

MAJESTIC ROCKIES WITH THE CALGARY STAMPEDE

Rocky Mountaineer Canada - Globus® North America

Sugar, cream, or clouds in your coffee?

On this majestic tour of the Canadian Rockies, you can relish all three.

A sunny gondola ride to breakfast atop Banff's Sulphur Mountain, a private breakfast at Whistler's Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, and a special dinner inside the original greenhouse at Victoria's lush Butchart Gardens are just some of the ways to devour the elevating scenery on this vacation through Alberta and British Columbia.

Bold and breathtaking views are served from Vancouver to Calgary as you savor cooling breezes of Sun Peaks, the glacial wonder of the Columbia Icefield, the alluring blue hue of Lake Louise, and the magnificent canyons and gorges of Jasper National Park.

A panoramic cruise along the crystal waters of Maligne Lake to remote Spirit Island - one of Canada's most cherished and photographed places - is everyone's favorite course on this journey through Western Canada.

It's only fitting to add the "Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth" to your great outdoors Canadian Rockies tour. Break in your boots and break out your 10-gallon hat for the Calgary Stampede, a "Wild West" festival that tips its Stetson to more than a century of cowboy culture and heritage. From bucking broncos to daring dishes, the world's largest rodeo - and one of Canada's largest music festivals - promises a delicious feast for your eyes, ears, and taste buds.

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Day 1

ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER, BC

WELCOME TO VANCOUVER!

At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome drink.

Day 2

VANCOUVER-VICTORIA

BRITISH COLUMBIA TREASURES

Tour Vancouver, including the waterfront, Chinatown, and Stanley Park with its old-growth evergreen forests and totem poles. Catch the BC Ferry over to Vancouver Island and Victoria. See major attractions on your city orientation tour including the Fairmont Empress Hotel, Bastion Square, and Thunderbird Park. Later, visit world-famous Globus Local Favorite Butchart Gardens, followed by a special dinner in the former historic greenhouse.

 Breakfast - Dinner

 **PICTURE PERFECT**
Butchart Gardens, named for the woman who founded this botanical oasis of blooming shades and horticultural design, is a National Historic site for its legacy and lush treasure of millions of flowering beds and over 900 varieties of plants in exquisitely landscaped gardens bring fairytales to life.



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Day 3

VICTORIA

CITY OF GARDENS

The day is free to explore on your own.

 Breakfast

 **ENHANCED FREE TIME**
Explore more in Victoria with a stroll in the quaint downtown area with its British colonial architecture to shop and admire its heritage buildings and stunning gardens, then relax over proper British afternoon tea. Your Tour Director may suggest an optional marine wildlife and whale-watching trip. Shoppers will love Government Street's elegant shops and Market Square's specialty stores.



Day 4

VICTORIA-WHISTLER

GULF DREAMS

Board a BC Ferry crossing the Strait of Georgia through the spectacular Gulf Islands, an archipelago known for its Mediterranean-type climate. En route to Whistler, stop at Shannon Falls, where a boardwalk leads to a viewing platform near the base of the roaring falls. On to the alpine resort of Whistler at the base of breathtaking Blackcomb Mountain. Time to explore the 2010 Winter Olympics' sites. Enjoy a 2-night stay at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler, with classic elegance in a modern alpine setting on Blackcomb Mountain.

 Breakfast

 **ACCOMMODATION SPOTLIGHT**
Nestled at the base of breathtaking Blackcomb Mountain, the luxurious Fairmont Chateau Whistler brings old and new together in a seamless blend of historical style and modern beauty. Enjoy impeccable service and outstanding cuisine in this pristine mountain wilderness.



Day 5

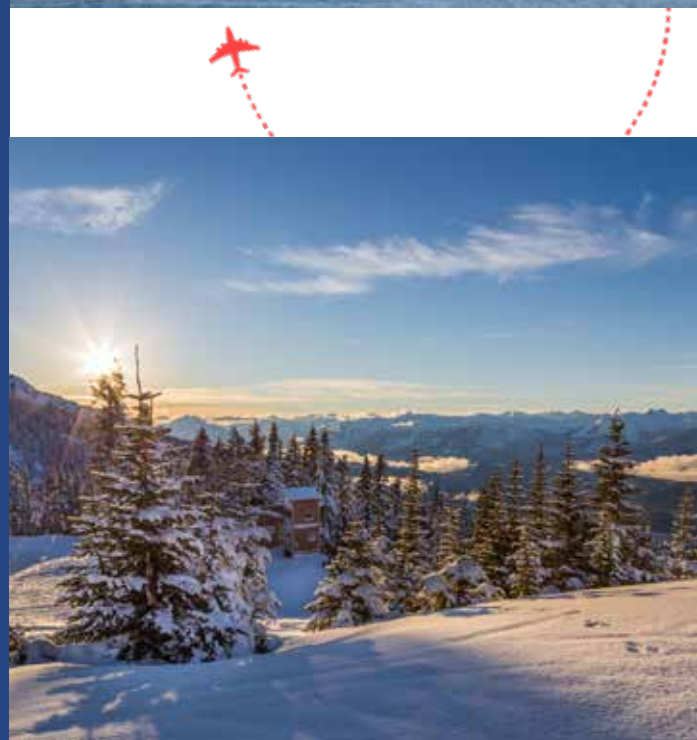
WHISTLER

ALPINE ADVENTURES

Full free day to explore all that Whistler has to offer.

 Breakfast

 **ENHANCED FREE TIME**
You might enjoy a trip on Whistler's Peak2Peak Gondola, connecting Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Enjoy spectacular scenery and incredible photo opportunities as you travel via the longest unsupported gondola span in the world. Other options include a walk in the treetops, a sightseeing excursion by air, shopping, or just relaxing at your resort.



Day 6

WHISTLER-SUN PEAKS

ANCIENT TRADITIONS

This morning, enjoy a visit and breakfast at the Globus Local Favorite Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, dedicated to the history and culture of the First Nations people. Then, journey north through the heart of the magnificent Cariboo region. Spectacular scenery abounds as you pass by rolling hills, deeply incised rivers, and sparkling lakes. Afternoon arrival in Sun Peaks with the balance of the day at leisure. Free time this evening.



Breakfast



CULTURAL GEMS

Visit the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre before opening hours where you will be greeted with a First Nations welcome followed by breakfast. The center is a spectacular setting, which brings to life the history of Native peoples whose traditions and beautiful culture still resonate today.

Day 7

SUN PEAKS-JASPER

SUN, SNOW & STARS

Continue north, following Yellowhead Highway and hugging the mighty North Thompson River, into the province of Alberta. See the base of 12,972-foot Mount Robson (the highest point in the Canadian Rockies) before entering Jasper National Park. Marvel at the precipitous gorges, snow-capped summits, and lakes of exquisite blues and greens in this wild mountain wilderness. Before arriving at your hotel, you may wish to take an optional float trip down the historic Athabasca River, where your guide will navigate as you absorb the splendor of Jasper National Park.



Breakfast



NATURAL WONDERS

Spanning nearly 4,250 square miles of spectacular natural beauty, Jasper is the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. Its vast wilderness, majestic peaks, abundant wildlife, and breathtaking panoramic sights lie below an incredible Dark Sky to thrill stargazers as well. A cruise to Spirit Island on the turquoise waters of Maligne Lake is a spectacular sight to behold as one of the most photographed locations in the world for its jaw-dropping beauty.



Day 8

JASPER. EXCURSION TO MALIGNE LAKE

SPECTACULAR JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Travel through Jasper's unspoiled beauty to glacial Maligne Canyon for lunch at the Wilderness Kitchen. Continue to stunning Maligne Lake for a narrated scenic cruise to Spirit Island. Return to Jasper where the balance of the day is at leisure to explore Jasper on your own.

 Breakfast - Lunch

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Day 9

JASPER-COLUMBIA ICEFIELD-LAKE LOUISE-BANFF

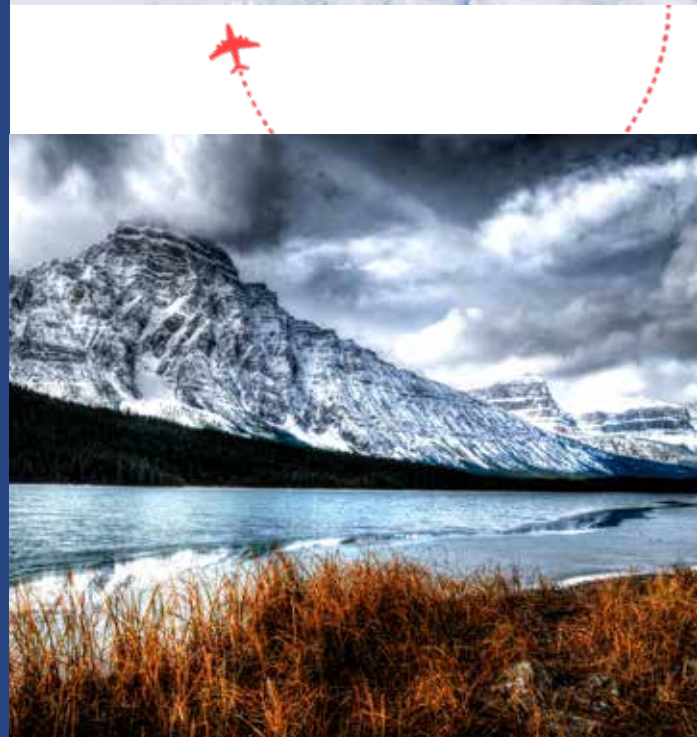
ROCKY MOUNTAIN MAJESTY

Head south through Jasper National Park on Icefields Parkway to the Columbia Icefield for a thrilling Ice Explorer ride on Athabasca Glacier with a Glaciologist guide. Climb Sunwapta Pass to savor stunning vistas of alpine meadows, waterfalls, and massive glaciers. Next, stop at Lake Louise, whose green-blue waters form a perfect mirror reflection of Mount Victoria. Continue into Banff for a free evening.

 Breakfast

 EPIC RIDE

Be moved by an expedition across the Athabasca Glacier. Traverse this massive glacier aboard the all-terrain Columbia Ice Explorer and walk on the surface where the Earth's geology is changing beneath your feet. Feel the force of nature's strength on an ancient glacier that still carves the face of the Rocky Mountains today.



Day 10**BANFF****HEAVENLY HEIGHTS**

Breakfast this morning is served on top of Sulphur Mountain. Take a scenic ride on the Globus Local Favorite Banff Gondola to the top of the mountain and then enjoy spectacular views of the valley below as you savor a flavorful meal. Additional sightseeing in Banff includes a visit to Bow Falls. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure. Consider an optional flightseeing trip for a bird's-eye view of the Rockies. Join your Tour Director for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.



Breakfast - Dinner

**EPIC RIDE**

Soar to the top of the world on the Banff Gondola ride to the summit of Sulphur Mountain. Enjoy breakfast and be in awe of the magnificent, natural beauty of the Canadian Rockies with views you'll never forget.

**Day 11****BANFF-CALGARY****STETSONS & SKYSCRAPERS**

Morning drive to Calgary where you'll have the afternoon and evening free.



Breakfast

**ENHANCED FREE TIME**

Explore more in Calgary with recommendations from your Tour Director to explore the traditions and tastes in the cosmopolitan city with its skyscrapers rising above a western culture that earned it the nickname "Cowtown".

**Day 12****CALGARY****THE WILD FRONTIER**

Free time this morning at the Calgary Stampede grounds. Behind-the-scenes tour of Globus Local Favorite Elbow River Camp's First Nations Village. Free time this afternoon before Chuckwagon Races and stage show this evening.



Breakfast

**CULTURE & TRADITION**

Step through the gates of Stampede Park into a world of wonder, fun, and "Wild West" excitement. Stroll the streets of a recreated frontier town and walk back in time on a behind-the-scenes visit of Elbow River Camp, an authentic First Nation's Village, where you'll learn more about the Native people, hear their stories, and meet a tribal elder. Enjoy a wide variety of exciting talent at the many entertainment stages. This evening, watch the heart-stopping chuckwagon races in an all-out dash for the finish line, an amazing contest of nerves and horsepower. Afterward, get ready for an outdoor stage show featuring hundreds of singers, dancers, and musicians in a lavishly produced and choreographed musical variety spectacular.



Day 13

CALGARY

ROPIN' & RIDIN'

Free time this morning. Watch the Calgary Rodeo this afternoon and receive the souvenir program. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy the Calgary Stampede grounds.

 Breakfast

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

Spend another day exploring the traditions of the Wild West on the Calgary Stampede grounds. Visit Rope Square with its variety of Western entertainment and fun. This afternoon, see the best of the best as they saddle up for world-class rodeo action. Top professionals take on the West's wildest horses. You'll also enjoy the rodeo's most famed event—bull riding! Take home a souvenir program to remind you of your time in Calgary.



Day 14

CALGARY

HAPPY TRAILS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast



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