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DAYS

Discover the West

INDEPENDENT COACH TOUR
FROM CALGARY TO VANCOUVER (OR VICE VERSA)

EST. 1989

PRESTIGE

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From the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast, this holiday guarantees a host of sightseeing opportunities and exciting experiences.

It follows a leisurely itinerary that includes stays at Banff, Vancouver, Whistler and Victoria together with a stunning floatplane flight from Whistler to Victoria.

Key Facts

- * 13 Days / 12 Nights
- * 2020 Departure Dates: Monday, Wednesday & Saturday departures from 30th April to 1st October



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DAY 1

Arrive in Calgary / Banff

Arrive in Calgary and transfer by coach to the mountain resort town of Banff, where you will check into your hotel for a four-night stay.

DAY 2

Banff Sightseeing

This morning enjoy a six-hour sightseeing tour of Banff, including scenic highlights such as Bow Falls, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. You will experience an 8-minute gentle ride to the summit of Sulphur Mountain in a fully enclosed gondola. A spectacular view and picture-taking opportunity await you at the top of this 360 degree panoramic vantage of Bow Valley. Complete the tour with a cruise on Lake Minnewanka which offers some of the most spectacular scenery found anywhere in the Canadian Rockies.

DAY 3

Icefield Discovery Tour

Today you journey along the spectacular Icefields Parkway where lakes, waterfalls and mountain peaks dot the awe-inspiring landscape. On arrival at the Columbia Icefield, venture onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier by means of an Ice Explorer vehicle.

DAY 4

At Leisure / Evening Wildlife-Viewing

Today enjoy a relaxing day in Banff where a visit to the Whyte Museum is highly recommended. This evening a two-hour wildlife viewing excursion, accompanied by an experienced guide, will introduce you to some of the animals that inhabit the park; keep a watch out for elk, bighorn sheep and deer.



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DAY 5

Rocky Mountaineer from Banff to Kamloops

Climb aboard *Rocky Mountaineer* for a scenic rail journey to Kamloops in the interior of British Columbia. As the train crosses over the continental divide you pass through the spirit tunnels in Yoho National Park, a remarkable engineering achievement. Continue on through the Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park with endless views of snow-capped mountains and stunning glaciers. Pass by Craigellachie where the last spike was driven completing the Canadian Pacific Railway Trans Canada link in 1885.

DAY 6

Rocky Mountaineer from Kamloops to Vancouver

Re-board the *Rocky Mountaineer* train and follow the Thompson River through Ashcroft – one of Canada's driest towns – and pass through Rainbow Canyon with its cliffs striped with pinks, greens, and greys creating a stunning effect. Continue on to the Fraser Canyon where at Hell's Gate you will observe a water torrent past the canyon walls at its narrowest point. The last leg of the journey takes you through the lush farming region of the Fraser Valley to arrive in the Pacific port of Vancouver late afternoon. On arrival at Vancouver transfer to the Georgian Court Hotel or similar for a 3-night stay.

DAYS 7 & 8

Vancouver Sightseeing

Your two-day hop-on/hop-off Trolley Tour pass (included) allows you to sightsee at leisure. Your guide on the San Francisco Style Trolley gives full commentary city tour and you can simply step off/on at a variety of stops including Stanley Park, Granville Island, Gastown and Robson Street.

DAY 9

Whistler

Today you will board a coach for the scenic drive along the Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler. Once there, you will check into the Aava Hotel for a two-night stay, with the rest of the day at leisure.



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Whistler Sightseeing

Explore the pedestrian village, wander around the shops, galleries and visit the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre. Also enjoy the Peak-2-Peak Gondola (included) to travel between the peaks of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains.

DAY 11

Victoria

Today's highlight will be the scenic floatplane flight from Whistler's Green Lake to Victoria's Inner Harbour. Upon arrival you will transfer (not included) to your Victoria hotel for a two-night stay.

DAY 12

Whale-Watching Excursion

Today enjoy a thrilling three-hour boat cruise in search of orcas, porpoises, harbour seals and other marine wildlife. You'll have time to visit the world famous Butchart Gardens (not included) if you wish, to enjoy the exquisite floral displays – this truly is one of the most famous show gardens in the world.

DAY 13

End of arrangements

Today you will travel by coach and ferry from Victoria to Vancouver Airport, where your arrangements end upon arrival.



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Day (s)	Location	Accommodation (Subject to availability, similar hotels may be substituted)
1 – 4	Banff	Elk + Avenue Hotel
5	Kamloops	Accommodation arranged by Rocky Mountaineer
6 – 8	Vancouver	Georgian Court Hotel
9 & 10	Whistler	Aava Hotel
11 & 12	Victoria	Inn at Laurel Point

What's Included?

- * 12 nights' hotel accommodation
- * Coach transfer from Calgary Airport to Banff
- * Rocky Mountaineer Silverleaf Service
- * Banff, Vancouver & Whistler sightseeing as detailed
- * Coach transfer from Vancouver to Whistler

- * Floatplane transfer from Whistler to Victoria (luggage weight restriction applies)
- * Whale-watching excursion in Victoria
- * Coach and ferry transfer from Victoria to Vancouver Airport

What's Not Included?

- * Transfers other than specified
- * Activities other than specified
- * Meals other than specified
- * Gratuities

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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