

Best of the Rockies & West Coast with VIA Rail

14 Days | 13 Nights Calgary, AB DM-IT YBAROVIA

This tour is fully customizable

Immerse in a 13-day adventure tailored for Free Independent Travelers. From Banff's wonders to Yoho's jewels, traverse the Rockies with flexible stops at Moraine Lake and the Valley of Ten Peaks. Experience the magic of Icefields Parkway, walking on Athabasca Glacier and sipping glacier-fresh water. Jasper invites exploration with wildlife encounters and a serene Maligne Lake Cruise. Cap off your journey on a scenic VIA Rail Train from Jasper to Vancouver. Unveil Vancouver's gems, then head to Whistler for freedom-filled exploration. Complete your journey in Victoria, exploring Butchart Gardens and the charming Inner Harbour. Your adventure, your way.



Book Now for Unforgettable Memories by Rockies Escape

Highlights

- Banff Marvels: Explore history, wildlife, Banff Springs, and Bow Falls.
- Gondola Panorama: Soar to Sulphur Mountain's summit for a Bow Valley panorama.
- Icefields Wonder: Cruise Icefields Parkway, walk on Athabasca Glacier, visit Lake Louise.
- Jasper Haven: Immerse in Jasper's charm, cruise Maligne Lake to Spirit Island.
- Railway Canvas: VIA Rail Train, 800 km journey, Rocky Mountain vistas.
- Victoria Tour: Victoria Butchart Gardens and City Tour.
- Ferry Rides: Vancouver Victoria Vancouver.

For enquiries & bookings, please contact us at

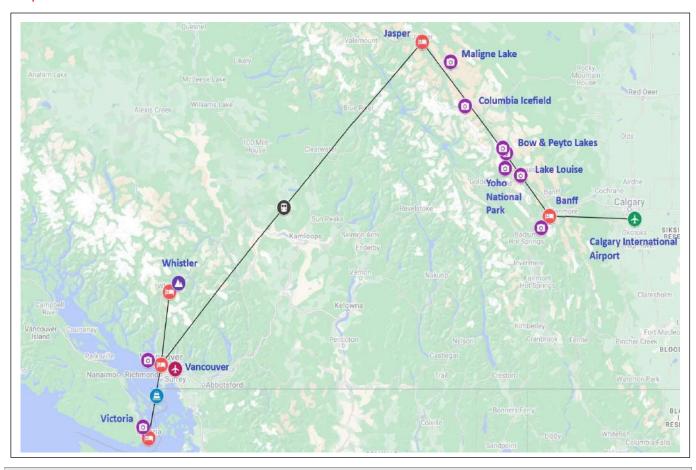
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Includes:

- √ 13 Nights' Accommodations
- ✓ Banff: Motorcoach Tour
- ✓ Banff Admissions to Banff Gondola Ride.
- ✓ Banff Yoho National Park Motorcoach Tour.
- ✓ Banff to Jasper Icefield Parkway Motorcoach Tour.
- ✓ Columbia Icefield Admissions to Ice Explorer and Glacier Skywalk
- ✓ Jasper: Motorcoach Tour.
- ✓ Jasper Lake Maligne Cruise.
- √ Vancouver: City Tour
- √ Vancouver Capilano Admissions
- √ Vancouver to Victoria: Coach & Ferry
- ✓ Vancouver to Victoria Ful day motorcoach tour to Victoria.
- ✓ Victoria Admissions to Butchart Gardens.
- Jasper to Vancouver Overnight VIA Rail Train: Jasper to Vancouver. Choice of Beth or Cabin.
- ✓ Calgary to Banff: motorcoach transfer.
- ✓ Jasper hotel to VIA Rail Station private transfer.
- √ Vancouver to Whistler: Motorcoach Transfer
- ✓ Whistler to Vancouver: Motorcoach Transfer
- ✓ Victoria to YVR Airport: Motorcoach & Ferry
- ✓ Ferry Tickets: Vancouver Victoria Vancouver
- ✓ Taxes & GST.



Map



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 – Tour of Banff and its surroundings + admissions to Banff Gondola Ride.



Highlights

- Discover Banff's Wonders: Explore Banff's history, wildlife, and landmarks, including Banff Springs Hotel, Bow Falls, and Lake Minnewanka.
- Scenic Gondola Ride: Soar to Sulphur Mountain's summit for a breathtaking 360-degree view of the Bow Valley.
- Personalized Experience: Enjoy hot chocolate, fresh water, and maple cookies, immersing in Banff's beauty and wildlife.

Unleash the spirit of Free Independent Travel with our Banff exploration! Dive into the heart of the Canadian Rockies, discovering Banff's history, geology, and wildlife. Your journey includes must-see landmarks like Banff Springs Hotel and Hoodoos Viewpoint. Enjoy flexibility and personalization with hot chocolate, maple cookies, and a breathtaking Gondola ride to Sulphur Mountain's summit, offering a 360-degree panorama of the Bow Valley. This tour guarantees a morning filled with wildlife encounters and unforgettable memories.

Overnight at Banff, AB.

Day 3 – Tour of Yoho National Park including its Mountain Lake and Waterfalls.

Highlights

- Rockies Wonders: Explore Banff and Yoho National Parks, discovering Canadian history and breathtaking natural beauty.
- Jewels of Nature: Marvel at Moraine Lake and Takakkaw Falls, and savor lunch at Emerald Lake Lodge.
- Flexible Adventure: Enjoy stops at iconic sites like Lake Louise and the Valley of Ten Peaks, with alternative options as needed.

Ignite your sense of adventure with our exclusive tour designed for Free Independent Travelers. Traverse the Rockies, uncovering stories of the Canadian railroad and experiencing the sheer majesty of Takakkaw Falls. Yoho National Park, a treasure trove of natural wonders, beckons you with its trails and breathtaking landscapes. Indulge in personalized stops at Moraine Lake, the Valley of Ten Peaks, and more. Pause for lunch at the historic Emerald Lake Lodge, surrounded by a glacial cirque's jewel-toned waters. This isn't just a tour; it's your journey, your way, blending authenticity, freedom, and sustainable exploration.

Overnight at Banff, AB.

Day 4 – Icefield Parkway Tour from Banff to Jasper.

Highlights

- Icefields Parkway Magic: Cruise 143 miles through stunning landscapes from Lake Louise to Jasper.
- Glacial Adventure: Walk on Athabasca Glacier, sip glacier-fresh water, and visit the Columbia Icefield Skywalk.
- Complete Exploration: See Lake Louise, Bow Lake, Athabasca Falls, with lunch and tours included.

Unlock the wonders of the Icefields Parkway on this exclusive 8 ½ hour tour designed for the Free Independent Traveler. Traverse 143 miles from Lake Louise to Jasper, capturing the essence of the Canadian Rockies. Immerse yourself in the tales of glaciers and their impact on our landscape. Experience the extraordinary on the Athabasca Glacier with a unique ride on the Ice Explorers. Engage with nature on the Columbia Icefield Skywalk. Your day, curated for authentic experiences, includes visits to Lake Louise, Bow Lake, Columbia Icefield, Athabasca Falls, and a delightful buffet lunch.

Overnight at Jasper, AB



Day 5 – Explore Jasper, its wildlife, and Lake Maligne Cruise.

Highlights

- Jasper's Tranquility: Immerse in the laid-back charm of Jasper National Park.
- Majestic Maligne: Explore historic sites, Maligne Canyon, and cruise to Spirit Island.
- Cruise in Style: Unforgettable Maligne Lake cruise with a delightful hot lunch included.

Indulge in Jasper's serene charm, a haven for Free Independent Travelers. Canada's largest Rocky Mountain Park, Jasper National Park, invites exploration across its vast 11,228 square kilometers. Uncover the treasures hidden within, from the historic townsite to the mesmerizing Maligne Canyon. The pinnacle of your journey: a captivating Maligne Lake Cruise to Spirit Island, surrounded by awe-inspiring mountains. Immerse in authenticity, control your adventure, and savor a delectable hot lunch. Seize the opportunity to contribute to sustainable travel and support the local economy. Jasper awaits, promising a day etched in unforgettable moments.

Overnight at Jasper, AB.

Day 6 – Travel by overnight VIA Rail Train - from Jasper to Vancouver.

Highlights

- Independent Start: Begin your day at leisure, transferring to VIA Rail Station.
- Scenic Train Odyssey: VIA Rail Train #1 departs Jasper, offering an 800 km journey.
- Rocky Mountain Vista: Experience the Rockies' beauty, glimpsing Mount Robson along the way.

Unleash the adventurer in you! Take charge of your morning as you traverse from your Jasper abode to the vibrant VIA Rail Station. Board VIA Rail Train, embarking on an 800-kilometer expedition through nature's wonders – from awe-inspiring mountain passes to meandering rivers, all beneath the gaze of Canada's highest peak, Mount Robson. Your overnight VIA Rail retreat beckons with a choice – a snug Cabin for one or two or the nostalgic charm of Upper and Lower Berths. It's not just a journey; it's your canvas, waiting for your unique strokes.

Overnight at Via Rail.

Day 7 – Arrive Vancouver and transfer by coach to Whistler.

Highlights

Drive up the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway.

Unveil the beauty of Vancouver with an arrival at Pacific Central Station. Effortlessly collect your belongings and proceed to the Whistler coach boarding point. Flexibility is your ally, with buses departing for Whistler, ensuring your plans remain within your control. Brace yourself for a 2-hour odyssey along the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler. Your haven awaits with hotel check-in from 4 PM, granting you the freedom to chart your course through the wonders of Whistler, BC, for the rest of the day. Your journey, your choices, your adventure begins now.

Overnight at Whistler, BC.

Day 8 – Day free for optional activities and soft adventure.



With stunning mountain backdrops, Whistler is the fun and adventure capital on Canada's west coast and as popular during the summer months as it is during the winter. Hiking, biking, rafting and adrenaline-fuelled activities can be found in abundance, and a friendly welcome from the locals is assured. The hub of Whistler is a compact, chalet-style pedestrian village at the base of Whistler and Blackcomb mountains.

Check with us on the list of many optional activities and soft adventures we offer in Whistler.

Overnight at Whistler, BC.

Day 9 – Transfer from Whistler to Vancouver.

This morning, check out of your hotel and travel in the luxury of a tour coach to Vancouver. There are several departures available starting at 9:00 AM and the last coach departs at 7:00 PM. The ride to Vancouver takes approximately 2 hours.

On arrival, transfer on your own from the Vancouver Bus Depot (in downtown Vancouver) to your hotel in downtown Vancouver.

Rest of the day free.

Overnight at Vancouver, BC.

Day 10 – City tour of Vancouver including admissions to Capilano Bridge.

Highlights

- Downtown gems: Canada Place, 2010 Olympic Cauldron.
- Explore modern and historic architecture, Robson Street.
- Stanley Park's urban rainforest and First Nations Totems.
- Venture to North Shore, Capilano Suspension Bridge Park.

Discover the heart of Vancouver in an immersive journey that seamlessly weaves through its dynamic past and present. Marvel at downtown's landmarks, from the iconic Canada Place to the stirring Olympic Cauldron. Wind through architectural wonders in the Arts and Financial Districts, soaking in the buzz of Robson Street's fashion enclave. Step into the urban rainforest oasis of Stanley Park, where First Nations Totem Poles whisper tales of heritage. Venture across the Lions Gate Bridge to the North Shore, unveiling the enchanting Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. Experience the thrill of walking amidst towering cedars on the Cliffwalk and crossing the iconic suspension bridge, unlocking unique adventures at every step.

Overnight at Vancouver, BC.

Day 11 – Day free in Vancouver for optional tours and activities.

Vancouver is the most cosmopolitan city on Canada's west coast. Nestled between the Pacific coast and the Coastal Mountain Range, Vancouver is perhaps the most beautiful city in Canada. This city offers both, the amenities of a world class city including world class dining, a variety of cuisines from round the world, a range of tours and soft adventure activity options.

Check with us on the various tours and activities offered.



Overnight at Vancouver, BC.

Day 12 - Tour transfer from Vancouver to Victoria with visit to Butchart Gardens.

Highlights

- Embark on a morning journey to Victoria, BC's capital.
- Enjoy a picturesque 90-minute ferry across Straits of Georgia.
- Immerse in Butchart Gardens and historic downtown Victoria.

Journey to Victoria, the vibrant capital of British Columbia, as morning unfolds. Traverse the Straits of Georgia in a scenic 90-minute ferry crossing from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island. Delight your senses in the meticulously manicured beauty of Butchart Gardens, spanning 55 acres. Post-garden serenity, dive into the historic allure of downtown Victoria and the majestic Inner Harbour. Immerse in authentic experiences and personalized exploration, all crafted for the discerning FIT traveler seeking a blend of charm and flexibility.

Overnight at Victoria, BC.

Day 13 - Day free.

Victoria, leafy, flower-filled, and very much colonial is known for her museums, English charm, seafront parks, and ocean adventures. From ziplining through treetops to crescent moon kayaking, diving, Seaplane Tours, Golfing, hiking, or cycling, a delight of tours and activities await you today. Check with us for optional tours and activities you can go on in Victoria.

Overnight at Victoria, BC.

Day 14 - End of your Best of Canadian Rockies & West Coast Tour.

This morning check-out of your hotel and depart for Vancouver International Airport. Today's journey will include a transfer by coach and ferry and the trip to Vancouver will take around 4 hours including 90 minutes of ferry crossing.

Your tour ends on arrival at YVR International Airport.

End of your Best of Canadian Rockies & West Coast Tour.

Exclusions

- * Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- Breakfast and other meals unless listed under inclusions.
- × Canada Park Fees.
- × Porterage at hotels.
- × Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- x 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



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- × 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
Banff	Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa
Jasper	Crimson Jasper
VIA RAIL	Via Rail (Berth)
Whistler	Aava Whistler Hotel
Vancouver	Sandman Hotel Vancouver Downtown
Victoria	Embassy Inn Hotel

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 & Payment Policy

- At the time of booking 50% of tour value per person.
- Full payment required 91-days prior to start date of your tour.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- 91-days or more prior to start date of tour refundable less deposit paid.
- 90-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
 - o Increase or reduce the number of days.



- o 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 doesn't 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 won't always be with the same group of people like you would be on an Escorted Tour.
- 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 different 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.
- How many pieces of luggage are we allowed on our motorcoach transfers? Everyone of our motorcoach transfers allow you only one piece of standard airline luggage not exceeding 23 kilos per person. No luggage s allowed inside the cabin of the motorcoach other than a handbag.
- How do we find the motorcoach for our transfer from YYC Airport to Banff? After you have collected your luggage, please proceed to the Shuttle Transfer Desk in the Arrival Terminal for your transfer to Banff. More detailed information will be provided to you in the final confirmation and tour voucher sent to you upon confirmation of your tour.
- How long does it take to get to our destination? Approx. 2 hours.
- Are there any stops during our motorcoach transfer, or is it non-stop? While our transfers are designed to be direct, they do include a few necessary stops. These are mainly for the purpose of picking up and dropping off guests at the major hotels. Apart from these limited stops, the transfer is pretty much direct.
- Will we be dropped off right at our hotel in Banff Definitely! We ensure that you are dropped off at your hotel in Banff in most cases that's 99% of the time. Should there be any different arrangements for your transfer, you'll be notified at the time of your booking confirmation.
- 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'll let you know for sure when we send your tour confirmations. If there's 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.
- Are there entrance fees for National Parks in Canada? Indeed yes. There are fees. All adults visiting National Parks must buy a daily permit. This fee, generally \$10.50 per person per day, supports the upkeep of park services and amenities.



- How do we transfer from Banff to Jasper? The motorcoach tour Icefield Parkway Tour form Banff to Jasper will drop you off at your hotel in Jasper. Your luggage will ride with you.
- How do we get to the VIA Rail Station in Jasper? Your transfer from hotel in Jasper to hotel is already included in this package.
- How do we get from Vancouver Pacific Central Rail Station to hotel in Whistler? Will we be dropped off at our hotel in Whistler? Your will be transferred from Vancouver Pacific Central Rail Station to Whistler. You will be dropped off at the Whistler Village Centre (Gateway Loop) or at Whistler Creekside Village. You must make your own way from the drop off point to your hotel. This transfer takes approximately 2 hours. We do offer the choice of a private transfer from Vancouver Pacific Central Rail Station to your hotel in Whistler as an optional upgrade. Additional charges will apply.
- How do we get from Whistler to our hotel in Vancouver? We have included motorcoach transfer from Whistler to Vancouver. You must make your own way from your hotel to Whistler Village Centre (Gateway Loop) or at Whistler Creekside Village. This transfer takes approximately 2 hours. We do offer the choice of a private transfer to Whistler as an optional upgrade. Additional charges will apply.
- Will we be dropped off at our hotel in downtown Vancouver? You will be dropped off at Burrard Skytrain Station (Hyatt regency) or Pacific Central Rail Station. You must make your own way from the drop off point to your hotel. If you are availing an upgraded private transfer, you will be dropped off at your hotel in Vancouver.
- How do we transfer from Vancouver to Victoria? The one-way tour from Vancouver to Victoria will include a transfer from Vancouver to Victoria. Your ferry tickets from Tsawwassen to Voctoria is already included in the package.
- How do we transfer from Victoria to Vancouver International Airport (YVR)? We have included a motorcoach transfer from Victoria to Vancouver International Airport (YVR). You must make your own way from your hotel in Victoria to the bus depot downtown for your transfer to Vancouver International Airport (YVR). Your ferry tickets from Voctoria to Tsawwassen is already included in the package.
- 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 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.

- 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.
- 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.

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