

SMALL GROUP TOURS 2022

Rockies Splendor Westbound

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Day 1 – Arrive at Calgary International Airport and proceed to your hotel.

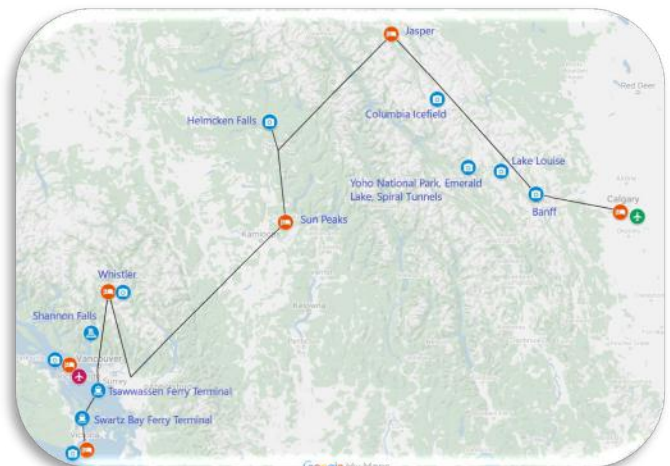
Welcome to Calgary, which marks the start of your Canadian Rockies Tour. Arrive at Calgary International Airport and complete your customs and immigration formalities. Head to the Rest Area between Gates 16 and 17 at the International Terminal (Arrival Level), and meet your Tour Director, who will escort you to the Airport Shuttle for a transfer to your hotel. If your flight arrives before 4 PM or after 7 PM, you can call the hotel directly and request for a shuttle to pick you up from the airport. Those not arriving at the Calgary International Airport must make their own way to the hotel.

Check-in to your comfortable hotel and refresh yourself after the long flight into Calgary. Your Tour Director will meet you at the hotel lobby and brief you on what to expect on this fabulous Canada holiday, and check/exchange your documents. In the evening, order in and enjoy a few hours of relaxation.

Overnight in Calgary, AB.

Day 2 – Orientation tour of Calgary + Intercity transfer from Calgary to Banff with welcome dinner.

Calgary the fifth largest city in Canada. Located at the sunny foothills of the Canadian Rocky Mountains towards the eastern side, Calgary is the major city for the entire southern half of the Province of Alberta. There are countless stunning, glimmering skyscrapers in this ever vibrant and



However, surrounding the city is the profound beauty and unspoilt natural environment. The Canadian Rockies on one side and where the Bow and Elbow rivers meet, on the other. economy, for the better. Calgary is rich in natural resources with the main one being the oil industry after oil was discovered in 1914 in Turner Valley which had a dramatic effect on the cities.

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Guided tour of Banff National Park, during which our experts offer interesting facts on the history, culture and tales surrounding the Canadian Rockies. On your tour, stop at the wide-river Bow Falls, climb to the Surprise Corner Viewpoint for panoramic views of Sulphur Mountains and beyond, see the unique Hoodoos rock formations carved out by water and wind over centuries. Surround yourself with the sounds of nature as you visit the dramatic Johnston Canyon, which is carved into the limestone bedrock and features waterfalls, overhanging rock walls and deep pools of the Johnston Creek.

Next, visit the rejuvenating thermal waters at Cave and Basin National Historic Site of Canada. Stroll past steaming waters into the ancient cave, where the natural hot springs were first discovered as your guide unravels tales of Banff National Park.

Optional admission to Banff Gondola ride, one of the most exciting things to do in Canada. Soar through the air and over treetops in the glass-enclosed cabins and breathe in jaw-dropping views as you glide to the top of Sulphur Mountain at 7,486 ft (2,281 m).

Enjoy the complimentary hot chocolate and cookies at the summit, which features a multi-sensory theatre, interactive exhibits, the Sulphur Mountain Boardwalk, and an observation deck with 360-degree views of the mountains, Bow Valley, and Banff.

Overnight in Banff, AB

[Day 3 - Tour of Lake Louise & Yoho National Park including Upper Spiral Tunnels, Natural Bridge & Emerald Lake.](#)

Drive into the Yoho National Park. Our first stop will be at the Lower Spiral Tunnel Viewpoint. This highway pull-off offers perfect views of the famous Spiral Tunnels, an engineering feat in which the railway line creates a giant figure-8 under the mountains to tackle the steep altitudes.

The tour will next visit the Natural Bridge, an impressive rock formation that the powerful Kicking Horse River has cut through to resemble a bridge with a small waterfall on the other side. This is also a great viewing spot to see the meeting point of the three Emerald, Amiskwi, and Kicking Horse Rivers. From here, we will make a short drive the up road to the gorgeous Emerald Lake, a bright turquoise glacial-fed lake that is surrounded by rugged mountains and pine-tree forests. Complete your tour of Yoho National Park and return to Banff by noon.

Clients may also choose to skip this day's tour and indulge in some of the optional tours we offer. Get a unique bird's-eye view of alpine slopes, pristine lakes, massive glaciers, and lush valleys when you take the Three Sisters Peaks Helicopter Tour or opt to relax in the soothing natural thermal waters at the Banff Upper Hot Springs, which was discovered in 1884 and is one of the most famous attractions in Banff. Saddle up and explore the celebrated landscapes of Banff National Park when you pick the Banff Horseback Trail ride. Choose to learn about the creatures that call Banff National Park home on the Evening Banff Wildlife Viewing Tour.

Day 4 - Full-day Icefield Parkway tour, with admissions to Ice Explorer and Glacier Skywalk.

The thrills will continue today, as you get ready to sample the best of Canada tourism. Savour a hearty breakfast before you depart from Banff and transfer to Jasper, with several exciting experiences along the way.

Gear up for the full-day guided Icefield Parkway tour that counts among the most popular things to do in Canada's West Coast. Listen as your Tour Director share insights on the best sights as you drive along the Icefields Parkway, which ranks among the most scenic highways in the world. Pause for a photo-stop at Lake Louise, known for its sparkling turquoise waters, towering mountains, and the elegant Fairmont Lake Louise Hotel. Arrive early to get the best lighting for photos that will capture memories from one of the best Canada tourist places. Carry on along the Icefield Parkway towards Bow Lake, a stunning high-altitude glacier-fed lake with the Crowfoot Mountain in the background. The stunning landscape, vibrant colors and great weather makes a visit to this, one of the largest lakes in Banff National Park, a must-do activity on your Canada holiday.

Stop to see the powerful Athabasca Falls, which roars through narrow openings in the rock to create a deep gorge below. There are various viewing platforms and nature trails around the area that allow you to capture amazing photos of the picturesque falls. Continue to the Columbia Icefield and see the world as it would have been during the Ice Ages at one of the world's largest non-polar ice fields.

Enjoy an hour-long ride on the massive Ice Explorers (admission included in tour) as it rolls across the gleaming white glaciers. Breathe in stunning views of snow-covered mountains, walk on the ancient glaciers, and sip from the cold pure water that runs off the Athabasca Glacier, while your guide shares fascinating data on Canada's geology and local ecosystem.

Later, take a walk on the thrilling Glacier Skywalk (admission included in tour), an immersive experience with waterfalls, wildlife and fossils, as you stride along to the cliff-edge walkway. The glass-floored lookout hangs 918 ft (280 m) above the Sunwapta Valley, offering visitors scintillating views of valleys, large cornices, majestic mountains and far-flung ice fields.

Your tour ends once you arrive in Jasper, nestled in the Canadian Rockies, and check-in to your hotel for a night of well-deserved rest.

Overnight in Jasper, AB.

Day 5 - Day free.

Day free to explore on own.

Overnight in Jasper, AB.

Day 6 - Yellowhead Hwy Tour with Helmcken Falls in Wells Gray Provincial Park.

Drive down the Yellowhead Highway as you transfer to Sun Peaks. Enroute, stop in Clearwater to witness the beautiful Helmcken Falls, a tall waterfall that gushes out of a narrow hanging gorge. A short walk from the parking lot leads you to the gorge rim and further to the viewing deck, which presents the perfect view of the falls.

On arrival in Sun Peaks and check-in to your hotel, where you can relax.

Overnight in Sun Peaks, BC

Day 7 - Tour transfer from Sun Peaks to Whistler with photostop at Shannon Falls.

This morning savour a mouth-watering array of healthy treats at breakfast before you begin the day's activities. Leave the city of Sun Peaks behind and travel through Thompson Nicola district and Fraser Valley to North Vancouver, from where you will turn onto the scenic Sea to Sky Highway that will take you to Whistler.

Check-in to your hotel and rest to evening is free to explore on own.

Overnight in Whistler, BC

Day 8 - Morning admission to Peak to Peak Gondola. Rest of the day for optional activities.

Morning Enjoy a ride on the Peak 2 Peak Gondola (admission included), a record-breaking lift connecting the two side-by-side mountains in Whistler. Watch the machinery in action, as you step into the cherry red cabins for a ride that comes with spectacular 360-degree views of the mountains, glaciers, lakes, forests, and Whistler Village. The special glass-bottom gondolas will give you a unique bird's-eye view of the valleys and forests below.

With some free time to spare, unleash your adventurous side and pick from our choice of optional activities on land, in the water or through the air in Whistler.

Choose to get down and dirty on an adrenaline packed guided RZR Adventure Tour, which blends the beauty of nature with the thrill of off-roading. Get into 2-seat or 4-seat RZR's, don your clear goggles and full-face helmets and race along wild backcountry trails through the rainforest, with grand views of glacier-fed lakes and rugged mountains. While this guided tour offers plenty of photo opportunities, the on-site photographers capture you at your best in this adventure (photographs available for purchase after the tour).

Overnight in Whistler, BC

Day 9 - Tour Transfer from Whistler to Victoria + Tour of Victoria.

Departing this morning to Victoria by bus till Vancouver and take ferry from Vancouver Terminal to Victoria. On arrival proceed on Tour of Victoria guided by your Tour Manager.

Optional admission to Butchart Gardens and see nature's colours at its best. With over 900 plant

species, multiple gardens, glittering pools, and fountains covering about 55 acres, this is one of the world's best gardens. It is also the preferred venue for exciting events, illumination displays, firework shows and more, making your summer evenings here a spectacular experience to take home from your Canada tour.

Later check-in to your hotel, where you can relax.

Overnight in Victoria, BC

Day 10 - Day free.

Day free to explore on own.

Overnight in Victoria, BC

Day 11 - Tour Transfer from Victoria to Vancouver + Guided City Tour of Vancouver with Farewell Dinner.

Today sail back to Vancouver and proceed on guided City Tour of Vancouver by professional guide services and shares interesting details about the city's top attractions. Start with a trip to Granville Island, which was once an industrial wasteland but is now a public space known for its unique artistic talent, shopping markets, incredible food offerings, and entertainment activities. Then, visit to Robson Street, a major shopping and commercial precinct lined with stores and eateries that draw in visitors from across the world. Uncover the ever-charming Gastown, a historic settlement that was the origin of today's Vancouver, and marvel at the old buildings, visit the quaint stores, pose against vintage lampposts, and see the famous Gastown Steam Clock. Next, head to Stanley Park, the city's first green space with several walking and cycling trails, blooming gardens, a miniature train, and the scenic Seawall, and enjoy a photo stop at the Totem Poles that are a showcase of the First Nations' artistic traditions.

Check-in to the welcoming warmth of your hotel, where you can relax in your rooms. Later step out to indulge in the local restaurant for Farewell dinner before you call it a night.

Overnight in Vancouver, BC

Day 12 - Day free.

Day free to explore on own.

Overnight in Vancouver, BC

DAY 13 – Transfer from hotel on own to Vancouver Airport for your flight back home.

Today, is the last day of your holiday across the West Coast, packed with some of the best Canada tourism experiences. Wake up bright and early and enjoy a sumptuous breakfast before you complete your check-out formalities at the hotel. Transfer to Vancouver Airport on own.

We hope you have had as much fun on your Canada holiday as we had curating it for you.

End of Tour.

Tour Exclusions:

- ✗ Airfare.
- ✗ Meals other than what is included under Inclusions.
- ✗ Travel Insurance - recommended. We require a Travel Agent to secure a signed Waiver in the event client declines your offer to sell Travel Insurance.

DMCi will require Travel Agent to provide us the signed waiver when required as a part of the Terms & Conditions of Contract.

DMCi sells Manulife Travel Insurance. Please check with us for rates.
- ✗ Bottled Water.
- ✗ Early Check-in and Late Check-out charges. Charges will apply.
- ✗ Optional Tours & Admissions.
- ✗ Option to extend stay.

- ✓ Tour Inclusions:
- ✓ 12 Nights accommodation – Calgary – 1 night, Banff – 2 nights, Jasper – 2 nights, Sun Peaks – 1 night, Whistler – 2 nights, Victoria – 2 Nights, Vancouver – 2 Nights.
- ✓ Daily breakfast.
- ✓ Dinner on Day 2 & Day 11.
- ✓ Dedicated English speaking Tour Director – Day 1 to 13.
- ✓ Orientation tour of Calgary.
- ✓ Orientation tour of Banff.
- ✓ Tour of Yoho National Park including visit to Spiral Tunnels Viewing Point, Emerald lake and the Natural Bridge.
- ✓ Photostop at Lake Louise.
- ✓ Admissions to Ice Explorer and Glacier Skywalk.
- ✓ Day free in Jasper, AB.
- ✓ Visit to the beautiful Helmcken Falls in the Wells Gray Provincial Park.
- ✓ Admissions to Peak-to-Peak Gondola.
- ✓ Tour of Sea-to-Sky Gondola with photostop at Shannon Falls.
- ✓ Day free in Victoria.
- ✓ BC Ferry Tickets – Vancouver to Victoria (Return).
- ✓ Guided City Tour of Vancouver.
- ✓ Canada Park Fees.
- ✓ Gratuities for Tour Coach Driver & Guide.
- ✓ Private ground transportation.
- ✓ Taxes and GST.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs, please visit: [Rockies Splendor West](#) or contact your favourite Travel Agent.