

Essential Vancouver and West Coast

5 Days | 4 Nights

Vancouver, BC

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This tour is fully customizable

Tour Operates: 01 May to 31 Oct 2024

Escape the ordinary and embrace the extraordinary with Essential Vancouver & West Coast—an exclusive 6-day, 5-night odyssey designed for the discerning Free Independent Traveler (FIT). Immerse yourself in the allure of Vancouver, conquer Whistler's peaks, and wander the ethereal landscapes of Butchart Gardens in Victoria. Your adventure is crafted for flexibility and authenticity, ensuring personalized moments that resonate with your individuality. Soar to new heights on the Sea-to-Sky Gondola, stroll through the vibrant hues of Butchart Gardens, and sway above the treetops on the Capilano Suspension Bridge. This is not just a trip; it is a voyage into the heart of sustainable and responsible travel, supporting local economies. Unveil the splendors of Vancouver & West Coast—your journey, your way.



Highlights

- **Wilderness Retreat:** Traverse the Sea to Sky Highway, encountering Shannon Falls and immersing in British Columbia's untamed beauty.
- **Gondola Glamour:** Glide over Howe Sound on the Sea-to-Sky Gondola, capturing Insta-worthy moments amidst BC's wilderness.
- **Oceanic Odyssey:** Sail to Vancouver Island, relishing a ferry journey with ocean views, orcas, and marine wonders.
- **Botanical Haven:** Wander the meticulously manicured Butchart Gardens—55 acres of floral enchantment and self-guided exploration.
- **Historical Grandeur:** Conclude in Victoria Inner Harbour, a 13-hour royal escape—immerse in regal charm and rich history.
- **Varied Experiences:** Engage in chic shopping, serene rainforest perspectives, and historical harbor tours.
- **In-depth Cultural Experience:** Dive into urban cityscapes, ancient rainforests, and vibrant seaside parks.

Includes:

- ✓ 4-nights accommodations.
- ✓ Full day tour to Whistler including Admissions to Sea to Sky Gondola.
- ✓ Full day tour to Victoria and Butchart Gardens.
- ✓ City tour of Vancouver.
- ✓ Admissions to Capilano Suspension Bridge.
- ✓ BC Ferry Tickets.
- ✓ Taxes, GST.

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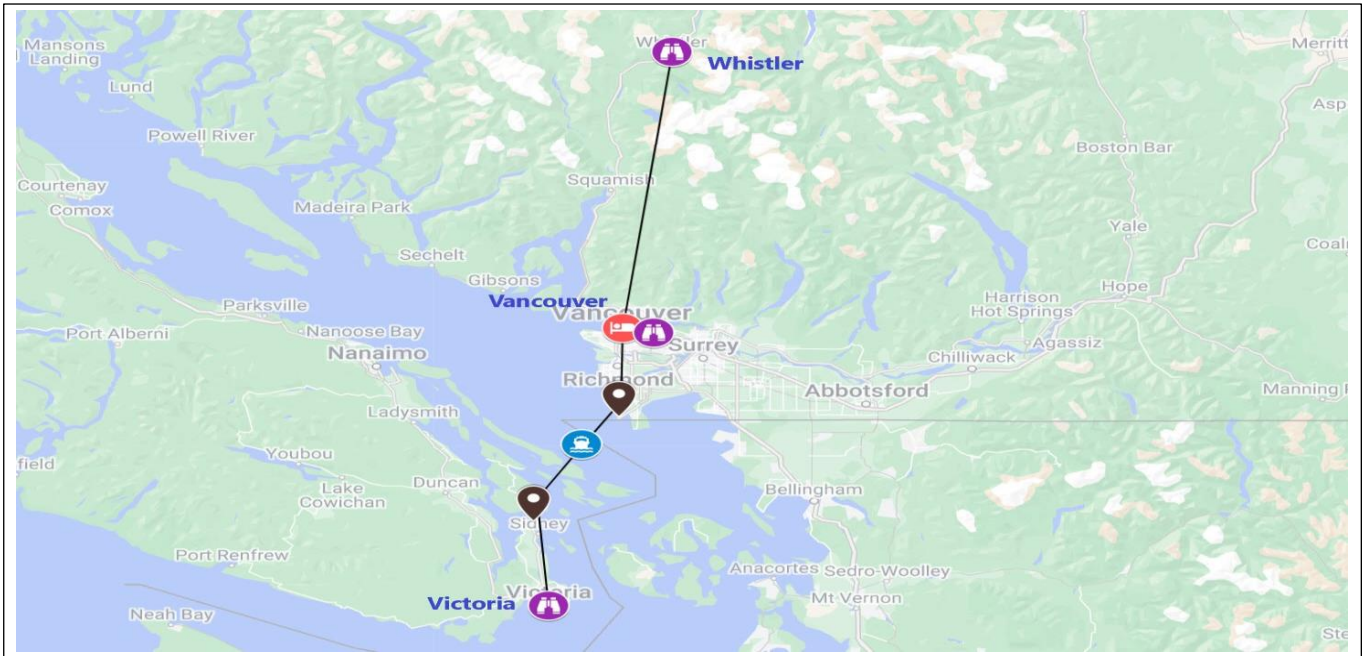
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Map



Day 1 – Arrive at Vancouver.

Welcome to Vancouver. Upon your arrival and after you have retrieved your luggage, please make your way to the transfer desk. Here, you will find arrangements for your motorcoach transfer to the beautiful town of Vancouver. This journey promises scenic views and a comfortable ride, allowing you to relax and take in the stunning Canadian landscape. Enjoy your trip!

Overnight in Vancouver, BC.

Day 2 – Full day tour to Whistler with Sea-to-Sky Gondola

Highlights

- BC Wilderness Escape: Experience the untamed beauty along the Sea to Sky Highway, with a scenic stop at Shannon Falls Park.
- Aerial Majesty: Glide on the Sea to Sky Gondola, capturing awe-inspiring views of Howe Sound—an Instagram-worthy day.
- Whistler's Charms: Wrap up in Whistler Village, where chic shops and lively cafes await, blending with the local vibe.

This tour gives visitors the perfect opportunity to escape the city and experience the wild side of British Columbia. Your expert guide will take you on a spin along the famous Sea to Sky Highway, giving you beautiful panoramic views of ever-changing landscapes. Shannon Falls Park is one of the stops, where you can follow winding trails that lead to a majestic series of falls surrounded by wilderness.

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The awe-inspiring Sea to Sky Gondola offers breathtaking views down to Howe Sound and provides plenty of photo opportunities. Finally, Whistler Village serves as an ideal place to end your day - here be sure to explore stylish shops, and distinctive cafes and soak up the vibrant atmosphere among locals and other tourists.

Overnight at Vancouver, BC.

Day 3 – Full day tour to Victoria including Butchart Gardens.

Highlights

- Sea Voyage Spectacle: Sail to Vancouver Island on a 90-minute ferry, relishing ocean views and searching for marine life.
- Floral Fantasy: Explore the meticulously manicured 55 acres of Butchart Gardens—a self-guided journey into botanical bliss.
- Regal Reverie: Conclude at Victoria Inner Harbour, soaking in the historical grandeur of the capital city—a 13-hour royal escape.

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.

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Day 4 – City tour of Vancouver including Capilano Suspension Bridge.

Highlights

- Cityscape Marvels: Explore downtown's highlights, from Canada Place to Robson Street's fashion hub—immerse in urban charm.
- Forest Retreat: Enter the 1,000-acre Stanley Park, discovering the city from a serene rainforest perspective with Totem Poles.
- Bridge to Adventure: Cross Lions Gate Bridge to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park—encounter First Nations art and Cliffwalk thrills.

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.

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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 Cliff walk, 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 at Vancouver, BC

Day 5 – Day Transfer from the hotel in Vancouver to YVR on your own.

This is the end of your Essential Vancouver & West Coast 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 your Self-Drive Tour.

Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Breakfast and other meals unless listed under inclusions.
- × <http://www.privateadultpics.com/images/jasonmathai688/40k0epaso.jpg>
- × Portage at hotels.
- × Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- × Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note - If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. DMCi Inc. sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- × Resort Fees if applicable.
- × Gratuities for tour guides and drivers (expected).

Hotels Featured

Destination	Standard	Deluxe
Vancouver	Sandman Hotel Vancouver downtown.	Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre

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.

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Deposit & Payment Policy

- 61-days or more prior to start date of tour - \$250 per person.
- Full payment required 30-days prior to start date of your tour.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- 31-days or more prior to start date of tour – refundable less \$100 per person.
- 60-days or less – 100% non-refundable.
- No Show – 100% non-refundable.
- Unused Services - non-refundable.

FAQ

- **Is this tour customizable? Yes. This tour is 100% customizable. You may**
 - Increase or reduce the number of days.
 - Change the itinerary to suit your idea of the tour.
 - Add or take away experiences.
 - Upgrade Hotel, Hotel Room category.
 - Choose to stay in quaint little Inns and Bed & Breakfast instead of hotels at some of your overnight destinations.
- **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 dedicated Tour Director, etc. are therefore not offered on our Independent 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?** No, our tour does not have just a few specific days when it leaves. It leaves every day during the season, so you can pick any day you like to start your adventure!
- **Will we be with the same group of people throughout this tour, like in an Escorted Tour?** No. On this tour, the people you travel with may change. You will not always be with the same group of people like you would be on an Escorted Tour.
- **How do we transfer to our hotel in downtown Vancouver?** Arrival transfer from YVR international Airport to hotel in downtown Vancouver is not included in this package. After you have collected your luggage, proceed to the Taxi Ranks outside the arrival terminal. Metered taxis are available 24/7 at the airport. Rideshares such as UBER also service Vancouver airport. We do offer a private transfer as an optional add-on for an additional cost.
- **How long does it take to get to our destination?** – 40 Minutes Approx.
- **Will we be picked up from our hotel for the motorcoach transfer to Vancouver Airport?** No, client will have to arrange the transfers their own. We do offer a private transfer as an optional add-on for an additional cost.

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- **Will someone come to my hotel to pick me up for the tours?** Yes, in most cases, you will be picked up from your hotel for the tours. We will let you know for sure when we send your tour confirmations. If there is a time when you need to go to a pickup point for the tour, it will always be a short ride away, never more than 15 minutes by cab or Uber.
- **Do we have to pay for the BC Ferry Tickets on our full day tour to Victoria?** No. Your full day tour to Victoria includes ferry tickets to Victoria and back to Vancouver.
- **Is it necessary to sign a Waiver to participate in your tours?** In most cases, signing a Waiver is not required. However, if your tour package includes a tour component that is considered a soft adventure activity, you will be obliged to sign a Liability Waiver issued by the operator of that tour or activity. This requirement will be clearly indicated on your tour voucher. Additionally, for all participants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign the Waiver on their behalf.
- **Are there any specific dress code requirements for participating in the tours?** There is no formal dress code for our tours. However, we do request that clients dress modestly and appropriately according to the local weather conditions. For soft-adventure tours, there are strict dress code guidelines that must be followed for safety purposes. These specific requirements will be communicated to you at the time your tour is confirmed.
- **Size of Coaches for Transfers and Tours - What are the sizes of the coaches used for transfers and tours?** For our transfers and tours, we use coaches of varied sizes. Depending on the tour and the number of people, you might be on a big coach with 56 seats, a medium-sized one with 33 seats, or a smaller coach that has 24 seats.
- **Can we expect to see wildlife on these tours?** While there is always a chance to spot wildlife during our tours, and such sightings are not uncommon, we must clarify that seeing wildlife is not a guaranteed aspect of our tours. Our guides possess extensive knowledge about the animals in the park and will gladly share information about them, should you see any wildlife or have questions about the local fauna.
- **Is it safe to approach or touch wild animals based on their behavior?** Absolutely not. Under no circumstances should you approach, touch, or exit your vehicle to photograph wild animals, regardless of their apparent calmness or friendliness. Interacting with wild animals poses significant risks to both humans and the animals themselves.
- **Is it mandatory to present Service Vouchers received from DMCi for availing confirmed services during our tour, including hotel accommodations and tours?** Yes, it is mandatory. To avail of the services confirmed for your tour, including hotel accommodations and tours, you must present a digital or printed copy of the Service Voucher provided to you by DMCi or your travel agent at the time-of-service confirmation. Failure to present this voucher may result in denial of services. Please note that in such circumstances, no refunds, substitutions, or alternative tours or services will be provided.
- **Do clients need a Credit Card for Hotel Check-Ins?** It is mandatory for clients to provide a credit card under their name when checking in at hotels, lodges, and inns. The hotel typically places an authorization hold of \$500 to \$750 on the card for incidental expenses and possible damage. This hold is released within 72 hours after check-out, deducting any incurred charges.
- **Can we use Cash or a Debit Card instead of a Credit Card at Hotel Properties?** It is important to note that most of our hotel properties do not accept cash or debit cards as a substitute for a credit card. Guests are strongly advised to ensure they have a valid credit card available for use during their stay.

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- **Do guests need to provide a Photo-ID during Hotel Check-In?** Absolutely yes. At the time of check-in, clients are required to present a government-issued photo-ID, such as a passport or driver's license. Please be aware that other forms of government-issued photo-IDs, like a Social Insurance Number card, health card, citizenship card, etc., may not be acceptable.
- **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 policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons?** – DMCi Inc., our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your client's 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, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If your client/s are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. DMCi Inc. is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

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

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