

Explore hundreds of kilometres of gigantic forests, crystal-clear lakes and snow-capped mountains of Western Canada, taking in the highlights of Vancouver and Victoria. Amidst the stunning scenery runs the Inside Passage, a legacy from the glacier era. This grandiose corridor of cliffs, greenery and ice opens onto Vancouver Island, one of the most beautiful islands on the North American Pacific 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 14 night(s).
- Inside Passage Cruise (car and passengers) on Day(s) 11.

#### **- 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 and 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: 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 PENTICTON ( 395 KM )

Scenic drive to Penticton in the Okanagan Valley, known for its lush orchards, beaches and hot, dry climate. Overnight in Penticton.

#### Day 4 - 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 near Revelstoke.

#### Day 5 - REVELSTOKE TO BANFF / CANMORE ( 280 KM )

Drive through Glacier National Park and Rogers Pass en route to the Canadian Rockies. Yoho National Park marks the provincial border and meets Canada's first national park here. Kicking Horse Pass is sure to be a scenic highlight of the park. Before you continue on to the bustling resort town of Banff, we suggest a visit to Lake Louise. Overnight in Banff / Canmore.

#### Day 6 - BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Entire day is free 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 whiterwater. River gear, change tents, and beverages are provided.

#### Day 7 - BANFF / CANMORE TO JASPER ( 285 KM )

Drive to Jasper via the spectacular Icefields Parkway. We suggest a stop at Peyto Lake en route. Enjoy glorious photo opportunities of snow-capped peaks, waterfalls and alpine meadows as you travel this route considered

one of the most scenic drives in the world. Overnight in Jasper.

#### 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 8 - JASPER TO PRINCE GEORGE ( 375 KM )

The Yellowhead Highway meanders past Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rockies, and descends into the vast forests of northern British Columbia. Follow the northern arm of the Fraser River through the Cariboo Region. Overnight in Prince George.

#### Day 9 - PRINCE GEORGE TO SMITHERS ( 370 KM )

Travel the rugged wilderness terrain of the interior mountain ranges. Overnight in Smithers.

#### Day 10 - SMITHERS TO PRINCE RUPERT ( 350 KM )

Follow the scenic Skeena River Valley to the active port city of Prince Rupert. Overnight in Prince Rupert.

#### Day 11 - PRINCE RUPERT TO PORT HARDY (Cruise) ( 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 12 - PORT HARDY TO CAMPBELL RIVER ( 240 KM )

Travel the eastern shore of Vancouver Island to Campbell River, a focal point for sport salmon fishing. Overnight in Campbell River.

#### Day 13 - CAMPBELL RIVER TO VICTORIA ( 270 KM )

Continue along the coast, past quaint seaside towns such as Courtenay, Qualicum Beach, Parksville and Nanaimo. In Duncan, visit the Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre and in Chemainus, you can see the famous murals. As you approach Victoria, British Columbia's capital, you will travel along the scenic Malahat Drive, which affords generous vistas of the water and the Gulf Islands beyond. Overnight in Victoria.

#### Day 14 - VICTORIA TO VANCOUVER ( 70 KM )

Before you leave Victoria's charms and the beauty of the Inner Harbour, we recommend you visit Butchart Gardens, a magnificent display of flowers and shrubs set in an old stone quarry. Enjoy a mini-cruise on BC Ferries guiding you around the many Gulf Islands, through the Strait of Georgia to mainland British Columbia for some last-minute shopping. Overnight near Vancouver International Airport.

#### 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 - END OF TOUR

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.

