

Enjoy the intimacy of Bed & Breakfast accommodation while experiencing Western Canada's lively cities, spectacular scenery and local hospitality. Discover Vancouver, Canada's gem on the Pacific Coast, before travelling to the world-renowned resort of Whistler in Garibaldi Provincial Park. Follow the 1860 Gold Rush Trail through a wilderness of mountain ranges, rushing rivers and dense forests to captivating natural beauty of Wells Gray Provincial Park. The unrivalled splendour of the Rocky Mountains await in the national parks of Jasper and Banff. From the towering peaks, spectacular glaciers and turquoise lakes of the Rockies, travel to the wineries and orchards of the Okanagan Valley. The route leads to the provincial capital, Victoria. From this colonial era treasure explore the coastline of Vancouver Island before returning to the mainland. The final leg of the journey is a discovery tour of the breathtaking Sunshine Coast.

#### INCLUDED

- A personalized Jonview Canada Roadbook containing essential travel information featuring overview notes of the area of travel, local sightseeing and attractions, daily itinerary highlights, provincial maps with city guides, hotel vouchers and customized day-by-day routing maps.
- Provincial taxes and federal GST, less accommodation rebate.
- Accommodation for 17 night(s).
- Breakfast daily, except in Jasper.

#### **NOT INCLUDED-**

- Meals and attractions unless otherwise specified.
- Park entrance / user fees.
- Airport transfers.
- Ferry charges unless otherwise specified.
- Car rental, taxes and insurance.



#### Day 1 - ARRIVAL IN VANCOUVER

Arrive Vancouver International Airport and transfer independently to your Bed & Breakfast. Pick up your

Jonview Canada Roadbook upon check in. The remainder of the day at leisure. Overnight in Vancouver.

## Day 2 - VANCOUVER

Enjoy an entire day exploring Vancouver's many attractions. Chinatown, Gastown, Stanley Park, Grouse Mountain and the Capilano Suspension Bridge are some of the suggestions. Overnight in Vancouver. Breakfast included.

### Activity

#### DELUXE VANCOUVER CITY HIGHLIGHTS ( at additional cost )

Enjoy a fully narrated tour of dynamic Vancouver, nestled on the shores of the Strait of Georgia, in the shadow of the Coast Mountains. Travel through Vancouver's past, present and future as you visit historic Gastown, colourful Chinatown and the lively entertainment district. Discover the beauty of 1000-acre Stanley Park and English Bay as well as the bustle of Robson Street in the heart of the shopping district. Continue to the prestigious Olde Shaughnessy residential mansions area and Granville Island. The tour includes admission to the Lookout Tower year round.

## Day 3 - VANCOUVER TO WHISTLER ( 125 KM )

Travel the Sea-to-Sky Highway through a spectacular glacier-carved landscape of craggy fjords and rugged mountain ranges. Clattering Shannon Falls, en route to the world famous resort town of Whistler, is a must see. Overnight in Whistler. Breakfast included.

## Day 4 - WHISTLER

Nestled at the base of Blackcomb and Whistler mountains, the resort offers championship golf courses, endless walking and biking trails, and high alpine hiking. Or head into Garibaldi Provincial Park and explore its spectacular canyons, ravines and lofty peaks. Overnight in Whistler. Breakfast included.

### Activity

#### LOST LAKE NATURE WALK ( at additional cost )

Discover the long ago hidden, forested jewel of "Lost Lake" located within a three-minute walk from Whistler village. In this West Coast old-growth forest, you will still find natural animal trails, a multitude of flowered plants, animal's marks and tracks. Enjoy majestic mountain views and clean glacier-fed streams. The walk incorporates all of these natural features with the guidance of a naturalist.

## Day 5 - WHISTLER TO CLEARWATER ( 570 KM )

Dramatic scenery changes lay ahead today as you journey into the interior of British Columbia. Follow a breathtaking route, charted by adventurers during the 1860 Gold Rush, through the wilderness of the Coast Mountains and descend into the rolling ranchlands of the Cariboo Region. Overnight in Clearwater. Breakfast included.

## Day 6 - CLEARWATER / WELLS GRAY PROVINCIAL PARK

A full day to enjoy all the wonders Wells Gray has to offer. Hike to thundering Helmcken Falls, explore the park on horseback, try river rafting or canoe the serene waters of Clearwater Lake. Overnight in Clearwater.

Breakfast included.

#### Day 7 - CLEARWATER TO JASPER ( 340 KM )

Leave the peaceful delights of Wells Gray and follow the Thompson River to the awe-inspiring relief of the Rocky Mountains. Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rockies, rises high above a landscape of steep canyons and crystal-clear lakes. Overnight in Jasper. Breakfast included.

#### Day 8 - JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Jasper National Park's serene lakes and gentle meadows stand in stark contrast to its jagged peaks and spectacular glaciers. Some suggestions include a visit to the Miette Hot Springs, Medicine Lake, Maligne Canyon and a cruise on Maligne Lake. Overnight in Jasper. Breakfast not included.

#### Day 9 - JASPER TO CANMORE / BANFF ( 305 KM )

Traverse the Rocky Mountains along the spectacular Icefields Parkway flanked by snow-covered mountain ridges with cascading waterfalls and sparkling glaciers. Overnight in Canmore. Breakfast not included.

#### Activity

#### ICE EXPLORER RIDE ON THE ATHABASCA GLACIER ( at additional cost )

Prepare yourself for the experience of the Columbia Icefield located on the boundary of Banff and Jasper National Parks. Covering an expanse of 325 sq. km and reaching depths of 300 m, this impressive icefield forms one the largest masses of ice south of the Arctic circle. Venture directly into the Athabasca glacier in a specially designed Ice Explorer with guided commentary. A unique icy adventure!

#### Day 10 - BANFF NATIONAL PARK / CANMORE

Canada's internationally renowned national park offers a world of activity and sightseeing opportunities. We suggest a visit to the Cave and Basin, Natural History Museum or Bow Falls. You can also choose from a wide variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, horseback riding and canoeing. Overnight in Canmore. Breakfast included.

#### Activity

#### KANANASKIS RIVER WHITEWATER FUN (RAFTING) ( at additional cost )

This exciting whitewater paddle raft excursion on the Kananaskis River is a wonderful introduction to rafting, and fun for the whole family. The Canadian Rockies provide a dramatic backdrop as a professional river guide helps you navigate through wonderful mountain scenery and the natural history of the area. Rated as Grade 2-3 level whitewater. River gear, change tents, and beverages are provided.

#### Day 11 - CANMORE TO KELOWNA ( 505 KM )

Discover the hidden gems of Moraine or Emerald lakes before leaving the Rockies along the Trans-Canada Highway. En route to the Okanagan Valley, traverse Yoho and Glacier National Parks and witness the stunning beauty of Rogers Pass. Overnight in Kelowna. Breakfast included.

#### Day 12 - OKANAGAN VALLEY / KELOWNA

Tour the fertile Okanagan Valley renowned for its wineries, orchards, beaches and recreational opportunities. The roads are lined with fruitstands with beautiful views awaiting at every turn. Okanagan Lake is ideal for many watersports and home to the mythical Okanagan Lake monster, Ogopogo. Overnight in Kelowna. Breakfast included.

#### Day 13 - KELOWNA TO VICTORIA ( 435 KM )

Today, follow the scenic Coquihalla Highway and the rushing Fraser River to Tsawwassen. Board BC Ferries for your ferry cruise through the Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island. Visit the renowned Butchart Gardens en route to Victoria. Overnight in Victoria. Breakfast included.

#### Day 14 - VICTORIA

A splendid and elegant city, Victoria is the capital of British Columbia. Experience the unique British flavour and explore the harbour, the totem poles of Thunderbird Park and the Royal British Columbia Museum. Round off your day with a traditional high tea at the Empress Hotel. Overnight in Victoria. Breakfast included.

#### Activity

#### VICTORIA WHALEWATCHING ( at additional cost )

This coastal excursion is an exhilarating round trip of 50 to 80 kilometres in search of orcas, minke whales, grey whales, porpoises, harbour seals and other marine wildlife. You will ride aboard a 14-metre ocean cruiser or a custom-built Zodiac boat that offers high speed with extraordinary stability giving you an exhilarating, safe and intimate whalewatching experience. Comments by a certified Marine biologist and naturalist are provided.

#### Day 15 - VICTORIA TO COMOX / COURTENAY ( 220 KM )

Meander along the Island Highway through a landscape of wooded hills and surf-beaten shores. Not to be missed are the "Mural Town" of Chemainus and the Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre in Duncan. For peaceful relaxation, wander the miles of sandy beaches at Qualicum Beach. Overnight in Comox / Courtenay. Breakfast included.

#### Day 16 - COMOX / COURTENAY TO GIBSONS / SECHELT ( 124 KM )

Crossing the Strait of Georgia keep a look out for wildlife, including orcas. Travel along the ocean-side highway through the rustic fishing villages of the Sunshine Coast. Enjoy the panoramic vistas of rugged cliffs and serene inlets en route to Gibsons. Overnight in Gibsons / Sechelt. Breakfast included.

#### Day 17 - GIBSONS / SECHELT TO VANCOUVER ( 25 KM )

Spend some time exploring the Lower Sunshine Coast before enjoying one more ferry ride en route to Vancouver. Overnight in Vancouver. Breakfast included.

#### Day 18 - END OF TOUR

Check in at Vancouver International Airport for your departure flight. Breakfast included.

If one of the listed hotels is not available, it will be replaced with alternate accommodation of a similar quality.

