



ESSENTIAL TOUR TO CANADA BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

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This is a condensed version of our best seller proposal, the Grand Tour. For just a few days (13 instead of 21) you will see everything there is to see along this exciting itinerary: from modern and friendly Vancouver and quiet Victoria to wild and uncontaminated nature of Vancouver Island, where you can observe the spectacular fauna of this area through exciting excursions.

Comfortable and fast boats will let you admire the elegant orcas and other marine species; along the coastline of this island, which is the largest one in North America, grizzlies and brown bears will excite you. Another unforgettable experience will be crossing Inside Passage by ferry, a true to its mini-cruise along a protected waterway teeming with wild life both in its waters and along the coasts of the mainland and numerous islands which protect it.

From Prince Rupert, the port of arrival, we'll take another ride full of emotions: we'll go South to the great parks of the Canadian Rockies, passing through an area of primary importance for native populations ("Indians") along Skeena Valley, finally reaching the Rockies, announced by the view of Mount Robson, and then we'll arrive in Jasper. From here we'll start a tour to the enchanting lakes, majestic glaciers, to the Rocky Mountains trails, following perhaps the most scenic road of the world, the Icefields Parkway.



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DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN VANCOUVER

Reception at Vancouver International Airport. Reception at Vancouver International Airport. Car pick up, then transfer with a mini-tour of the city to Century Plaza Hotel or a similar one; double room with breakfast.

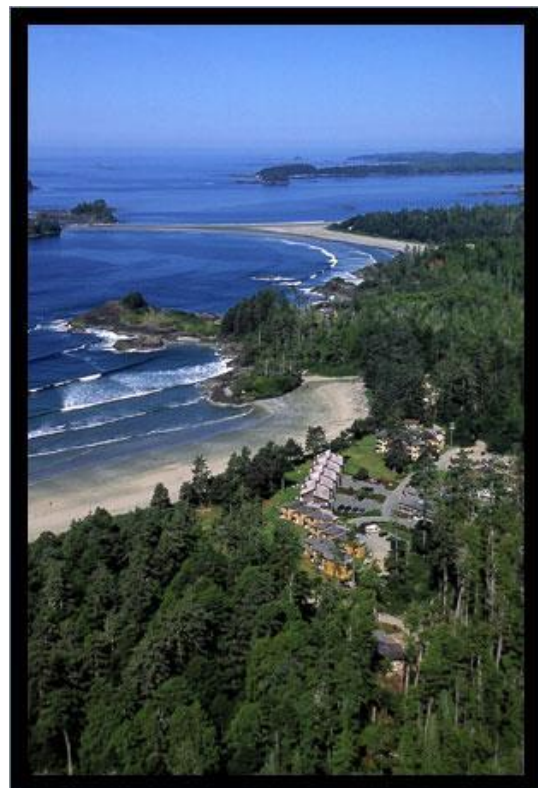


DAY 2: VANCOUVER CITY TOUR

Guided tour and a visit to Suspension Bridge, guided tour to Capilano Hatchery (salmon hatchery); visit to the parks of West Vancouver and the giant trees of Light House and Dundrave Park with picnic on the beach. Stanley Park and 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 indicated by our road book. Overnight stay at your hotel

DAY 3: DEPARTURE TO VANCOUVER ISLAND

In the morning you will go to the town of Tsawwassen and embark for Vancouver Island. But before that you'll see the magnificent Butchart Gardens. Head to the old town and Inner Harbour, a harbour with ancient palaces. Then you will get on Mahallat Road, a scenic road overlooking Oak Bay and travel northward, towards Nanaimo and Port Alberni. Stop at magnificent Cathedral Grove, the Park of Red Cedars and Douglas Firs of the West, which is in fact the most important one in the region. You will arrive in



Tofino and then get to Ucluelet. Upon arrival, accommodation in a hotel and overnight stay. A walk in Tofino Harbour village with dinner included

DAY 4: TOFINO AND PACIFIC RIM

Today you will start to explore Pacific Rim through a lovely trip to Meares Island, to observe true primeval forest of Pacific Rim. The island is still inhabited and an exclusive property of an ancient tribe of the natives. Then you will have a trip to Shoener Cove with a picnic, discovering 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. In the early you'll head towards Telegraph

Cove. 1 night in a cabin at Telegraph Cove or Port McNeil Free dinner time



DAY 5: ORCAS OF TELEGRAPH COVE

Early in the morning we will you'll take a trip to observe the most beautiful orcas in the world - the orcas of Broughton Archipelago. After coming back, you'll be transferred to Port Hardy. Dinner and night at the lodge. No breakfast



On request, you can take an additional excursion to "the Grizzlies of Knight Inlet" or Khuntzmayteen Grizzlies to observe the fauna and environment of Great Bear Rain Forest. To be quoted separately with an extra night.



DAY 6: INSIDE PASSAGE

Departure at 7.30 for the spectacular Inside Passage (check in at 5.30!). 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 11.30 pm. Overnight stay at Crest or Coast Hotel with breakfast.



DAY 7: THE GRIZZLIES OF KUNTZMAYTEEN (NOT INCLUDED)

Today (if you choose) photo safari excursion is awaiting you, perhaps the most

spectacular one of the entire trip. This photo safari will take you to the powerful and magnificent grizzly bear sanctuary of Knight Inlet, in the heart of Great



Bear Rainforest, the park jewel of Canada, indicated by UNESCO and WWF as the most beautiful and preserved rainforest in the world. In the afternoon you will move to Terrace.

First, you will visit the oldest native vestiges of Kitselas Canyon. Then you'll check in your beautiful lodge on Skeena River. Salmon Dinner cooked by Italian chefs.

DAY 8 - THE NATIVE VILLAGES OF SKEENA VALLEY



Early in the morning after a hearty breakfast you will leave for the most important site of the native nation of the West. Your previous

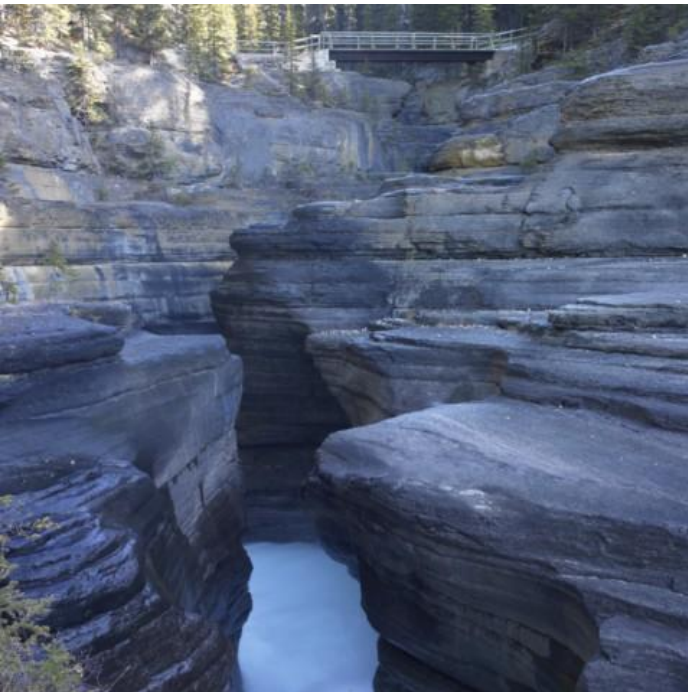
visit to the M.O.A. of Vancouver now will be useful. This is Canyon City, a collection of villages 80 miles far Terrace, and a place of primary importance for the native culture. We will go on eastwards, passing Moricetown, where we will see beautiful waterfalls on Bulkley River where local Indians fish with unquestionable courage, using an ancient system of fishing. Must-

see!! At this point we will start getting closer to the Rockies to arrive in Prince George. Night stay at Sandman Inn, with breakfast included.

DAY 9 - MOUNT ROBSON AND JASPER

Starting from Prince George, in less than 2 hours, you will discover Mount Robson, the highest peak of rocks. So we are coming closer to our next target destination: the Canadian Rockies. Having arrived so close to Jasper, keep on going East for a visit to the *beautiful Lake Maligne, on board of a mini-cruise*. In the area of Maligne Lake you will go on excursion to Maligne Canyon with its network of underground channels which lead to another lake: one of the

natural wonders of this area. Nightstay at a lodge in Jasper area, with breakfast included.



DAY 10 - JASPER PARK AND PHOTO SAFARI ON ICEFIELD PARKWAY



Today you will enjoy Icefield Parkway, the road which is so rich in rocky animals to take safari pictures! Then leave in the morning for a lovely walking tour with Ice Coach to Columbia glacier, at the end of which you will head South to start your trip to the most beautiful lakes in North America. We'll start with reaching the Bow summit, and the spectacular Peyto Lake Viewpoint, which will really take your breath away! Then proceed to Banff, a delightful Alpine village and your final destination. You will stay at Banff Inn or Aspen Hotel or a similar one.



DAY 11 - LAKE LOUISE AND THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE OF MORaine LAKE



Today we will start off from Banff to get to Lake Louise, which is only 40 km away, and visit the surrounding area. From here you will start an unforgettable excursion: a magnificent walk towards the top of the mountain from the edge of the Lake which leads to a spectacular viewpoint of six glaciers. In the afternoon we'll visit Moraine Lake, another wonder of this region which is just a stone's throw from Lake



Louise. They are twins in beauty, but each has its own unique landscape and fascinating surroundings of stunning scenic trails. After that, you'll return to Banff. Here you'll have dinner at a great restaurant marked by r.b. Overnight stay at your hotel with breakfast.

DAY 12: BANFF

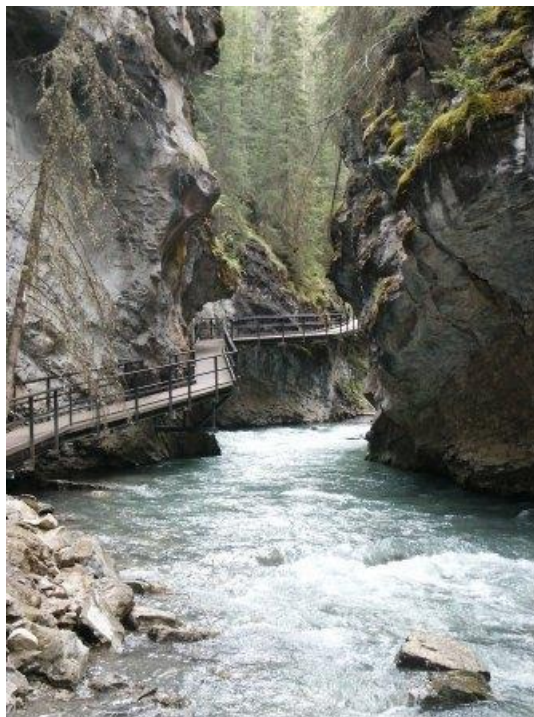
You'll start your visit to Banff with The Cave and The Basin Historical Site, then the oldest and most famous



Banff Park Museum



museum dedicated to the Rocky Mountains. Then we will go up the mountain by cable car and have a scenic trip to Sulphur Mountain almost 3000 meters high. 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 13 - FROM BANFF TO CALGARY AND RETURN FLIGHT

This morning you'll move to Calgary which is one and a half hours from Banff. A walk in the Olympic district and a guided shopping tour will be followed by airport transfer and boarding for the return flight.



**LIST OF SERVICES - X 2 PAX
DOUBLE ROOM - 3-STAR CATEGORY**

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

2 Nights at a 3 star Hotel: Century Plaza or similar one - double room with breakfast included

Tour (guided on request) Vancouver - Stanley Park - Aquarium - Suspension Bridge

Average car rental, for the entire period, 5 seats

1 pass for a ferry to Nanaimo

2 nights at Chalet Princess Lodge in Tofino Ucluelet Pacific Rim area, no breakfast

1 Whalewatching excursion to Pacific Rim from Tofino

1 boat trip to Meares Island and its Rainforest

1 night in a Cabin at Telegraph Cove or Lighthouse Port McNeil - No Breakfast

1 excursion to Johnston Strait, to see the most beautiful orcas in the world!

1 excursion to Knight Inlet Sanctuary, 9 hours long (On request)

1 night in Port Hardy Lodge Cabin or 3-star Hotel with breakfast
 1 ferry pass with auto through Inside Passage
 1 Night at Coast Hotel or Crest Hotel in Prince Rupert, double room + breakfast
 1 night at Hotel Burns Lake with breakfast included
 1 Night at Prince George Hotel with breakfast
 Entry tickets to the parks of Rockies
 1 night at Lighthouse Lodge or a 3 star Hotel in Jasper area with breakfast included
 1 walking excursion on the Athabasca glacier group
 3 Nights at Banff Inn or Aspen Lodge Hotel, double room with breakfast + 1 dinner

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.

May 15 - July 10 September 1 – October 30	2300 € per person
July 10 – August 30	2550 € per person
Extra charge for single room:	upon request
Children	up to 3 years: free
	from 3 to 12 years: price on request

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