

ECONOMY ESCORTED HOLIDAY-WESTERN JOURNEY



7 NIGHTS/8 DAYS
Calgary/Vancouver (YYC/YVR)



WESTERN JOURNEY

UNSPOILED WILDERNESS, SPECTACULAR BEAUTY and BUSTLING CITIES

Journeying from sky to sea you will travel through craggy Rocky Mountain passes and tour Pacific coastlines with stunning vistas of fjords and glacial valleys. Marvel at sparkling glaciers, plunging canyons and fierce rivers. You will explore the wild paths of fur traders, gold prospectors, cowboys and the mounted officers that policed them. Search for elk, mountain goats, bears and whales. Experience the romance and hospitality of the West in charming mountain resorts, prairie frontier towns and sophisticated port cities. Urban excitement and breathtaking natural wonders combine to make western Canada an unforgettable discovery.

DAY	LOCATION	ACCOMMODATION	HIGHLIGHTS	INCLUSIONS
1	Calgary	Sandman Hotel Downtown	Heart of Canada's West, Olympic Park, Calgary Tower	
2	Banff National Park/Canmore	Radisson Canmore	Foothills of the Rocky Mountains, picturesque mountainscapes	Continental breakfast Calgary sightseeing tour Banff sightseeing tour
3	Banff National Park/Canmore	Radisson Canmore	Breathtaking Banff National Park, world-famous Lake Louise	Continental breakfast <i>Optionals:</i>
4	Kamloops	Ramada Inn	Yoho National Park, sweeping vistas at Rogers Pass, arid ranchlands	Continental breakfast
5	Whistler	Coast Whistler or Whistler Village Inn & Suites	Pristine lakes and jagged mountains, Cariboo Gold Rush Trail	Continental breakfast <i>Optionals:</i>
6	Vancouver	Sandman Hotel Downtown	Rugged Sea-to-Sky Highway, vibrant city, splendid gardens	Continental breakfast Vancouver sightseeing tour
7	Vancouver	Sandman Hotel Downtown	Historic Gastown, Urban nature in Stanley Park, Granville Island	Continental breakfast <i>Optionals:</i>
8	Vancouver	End of Tour		Continental breakfast



DEPARTURE DATES

18 Saturday departures: German/English commentary.

May	19	26		
June	2*	9	16	23*
July	7	14	21*	28
August	11	18*	25	
September	8*	15	22*	29
October	6			

3 Monday departures: German/English commentary.

September	10	17	24
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* English only commentary also available on these selected dates.



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COST PER PERSON

Twin Single Triple

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Optional activities may be booked on site with our tour director. Prices will be competitive with locally available sightseeing tours. Passengers must pay the tour director directly. Cash, travellers cheques or credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) are accepted.

Approximate cost per person:

Day 3	Banff – Columbia Icefields Excursion including Ice Explorer ride	\$129
Day 5	Whistler Floatplane Sightseeing Tours – Spectacular Glacier Tour	\$129
	Whistler Floatplane Sightseeing Tours – Ultimate Glacier Tour	\$159
	Whistler Zipline Adventure	\$99
Day 7	Vancouver – Victoria Excursion including coach/ferry transfers and visit to Butchart Gardens	\$135

TOUR COST INCLUDES

- Banff sightseeing tour
- Calgary sightseeing tour
- Vancouver sightseeing tour
- 7 breakfasts
- Transportation by modern tour coach
- Experienced tour driver
- Onview tour director throughout
- Moderate hotel accommodation
- Baggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Provincial taxes and federal GST, less accommodation rebate



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DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN CALGARY

SATURDAY Arrive at Calgary's International Airport and transfer independently to your downtown hotel. After an individual check-in, the remainder of the day is free to explore the streets of this dynamic city, famous for its annual Stampede. The tour director will contact you in the late afternoon. Overnight in Calgary.

DAY 2 CALGARY TO BANFF/CANMORE

SUNDAY This morning we set out to meet fellow travellers at breakfast before we tour the sights of Calgary. We admire such modern and historic landmarks as the Calgary Tower, Fort Calgary and the skyscrapers of the commercial district. Leaving Calgary behind we set our sights on the Rocky Mountains, which can already be seen, far off in the distance. Experience the majesty of the mountains as we first travel through the foothills and then enter Banff National Park. We tour the region around Banff amidst snow-capped peaks, sparkling glaciers and emerald green lakes and see landmark Banff Springs Hotel, Bow Falls and Tunnel Mountain. Overnight in Canmore. Continental breakfast included.

DAY 3 CANMORE/BANFF

MONDAY

The entire day is at leisure to tour Banff and browse through the many boutiques and specialty shops along Banff Avenue.

An *optional full-day tour* is offered to the Columbia Icefield. The tour starts with a visit to the turquoise waters and spectacular glacier of Lake Louise, the jewel of the Rockies. From the unsurpassed beauty of Lake Louise we enter rugged wilderness as we travel up the world famous Icefields Parkway. At every turn of the road, we encounter breathtaking vistas of dramatic mountain ranges, lush valleys and alpine meadows. At the spectacular Columbia Icefield we board a Ice Explorer that will take us onto the surface of the ancient Athabasca Glacier. We return to Banff late in the afternoon. Overnight in Canmore. Continental breakfast included.

DAY 4 CANMORE TO KAMLOOPS

TUESDAY

Our drive today is on the famed Trans-Canada Highway, following a route charted by the railroad engineers and fur traders of the mid 1800s. We continue our tour of the Canadian parks system

as we cross the jagged Kicking Horse Pass into British Columbia's Yoho National Park. From the highway, we are treated to a dazzling display of vast icefields, deep canyons, dense forests and glacier-fed streams. One awe-inspiring landscape follows another en route to Glacier National Park where we witness stunning vistas at Rogers Pass. We continue through the Monashee and Selkirk mountain ranges to the rugged interior town of Kamloops. Overnight in Kamloops. Continental breakfast included.

DAY 5 KAMLOOPS TO WHISTLER

WEDNESDAY

We can expect a day of dramatic scenery changes when we drive through the ranch lands and head for the coastal mountains. An *optional* Floatplane Sightseeing Tour over Garibaldi Park gives you an

inspiring view of a natural preserve of volcanic peaks, alpine lakes and meadows. Or, discover the mountain ecology on an *optional* Zipline Adventure and ride on a series of cables and suspension bridges. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Whistler. Continental breakfast included.

DAY 6 WHISTLER TO VANCOUVER

THURSDAY

We drive south along the spectacular Sea-to-Sky Highway through a dramatic landscape of jagged fjords and glaciated mountain peaks. We leave the countryside behind and explore the metropolis of

Vancouver on a sightseeing tour. Highlights include Stanley Park, Prospect Point, English Bay, historic Gastown, bustling Chinatown and much more. The afternoon is free to discover more of this coastal gem. Overnight in Vancouver. Continental breakfast included.

DAY 7 VANCOUVER

FRIDAY

The Pacific Ocean and the Coast Mountains form the backdrop to your day at leisure in Vancouver. You might want to do some shopping down on Robson Street, relax in Vancouver's playground Stanley

Park or stroll through the markets of Granville Island. If you prefer to explore the outdoors, take a gondola ride to the summit of Grouse Mountain. You can also go on an *optional* full-day tour to Victoria, the charming provincial capital that is proud of her maritime heritage. See the beautiful 19th century landmarks and enjoy its lively atmosphere. Before taking the ferry back to Vancouver, you will visit Butchart Gardens, one of the world's great floral displays set in a reclaimed stone quarry. Overnight in Vancouver. Continental breakfast included.

DAY 8

SATURDAY

END OF TOUR

The time has come for some last minute shopping and to say farewell to Canada. Individual transfer to Vancouver's International Airport in time to check in for your return flight. Continental breakfast included.

