

WEST CANADA SUPER GRAN TOUR ROCKIES AND ALASKA

Nº 411

The main activity of this trip: eco-excursions.

During this journey, you will be in touch with a rich, strong and untouched nature, with the chance of practicing several outdoor activities.

The Northern Pacific coast between British Columbia and Alaska is a surprising land, magnificent, composed as it is of a kaleidoscopic mix of landscapes. From the wild and stormy coasts of the Pacific west of the Vancouver Island, up to the Charlottes Islands, to the frozen lands of the sub-arctic coast of Alaska with the brilliant tops of Mount McKinley and the Alaskan Ranges, among the largest glaciers on the planet with magnificent forests alternated to tundra landscapes. All the environments have views and landscapes of incomparable beauty. Here, forests and mountains are a charming beauty. The same can be said for the ocean and the inland streams that witness every year the return of the salmons upstream from the Pacific. Several species of cetacean live here, and among them is the biggest living being on our planet, the blue whale. Furthermore, here you can see the gray

whale and the humpback whale, plus orcas and three other types In the Great dolphin. Bear Rain Forest, the famous park opened by WWF just in 2004, we find wonderful can creatures such grizzlies, black bears and Kermode bears, the spirit bears, a true rarity, which can only be seen in this region; along with them - the giant moose and black-tailed deer. All these amazing creatures are vital symbols of this magnificent land.



ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN VANCOUVER

Reception at Vancouver International Airport and transfer with a mini-tour of the city.

Transfer to Westin Bayshore or Century Plaza Hotel, a double room with breakfast.



DAY 2: VANCOUVER CITY TOUR

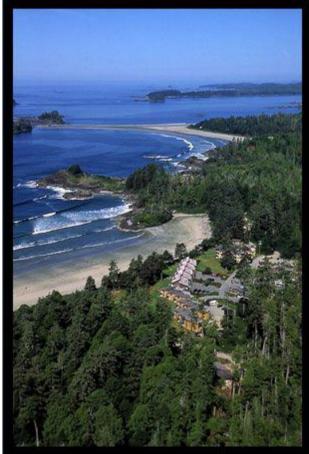
Guided tour on request - a visit to the main touristic areas and Downtown Vancouver. Guided excursion to Suspension Bridge and Capilano Hatchery (salmon Hatchery). Visit to West Vancouver and Dundrave Park with picnic on the sea; Stanley Park Aquarium. If there is time and desire - a guided tour to

M.O.A., Museum of Antoplogy, the U.B.C., University of British Columbia. Dinner according to our road book (R.B.). Overnight stay at your hotel

DAY 3: DEPARTURE TO VANCOUVER ISLAND

Car pick up and escort to the village of Horseshoe Bay where you will embark on the ferry to Nanaimo. Then take the highway to Port Alberni and along this, you will stop at Cathedral Grove, the most important redwood park of the region. Additional pleasant stop at Combs. Arrival in Tofino in the afternoon and accommodation in a double room at the Ocean Village Resort. A walk with dinner included in Tofino Harbour village





DAY 4: TOFINO AND PACIFIC RIM

Then you will have a trip to Shooner Cove to discover the most beautiful beach combing in the world. Children will especially love the pools of this magnificent Bay, looking for beautiful shells, colorful anemones and starfish. Picnic on the beach. In the afternoon - another



excursion marked in the Road Book. Finally, seeing the sunset along the West Coast Trail of Ucluelet. Dinner and overnight stay in Ocean Village.





DAY 5: TOFINO AND ITS NATIVE VILLAGES - CAMPBELL RIVER

An excursion by Indian canoe to the bay of Tofino on Meares Island, with salmon barbecue on one of the atolls. You will learn about the oldest Indian community of Pacific Rim, which is over 2000 years old. At the end of this trip you you will head toward Campbell River where you'll stay overnight in a double room at beautiful April Point Lodge. Dinner at the lodge, in front of the bay.

DAY 6: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST - KNIGHT INLET

In the morning you will start off from Campbell River, directly from the April Point Lodge, to take your first boat trip to Great Bear Rainforest. The excursion will last for 6 hours: an experienced guide will introduce you to all the major species of this beautiful reservation, starting from the beautiful colony of grizzlies. In the afternoon you'll return to the lodge where you can have various indoor activities, massage or Jacuzzi in the SPA, or simply relax in the sun on the Hotel's deck, in front of the Bay. Dinner at your lodge.





DAY 7: GOING NORTH - PORT HARDY AND PORT MCNEIL

Early in the morning you will go north. You'll visit a delightful fishing village of Port McNeil and, if you have time and desire, also Cape Scot - the last Ridge Park of Vancouver Island. Being so far North, you will be astonished by the environment and unique panorama of this incredibly white beach. Dinner and night stay.

DAY 8: MEMORABLE EXCURSION TO TELEGRAPH COVE

Early in the morning we will start off to Telegraph Cove where, you'll observe the most beautiful orcas in the world - the orcas of Broughton Archipelago. They are really the most spectacular ones of its kind. After that, you'll return to Port Hardy. Checking in and overnight stay

DAY 9: INSIDE PASSAGE

Departure at 7.30 for the spectacular Inside Passage. During this journey, you will never be tired or bored thanks to 1000 opportunities of



observations from the deck of a ship. Fjords and giant canyons, killer whales and dolphins will accompany you in this first great day of sailing. Arrival in Prince Rupert at 23:30. Overnight stay at Crest or Coast Hotel with breakfast.



Canadian parks, award-winning and recognized by UNESCO and WWF as the most beautiful and well-preserved Rainforest Park in the world. Visit to the Museum of Prince Rupert. Dinner at a restaurant (included) and overnight stay at Crest or Coast Hotel.

DAY 10: THE GRIZZLIES OF KUNTZMAYTEEN

From the port of Prince Rupert you will start one of the most interesting and exciting excursions that you've had in your life: you will be in close visual contact ... with the most powerful and large creature among the carnivores - the grizzly bear of Kuntzmayteen Sanctuary Park, which in the heart of Great Bear Rainforest, a jewel of



FROM CANADA TO ALASKA

DAY 11: ALASKA FERRY PRINCE RUPERT - JUNEAU

In Prince Rupert embark on Alaska Marine Highway ferry to go to Juneau. The route offers an opportunity to enjoy enchanting landscapes. You will arrive in the morning, after about a day and a half of navigating, then check in at your hotel, in a double room with breakfast

DAY 12: JUNEAU

Juneau, Alaska's capital, is considered by locals to be the most beautiful city in the country: it's also know by nickname "little San Francisco". We will start with a walk through the central streets populated by old pubs, art galleries, cosy bars and sophisticated restaurants. After lunch vou will have your first excursion, all in all pretty lightweight. You will be picked up at your Hotel for a trip to Mendenhall glacier, which you will observe from Mendenhall Lake, being on board of a large Indian sailing among the canoe. icebergs. surrounded by one of the richest wild nature environments of Alaska. When



finished, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 13: GLACIER BAY

A flight to Gustavus, the gate of Glacier Bay, the most important Alaskan glacier, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979. Then embark a small cruising boat, a fast yacht, which will allow you to get up to under the ice front and observe spectacular wildlife: beautiful orcas, dolphins and sea lions, but especially the great blue whales which at this time came from the southern seas to begin the mating period and breastfeeding of newborns.

After that you'll return to Gustavus, where at 15.30 you will have a return flight to Juneau. Dinner at a restaurant. Night at a hotel in Juneau.







DAY 14: ADMIRALTY ISLAND

This day will be dedicated to the bears of Admiralty Island, the "fortress of the bears", the area with the highest concentration of bears in the world: more than 1600 bears living on this island.

From the docks of Juneau climb aboard a seaplane and, after one-hour flight, you'll be at your destination, where you can start watching the bears accompanied by your driver/guide.

The tour (3 hours or 5 hours long) is scheduled to fully exploit the potential of the place for observation. Then you'll return to the Hotel in Juneau for dinner and your last night in Alaska.





DAY 15: RETURNING BACK TO CANADA

Return flight to Prince Rupert. At the airport you will be picked up by our Indian guide who will take you on tour to the site of Canadian Indian nation, where you will make an interesting visit to the largest system of West Indian villages, called Canyon City. The guide will lead you to a place of primary importance for the native culture, 80 miles far from Terrace. In the afternoon after this tour, you will be accompanied to pick up your rental car to go farther East, to Smithers, but not before visiting the shores and the waterfalls of Bulkley River where the natives fish with unquestionable courage using their special system. Night stay at a lodge along the banks of the famous Bulkley River.



Early in the morning, right after breakfast, we will start getting closer to to the Rockies. You will cross some locations of little importance, and more than anything else the journey will be "On The Road" stage of more than 500 km, the only way around the long journey to get to Prince George where you will stay in a modern and comfortable hotel, with breakfast included.









DAY 17: MOUNT ROBSON AND JASPER

The view of Mount Robson, the highest peak of the Rockies, will announce that you are coming closer to the Canadian Rockies. You'll surely see it after a couple of hours of your journey along the Yellowhead Highway, before arriving in Jasper. Once you get close to Jasper you are in the Park, and from there you can decide whether to visit a popular Alpine resort or two Indian villages in the area.

Nightstay in at Maligne Lodge in Jasper, with breakfast included.

DAY 18: JASPER, MALIGNE LAKE AND CANYON

On this day we will expand our knowledge of Jasper National
Park, the largest park of the Rockies, of about 11.000 km2 You can see some of the rarest North American animals, including grizzly bears, moose, caribous and wolves. Hiking, rafting and canoeing are the outdoor activities that you can practice at Jasper Park.



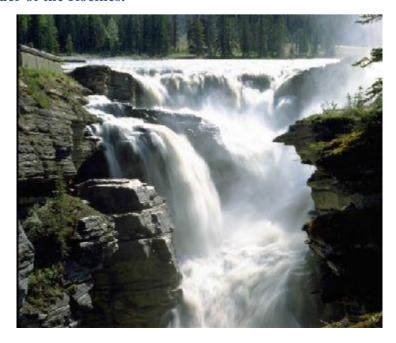
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Maligne Lake and a small cruise around it will be one of the most fascinating excursions of this final part of your itinerary. In the area of Maligne Lake you will have an excursion to Maligne Canyon with its network of underground channels. In the evening you can relax in Jasper. Dinner at a restaurant. Overnight stay in Jasper at Maligne Lodge or a similar one, with breakfast included.



DAY 19: DESCENT ALONG ICEFIELD PARKWAY - COLUMBIA GLACIER

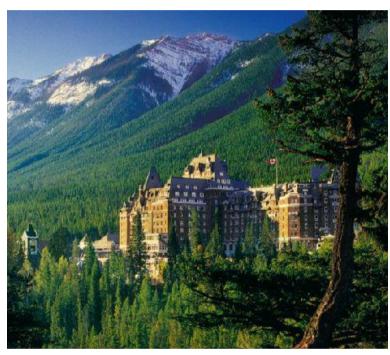
Today you will go South along the world's most spectacular Highway, the Icefield Parkway, which, as a backbone, connects the major sights of the Rockies. This area is known for a large number of wild nature animals. This beautiful "On The Road" trip will take you to Athabasca falls, another wonder of the Rockies.





Then we'll reach Columbia glaciers (in fact this is called Glacier Highway). Here you will take a scheduled glacier excursion on board of Ice Coach. We'll start by reaching the Bow summit, and the spectacular Peyto Lake Viewpoint, which will really take your breath away! In the evening you'll keep on sailing South to get to your beautiful Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise Hotel and to have dinner at the Hotel's restaurant, which will be a really memorable experience.









DAY 20: LAKE LOUISE AND THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE OF MORAINE LAKE

Today you will visit the area and of beautiful Lake Louise. From here, those who wish, can go to the discover the lake and its views by light trekking along a path which leads from the base of the lake to the Viewpoint of the plain of 6 Glaciers etc.. You can also ride a horse, which is not necessary but absolutely gorgeous. Another option is to have a relaxed walk to the lovely Agnes Lake, towards

Switzerland Hut. In the afternoon you can visit surroundings spectacular scenic trails.

Moraine Lake, which is a twin Lake of Louise, just a few miles away. It is famous for its charming and In the evening you will

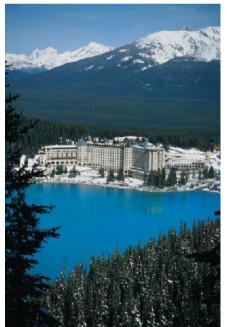
reach Banff, your third final destination and along the Rockies route. Here you'll have dinner at a great restaurant marked by r.b. You'll spend the night in the newest lodge in Banff, with a natural source

carved into the rock at its center.







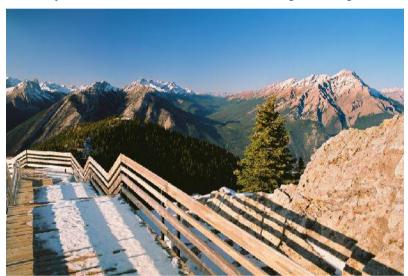






Day 21: Banff

This morning, you'll visit a historical site of the village birth. Visit the historical site of the village, the oldest and most famous museum dedicated to the Rocky Mountains: this will be an interesting introduction to wildlife and geology of this area. Then we will go up the mountain by cable car and have a scenic trip to Sulphur Mountain almost 3000 meters high. In the



afternoon, we'll go South to visit an important scenic area rich in other lakes, some interesting geological structures, the Hoodoos, impressive limestone formations of the Rocks, which lie towards the road to visit, then further South, Vermillion Lake with mount Rundle and Minnewanka Lake in the Valley of Paradise. In the evening you will return to your lodge in Banff to change and go for dinner offered by Le Reve House at a featured restaurant.

DAY 22: FROM BANFF TO CALGARY AND THE END OF THE TRIP

Today you will start off from Banff, and

after just an hour and a half driving you'll get to Calgary where, if you'd like, you can go shopping and then get to the airport, where you'll leave your car, and then get on the aircraft for your return flight.

LIST OF SERVICES X 2 PAX ROAD BOOK INCLUDED UPON ARRIVAL ASSISTANCE 24/24-7 ON 7

Meeting at the airport. Transfer to the Hotel and mini city tour

2 Nights in a 3 star Hotel: Century Plaza or similar one - double room with breakfast included + 1 dinner

Tour Vancouver - Stanley Park - Aquarium - Supension Bridge - salmon Hatchery - MOA Museum

1 compact car or sedan rental + full time escort with basic insurance

1 car pass for a ferry to Nanaimo

2 nights in a 3 star Lodge in Tofino in front of Pacific Rim with breakfast and 1 dinner / double room

- 1 group excursion by boat to Meares Island and its Rainforest
- 1 Night at April Point Lodge in Campbell River with breakfast + 1 dinner included / double room
- 1 trip to Great Bear Rainforest and Knight Inlet by boat
- 1 excursion to Johnston Strait, to see the most beautiful orcas in the world!
- 2 Nights at Telco House B/B in Port Hardy area, double room with breakfast + 1 dinner
- 1 prepaid pass / 2 pax Ferry x Inside Passage With car
- 1 Night at Coast Hotel or Crest Hotel in Prince Rupert, breakfast included
- 1 excursion x 2 pax to Great Bear Rainforest Kuntzmayteen Grizzly Bear Sanctuary
- 1 pass on Alaska Ferry to Juneau, no car
- 4 Nights at a Hotel or lodge in Juneau, 2/3 category double room with breakfast
- 1 trip to the Glacier and Mendenhall Lake by boat and canoe
- 2 flight tickets Juneau-Gustavus a/r
- 1 excursion to Glacier Bay by boat, lunch on board
- 1 excursion to the Bears' Fortress on Admiralty Island x 2 Pax
- 2 tickets x flight x Prince Rupert
- 1 excursion to Indian villages with an Indian-Native Guide
- 1 night in a lodge in Smithers with breakfast
- 1 Night at Prince George Hotel with breakfast
- 2 Nights at Jasper Maligne Lodge with breakfast
- 1 Excursion to Maligne Lake Cruise x 2 pax
- 1 Night at Lake Louise Fairmont Chateau Hotel or similar one (breakfast included)
- 2 Nights at Hotel Tekkarra Banff Lodge or Fox Hotel or similar one / breakfast + 1 dinner offered
- 1 Canoe Excursion to Lake Louise x 2 pax
- 1 excursion x 2 pax to Columbia glacier by Ice Bus.
- Exclusions: everything not included in the abovementioned list.
- Fixed priced is subject to fluctuation of not over 10% + or exchange rate fixed at the time of transaction.

PRICES PER PERSON

Period	3 stars	4 stars	5 stars
May 1 – June 15	€ 4.000,00	€ 4.670,00	€ 6.270,00
June 16 – July 15	€ 4.550,00	€ 5.309,00	€ 7.133,00
July 16 – August 24	€ 4.900,00	€ 5.800,00	€ 7.750,00
August 25 – October 15	€ 4.000,00	€ 4.670,00	€ 6.270,00
Extra charge for single	Unan raquest		
room	Upon request		
Children	up to 3 years: free		
	from 3 to 12 years: price upon request		

