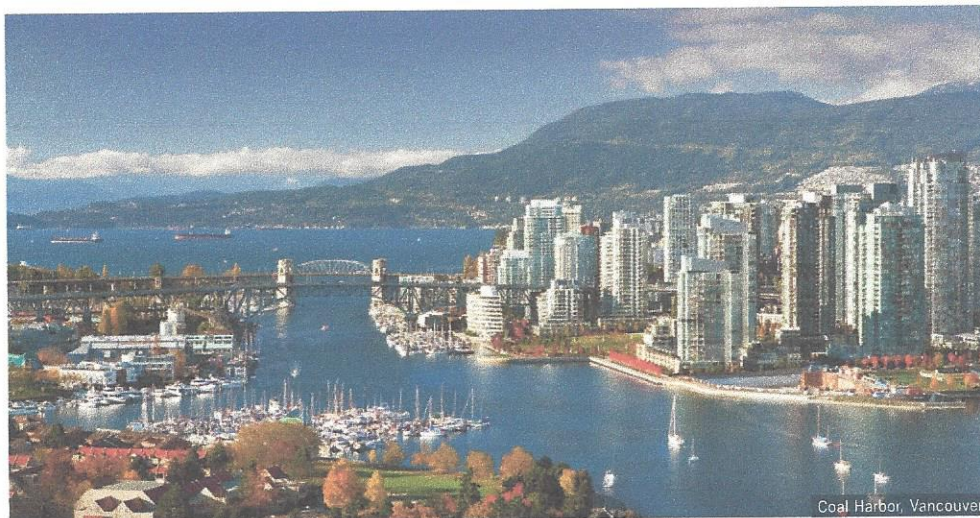


Best of Canada's West

The glaciers, national parks and laid-back cities of western Canada are just some of the highlights on this adventure into places like Vancouver, Victoria, Whistler, Jasper and Banff.

It's Insider moments like... walking past wine barrels stacked floor-to-ceiling at Church and State Wines in Saanich on your way to taste award-winning wine crafted from grapes and aged in oak barrels, on this estate of more than 100 acres. It's walking on the icy surface of the majestic Athabasca Glacier after reaching it on a mammoth Ice Explorer vehicle. And it's getting to know Canadian lifestyles and landscapes – from your meeting with a 'Mountie' to your interpretive walk along incredible Maligne Canyon.



Coal Harbor, Vancouver

Day 3 | Victoria Sightseeing and Free Time

Greet the day with breakfast at Butchart Gardens, a 55-acre preserve of gorgeous floral gardens. Site of an old cement plant in the early 20th century, it was transformed by the Butchart family into a world-famous preserve of exotic plants and flowers. Meet with a representative of the gardens who can answer any questions you have, and then spend some time exploring on your own, strolling the winding pathways, spotting colorful butterflies and taking in their unique natural beauty. Back in Victoria, enjoy the rest of your day on your own. Walk around town, do some shopping or perhaps join an optional whale-watching trip. This evening, dinner is up to you with a selection of delectable restaurants for a Your Choice dinner. **(FB YC)**

Day 4 | Victoria | Sea-to-Sky-Highway | Whistler

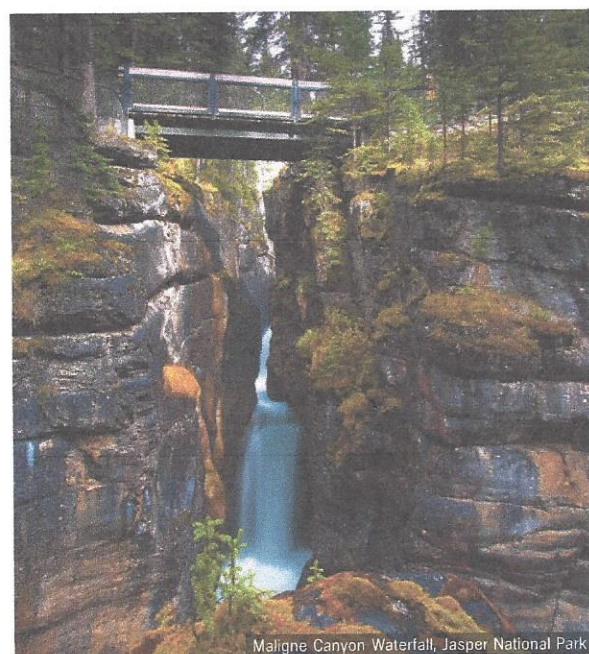
Return to the mainland and board your motorcoach for a drive along the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway, which winds between the glittering waters of Howe Sound and the soaring Coastal Mountains. Feel the spray on your face and listen to the thunder of the water at the 1,105 foot (337 meter) high Shannon Falls near the town of Squamish, once the southern terminal of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. This afternoon, arrive in Whistler where you'll check into your hotel. **(FB)** Hotel: Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa

Day 5 | Whistler | Kamloops

Head east as you cross the Coast Mountains and travel along remote Duffy Lake Road through some of the most beautiful scenery in Canada. End your day's journey in historic Kamloops, which means "the meeting of the waters." **(FB)** Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Kamloops

Day 6 | Kamloops | Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks | Banff (2 Nights)

Sample the best of Canada's natural treasures in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks. Travel through Mount Revelstoke National Park, home to old-growth rainforest of alpine meadows rich with wildflowers. Then, enter Glacier National Park and climb over stunning Rogers Pass—keep an eye out for native wildlife such as caribou, mountain goats and grizzly bears. After crossing the Columbia River, arrive in Yoho National Park with its towering waterfalls, ice-clad peaks



Maligne Canyon Waterfall, Jasper National Park

It's travel beyond the expected

Day 1 | Arrive Vancouver

Welcome to Vancouver, Canada's third largest city! Check into your hotel and get settled or head out to explore the jewel of British Columbia on your own. At 6 p.m., gather at the hotel with your Travel Director and fellow traveling companions for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** Hotel: Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown

Day 2 | Vancouver | Strait of Georgia | Victoria (2 Nights)

Set out for Stanley Park and the towering totem poles and explore the vibrant neighborhoods of Chinatown and Gastown with their cobbled streets. Travel by ferry to Vancouver Island and Victoria, home to fashionable tearooms and old English charm. Visit a family-owned winery and taste the perfectly-balanced vintages, carefully crafted with grapes farmed from over 100 acres and aged in French oak barrels. Indulge in a **Be My Guest** lunch featuring local cuisine delicately paired with their delicious wines followed by a tour of the winery. This afternoon, tour the exhibit of free-flight tropical butterflies at the Butterfly Gardens, an indoor world of tropical color and sights and home to more than 3,000 butterflies. **(FB BG)** Hotel: Marriott Inner Harbour

It's iconic places

City tour of **Vancouver**. Orientation tour of quaint **Banff**. Visit scenic **Victoria**. View **Lake Louise**, **Stanley Park**, **Glacier**, **Yoho** and **Mount Revelstoke National Parks**. Scenic drives along the **Sea-to-Sky Highway** and **Icefields Parkway**.



and a natural bridge that spans the Kicking Horse River. Surmount the Continental Divide, and enter Banff National Park where you arrive at your quintessential alpine resort. Enjoy dinner and a ④ *Local Expert* presentation where you will learn all about the Royal Canadian Mounted Police from a real life "Mountie." (FB D) Hotel: Banff Park Lodge

Day 7 | Banff Sightseeing and Free Time

Immerse yourself in the natural glories of Banff, including the classic viewpoint of Surprise Corner, spectacular Bow Falls and the hoodoo rock formations. Then board the Banff Gondola for a ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain for a bird's-eye view of six mountain ranges. Spend the rest of the day as you like. (FB)

Day 8 | Banff | Lake Louise | Icefields Parkway | Jasper National Park (2 Nights)

Arrive on the shores of lovely Lake Louise where you learn about the history and geology of the area on a short interpretive walk. Head north amidst a landscape of towering peaks, thundering waterfalls and ancient glaciers, keeping an eye out for elk, black bear and mountain goats. Get ready for a unique adventure at the Columbia Icefield when you board an Ice Explorer on the massive Athabasca Glacier. More action is in store if you'd like to take an optional float trip on the Athabasca River on the way to Jasper National Park. Stay in the heart of the park where you learn about the wildlife that call these stunning mountains home during an interactive, after-dinner presentation by a ④ *Local Expert*. (FB D) Hotel: Chateau Jasper

Day 9 | Jasper National Park Sightseeing

Start the day with an optional cruise on Maligne Lake before embarking on an interpretive walk at Maligne Canyon. Learn

about the underground river system while following the canyon's trail past beautiful waterfalls and spectacular rock formations. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you like: relish the superb vistas, stroll the quaint streets of Jasper or join an optional guided alpine experience to Mount Edith Cavell (June through September only). (FB)

Day 10 | Jasper National Park | Mount Robson | Sun Peaks

Head west over Yellowhead Pass and arrive at Mount Robson, the Rockies' tallest peak at 12,989 feet (3,959 meters). Follow the Thompson River as you descend through the Columbia Mountains and arrive at your hotel in the thriving ski resort of Sun Peaks. After arrival into Sun Peaks, enjoy an interpretive walk and learn all about local medicinal plants. Upon completion of the walk, join your new friends and traveling companions for a unique Farewell Dinner and get a true insider's perspective on the fur trapping and trading industry of the region while tasting authentic regional food. (FB FD) Hotel: Sun Peaks Grand

Day 11 | Sun Peaks | Depart Vancouver

Returning to the Pacific coast, arrive back in Vancouver, where the journey ends. Take your transfer to Vancouver International Airport or to the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel if you want to extend your stay in Vancouver. (FB) *Please do not schedule any flights before 6 p.m.*