



CANADA

ULTIMATE WESTERN CANADA SELF-DRIVE

 (TOUR CODE: 12959)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Vancouver

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 24 - 10 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Explore the stunning landscapes of Western Canada with this ultimate 15-day self-drive itinerary, featuring iconic destinations like Banff, Jasper, Whistler, and Tofino.

Highlights

- Sail through the waters between Vancouver and Vancouver Island aboard BC Ferries
- Experience the enchanting haven of Butchart Gardens, renowned for its lush greenery and vibrant floral displays, with included admission
- Explore the Canadian Rockies driving along the stunning Icefields Parkway
- Witness breathtaking 360-degree views of Whistler Village, mountains, lakes, glaciers, and coastal rainforests while riding the Peak 2 Peak Gondola
- Discover the best wineries in the Okanagan with the Kelowna Wine Lovers Day Tour
- Customize your days in Banff, Jasper, and Tofino by selecting activities that match your preferences

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the breathtaking landscapes of Western Canada with the ultimate 15-day self-drive itinerary. This immersive adventure takes you through some of the most iconic destinations in the region, offering a perfect blend of pristine wilderness, charming mountain towns, and vibrant cities.

Start your adventure in the vibrant city of Vancouver, where you can explore Stanley Park, Granville Island, and the historic Gastown district. Enjoy diverse dining options and soak in the Pacific Coast vibes before heading into the wilderness.

Head east to Kelowna, a gem nestled in the Okanagan Valley. Discover world-class wineries, beautiful lakes, and scenic vineyards as you enjoy the region's culinary delights.

Travel through the awe-inspiring Canadian Rockies to reach Lake Louise, known for its turquoise waters. Explore the area's hiking trails, visit the

iconic Lake Louise, and soak in the stunning surroundings.

Your adventure culminates in the iconic Banff National Park, where you'll encounter stunning alpine landscapes, including Emerald Lake and Moraine Lake. Hike through awe-inspiring terrain, soak in natural hot springs, and appreciate the charm of Banff town.

Continue your journey to Jasper National Park, where rugged wilderness and pristine lakes await. Hike among towering peaks, visit stunning spots like Maligne Lake and Athabasca Falls, and embrace the tranquility of this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Drive westward to Sun Peaks, an alpine resort offering year-round adventure. Hike, mountain bike, or simply relax in this charming mountain town. As you head further west, make your way to Whistler, a renowned destination for outdoor enthusiasts. Experience thrilling activities, explore the pedestrian-friendly village, and relish the magnificent mountain vistas. End your ultimate experience on return back to Vancouver.



✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period

✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind

✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices

✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited

✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Kelowna at The Royal Kelowna
- 2 nights in Emerald Lake at Emerald Lake Lodge
- 2 nights in Banff at Banff Caribou Lodge
- 2 nights in Jasper at Forest Park Hotel
- 1 night in Sun Peaks at Sun Peaks Grand Hotel
- 2 nights in Whistler at Delta Whistler Village Suites
- 2 nights in Ucluelet at Water's Edge Shoreside Suites
- 1 night in Victoria at Inn at Laurel Point
- 15 days mid-size car rental including GPS
- Kelowna Wine Lovers Day Tour
- Ice explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- BC Ferries for vehicle & passengers between Vancouver and Vancouver Island
- BC Ferries for vehicle & passengers between Vancouver Island and Vancouver
- Freedom of choice
- Peak 2 Peak Gondola in Whistler
- Admission to the Butchart Gardens

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 6
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 8
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 11
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 13

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day

1

Vancouver Kelowna

Today, travel into the Thompson Okanagan region; this region is famous for its orchards and vineyards as well as the wildly varied landscape. To the north of the central wine-and-fruit-producing valley are vast boreal forests and to the south the desert of the Great Basin.

Overnight in **Kelowna** at **The Royal Kelowna**.



Day **2**

Kelowna

Tour into the countryside combining the best of the Lake, the Valley and the Vines. Experience the wineries we call hidden treasures and sample the Okanagan's finest wines.

Overnight in **Kelowna** at **The Royal Kelowna**.



Day **3**

Kelowna Emerald Lake Lodge

Your journey today takes you through some of the most spectacular stretches of highway in Canada. Travel through Yoho National Park, filled with gem-coloured glacial lakes and waterfalls, snow-covered peaks, and dense forests of western red cedar and western hemlock.

Overnight in **Emerald Lake** at **Emerald Lake Lodge**.



EMERALD LAKE | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC DAVE HEATH

Day 4

Emerald Lake Lodge Yoho National Park Emerald Lake Lodge

Located on the shores of the famous pristine lake, surrounded by some of the Rockies most impressive peaks. The lodge built of hand-hewn timber and featuring massive stone fireplaces and includes a formal dining room and quiet reading and sitting rooms. From the upper or lower large verandahs, enjoy the serene views of this wilderness landscape.

Overnight in **Emerald Lake** at **Emerald Lake Lodge**.



YOHO NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / DAVE HEATH

Day 5

Emerald Lake Lodge Banff

Enjoy the leisurely drive to Banff. Choose the Bow Valley Parkway, beside the Bow River, with an option for you to take a stop at Johnston Canyon and walk along the paved footpath to either the lower or upper waterfalls.

Overnight in **Banff** at **Banff Caribou Lodge**.



Day **6**

Banff

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of four excursions.

Overnight in **Banff** at **Banff Caribou Lodge**.

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Banff Gondola:**

Maximize your views of Banff National Park with minimal exertion on a round-trip gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

OR

- **Lake Minnewanka Cruise:**

Admire views of the Canadian Rockies by boat as you cruise across the turquoise-hued Lake Minnewanka and over to Devil's Gap.

OR

- **River Explorer Canoe Tour:**

Enjoy the serenity of the Bow River and marvel at the surroundings. A fun & interactive way with your guide to explore the waterways of Banff National Park. Perfect for families. No paddling experience necessary.

OR

- **Bow River Horseback Adventure:**

Saddle up for a journey through the celebrated landscape of Banff National Park on this guided horseback riding adventure.



BANFF GONDOLA | CREDIT: PURSUIT

Day **7**

Banff Jasper

Explore the Canadian Rockies on Icefields Parkway, relishing glacier exploration. Walk on ancient ice, experience the Ice Explorer ride, and thrill at the Glacier Skywalk's thousand-foot-high glass platform. Experience and appreciate this rocky treasure.

Overnight in **Jasper** at **Forest Park Hotel**.



GLACIER SKYWALK | CREDIT: PURSUIT

Day **8**

Jasper

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of three excursions.

Overnight in **Jasper** at **Forest Park Hotel**.

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Maligne Lake Cruise:**

Cruise Maligne Lake, where you can marvel at the magnificent shoreline and Spirit Island.

OR

- **Jasper River Float:**

Enjoy a gentle rafting tour on the Athabasca River for a unique perspective of Jasper National Park.

OR

- **Jasper Nature Walk:**

A guided nature walk featuring a spectacular array of rolling hills, jagged peaks, forests, meadows, marshes, streams, and stunning glacial lakes.



Day **9**

Jasper Sun Peaks

Embark from Jasper National Park, traversing the 'Yellowhead' Route to admire Mount Robson's majesty, highest in the Canadian Rockies. Journey beyond, via Thompson River, through snowy Monashee and Caribou Mountains, concluding at Sun Peaks Resort.

Overnight in **Sun Peaks** at **Sun Peaks Grand Hotel**.



Day **10** Sun Peaks Whistler

Continue to Lillooet, known as the land of the Gold Rush Trail and 'Mile Zero' of the Old Caribou Wagon Road. Leaving Lillooet travel the Duffey Lake Road to Whistler. Be sure to stop at Joffre Lake for breathtaking views of Joffre Glacier.

Overnight in **Whistler** at **Delta Whistler Village Suites**.



Day **11** Whistler

Today, you'll experience the beauty via the Peak Adventure on Whistler Mountain as you soak in the unbelievable views of glaciers, extinct volcanoes and snow-capped peaks.

Overnight in **Whistler** at **Delta Whistler Village Suites**.

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Whistler Guided Lunch Tour:**

There's no better way to spend an afternoon in Whistler than exploring the eclectic culinary scene. Guests will enjoy a delicious multi-course lunch while visiting some of the best local lunch spots and indulge a sweet tooth at a couple of chocolate shops



Day 12 Whistler Tofino/Ucluelet

Travel the Sea-to-Sky Highway through a landscape carved out by glaciers and edged by craggy fjords. After a brief stop at Shannon Falls continue to Horseshoe Bay where you will board a ferry to sail across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver Island. Your drive to the Pacific Coast will take you through ancient rainforests and provincial parks to windswept beaches.

Overnight at **Water's Edge Shoreside Suites** (or similar).



Day **13** Tofino/Ucluelet

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of two excursions.

Overnight at **Water's Edge Shoreside Suites** (or similar).

Freedom of Choice Options

• **Coastal Bear Watch Cruise:**

Search for bears from the comfort and safety of a 24' Zodiac vessel. Abundant on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, black bears roam the shores at low tide in search of their favorite delicacy, the Rock Crab.

OR

• **Whale Watching Cruise:**

Cruise through the waters of Clayoquot Sound to view beautiful scenery and wildlife. Depending on the time of year, you may encounter gray whales, humpback whales, sea lions, sea birds and resident bald eagles.



Day **14** Tofino/Ucluelet Victoria

Return through quaint seaside towns, and the murals of Chemainus and the quaint Quw'utsun' Cultural and Conference Centre in Duncan are well worth the visit. The day winds down in Victoria.

Overnight in **Victoria at Inn at Laurel Point**.



Day **15** Victoria Vancouver

Before you leave Victoria on your way to Vancouver, make sure to explore the enchanting Butchart Gardens. Recognized as a National Historic Site of Canada on its centennial in 2004, these stunning gardens span 22 hectares (55 acres) within the confines of a 53-hectare (130-acre) estate.

After, cruise across Georgia Strait through the beautiful Gulf Islands with BC Ferries to Vancouver where your fabulous Western Canada road trip comes to an end.



ACCOMMODATION

The Royal Kelowna

Kelowna

An all-suite luxurious resort in downtown Kelowna backing directly onto Okanagan Lake. This waterfront resort features some of the largest luxury suites in the region and offers an unrivaled experience where opulence meets natural beauty. Immerse yourself in the crystal clear waters of their outdoor infinity pool, unwind in the soothing waters of their rooftop hot tub, or sweat it out in their steam showers. The hotel's rooftop features lush amenities including fitness center, rooftop BBQs, intimate lounge area with gas firepit, and cozy blue lounge chairs.



Emerald Lake Lodge

Emerald Lake

Set on a 13-acre peninsula on Yoho National Park's Emerald Lake, this upscale lodge is 13.4 km from the Canadian Rocky Mountains Parks World Heritage Site and 14.8 km from Mount Field. The posh rooms feature private balconies with lake views, wood-burning fireplaces and coffeemakers, plus sitting areas. A refined restaurant serves regional cuisine, and there's a seasonal bistro. A stately lounge features a stone fireplace, plus an oak bar from an 1890s saloon.



Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa

Banff

Located in Banff National Park, the Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa offers a mountain lodge hotel, a great steakhouse restaurant and a full service spa, all in one outstanding location. This ideal vacation spot is located on Banff Avenue, the main street in the town of Banff. Surrounded by mountains, there are plenty of activities to keep you busy.



Forest Park Hotel

Jasper

Set amidst the breathtaking Canadian Rockies, the Forest Park Hotel (formerly the Sawridge Inn) is a resort style hotel that offers the rustic charm you'd expect in Jasper National Park. Beautiful guest rooms, on-site spa, decadent dining and heated pool with jacuzzi and steam room add to the luxury you want in your mountain getaway.



Sun Peaks Grand Hotel

Sun Peaks

Located a scenic 45-minute jaunt from Kamloops in British Columbia's Thompson-Okanagan region, Sun Peaks Grand Hotel is the only full-service hotel experience in Sun Peaks Resort. There are chairlifts, trails and activities at the doorstep, as well as an on site grocery store, boutiques, eateries, and brand-new guest rooms delivering quiet luxury.



Delta Whistler Village Suites

Whistler

Retreat to the mountains of British Columbia, Canada, where your adventure begins at Delta Hotels Whistler Village Suites. Located in the heart of Whistler Village, our hotel places you near the area's top attractions, including boutiques, dining, ski slopes and bike trails. Take advantage of our heated indoor / outdoor pool and 24-hour fitness centre. End your night in Whistler at Hy's Steakhouse, our signature hotel restaurant that offers delicious cuisine and handcrafted cocktails. Relax and reset in spacious pet friendly hotel suites that include full kitchens, fireplaces, flat-panel TVs, free Wi-Fi and plush bedding.



Water's Edge Shoreside Suites

Ucluelet

Water's Edge is the only property with access to both the serene Ucluelet Harbour & bordering Marina from every Shoreside Suite. Nestled on a peaceful island joined by a causeway within the Harbour. Nothing else compares. Stunning surroundings, breathtaking views, and open spaces.



Inn at Laurel Point

Victoria

Overlooking Laurel Point Park, this waterfront hotel is a 5-minute walk from the Black Ball Ferry Line and a 10-minute walk from the Royal BC Museum. Featuring private balconies with water views, the airy rooms include flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi, plus minifridges, and tea and coffeemaking equipment. There's a heated indoor pool, an exercise room and a Japanese garden, plus a Pacific Rim-inspired restaurant with a patio and harbour views.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package