

## Calgary, AB, Canada

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# Highlights

8 days | 7 nights tour. Orientation tour of Calgary Tour the beautiful town of Banff its is surroundings. Ride the Gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain. Go on the Icefield Parkway Tour. Visit beautiful Lake Louise, UNESCO designated World Heritage Site. Embark on a Glacier Adventure at Columbia Icefield on the famous Ice Explorer. Tour through Yoho & Glacier National Parks. Visit to Emerald Lake. Walk along the lovely lakeside promenade in Kelowna. Winery Tour with Wine Tasting in Kamloops. Tour up the Sea-to-Sky Highway. Visit Shannon Falls & Brandywine Falls. Sample fun and activities Whistler that has on offer. Go on a Guided tour of Vancouver. Walk Vancouver's most popular landmark – Capilano Suspension Bridge. Dedicated Tour Director. Gratuities Included (except for Tour Director; optional). All of this at a very affordable price. Select Departure June to Sep 2023 This is an Escorted Group Tour.

Essential Rockies & West Coast Tour is the ideal way to see and experience all that is Canada's Rockies and West Coast has to offer; **and all at a very affordable price**.

The tour includes stunning views of rugged mountains, swift-flowing rivers, thundering waterfalls, exotic wildlife, and turquoise, blue lakes. Tour the town of Banff and take a ride on the Banff Gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain. Go on a journey of the famous Icefield Parkway; stop by at Lake Louise to admire the beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage site. Ride the Ice Explorer at Columbia Icefield. Tour through the Yoho and Revelstoke & Glacier National Parks to spend a night in Kelowna with its lovely downtown. Enroute, stop by the Columbia River in Revelstoke for some great pictures and visit the Ghost Town at Three Valley Gap. Sample the summer delights that the alpine resort of Whistler has on offer before arriving in Vancouver, Canada's gem on the Pacific Coast. Go on a tour of the beautiful city of Vancouver; walk the famous Capilano Suspension Bridge. Explore the beautiful downtown, waterfront, parks, art galleries and nightlife with which Vancouver welcomes all her visitors.

Day 1: Arrive in Calgary. Transfer on own to your hotel in downtown Calgary. Rest of the day free.

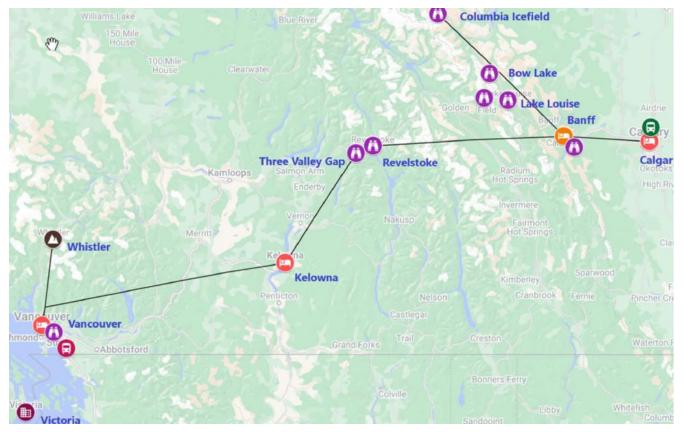


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Calgary International Airport is the gateway to Alberta's Rocky Mountains. After you have arrived and collected your luggage, make your way to the tour hotel in downtown Calgary on your own. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the city on your own. If you are looking for things to do, be sure to visit some of Calgary's key attractions such as the Calgary Zoo, Heritage Park, and the Calgary Tower. With so much to see and do, you are sure to have a memorable stay in Calgary.

#### Overnight in Calgary, AB.



Day 2: Morning orientation tour of Calgary. Afternoon tour of Banff including admissions to Banff Gondola.

Start you day with a tour of downtown Calgary, where you will get a feel for the city's unique blend of cosmopolitan flair and western hospitality. You will see some of the city's most popular attractions, including the Calgary Tower and the Olympic Park, and you will learn about the city's rich history and vibrant culture.

Later in the day, your tour will head to the town of Banff in the Banff National Park. The park is home to majestic mountains and turquoise lakes, and you will have the opportunity to spot some of its resident wildlife, including elk, bighorn sheep, and if you are truly lucky, black and brown bears. Whether you are a nature lover or a city slicker, this tour has something for everyone.



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Your tour of Banff will include all the must-see places including the Bow Falls, Surprise Corner, The Banff Springs Hotel, Mt. Rudlestone, the Hoodoos, and Lake Minnewanka.

One of the most scintillating experiences on your tour is a ride on the Banff Gondola, which is an aerial ride unlike any other. This signature experience starts at the Gondola Base. From here, you step into comfortable glass-enclosed cabin and prepare for a scenic 8-minute journey to the top of Sulphur Mountains at 2,281 meters (7,486 feet). As you glide over the treetops, soak in the breath-taking sight of six stunning mountain ranges and the entire sweep of the Bow Valley spread out in front of you. The summit offers you a bird's-eye view of the Bow Valley and the mountain ranges surrounding Banff.

#### Overnight in Canmore, AB

Day 3: Icefield Parkway Tour including visit to Lake Louise, photostops at Bow and Peyto Lake, visit to Columbia Icefield and admission to Glacier Adventure (Ice Explorer).

The Icefield Parkway tour from Canmore is the perfect way to see some of the most beautiful scenery in Canada. This full day tour takes you along the picturesque Icefield Parkway. You will visit the UNESCO World Heritage "Lake Louise." And then on to the Columbia Icefield, the largest non-polar icefield south of the North Pole. Enroute, you will also have the chance to see some incredible wildlife, including grizzly bears, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats.

At the Columbia Icefield, you will climb abroad the Ice Explorer is a specially designed vehicle that takes you onto the Athabasca Glacier, a 10,000-year-old sheet of ice. You will get to know this incredible geological formation and perhaps taste the waters of the glacier.

Your tour will also make stops at the Bow and Peyto Lakes for some great pictures before arriving back at your hotel in Canmore.

#### Overnight in Canmore, AB.

Day 4: Tour through Yoho and Revelstoke & Glacier National Parks to Kelowna.

After breakfast, you will check out of your hotel and begin your journey through the Yoho and Glacier national Parks to Kelowna. The drive will take you through the stunning Rocky Mountains, providing plenty of opportunity to take in the natural beauty of this region. Enroute, your tour will stop for pictures in Revelstoke by the banks of the Columbia River and at the Ghost Town of Three Valley Gap (admissions not included).

On arrival in Kelowna, check into your hotel.

Kelowna is located in the Okanagan Valley and is known for its stunning scenery and abundance of outdoor activities. Make sure to visit her downtown and take a walk along the lovely lakeside promenade or sample some of the local wines and delicious cuisine.

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Day 5: Winery Tour with Wine Tasting in Kelowna. Tour through the Okanagan, along the Fraser River and up the Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler.

Start your day with an unmissable wine experience at one of Kelowna's premier wineries surrounded by acres of beautiful vineyards and the majestic Mt. Boucherie filling the skyline. Experience a tour where you will learn all about wine-making and an over-view of the Okanagan Valley's growing



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region. Your tour ends with a guided tasting of a selection of wines including an Award-Winning Icewine.

Later this morning, your tour will leave Kelowna to drive through the Okanagan and on to the Seato-Sky Highway to Whistler. The drive will take approximately four hours. Please be sure to have your camera ready as you will want to take plenty of pictures along the way. Part of this journey will be a drive up the scenic the Sea-to-Sky Highway.

The Sea-to-Sky Highway winds a scenic route hemmed by the Howe Sound, Coast Mountains, its forested slopes and deep valleys.

Enroute, your tour will visit Shannon Falls and Brandywine Falls before arriving in the Alpine resort town of Whistler. Upon arrival in Whistler, check into your hotel. Spend the remainder of the day exploring this beautiful mountain town. Be sure to wander down to the village square and enjoy some of the local shops and restaurants.

#### Overnight in Whistler, BC.

Day 6: Tour down Sea-to-Sky Highway to Vancouver with a Guided Tour of Vancouver including admissions to Capilano Suspension Bridge.

After breakfast, we will checkout from the Whistler. The morning will be free for you to explore Whistler and go up on the Peak-to-Peak gondola (optional). Your tour will depart Whistler mid-day to arrive in North Vancouver around 3 PM.

On arrival in North Vancouver, the tour will stop at the Capilano Suspension Bridge where you will have a chance to visit this incredible Vancouver landmark (admissions included). The main attraction of this park set in rainforest landscape, is the 450 feet (137 meters) long bridge suspended 230 feet (70 meters) above the Capilano River. Millions of daring visitors have taken a walk across this suspension bridge since its opening in 1889.

Leaving North Vancouver behind, we will head to downtown Vancouver for a fully guided tour of the city. The tour will take you through Vancouver's most popular spots including a visit to Stanley Park, Canada Place, Gastown, Robson Street and Granville Island. Rest of the evening will be free for you to explore the beautiful city of Vancouver on our own and experience some of the fine dining Vancouver offers.

#### Overnight in Vancouver, BC.

#### Day 7: Day free.

Today day is free to explore Vancouver city on your own.

Vancouver is a beautiful city with plenty to do. A must-see is Stanley Park, which offers stunning views of water, mountains, and dense forest. There are excellent hiking trails in the park as well as opportunities to go kayaking, horseback riding, or visit the Vancouver Aquarium. If you are looking for some culture, Vancouver has plenty to offer in that arena as well. The Museum of Anthropology is world-renowned for its collection of First Nations artifacts, and the Vancouver Art Gallery is also worth a visit. No matter what your interests are, you are sure to find something to enjoy in Vancouver.

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#### Day 8: End of your Essential Rockies & West Coast Tour. Transfer on own to YVR.

Your Essential Rockies & West Coast Tour ends today. Check-out time is 11.00 AM. Transfer on your own to Vancouver International Airport (YVR). Your hotel offers complimentary scheduled shuttle transfers to YVR.

We hope you have enjoyed your time with us and that you have had some wonderful experiences. Thank you for traveling with us and we hope to see you again soon.

End of your Essential Rockies & West Coast Tour.

#### Inclusions

- ✓ 7 Nights accommodations.
  - 1 night in Calgary.
  - 2 nights in Canmore
  - o 1 night in Kelowna
  - o 1 night in Whistler
  - 2 nights in Vancouver
- ✓ Calgary Orientation tour of Calgary.
- ✓ Banff Tour of Banff.
- ✓ Banff Admissions to Banff Gondola.
- ✓ Canmore Icefield Parkway Tour.
- ✓ Columbia Icefield Admissions to Glacier Adventure (Ice Explorer).
- ✓ Visit to Lake Louise. Photostop at Bow Lake and Peyto Lake.
- ✓ Tour through Yoho & Glacier National Parks. Visit to Emerald Lake.
- ✓ Visit to Ghost Town at Three Valley Gap (Admissions not included).
- ✓ Kelowna Winery Tour with Wine Tasting.
- ✓ Photostop at Shannon falls and Brandywine Falls.
- ✓ Vancouver Guided tour of Vancouver.
- ✓ Vancouver Admissions to Capilano Suspension Bridge.
- ✓ Shuttle transfer from hotel in Vancouver to YVR (Vancouver International Airport).
- ✓ Canada Park Fees.
- ✓ Dedicated Tour Director.
- ✓ Porterage at hotels limited to one piece of luggage per person.
- ✓ Gratuities for Tour Coach Driver and Guides. Gratuities for Tour Director are optional (suggested Gratuities \$10 per person per day).
- ✓ Resort Fees, Taxes & GST.

#### Exclusions



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- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meals other than Breakfast.
- × Departure Transfer from Calgary Airport (YYC) to hotel in downtown Calgary.
- × Bottled Water in hotel rooms and on the coach.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- Gratuities for hotel staff (optional).
- Travel Insurance highly recommended. If client declines your offer to sell Travel Insurance, you should secure a Liability Waiver signed by the client that you must provide us on demand. We sell Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario. Non-residents of Ontario as well as clients from abroad must purchase Travel Insurance in the province/state/country where they reside.
- × Optional Tours and activities.
- × Early Check-in and Late Check-out charges. Charges will apply.
- \* Gratuities for Tour Director are optional (suggested Gratuities \$10 per person per day).
- × If applicable, cost of any RTPCR/Antigen Test or costs related to quarantine.

Destination	Standard Hotels
Calgary	Ramada Plaza Calgary Downtown
Canmore	Canmore Pocaterra Inn & Waterslide
Kelowna	Comfort Suites Kelowna
Whistler	Crystal Lodge
Vancouver	Sandman Hotel Vancouver Airport
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#### Hotels Featured

Rooms featured will be Standard ROH room unless specified otherwise. Hotels featured will be as above or similar.

We reserve the right to substitute the hotel properties with similar or better properties when required.

#### Deposit Policy

A deposit of Canadian \$ 250 required per persons at the time of booking.

Balance payable 90 days prior to start of tour.



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#### Change & Cancellation Policy

- 61-days prior to start of tour 100% refundable less deposit of \$250 per person.
- 60-days or less 100% non-refundable.
- No Show 100% non-refundable.
- Unused services 100% non-refundable.

#### Note

- 1. The Federal and/or Provincial health authorities may require that clients be double vaccinated and produce a vaccination certificate on demand. Please refer to <u>Health Canada</u> site for most up to date information in this regard.
- 2. Federal, Provincial, Municipal Health Authorities and/or certain service providers may require clients to wear a face mask.
- 3. We recommend clients carry a digital/paper copy of their Vaccination Certificate on person to be produced on demand.

#### FAQ

- Should we purchase Travel Insurance to join this tour? Highly recommended. We require clients to provide us a signed Liability Waiver in the event you choose to decline our offer to sell Travel Insurance. DMCi sells Manulife Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario. Please check with us for rates. Residents of other provinces as well as those coming from overseas must purchase Travel insurance in the province/country where they reside.
- **Is this tour an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director?** Yes. This is a fully Escorted Tour with a Tour Director. Our Tour Director will be with you from Day 2 to Day 6.
- Are there fixed departure dates for this tour? Yes. The tour departs on fixed dates as published on our website.
- **Is this tour available in the reverse direction starting from Vancouver?** Yes. This tour is available in the opposite direction. Please visit our website for more information.
- Is this tour customizable? No.
- Will I be sitting with the same group of people on this tour Escorted Tour? Yes. There will be other members on this tour.
- What size of coaches are used for transfers and tours? We use 56-, 33- 24-seater and 14setaer coaches depending on the size of the group. We also use smaller vehicles where the head count is ten or less.
- Seating on your tour coach The first two seats on the coach are blocked away for the tour director and guide. In order that everyone on the coach has a pleasant tour experience, we have



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a mandatory seat rotation policy on our motor coaches which will be organized by your Tour Director. Seats for each day will be assigned by your Tour Director.

- Toilets on the Tour Coach Our 56-seater Tour Coaches come with a toilet. Other vehicles we
  use do not have a toilet in them. Toilets are for only emergency use. The tour coach will make
  periodic restroom stops for your convenience.
- How many pieces of luggage am I allowed to bring on the tour? Each client is limited to one standard airline suitcase and one handbag. No luggage is allowed inside the cabin of the coach.
- About Sightseeing Sometimes, your tour dates run into religious holidays, national celebrations, marathons, etc. Occasionally, some monuments and sites and tour routes may be closed by authorities without a prior notice. On such occasions, the tour itineraries will be amended to reflect these closures. As well, occasionally, due unforeseen circumstances including weather conditions, there may be last-minute changes, sometimes after arrival, which may affect the sequence of the tour and locations visited. National monuments and tourist sites regularly undergo renovations, which can obscure views. We will not cancel any tour due renovations. However, we may decide to amend the itinerary if such conditions prevail for your comfort and safety.
- Will I be met on arrival at Calgary International Airport (YYC) at the start of the tour? No. You must make your own way to your tour group hotel in downtown Calgary. Metered cab and Ride Shares are available right outside the arrival hall. A typical UBER Ride from YYC Airport to your hotel will cost approximately CA \$ 40.00.
- When will the Tour Director meet with us? The Tour Director will meet with you in the lobby
  of your hotel at 7 PM on Day 1 of the Tour. T Those who are unable to attend this meeting, can
  meet with the Tour Director on Day 2.
- What time would the tour depart on Day 2? The tour will start at 9 AM on Day 2. So, if you
  have not met your Tour Director the previous day, you must meet him in the lobby of the hotel
  at 8:30 AM on Day 2.
- Will the Tour wait for us if we are running late? No. We respect every client who has paid to be on our tour and therefore we must keep to the timings. Hence, we are unable to wait for any late comers. Late comers will miss the portion of the tour. No refund or substitute tour will be provided if you have missed any part of the tour.
- Departure transfer from hotel in Vancouver to (YVR) Vancouver International Airport? Is this included? No. Departure transfer is not included. You should book a cab (we recommend you book same previous day through your hotel's Concierge Desk). Alternatively, you can hail one of the share rides. Depending on the traffic, the ride to the airport from downtown Vancouver is between 30 to 40 minutes.
- Does the hotel in Vancouver offer a shuttle to YVR Airport? Yes. The hotel in Vancouver offers a complimentary scheduled shuttle transfer to YVR Airport. You must reserve your spot on the shuttle with the hotel's front desk 24-hours prior.



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- Gratuities For your convenience, we have already included the gratuities for driver and tour guides in your package. The only gratuities you must budget for will be for the Tour Director. Suggested tip would be CA \$ 10 / US \$ 8 per person per day.
- Would we require a credit card to check-in at confirmed group hotels? No. However, you
  will not be able to order any room services unless you leave a credit card authorization with the
  Front Desk.
- What is the hotel check-in and check-out times?
  - Check-in: 4 PM
  - Check-out: 11 AM

Early Check-in and Late-Checkouts require prior approval by the hotel. Additional charges, possibly an additional night charge will apply.

- What is the check in time for flights in Canada?
  - **Domestic** 60 minutes.
  - **Trans-**border 2 hours.
  - **International –** 3 hours.
- Canada Park Fees Are Park Fees included in our Tour Package? Yes. All park fees are included in the tour package.
- **Cell Phones & Calling Cards** You may want to carry your cell phone while traveling. Check with your cell phone provider if your phone will work in the destination(s) you are visiting.
- Wi-Fi Access Most hotels in Canada offer free Wi-Fi in the public areas and some even offer complimentary Wi-Fi in their rooms. We are not offering Wi-Fi on the tour coach.
- Climate & Clothing The weather in Canada varies according to where you are in the country. May and even parts of June are still cool, and we recommend warm clothing. We would also recommend packing a foldable umbrella. Summer temperatures could soar to 27 degrees. If you are planning to book the optional Whale Watching tour in Victoria, you must wear warm clothing as it gets cold on the water even in summer months.

Make sure to wear comfortable walking shoes as there is some bit of walking on some of the tours.

Clothing recommended -

December to April	May & June	July to September	October & November
Warm winter clothing including gloves, toque, scarf, and warm jacket.	Light warm clothing such as sweater, warm jacket, scarf, etc.	Comfortable Clothing. A warm jacket, sweater or similar as a backup.	Light warm clothing such as sweater, warm jacket, scarf, etc.



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Practical footwear – warm,	Practical footwear –	Comfortable	Practical footwear –
	warm, waterproof,	waterproof	warm, waterproof,
tread.	and with a good tread.	footwear.	and with a good tread.

- What should I Pack besides warm clothing? We recommend you pack
  - Foldable umbrella.
  - A coffee-mug. many hotels in Canada these days offer only styro-foam/paper cups.
  - A water bottle.
- Am I allowed to bring my own food/beverages on board the tour coach? No Food or Beverages will be allowed inside the cabin of our Tour Coaches. Bottled water is allowed in the coach.
- Is it ok to drink Tap Water in Canada? Yes. Canadian drinking water supplies are generally of excellent quality.
- Travel Documents If you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, you will require a
  valid Passport, and possibly a Visa and other travel documents to travel to Canada. Please
  check with the Canadian Embassy/High Commission or Canadian diplomatic mission near you
  to confirm whether you require a Visa to travel to Canada.
- Canadian citizens will be required to present a valid government photo-id such as a valid Passport or Driver's License at check in. The photo-id will be required at the time of hotel check-in. The Photo-id must be in the name of the person in whose name the booking has been created with us.
- Passport Validity Your passport should be valid for at least six months from date of your expected departure from Canada. This requirement may vary by nationality.
- Second piece of Photo ID Some establishments require you to produce a second piece of photo ID. You should therefore carry a second piece of ID issued by your government in addition to your passport.
- Currency in Canada Canadian Dollars. We suggest you carry Canadian \$s. Foreign visitors are requested to carry Canadian Currency when travelling to Canada for their convenience. Although other currencies are accepted, carrying Canadian currency is recommended. Currency exchanges are not necessarily easily accessible and changing foreign exchange at hotel check-in desks always works against the financial interests of the visitor.
- Credit Cards Master Card and VISA are widely accepted. Occasionally, you will find some establishments will not accept American Express credit cards.
- Languages spoken in Canada Canada English & French are the official languages. However, on your tour itinerary in Rockies and Western Canada, you will find very few people speaking French.
- **Electricity** 110 volts. We recommend you bring a converter for your 220 V appliances. Buying same while on the tour may not be feasible.

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 Plug Type - In Canada, the electric wall outlets where the plugs go are for types A and B, requiring two and three prong plugs like in the United States. If you are travelling from other jurisdictions, please make sure to bring along adapters that will allow you plug into our two and three prong electric wall outlets. Adapters are not easily available locally.



- Medication and prescriptions Please carry sufficient medication for the duration of your trip. Buying medication in Canada, will require a prescription from a Doctor licensed to practice in Canada. Keeping your current prescriptions and Doctor's information handy will be helpful in such circumstances. Doctors require prepayment with a credit card before consultation.
- **Carry your Prescription Medications in your cabin luggage**. We request you pack your prescription medication in your hand baggage for easy access during the tour.
- Health and Hygiene Products The most crucial part of your luggage includes a well-packed first-aid kit, toiletries, and sanitation products.
- Post Covid-19 Precautions We recommend you carry with you face masks and gloves as a precaution.
- Are your tours accessible friendly? Unfortunately, our tours are not recommended for clients who need accessible services.
- **Restricted and Prohibited Goods** below are a list of items prohibited entry into Canada
  - Firearms and weapons.
  - Food, plants, animals, and related products.
  - Explosives, fireworks, and ammunition.
  - All kinds of hallucinogenic drugs and substances.
  - Restrictions on the import of Tobacco, Alcohol by visitors for personal use apply.
- Will I see wildlife on these tours? There is a chance of seeing wildlife on the tour and we
  often spot animals, however we do not guarantee seeing wildlife on any of our tours. Our guides
  have a lot of knowledge about the animals within the Canadian National Parks and can fill you in
  about them if you see any wildlife or if you have any questions.
- Wild Animals Is it safe to approach wild animals? Is it safe to touch them if they behave friendly? ABSOLUTELY NO. Neither should you get out of your vehicle to photograph them even if they seem to be calm and even friendly.
- What is your policy should our flight be cancelled and therefore we are unable to join the tour? – DMCi Inc. is responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If you are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. All such circumstances should be covered by your Travel Insurance.



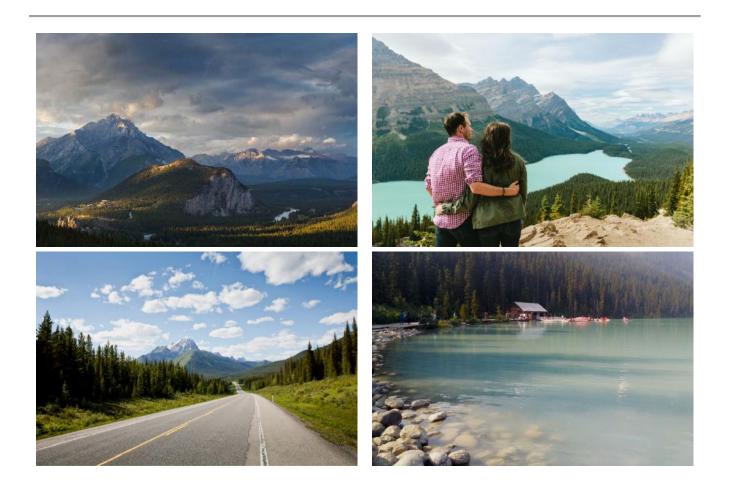


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## For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs, Contact our Destination Specialist @ Email: <u>sales@dmci.ca</u> Phone: +1 416 425 8001 Toll Free: + 1-833-621-0750 www.dmci.ca





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