

## MOUNTAIN COUNTRY

19 Nights, VANCOUVER

A classic route, featuring breathtaking scenery in the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. From Vancouver, travel east through the Okanagan Valley and Glacier National Park to the world-renowned resort regions of Banff and Jasper. Via Mount Robson, Wells Gray Provincial Park and the Cariboo Region, head north to the Pacific Coast and sail the spectacular Inside Passage on B.C. Ferries to Vancouver Island. Ahead lies charming Victoria and then a return ferry ride to Vancouver.

### 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 19 night(s).
- Inside Passage Cruise (car and passengers) on Day(s) 16.

### **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 downtown hotel. Pick up your Jonview Canada Roadbook at the front desk as you check in. Remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Vancouver.

## Day 2 - VANCOUVER

Entire day to tour Vancouver and the surrounding area. Some suggestions: the MacMillan Planetarium, Chinatown, Gastown, Granville Island, Capilano Suspension Bridge, Grouse Mountain and Stanley Park. Overnight in Vancouver.

### Activity

#### COASTAL RAINFOREST ADVENTURE ( at additional cost )

The Pacific salmon begin their journey to the inlands of the Pacific Coastal Rainforest hundreds of miles out to sea, braving predators, powerful currents and tiered ladders to arrive at the glades of this pristine area of the British Columbia coast. Luckily, with the Rainforest Adventure Tour, your travels won't be so arduous. An experienced guide will lead you from the wilds of your hotel to the natural cathedrals, pillared by 500 year old trees and translucent canopies hundreds of feet above you. Marvel at the dizzying heights of the Capilano Canyon on your way to partake in a gourmet snack and drink below the dancing green of the trees.

## Day 3 - VANCOUVER TO HARRISON HOT SPRINGS ( 125 KM )

Leaving the coast today, you will traverse a great maritime plain and at the end of today's journey, arrive at the well-known vacation resort of Harrison Hot Springs. Picturesquely situated at the foot of the 70 km long Harrison Lake and flanked by mountains, you can enjoy walking on the beach or exploring the two hot mineral springs for which the town is famous. Be sure to keep an eye out overhead for potential eagle sightings. En route, we suggest a visit to Minter Gardens. Overnight in Harrison Hot Springs.

## Day 4 - HARRISON HOT SPRINGS TO PENTICTON ( 290 KM )

Enjoy the scenic drive to Penticton via the dense forests of Manning Provincial Park and approach your destination from the south. In the park, you can take a walk on the remnants of the Dewdney Trail or the Rhododendron Flats. The town of Penticton lies at the lower end of Okanagan Lake and the lush orchards and vineyards of the Okanagan Valley. The region is also renowned for its beaches and hot, dry climate. Overnight in Penticton.

## Day 5 - PENTICTON TO REVELSTOKE ( 260 KM )

Morning at leisure to enjoy the Okanagan Valley. Then drive past spectacular waterfalls,

towering peaks and beautiful lakes en route to the Revelstoke area. Overnight in Revelstoke.

#### Day 6 - REVELSTOKE TO BANFF / CANMORE ( 280 KM )

Drive through Glacier National Park and Rogers Pass en route to the bustling resort town of Banff. We suggest a visit to Lake Louise. Overnight in Banff / Canmore.

#### Day 7 - BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Entire day to tour Banff and the surrounding area. We suggest a visit to Banff Natural History Museum. You may also try river rafting or take a boat tour on Lake Minnewanka. Overnight in Banff / Canmore.

#### 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 8 - BANFF / CANMORE TO JASPER ( 285 KM )

Drive to Jasper via the spectacular Icefields Parkway. We suggest a stop at Peyto Lake en route. Take an Ice Explorer ride on the Columbia Icefield. Overnight in Jasper.

#### Day 9 - JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Full day to relax and tour Jasper and surrounding area. We suggest a Maligne Lake boat cruise, a visit to the Miette Hot Springs or a ride on the Jasper Tramway. Overnight in Jasper.

#### Activity

#### MIETTE HOT SPRINGS & WILDLIFE TOUR ( at additional cost )

Take a guided wildlife viewing and historical Hot Springs tour in Jasper National Park. Set out for a discovery of the park's various wildlife and railroad history. Then make your way to the Miette Hot Springs and enjoy a rejuvenating soak in the Hot Springs pool (admittance fee is included). This tour includes transportation from Jasper.

#### Day 10 - JASPER TO CLEARWATER ( 345 KM )

Drive the scenic Yellowhead Highway to Wells Gray Park. We suggest a stop at Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rockies. Overnight in Clearwater.

#### Day 11 - CLEARWATER / WELLS GRAY PROVINCIAL PARK

Many activities are available in the park including hiking, canoeing, horseback riding or river rafting. Overnight in Clearwater.

#### Day 12 - CLEARWATER TO 100 MILE HOUSE ( 150 KM )

From the park, it is a short drive into the dramatic cattle ranching country of the Cariboo Region. 100 Mile House was born in the 19th century during the days of the Cariboo Gold Rush, when a roadhouse was built here to service gold seekers heading into the goldfields. They travelled along the Cariboo Wagon Road, beginning in Lillooet and frequently stopped at the roadhouse that became known as 100 Mile House. Overnight in 100 Mile House.

#### Day 13 - 100 MILE HOUSE TO PRINCE GEORGE ( 325 KM )

We suggest a visit to Barkerville, a restored pioneer settlement from the Gold Rush era. Overnight in Prince George.

#### Day 14 - PRINCE GEORGE TO SMITHERS ( 375 KM )

Travel the rugged wilderness terrain of the interior mountain ranges. This is also a region with cultural and historical ties to many native bands. Overnight in Smithers.

#### Day 15 - SMITHERS TO PRINCE RUPERT ( 350 KM )

Follow the scenic Skeena River Valley to the active port city of Prince Rupert. In Hazelton, you may want to visit Ksan Native Village and its tribal houses, museum, carving shed and totem poles of the Gitksan First Nation. Situated on Kaien Island, Prince Rupert was home to the Tsimshian and Haida nations for 5000 years and their legacies can be seen in the totem poles of Service Park, Roosevelt Park and the Sunken Gardens. Overnight in Prince Rupert.

#### Day 16 - PRINCE RUPERT TO PORT HARDY ( 40 KM )

Enjoy a full day ocean cruise on board B.C. Ferries along the British Columbia coastline. The famous Inside Passage cruise terminates in Port Hardy. Overnight in Port Hardy.

#### Day 17 - PORT HARDY TO CAMPBELL RIVER ( 235 KM )

Travel the eastern shore of Vancouver Island to Campbell River, a focal point for sport

salmon fishing. Overnight in Campbell River.

#### Day 18 - CAMPBELL RIVER TO VICTORIA ( 265 KM )

Continue along the coast, past Nanaimo and Chemainus, and enjoy the scenic Malahat Drive. Overnight in Victoria.

#### Day 19 - VICTORIA

Today, explore this elegant capital city. We suggest a visit to Beacon Hill Park and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. Drop in for afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel or visit the famous Butchart Gardens. Overnight in Victoria.

#### 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 20 - END OF TOUR ( 70 KM )

Traverse the charming Saanich Peninsula before enjoying a mini-cruise on B.C. Ferries back to Vancouver through the Strait of Georgia. Check in at Vancouver International Airport for your departure flight.

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

