continental breakfast included.

## DAY 6

## Whistler to Vancouver

You drive south along the spectacular Sea-to-Sky Highway through a dramatic landscape of jagged fjords and glaciated mountain peaks. You leave the countryside behind and explore the metropolis of Vancouver on a sightseeing tour. Highlights include Stanley Park, Prospect Point, English Bay, historic Gastown, bustling Chinatown and much more. The afternoon is free to discover more of this coastal gem. Overnight in Vancouver at the Sandman Hotel or similar. Continental breakfast included.





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## DAY 7

### Vancouver

The Pacific Ocean and the Coast Mountains form the backdrop to your day at leisure in Vancouver. You might want to do some shopping down on Robson Street, relax in Vancouver's playground Stanley Park or stroll through the markets of Granville Island. If you prefer to explore the outdoors, take a gondola ride to the summit of Grouse Mountain. You can also go on an optional full-day tour to Victoria, the charming provincial capital that is proud of her maritime heritage. Before taking the ferry back to Vancouver, you will visit Butchart Gardens, one of the world's great floral displays set in a reclaimed stone quarry. Overnight in Vancouver at the Sandman Hotel or similar. Canadian breakfast included.

## DAY 8

### End of Tour

The time has come for some last-minute shopping and to say farewell to Canada. Transfer individually to Vancouver's International Airport in time to check-in for your return flight. Full Canadian breakfast included.



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### What's Included?

- \* Jonview tour director throughout
- \* Transportation by modern tour coach
- \* Experienced tour driver
- \* Moderate accommodation
- \* Baggage handling (one piece per person)
- \* Calgary sightseeing tour
- \* Banff sightseeing tour
- \* Vancouver sightseeing tour
- \* Meals: 7 breakfasts

### 2020 Departure Dates

- \* May 23rd
- \* June 6th & 20th
- \* July 11th & 25th
- \* August 8th & 29th
- \* September 5th, 12th & 19th

### 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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