

Vancouver, BC, Canada

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Highlights

8 days | 7 nights tour.

Guided tour of Vancouver.

Walk Vancouver's most popular landmark – Capilano Suspension Bridge.

Tour up the Sea-to-Sky Highway. Visit Shannon Falls Brandywine Falls.

Sample fun and activities Whistler has on offer.

Walk along the lovely lakeside promenade in Kelowna.

Winery Tour with Wine Tasting in Kelowna.

Tour through Glacier & Yoho National Parks.

Go on the Icefield Parkway Tour.

Tour through Glacier National Parks & Yoho National Park. Visit to Emerald Lake.

Visit beautiful Lake Louise, UNESCO designated World Heritage Site.

Embark on a Glacier Adventure at Columbia Icefield on the famous Ice Explorer.

Tour the beautiful town of Banff its is surroundings.

Ride the Gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain.

Dedicated Tour Director.

Gratuities Included (except for Tour Director; optional).

All of this at a very affordable price.

Select Departure Jun 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 West Coast and Rockies 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 emerald, blue lakes. Go on a tour of the beautiful city of Vancouver; walk the famous Capilano Suspension Bridge; sample the summer delights that the alpine resort of Whistler offers before venturing into the Okanagan. Spend a night in the lovely town of Kelowna before getting back on the highway to continue your tour into the Canadian Rockies. Visit the Ghost Town at Three Valley Gap. Stop by the Columbia River in Revelstoke for some great pictures. Go on a tour 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 the town of Banff and take a ride on the Banff Gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain.

The Essential Rockies & Westcoast Tour offers you all of the above and much more.

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

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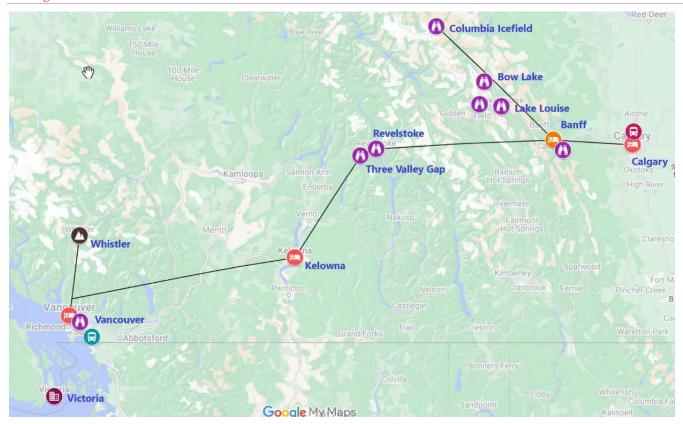
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Arriving in Vancouver, you'll make your own way to your downtown hotel. With the rest of the day free, you can explore the city at your leisure. Vancouver is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city, with a diverse range of attractions to suit all tastes. If you're looking to spend some time outdoors, Stanley Park is must-see. The park offers stunning views of the city skyline, as well as lush gardens, hiking trails, and a variety of wildlife. For culture lovers, the Vancouver Art Gallery is home to an impressive collection of Canadian and international art. And no visit to Vancouver would be complete without experiencing its thriving food scene. From eclectic street food to fine dining, there's something to suit every palate. With so much to see and do, Vancouver is sure to leave a lasting impression.

Overnight in Vancouver, BC.



Day 2: 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 3: Guided tour of Vancouver including admissions to Capilano Suspension Bridge. Afternoon tour up the Sea-2-Sky Highway to Whistler.

After breakfast, we will checkout from our hotel in Vancouver.

Start the day heading 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.

Post our city tour, we will head to North Vancouver where you will get to visit one of Vancouver's incredible landmarks, the Capilano Suspension Bridge (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 next head up the Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler. This 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 4: Morning free. Tour down the Sea-to-Sky Hwy, along the Fraser River and through the Okanagan to Kelowna.

You will have the morning free to sample the delights that Whistler has on offer. We recommend taking the Peak-2-Peak Gondola or going on an all-terrain vehicle (RZR) tour through the BC Rainforests. a gondola ride to the top of one of the nearby mountains for stunning views of the area. If you feel like being active, there are plenty of well marked hiking and biking trails to explore as well. Or, if you just want to relax, you can stroll through the charming village and grab a coffee or bite to eat.

In the afternoon, you will leave Whistler for Kelowna. 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 Glacier and Yoho National Parks to Canmore.

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

Departing Kelowna, your tour will travel on the Trans-Canada Hwy1 to Canmore. Today's drive will take you through the Glacier and Yoho National Parks famous for towering mountains, forested slopes, and swift flowing rivers. Enroute, your tour will make stops at the Ghost Town of Three Valley Gap (admissions not included) and a photostop at Revelstoke by the banks of the Columbia River.

You will arrive Canmore in time for dinner. Canmore is a charming mountain town with plenty of great shops and restaurants to enjoy.

Overnight in Canmore, AB.

Day 6: 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).

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, 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 7: Morning tour of Banff including admissions to Banff Gondola. Late afternoon orientation tour of Calgary.

Check-out of your hotel post breakfast this morning and board your tour coach for your tour of Banff and transfer to Calgary.

Start your day with a tour of Banff, a lovely resort town in the Banff National Park. 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 metres (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.

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Later in the afternoon, your tour will proceed to Calgary. On arrival, start your orientation tour of downtown Calgary. 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.

At the end of your tour, arrive at your hotel and check-in. Rest of the evening free to explore Calgary on your own.

Overnight in Calgary, AB.

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

Your Essential Rockies & West Coast Tour ends today. Check-out time is 11.00 AM. Transfer from your hotel to Calgary International Airport (YYC) on your own.

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.
 - o 2 nights in Vancouver
 - o 1 night in Whistler
 - o 1 night in Kelowna
 - o 2 nights in Canmore
 - o 1 night in Calgary.
- ✓ Vancouver Guided tour of Vancouver.
- ✓ Vancouver Admissions to Capilano Suspension Bridge.
- ✓ Photostop at Shannon falls and Brandywine Falls.
- ✓ Winery Tour with Wine Tasting in Kelowna.
- ✓ Visit to Ghost Town at Three Valley Gap (Admissions not included).
- ✓ Tour through Glacier National Parks & Yoho National Park. Visit to Emerald Lake.
- ✓ Canmore Icefield Parkway Tour.
- ✓ Columbia Icefield Admissions to Glacier Adventure (Ice Explorer).
- ✓ Visit to Lake Louise. Photostop at Bow Lake and Peyto Lake.
- ✓ Banff Tour of Banff.
- ✓ Banff Admissions to Banff Gondola.
- ✓ Calgary Orientation tour of Calgary.
- ✓ Shuttle transfer from Vancouver Airport to your hotel in Vancouver.
- ✓ Canada Park Fees.
- ✓ Dedicated Tour Director.
- ✓ Porterage at hotels limited to one piece of luggage per person.

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- ✓ 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

- * Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meals other than Breakfast.
- × Departure Transfer from hotel in downtown Calgary to Calgary Airport (YYC).
- × Park Fees.
- × Porterage at hotels.
- * Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- × 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 Guides/Driver cum Guides (Expected)
- * If applicable, cost of any RTPCR/Antigen Test or costs related to quarantine.

Hotels Featured

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

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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.

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 are double vaccinated and produce a vaccination certificate on demand. Please refer to Health Canada 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.

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- **Is this tour available in the reverse direction starting from Calgary?** 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 14-setaer coaches depending on the size of the group. We also use smaller vehicles where the head count is 10 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
 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.
- Will I be met on arrival at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) at the start of the tour? No. You must make your own way to your tour group hotel in Vancouver. You can take the hotel's complimentary shuttle to the hotel. Call the hotel from the courtesy phone in the terminal after you have collected your luggage and they will direct you to the point where you should wait for your shuttle transfer.
 - Alternatively, you can take one of the Metered Cabs or Ride Shares available right outside the arrival hall. A typical UBER Ride from YVR Airport to your hotel will cost approximately CA \$ 20.00.
- 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.
- 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. Those who are unable to attend this meeting, can meet with the Tour Director on Day 2.

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- 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 8:00 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 Calgary to (YYC) Calgary 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 such as UBER. Depending on the traffic, the ride to the airport from downtown Vancouver is between 30 to 40 minutes. A typical ride to the airport should cost between CA \$50 and \$60 per ride.
- How many persons and pieces of luggage would a Cab or Ride Share Vehicle take? Typically, cabs and share rides accept three persons per vehicle. Most vehicles can accommodate only two airline checked luggage (standard size). No luggage is allowed in the cabin of the vehicle for safety reasons.
- 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?

o 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.

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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. Comfortable waterproof footwear.	Light warm clothing such as sweater, warm jacket, scarf, etc.
Practical footwear – warm, waterproof, and with a good tread.	Practical footwear – warm, waterproof, and with a good tread.		Practical footwear – warm, waterproof, and with a good tread.

- What should I Pack besides warm clothing? We recommend you pack
 - o 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
 - o Food, plants, animals, and related products.
 - Explosives, fireworks, and ammunition.
 - All kinds of hallucinogenic drugs and substances.

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- 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 quarantee 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.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs,

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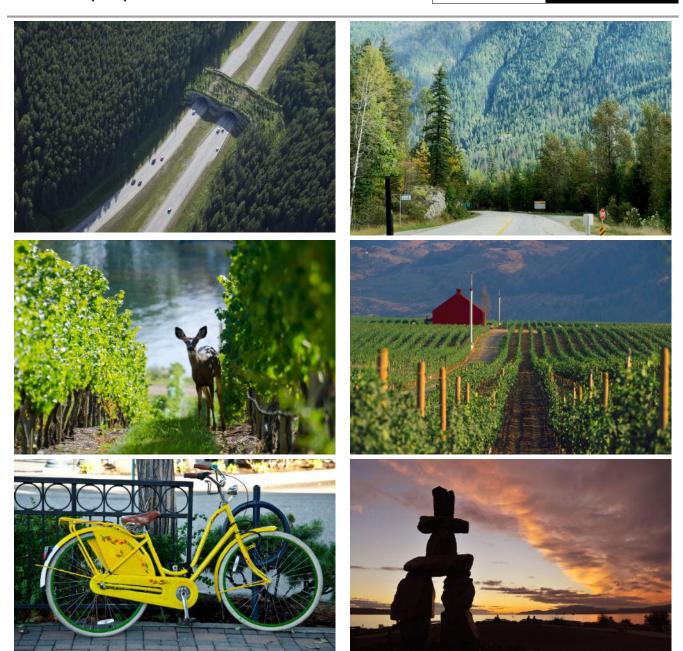






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