

True North and Mountains Tour

Vancouver

Your journey starts in Stanley Park at downtown Vancouver. While covering a 5km stretch, you get to see the First Nation Totem Poles, or travel in the miniature train with your kids or maybe spot a few spotted raccoons or skunks basking in the sun. Visit the Capilano Suspension Bridge, a 450ft long and a 230ft tall wonder, waiting to be explored. Also, do not forget to explore the Greenheart Canopy Walkway in the UBC Botanical Gardens – a marvellous aerial trail system at 1010ft. For those ornithophiles, our bird caller will enthrall your experience and you might have a chance to call in a few. Not far from there is The Museum of Anthropology and the Queen Elizabeth Park. You can either choose to explore the renowned displays of world arts and cultures, in particular works by First Nation band governments of the Pacific Northwest at the Museum or enjoy the 500 exotic plants and flowers, plus a hundred free flying tropical birds at the Queen Elizabeth Park. Take a moment to be amazed by the marine life and beauty at the Vancouver Aquarium or Dr Sun Yet-Sen Garden – a 15th century Chinese garden. Or you can choose to visit the Granville Island Market by taking a mini ferry across the Burrard Inlet. For the shopaholics in you, visit the largest mall in British Columbia, Metropolis at Metrotown. Also, you wouldn't regret exploring the George C Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary at Delta for some more avian experience.

Vancouver to Squamish

On your way to Squamish from Vancouver on the Sea-to-Sky Highway, visit the Britannia Mine Museum, an important piece of Canadian history. Later visit Shannon Falls the third highest falls in British Columbia – a series of cliffs, rising 335 metres above Highways 99. Hike the at the Stawamus Chief Provincial Park one of the largest granite monoliths in the world which provides good nesting habitat for the Peregrine Falcon or stop at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park, the historical group dedicated to the preservation of British Columbia railway history and home of the Royal Hudson Steam Locomotive. Bring out the ornithologist in you at Brackendale, home to thousands of eagles, spotted between Late November and March. For the bold and adventurous, Smoke Bluffs Park dare your skill with the opportunity of rock climbing and white-water rafting.

Driving Distance – 64 KM

Squamish to Whistler

Get bewitched by the alluring beauty of Whistler through the Peak 2 Peak Gondola, which will take you 1430 feet high for some jaw dropping views or savor the performance and delicacies from the locals at Squamish Lilwat Cultural Centre. Whistler, known for skiing, is also well known for beautiful alpine meadows, walking trails and downhill biking during the summer.

Driving Distance – 59 KM

[Whistler to Pemberton](#)

Down the Highway from Whistler, enter the small town of Pemberton, a city rich in First Nation History. The Pemberton district abounds with natural beauty surrounded by three of the most beautiful Provincial Parks in BC, a great place to try an eco-tour, mountain biking, jet boating, fishing, golfing or horseback riding. Located on the Green River adjacent to British Columbia is the Nairn Falls Provincial Park an ideal picnic spot or great for swimming. Moving ahead, be enchanted by turquoise blue waters of Joffre lakes Provincial Park. For all taste lovers, head to the Pemberton Distillery for a mesmerising taste tour.

Driving Distance – 33 KM

[Pemberton to Lillooet](#)

Bedazzled by the ride on the Koham shuttle at Lillooet, along the shores of Seton Lake with sharpest curve and longest tunnel. Lillooet distanced 99 km away from Pemberton is a place known for gold panning and rock hounding. Race fans, here is your chance to view a stock car race. Take the opportunity to see various fauna as the California big horn sheep, bears or raptor birds. Explore on site archaeology or join Sheeshikan (Pit House), with Xwisten Experience Tours to broaden your horizons. In town on July 20-22 have great time at the Lilloet Apricot Tsaqwen Festival, enjoy - food, live music, a show and shine car show and good times. You can also use Blackcomb Aviation for sightseeing or Heli fishing. Have a mind-expanding knowledge on 30 different displays of Jade in various cuts by taking the Jade walk.

Driving Distance – 99 KM

[Lillooet to Clinton](#)

Hiking lovers will be amused by the possibilities for hiking at Clinton which is out of Lillooet. Traverse Chams – deep clefts in the earth surface, a geological wonder. An identifiable display of Chams in pink and orange could be seen at the Chasm Provincial Park or at the Cougar Point Hoodoos (spires of sedimentary rocks). Try your hand at the guest ranch. You can also try gold panning, hayrides, canoeing and fishing at the Big Bar Guest Rach. For those into heritage, visit some local heritage sites. Take a stop a Vallance Pottery to check out what they can offer. Following the journey visit the Clintons Museum or The Place Hotel to brighten your history.

Driving Distance – 106 KM

[Clinton to 100 Mile House](#)

Continuing your journey away from Clinton arrive at the 100 Mile House, fancy your Wild West cowboy spirit in you, go horseback riding, go pedal boating, swimming for fun or you can book 4-hour Trail Ride, stop for a cowboy lunch or take a night in a log cabin. Souvenir yourself with a picture at the Bridge Creek Falls at Centennial Park. Catch a trout at the Sheridan Lake. Nature lovers can grab the chance for a Dry Belt Forestry Tour or The 99 Mile Demonstration Forest tour.

Driving Distance – 73 KM

[100 Mile House to Williams Lake](#)

Pursue your journey to Williams Lake from 100 Mile House. You can experience some bull riding and be thrilled by the experience of the Stampede in the month of July. Visit the Museum of the Cariboo Chilcotin. Do visit Scout Island, which an island sanctuary made of 2 islands connected by a vehicle causeway, this is a series of trails, suitable for picnics or to take a swim, catch a glimpse of a fox, beaver, turtle or deer. If luck favours you, the sanctuary is also home to almost 200 species of birds, so don't forget to bring your binoculars on your journey. Enjoy some golf at Coyote Rock Golf course and be enchanted by the views of Williams lake. During the 1st week of July catch the Annual Williams Lake Stampede. Take a boat tour of Caribou Chilcotin JetBoat Adventures. Enjoy an Aboriginal experience with your visit at the Xat'sull Heritage Village.

Driving Distance – 93 KM

Williams Lake to Quesnel

Board your Aerial tour of the Bowron Lake chain and the hanging glaciers at Quesnel from Williams Lake. Enjoy the sharp edge mountain peaks, waterfalls and wildlife near the lake. Visit the 12-million-year-old Hoodoos at the Pinnacles Provincial Park in Quesnel. You can do activities as fishing, canoeing and hiking at the Ten Mile Lake Provincial Park, during 18-21 July catch the Billy Bakers annual Festival, where you can enjoy the 1860 Gold rush with period costumes, music, rodeo, fun, food and fireworks.

Driving Distance – 118 KM

Quesnel to Prince George

Moving ahead to Prince George from Quesnel, visit the Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum where you see locomotive, fire engines, rail cars, the kids can even ride the cottonwood miniature train. You have the option for a game of croquet, badminton, or bocce ball at the Huble Homestead, a historic site, also visit other sites as the General Store, First Nations Camp, Huble House which overviews Prince George. Visit the historic town of Bakeville, east of the city on Hwy 26 which is a restored boomtown of the gold rush day. Thrill your experience the Vanier Hall theatre and Studio 2880, which is the origin of the six craft guilds and is the site of craft markets.

Driving Distance – 121 KM

Prince George to Vanderhoof

Continue your journey to the Big River Country across the scenic waterfalls and viewpoints which is Vanderhoof from Prince George. Try a Kayaking tour, or go rock climbing, or feel the nature going on hike or bird watching, one of the best place to do is, at the Greer Creek Falls Hiking trail that has an 8 meter waterfall. Have a visit at once the largest rock filled dam in the world The Kenney Dam. Do your search & excavations, as you may find Opal, Agates, Fossils and semi-precious stones. For the fishing freaks, try ice fishing in the winter, in the summer you can go for swim, take a hike or try fishing. Try bird watching at Migratory Bird Sanctuary or play a game of golf at the Omineca Golf course. Leaving the best for the last, take the L & M Lumber Pellet Mill tour, known as one of the energy efficient mills in the world.

Driving Distance – 95 KM

[Vanderhoof to Smithers](#)

Get to Burns Lake from Vanderhoof, where you can spot bears or a moose or try fishing at the at François Lake. See the Old Forestry Home from 1919 at the Burns Lake Museum. Moving ahead, visit the Steelhead capital of Canada – Houston, a place with the Largest Fly rod and Murals, at the Morice and Bulkley rivers try your luck, and catch your Steelhead. For an alpine experience, visit Smithers – the little Switzerland themed town. The town is rich in fossil beds and cultural sites, have better understanding at the Smithers visitor center. Stores at Smithers are unique, and you may find unseen items to Indian prayer bowls or hemp underwear. Another place of interest would be the Hudson Bay home to activities as Skiing, mountain climbing, trail riding and fishing.

Driving Distance – 272 KM

[Smithers to Cranberry Junction](#)

Have a lesson of history and First nation culture at Hazelton from Smithers, a showplace of Indian culture. In a radius of 64 km, Hazelton has a higher connection to history, which you can identify with the higher concentration of Totem poles, widen your horizon by visiting K'san Museum and Historical Village. Capture yourself along the on lane Hagwilget Bridge over the Canyon and the Bulkley River. To see the oldest totem poles, drive down to Kitwanga, where you can find poles more than a century old, also visit “Battle Hill” – a national historic site. Indulge in one of the most scenic drive on your journey.

Driving Distance – 186 KM

[Cranberry Junction to Meziadin Junction](#)

Continue your journey from Cranberry Junction to Meziadin Junction, where the road leads you west to Stewart BC and Hyder, Alaska, known for the tradition Hyderized – which is tradition by drinking a shot of 150 proof Everclear Grain Alcohol, do try this once. Get close to the glaciers and icefalls as you pass down the Bear Glacier. Stewart a place for hiking for all, has also some history to teach which you find at the Stewart Historical Museum, moving ahead drive to Meziadin Junction.

Driving Distance – 81 KM

[Meziadin to Dease Lake](#)

Get to Iskut from Meziadin Junction, stop by the Iskut Red Goat Lodge, where you have the option for parking your RV by the lake and rent a canoe or a kayak. Try some adventure, Nature trek will shower you with a great rafting experience. Drive down to Dease Lake for enjoy the various animal and avian beauty around you.

Driving Distance – 331 KM

[Dease Lake to Watson Lake](#)

Keep driving to Weston Lake from Deade Lake, take a meal at the Weston lake Hotel, later continue your journey to the Signpost Forest since 1942 with around 75, 000 signs which is one of the most famous of the landmarks along the Alaska Highway, or take route to the Historic Air

Force Lodge or the Watson Lake Northern Lights Center to see such beautiful pictures. In summer be mesmerized in beauty of the Northern Lights.

Driving Distance – 257 KM

Watson Lake to Liard River

Watson reach the Lizard River known for the hot springs rising from 42°C to 52°C. Lizard River, also known as Tropical Valley, has the second largest hot spring in Canada. On your way ahead have a stopover at the Smith River Falls, for a view over a large suspension bridge to have an overall view of the Lizard River.

Driving Distance – 210 KM

Liard River to Fort Nelson

For a much exotic sight visit Muncho Lake, known for its jade, blue, green colour waters at around 65 km from Lizard River. Be amazed in nature where you see Stone sheep and moose, and also some wild flora. Find the creations of limestone as a result of tectonic activities on the south side of the park, later meet at Fort Nelson continuing your from Muncho lake.

Driving Distance – 305 KM

Fort Nelson

A place of art, Fort Nelson can put you and your family I awe, if given an opportunity. Take a self-guided walking tour, and wander in the beauty of Victorian Homes and Ornate Commercial buildings. Don't miss the Ainsworth Hot Springs, where you can enjoy the warm mineral water, a unique hot spring, with stalactites and horseshoe cave that branches out.

Fort Nelson to Fort St. John

Drive down to Fort St. John, claimed as the "The Energetic City", a place great for wilderness hunters, fishers and hikers. Try the Eco Tour or be a golfer as the place has more than a few golf courses. A place for shoppers, as you may find some unique items on your exploration. For a bit of history visit the Rocky Mountain House National Historic site, one of the oldest settlements from 1794.

Driving Distance – 381 KM

Fort St. John to Grand Prairie

Away from Fort St. John 74 km, reach Dawson Creek, get to NAR Railway Park, the true Mile '0' of Alaska Highway. Explore the souvenirs of the railway park at the Dawson Creek Museum. Take the opportunity to enjoy the migrating birds' activities at the McQueen Slough. Drive to Grand Prairie 131 km apart, which is a shoppers-stop with a dozen unique stores, during the last week of May and 1st week of June catch the Grand Prairie Stampede, enjoy the chuck wagon competitions and rodeo with some barbeque and country music, you can also visit the Grand Prairie Museum for a walking trail of 18 km at the Musloseepi Park.

Driving Distance – 208 KM

Grande Praire to Grande Cache

Travel from Grand Praire to Grande Cache, where you will be amused by the cliffs and viewpoints at the Sulphur Gates. Be gazed in awe at the Dinosaur tracks found around the Grande Cache, also do Eaton or Twin Falls for some amazing scenery and wildlife.

Driving Distance – 190 KM

Grand Cache to Jasper

Off to Jasper from Grand Cache. An alpine town in the Alberta province. Take a visit to the Jasper Yellowhead Museum where you may find many interesting unique artifacts. Take ride on the Jasper Tramway for 360* view, you can also take short walk to view the Angel Glacier at the Mount Edith Cavell. The walking trails through the limestone canyons of the Maligne lake is a delightful experience for all. Move down the Athabasca waterfalls for some astounding views. For hikers Pyramid and Patricia lake is a popular spot which also offers rental facilities, canoeing, sailing, horseback riding, fishing and surfing.

Driving Distance – 210 KM

Jasper to Lake Louise

Drive from Jasper to Lake Louise and take the Lake Louise Sightseeing Gondola that operates from June to September, to catch glimpse of some grizzlies. Lake Louise is home to few pristine lakes as the Moraine Lake, Peyto Lake and Lake Agnes. Challenge yourself to the teahouse at the Plain of Six Glaciers, with a 11 km walk, and be rewarded by some exceptional views. Winter brings the activities as the Dog Sled Tour, one you don't want to miss or you can also visit the Valley of Ten Peaks.

Driving Distance – 232 KM

Lake Louise to Golden

Reach Golden from Lake Louise situated at the heart of six national parks. Enjoy some birdwatching in the wetlands, or try some adventure as paragliding, go for a hike, or be sport and try white water rafting on the Kicking Horse River. Have a meal at the highest restaurant in Canada, just make your way up the Gondola at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. For some more adrenalin, try the Moonraker Trails on your mountain bike, otherwise go on a cruise around the Radium and Fairmount Hotsprings, you can also try the award-winning Golf course for a game of golf.

Driving Distance – 234 KM

Golden to Revelstoke

Drive up to the top of Mount Revelstoke from Golden for some exquisite scenery of Revelstoke. Do some hiking along the beautiful scenes surrounded by wildlife. Take a short trail of Begbie Falls and be chilled by the mist. For the young minds, drive down the Enchanted Forest (7060 Trans Canada Hwy) for a magical experience. Push your adrenaline to your limits, try some more

Whitewater rafting, or paragliding, or you can also try fishing or hiking for fun. You can also checkout Rogers Pass National Historic Site or Revelstoke Railway Museum.

Driving Distance – 148 KM

Golden to Vernon

Journey down the Houseboat capital of Canada – Sicamous from Golden to take a cruise on the Lake Mara or Shushwap. Zipline on the Seadoo or paddle on the kayak at the Adams River, the spawning ground for salmons. On to Vernon 74 km ahead visit the Allan Brooks Nature Centre for some birdwatching or for a cruise on the Okanagan 42 ft cruise boat on the Okanagan Lake. Dive into the beauty of the flora clock from 1958 at the Poison Park, that contributes almost 3500 plants. The Japanese garden and the Chinese tea is a way of rediscovering an environment, that gives peace and harmony to one's soul. For the movie lovers Starlight Drive 22 minutes, North of Vernon gives an opportunity to enjoy a movie. The Guided horseback riding trails or the Eco tours at the Silver Star Mountain Resort, Silver Star are some of unexperienced activities for the ordinary, try your luck discovering more about the abandoned homesteader's cabin, if you wish for a hike.

Driving Distance – 295 KM

Vernon to Kelowna

Driving forward to Kelowna the city full of vineyards and orchards from Vernon, test your taste for some wine sampling or a have meal with some fine dining at the local restaurants. Mission Hill Vineyard gives you the opportunity to try some fine wine or some ripe fruits, if luck favours you. Do take the opportunity to a play a game of 18-hole golf, at the Westbank 13 km from the vineyard or to visit Bear Creek Park for a hike. For families, kids would definitely want to try Go Karts or the water slide at Mariners Reef.

Driving Distance – 54 KM

Kelowna to Merrit

Going ahead from Kelowna reach Merrit, The country music capital of Canada. Fishing freaks challenge yourself with some fly fishing. Feel the cowboy in you and try some time at the ranch or choose to go for some horseback riding.

Driving Distance – 127 KM

Merrit to Chilliwack

See some thrilling chainsaw carvings or visit some Aboriginal galleries at the Muskwa Gallery or Ruby Creek in Hope 120 km from Merrit. Go for a swim or adventure yourself with white-water rafting in the alpine lake, if weather and conditions permit. You can also visit the Coquilhalla Canyon walk “the historic Hope Nicola Cattle Trail and Othello Tunnels were cut through granite for past railway access.”

Driving Distance – 171 KM



Chilliwack to Delta

Moving to the end, visit Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery and Trethewey House on Mill Lake at Abbotsford, 33 kms of Chilliwack, a heritage site. Now on final point Fraserway 747 Cliveden Place, at Delta.

Driving Distance - 104 KM