

FIT (Independent Touring) – Multi Destination Tour Essential Rockies & West Coast (Air)



Calgary, AB, Canada

Product Code: DM-MDT- ESSROCKYWCOAST

Highlights

Banff – Banff National Park – Yoho National Park – Lake Louise – Columbia Icefield – Jasper National Park – Jasper – Whistler – Vancouver – Victoria

Duration: 10-Days | 09-Nights.

Tour of Banff + Admissions to Banff Gondola

Icefields Parkway Discovery Tour with visit to Columbia Icefield + Buffet Lunch

Admissions to Ice Explorer Glacier tour & Glacier Skywalk

City tour of Vancouver including admissions to Capilano Bridge & Park.

Tour of Victoria including admissions to Butchart Gardens.

Coach transfer from Calgary International Airport (YYC) to hotel in Banff.

Coach transfer from Jasper to Edmonton International Airport (YEG).

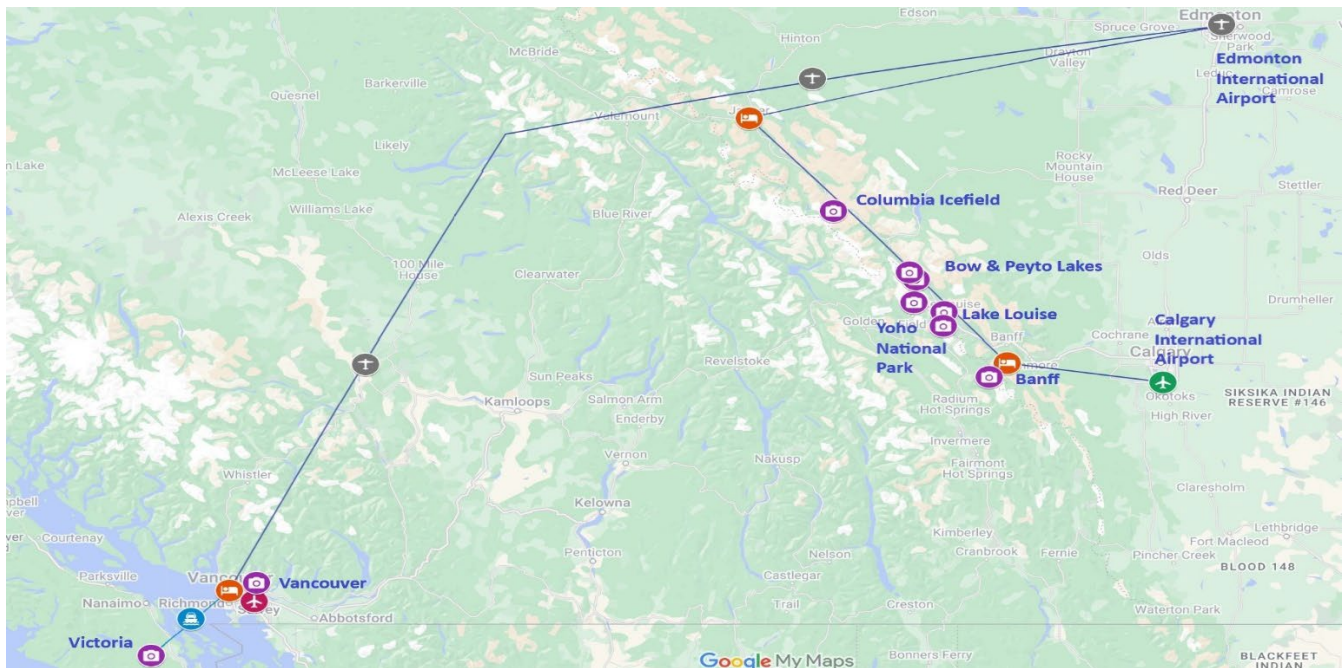
Available - 01 May to 8 Oct 2023

Tour can be operated in the opposite direction.

This is not an Escorted Group Tour.

This tour is 100% customizable. The tour can be operated in the opposite direction as well.

This tour can also be operated as a Private Tour.



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The Best of the Rockies & West Coast tour offers you a complete tour of the Canadian Rockies and West Coast. From the craggy peaks, forested slopes, and emerald-green lakes of the Canadian Rockies to the Whistler, the fun and adventure mecca on the West Coast, the beautiful Vancouver waterfront, and the gardens and colonial charm of Victoria, this tour has it all.

Day 1 - Arrive in Banff.

Arrive in YYC, Calgary's International Airport this afternoon. Collect your bags and proceed to the shuttle desk at the airport for your pre-booked transfer by coach to the mountain resort of Banff, AB.

With Mt. Rundle and Mt. Cascade, part of the Rocky Mountains, dominating its skyline, the resort town of Banff is by far the largest town in the Rockies. Banff features chateau style hotels, plenty of shops and dining options and a range of sightseeing and soft adventure options.

The ride to Banff will take approximately two hours. On arrival in Banff, check into your hotel. Rest of the day free to explore Banff Avenue with its many shops and restaurants on your own.

Overnight in Banff, AB.

DAY 2 – Explore Banff & its Wildlife including admissions to Banff Gondola

Today, set off on a tour exploring Banff & its Wildlife. Your tour includes admissions to Banff Gondola for a ride to the summit of the Sulphur Mountain.

See some of the most incredible sights and sounds that western Canada has to offer on this full guided sightseeing tour of Banff. All the guests get to learn about the culture, geology, and wildlife while exploring the spectacular sights of the renowned mountain town of Banff.

This tour will include some of the most scenic and historically significant highlights of Banff such as the Banff Springs Hotel, Bow Falls, Surprise Corner Lookout, Hoodoos Viewpoint and Lake Minnewanka. While on the tour, enjoy hot chocolate or fresh water (depending on the time of year) and maple cookies at one of the scenic stops. This a complete orientation to Banff and a great tour for seeing wildlife in the morning!

This tour will include admissions to the famous Banff Gondola for a ride to the summit of the Sulphur Mountain. The view from the viewing deck at the summit of the Sulphur Mountain are spectacular with a 360-degree panorama view of the Bow Valle

Tour stops include -

- Bow Falls
- Surprise Corner Viewpoint
- Lookout Point
- Hoodoos
- Lake Minnewanka

Upgrade – You may upgrade this tour by adding a cruise on Lake Minnewanka. Please check with us for rates and availability.

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Overnight in Banff, AB.

Day 3: Day free.

Today the day is free to explore Yoho and Banff National Parks on your own or opt for one of our optional sightseeing tours.

Overnight in Banff, AB.

Day 4 – Icefields Parkway Discovery Tour from Banff to Jasper including admission to Ice Explorer & Glacier Skywalk and hot Buffet Lunch

Featuring over one hundred visible glaciers, turquoise lakes and rushing waterfalls you will discover Canada's most scenic mountain roadway i.e., the Icefield's Parkway. Every twist and turn of the spectacular 230 KM (143-miles) Icefields Parkway (Highway 93) reveals cloud-piercing peaks, valley-carving glaciers, teal lakes, and dense forests.

Running from Lake Louise to Jasper, this scenic Alberta coach tour offers stunning views of the Canadian Rockies, with lots of roadside lookouts and trailheads along the way. From the iconic Lake Louise to the otherworldly Columbia Icefield and beyond to Jasper, this tour allows you to see glaciers up close and discover how they've shaped our landscape.

A once-in-a-lifetime experience you at the Columbia Icefield where you will board the famous Ice Explorers for a ride to the Athabasca Glacier, the largest icefield south of the North Pole. You will also get to step beyond the Valley's edge and do a walk on the Glacier Skywalk, a glass-floored suspended observation platform extending 30 meters out over the Sunwapta Valley: where glass is the only thing that separates you from rugged and wild terrain 918-foot (280 m) below.

This 8 ½ hour coach tour will include stops at:

- Lake Louise
- Bow Lake
- Columbia Icefield Adventure
- Glacier Skywalk
- Athabasca Falls

Overnight in Jasper, AB.

Day 5: Day free.

The day is free for you to take any one of the several optional tours offered.

Overnight in Jasper, AB.

Day 6: Transfer from Jasper to YEG - SIC.

This morning transfer by shuttle from your hotel in Jasper to Edmonton Airport. Departing Jasper at 7 AM, the shuttle will drop you off at YEG Airport around 12:35 PM. Fly from Edmonton to Vancouver a 1 ½ hours flight.

On arrival in Vancouver, transfer on your own to your hotel in downtown Vancouver.

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The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Vancouver, BC.

Day 7: Full-day tour to Victoria and Butchart Gardens.

Start your full-day tour with a ride on board a coach from downtown Vancouver to the ferry terminal in Tsawwassen. You will then board the ferry for a 90-minute crossing to Vancouver Island. Spend time walking around the deck while enjoying the scenery and looking out for orcas, seals, and other marine life. The ferry also features many amenities including restaurants and a children's arcade as well as limited shopping. On arrival on Vancouver Island, your ferry will dock at the Ferry terminal at Swartz Bay. Leaving the ferry your coach will drive to the Butchart Gardens for a self-guided tour of Butchart Garden (admissions included). The garden spans over 22 breathtaking hectares (55 acres) of meticulously manicured beauty. Then, off to the majestic Victoria Inner Harbour to take in the historic sights of our capital city, named after British monarch Queen Victoria.

This is a 13-hour tour.

Overnight in Vancouver, BC.

Day 8: City tour of Vancouver including admissions to Capilano Bridge.

Vancouver fascinating past and present comes together in this engaging tour that traverses through urban cityscapes, seaside parks, and ancient rain forests. Begin with the highlights of downtown, including Canada Place, home of the 2010 Olympic Cauldron. Wind through impressive modern and historic architecture, past the Arts and Financial Districts, and the fashion hub of Robson Street. Enter the 1,000-acre urban rainforest, Stanley Park, for a unique perspective of the city from a quiet forest setting. Visit the First Nations Totem Poles before whisking off to North Vancouver.

Continue across the Lions Gate Bridge to Vancouver's scenic North Shore, and the Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. Do not miss the impressive collection of First Nations artwork and the historic Story Centre. From the spectacular Cliffwalk, gaze out over towering cedars, and the Capilano River winding through the valley far below. Take an exhilarating walk across the Capilano Suspension Bridge to the other side where many unique and informative experiences await, including the Treetops Adventure.

Overnight in Vancouver, BC.

Day 9: Day Free

Today the day is free to explore the city on its own.

Overnight in Vancouver, BC.

Day 10: End of your Best of Canadian Rockies & West Coast Tour.

This is the end of your Essential Rockies Tour. Check-out of the hotel is posted for 11 AM. Transfer on your own to YVR International Airport for your flight home.

End of Essential Rockies & West Coast.

Inclusions

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- ✓ 09-Nights Accommodations.
 - 3 nights in Banff.
 - 2 nights in Jasper.
 - 4 nights in Vancouver
- ✓ Breakfast at all destinations.
- ✓ Banff - Coach tour of Banff including admissions to Banff Gondola.
- ✓ Banff - Icefields Parkway Discovery from Banff to Jasper with photoshoot in Lake Louise and Buffet Lunch.
- ✓ Visit to Columbia Icefield including admissions to Ice Explorer Glacier tour & Glacier Skywalk.
- ✓ Vancouver - City tour of Vancouver including admissions to Capilano Bridge & Park.
- ✓ Full-day tour to Victoria and Butchart Gardens.
- ✓ City tour of Vancouver including admissions to Capilano Bridge
- ✓ Calgary - Coach transfer from YYC International Airport (Calgary) to the hotel in Banff.
- ✓ Jasper – Coach transfer from hotels in Jasper to YEG (Edmonton) International Airport.
- ✓ Resort fees, Taxes & GST.

Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meals other than breakfast.
- × Canada Park Fees – approx. CA \$10 per person from Day 1 to 6.
- × 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. We require clients to provide us a signed Waiver in the event your client opts to decline your offer to sell Travel Insurance. DMCI Inc. 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.
- × 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.

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Hotels Featured

Destination	Standard Hotels
Banff	Banff Ptarmigan Inn
Jasper	Maligne Lodge
Vancouver	Sandman Hotel Vancouver Downtown

Rooms featured will be Standard ROH room unless specified otherwise.

Hotels featured will be as above or similar. We feature a range of hotel properties. Hotel upgrades are available. Please check with us for rates and availability..

Deposit

100% Deposit required on confirmation of this Tour.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- 46-days prior to start of tour – 100% refundable less \$250 per person.
- 45-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

- **Is this tour an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director?** No. This is not an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director. Some services offered on an escorted tour such as check-in assistance by a

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dedicated Tour Director, etc. are therefore not offered on our Multi Destination Tours. Commentary on sightseeing tours will be either a pre-recorded commentary or narrated by your driver-guide in English.

- **Are there fixed dates of departure for this tour?** The tour departs every day of the season. There is no such thing as tour departs only on certain fixed days like on a fully escorted coach tour.
- **Is this tour customizable?** Absolutely yes. This tour is fully customizable. Additional costs may apply depending on how much customization is required.
- **Will I be sitting with the same group of people on this tour like on an Escorted Tour?** No. The participants one each of the tour may vary.
- **Will I be picked up from my hotel for the tours?** In most cases yes. This information will be provided to you along with the confirmations. If you must travel to a tour pickup point, it is never more than 15 minutes by cab or Uber.
- **What size of coaches are used for transfers and tours?** We use 56-, 33- and 24-seater coaches for our tours and transfers.
- **Where is the Brewster Express desk located in the Calgary International Airport?** - For pick up at the Calgary International Airport, please proceed to Lane 23 (which is located outside across from exit door #7 and the Tim Hortons on the arrivals level). Your bus will arrive approximately 15 minutes prior to your departure time and your driver will check you in. As per AHS guidelines, you must wear your mask while onboard and maintain social distancing.
- **What happens if my flight arrives at the Calgary airport late and I miss my transfer?** - Guests can catch the next available transfer. We recommend providing your flight details upon booking so that our staff can anticipate any changes and ensure you will be well accommodated.
- **How long does it take to get from Calgary to my hotel in Banff?** – Approximately 2 hours.
- **Are the transfers direct or will there be stops along the way?** - All transfers are direct with limited stops for pick-up and drop-off at the major hotels.
- **Canada Park fees - Is it free to enter Banff and Jasper National Parks?** - No. Parks Canada requires all adult visitors to Canada's national parks to buy a permit for the duration of their stay to support visitor services and facilities. The park pass typically costs \$ 10.50 per person per day of stay in the Banff and National Park.
- **Banff Tour and Yoho National Park Tours (Day 2 & 3) – Will we be picked up from the hotel?** – Typically, hotel pick up is offered most Banff hotels. This information will be provided at the time of confirmation of your tour package.
- **Icefield Parkway Tour from Banff to Jasper (Day 4) – Should I wear warm clothing?** - Warm layers are recommended for the Columbia Icefield Adventure, as temperatures on the glacier can be significantly cooler. Sunglasses are also recommended for the Columbia Icefield Adventure to reduce the brightness of the sun's reflection on the glacier.
- **Will the tour bus transport my luggage from Banff to Jasper** – Yes. You are allowed one piece of luggage per person.

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- **Tours from Banff and Lake Louise - do you offer door-to-door service?** - Yes. We offer pickups and drop-offs at all accommodations in Jasper, and all the major hotels in Lake Louise and Banff.
- **Will I be picked up from my hotel in Vancouver for our tour of Vancouver?** Yes. We pickup from most downtown Vancouver Hotels. If there is any change to this. We will update you on same at the time of confirming your bookings.
- **What should I wear on this tour?** We always recommend that you bring layers with you, even on those warm summer days since some sightseeing stops will be a little cooler than others. Wear some good walking shoes with grip; bring your camera, sunscreen, and some light snacks.
- **Are your tours wheelchair accessible?** - No. Unfortunately, the motorcoaches are not wheelchair accessible.
- **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 park 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 or delayed 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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