

Bow Lake, Banff National Park. Credit: Travel Alberta



GREAT PARKS OF THE WEST

14 DAYS



Beautiful Vancouver is the starting point for this two-week circular tour that showcases the National Parks of the Canadian Rockies. Eastbound from Vancouver, the itinerary ventures through the Okanagan Valley, Glacier National Park, and Banff and Jasper National Parks. West from Jasper are the Yellowhead Pass, Wells Gray Provincial Park and Garibaldi Provincial Park before returning to Vancouver.

Activity Package Price includes:

- 13 night's accommodation
- Day 2, Vancouver - Hop on/Hop off Trolley service
- Banff - 2 hour Sundance Loop Horseback Ride
- Jasper - 1.5 hour Spirit Island Cruise on Maligne Lake
- Whistler - 3 hour canoeing in Whistler
- Personalised Canada Roadbook containing maps, guides and hotel vouchers.

Without Activity Package Price includes:

- 13 night's accommodation
- Day 2, Vancouver - Hop on/Hop off Trolley service
- Personalised Canada Roadbook containing maps, guides and hotel vouchers.

Please Note:

Due to the historic nature of some of the properties on this tour, smoking restrictions are in effect. B&B are generally residential houses offering accommodation and facilities that are shared with resident family members. Specialty and small properties with limited inventory require longer response time when booking.

Day 1 Vancouver Arrival

Hop-on/Hop-off Trolley Tour service available today. The day is yours to explore Vancouver and the surrounding area. Visit the MacMillan Planetarium, Chinatown, Gastown, Granville Island, Grouse Mountain and Stanley Park.
Overnight: (2 nights) (E) Sandman Hotel Downtown Vancouver, (S) Inn at False Creek Quality Hotel Downtown, (B&B) Third House Inn (or similar).

Day 2 Vancouver

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Day 3 Vancouver to Pentiction

(395km) Travel through the Coastal Mountains and Manning Provincial Park. In the park, you can take a walk on remnants of the Dewdney Trail or the Rhododendron Flats. The town of Pentiction 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: (E) Sandman Hotel Pentiction, (S) Ramada Inn & Suites, (B&B) Gibson Heritage (or similar).

Day 4 Pentiction to Revelstoke

(260km) Morning is at leisure to enjoy the Okanagan Valley. Then drive past spectacular waterfalls, towering peaks and beautiful lakes en route to the Revelstoke area.
Overnight: (E/S) Sandman Inn Revelstoke, (B&B) Minto Manor or similar.

Day 5 Revelstoke to Banff/Canmore

(280km) A scenic drive through Glacier National Park and Rogers Pass en route to Canada's oldest national park and the bustling resort town of Banff.
Overnight: (2 nights) (E) Radisson Hotel, (S) Banff Rocky Mountain Resort, (B&B) Hidden Falls or similar.

Day 6 Banff National Park

Activity Package Inclusion: 2-hour Sundance Loop Horseback Ride.
 Entire day to tour Banff and the surrounding area, visit the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Bow Falls or ride the Sulphur Mountain Gondola. You may also want to try river rafting or a boat tour on Lake Minnewanka.

Day 7 Banff/Canmore to Jasper

(285km) Drive to Jasper via the spectacular Icefields Parkway. Stop at Peyto Lake and the Columbia Icefield where you can take an

optional Ice Explorer ride onto the massive glacier.
Overnight: (2 nights) (E) Tonquin Inn, (S) Jasper Inn Alpine Resort, (B&B) Jaquie's Place (or similar).

Day 8 Jasper National Park

Activity Package Inclusion: Spirit Island Cruise on Maligne Lake.
 You have a full day to relax and tour Jasper and the surrounding area. You may wish to take a boat cruise on Maligne Lake, a ride on the Jasper Tramway or a visit to Miette Hot Springs. If time permits, the Athabasca River offers exciting white-water rafting excursions.

Day 9 Jasper to 100 Mile House

(465km) Drive through the Yellowhead Pass, beside Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rockies, and continue south along the Thompson River, skirting the perimeter of Wells Gray Provincial Park. Stop in Blue River and Clearwater en route to 100 Mile House.
Overnight: (2 nights) (E) Ramada Limited 100 Mile House, (S) 108 Resort & Conference Centre, (B&B) Arcona House (or similar).

Day 10 100 Mile House

100 Mile House was founded during the days of the Cariboo Gold Rush, when a roadhouse was built here to service gold seekers heading to 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. The area is now known primarily for prime cattle ranching and leisure activities.

Day 11 100 Mile House to Whistler

(300km) A scenic drive south along the Cariboo Highway and Duffey Lake Road to the edge of Garibaldi Provincial Park arriving in the popular year-round resort of Whistler.
Overnight: (2 nights) (E) Holiday Inn Sunspree, (S) Residence Inn by Marriott, (B&B) Snow Country Cottage (or similar).

Day 12 Whistler

Activity Package Inclusion: 3 hour canoeing in Whistler.
 Full day to relax and enjoy outdoor activities including hiking, sailing, windsurfing, golfing, tennis and boating, as well as shopping in Whistler Village.

Day 13 Whistler to Vancouver

(125km) Morning is at leisure to visit the village followed by a scenic two-hour drive to Vancouver. Evening is free to do some last minute shopping and sample the fine cuisine and nightlife.
Overnight: (E) Sandman Hotel & Suites Vancouver Airport, (S) Delta Vancouver Airport, (B&B) Third House Inn (or similar).

Day 14 End of Tour

Return to Vancouver International Airport to drop off your car and check in for your flight home.

Great Parks of the West		14 Days/13 Nights			
Daily Departure Dates:					
With Activities: 10 May - 19 September**					
Without Activities: 01 May - 20 Oct (B&B 01 May - 03 Oct)**					
Hol Ref: TFJ107					
Economy (E)	Double	Triple	Quad	Single	Child*
with activities	770	586	499	1385	90
without activities	650	466	379	1265	9
Standard (S)	Double	Triple	Quad	Single	Child*
with activities	875	670	658	1603	90
without activities	755	550	538	1483	9
Bed & Breakfast (BB)	Double	Triple	Quad	Single	Child*
with activities	857	N/A	N/A	1566	N/A
without activities	737	N/A	N/A	1446	N/A

Prices in \$ per person.
 Just add your Transatlantic flights see pages 6 and car hire see pages 40-41.
 Economy & Standard Hotels Child price 0-12 years sharing parents room with existing bedding arrangements.
 *Minimum age 6 years for activities.
 ** Arrivals 29 Jul - 01 Aug and 21 Aug - 29 Aug are unavailable in Pentiction due to August Civic Holiday and Ironman competition are not available.



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