



CANADA

HIKING TRAILS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 13766)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Vancouver

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Jun 24 - 15 Sep 24

EXPERIENCE

Walk & Hike
Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience the captivating influence of nature on this scenic route through the diverse mountain landscapes of British Columbia.

Highlights

- Hike the Myra Canyon in Kelowna, featuring varied landscapes, panoramic views, and historic sites along the Kettle Valley Railway trail
- Experience stunning 360-degree views of Whistler's mountain peaks, lakes, ancient glaciers, and coastal rainforests on the Peak 2 Peak Gondola
- Drive along the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway between Vancouver and Whistler
- Experience the unique alpine environment of Sun Peaks, spotting wildlife and enjoying a kaleidoscope of wildflowers in summer

Embark on an active journey from Vancouver, exploring the natural wonders of British Columbia. Start with Golden Ears Provincial Park and Manning Park Resort, offering scenic trails like Lightning Lake Loop. Traverse the Thompson Okanagan region to Kelowna, known for orchards and vineyards. Discover Kelowna's highlights, including the historic Myra Canyon Hike. Head to Sun Peaks for alpine hiking and wildlife spotting. Continue through Cache Creek and Lillooet to reach Whistler, experiencing Nairn Falls and the vibrant flora. Enjoy Whistler's hiking paradise, featuring the High Note Trail. Conclude the trip back to Vancouver, with stops at Brandywine Falls, Shannon Falls, and Stawamus Chief Rock. Experience a blend of nature, history, and alpine adventures.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Manning Park at Manning Park Resort
- 2 nights in Kelowna at The Royal Kelowna
- 1 night in Sun Peaks at Sun Peaks Grand Hotel
- 2 nights in Whistler at Delta Whistler Village Suites
- 7 days intermediate car rental including GPS
- Sun Peaks Resort hiking lift ticket
- Peak 2 Peak Gondola Ride

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Day **1**

Vancouver Manning Park

Start your day by picking up your rental car and driving east to Golden Ears Provincial Park for your first stop. Begin with a short 2-hour hike to Lower Falls, an excellent way to kick off the trip. The falls offer a fantastic view, especially during the spring season when runoff from the surrounding mountains surges downstream.

Continue your drive to Manning Park Resort, situated in the heart of Manning Park, with trailheads for several hikes accessible from the resort. You may opt for the Lightning Lake Loop, an easy trail that circles around Lightning Lake.

Overnight in Manning Park at **Manning Park Resort**



VANCOUVER | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / GRANT HARDER

Manning Park Kelowna

Travel into the Thompson Okanagan region; this region is famous for its orchards and vineyards as well as the wildly varied landscapes.

Overnight in Kelowna at **The Royal Kelowna**



Kelowna

Varied landscapes, panoramic views, and historic sites make for infinitely interesting hikes around Kelowna. The Kettle Valley Railway (KVR) trail, which is part of the Trans-Canada trail, is an easy high-country walk. The 12km section of the trail between the former Ruth Station and Myra Station features reconstructed wood-frame trestles, two steel bridges, and two tunnels. Bring a camera to capture the valley views.

Overnight in Kelowna at **The Royal Kelowna**



Depart Okanagan Valley this morning and drive to the alpine resort of Sun Peaks. Sun Peak's hiking trails are designed to accommodate varying levels of fitness and experience so that all visitors can enjoy the unique experience of alpine hiking. Hikers will find an endlessly diverse terrain with flat areas, gradual inclines, and steep climbs, not to mention a vast trail system that is lift-accessed for easy alpine access.

Hiking in and around Sun Peaks is a great way to spot bird species including Blue Herons, Bald Eagles, and Hummingbirds. In summer, the mountains become a kaleidoscope of colour with wildflowers like with Arctic Lupin, Dwarf Dogwood, Fireweed and Larkspur, blossoming from the village high into the alpine. And there's always the chance of seeing bears, coyotes, and other wildlife on the trails leading from the Sunburst Express chairlift.

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



SUN PEAKS RESORT | CREDIT: KELLY FUNK / THOMPSON OKANAGAN

Day 5

Sun Peaks Whistler

Begin the day travelling along the Logan Lake route to the gold rush town of Cache Creek to visit the Historic Hat Creek (included), which literally takes you back to the days of the gold rush. Continue the journey south to Lillooet, known as the land of the Gold Rush Trail and 'Mile Zero' of the Old Caribou Wagon Road during the Gold Rush Years. Now the area is home to the largest Canadian producers of the medicinal plant, ginseng.

Departing Lillooet, travel the Duffey Lake Road to Whistler. Nairn Falls located between Pemberton and Whistler is a beautiful waterfall that provides an excellent spot to stretch the legs. The trail is very well maintained and easy to follow. After taking photos and resting on the rocks, make your way back up the rocky area to the trail for the short walk back to the parking lot. Continue to Whistler. The rest of the day is free to explore Whistler on your own, relax and enjoy some of the many cafés and restaurants in this charming alpine village.

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



LILLOOET | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / BLAKE JORGENSEN

Day 6

Whistler

Whistler Blackcomb is a hiking paradise. To get there, soar like an eagle on the Peak 2 Peak Gondola (included). This engineering marvel links Blackcomb and Whistler mountains, offering an awe-inspiring ride across the valley. For an additional thrill, try to grab a silver gondola with a glass-bottomed floor. At the top, guests will be treated to unbelievable views of glaciers, extinct volcanoes, snow-capped peaks and more. More than 50km/30mi of alpine hiking trails are waiting for you.

The High Note Trail offers the most scenic view of Cheakamus Lake in Garibaldi Provincial Park. From Roundhouse (Whistler Mountain) ride the Peak chair to the Peak. Head west and down on the High Note trail. It circles around south and then east till it meets the Musical Bumps trail. From there, turn left (north) and head down to the Gondola (4.5 km) or head west again on the Burnt Stew trail, returning to the Peak (3 km).

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



PEAK 2 PEAK GONDOLA | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / BLAKE JORGENSEN

Day 7

Whistler Vancouver

Depart Whistler and travel back to Vancouver. Brandywine Falls is another great stop when heading south from Whistler. The walk to the falls is only 10 minutes. From the viewing platform situated right at the edge of the cliff, you get a spectacular view of the 70-metre falls.

Continue along the scenic Sea to Sky Highway to Vancouver. Highlights along the way include the cascading Shannon Falls and the Stawamus Chief Rock where climbers from all over the globe migrate to climb the granite cliffs. The Chief towers high above the town of Squamish and is a popular hiking destination that offers scenic views of Howe Sound and several mountains in Garibaldi Provincial Park. Hikers can complete all three peaks of the Chief in a day or just choose to do a shorter trip to the South Peak that still offers a spectacular view. Once you have taken photos, head back along the route you arrived and drop off your rental car. Arrive in Vancouver and proceed to your selected hotel.



SEA TO SKY HIGHWAY | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC

ACCOMMODATION

Manning Park Resort

Manning Park

The resort is located in the heart of E.C. Manning Provincial Park and offers lodging with all the comforts of home and then some. The resort can accommodate over 450 people with a variety of rooming and budget options, including the Lodge, cabins, camping, chalets and the Last Resort.



The Royal Kelowna

Kelowna

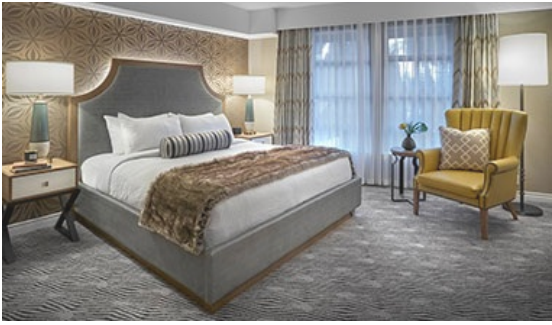
An all-suite luxurious resort in downtown Kelowna backing directly onto Okanagan Lake. This waterfront resort features some of the largest luxury suites in the region and offers an unrivaled experience where opulence meets natural beauty. Immerse yourself in the crystal clear waters of their outdoor 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.



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.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French & English	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
- Road tolls
- 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
- One-way car rental fees (if applicable). If any one-way surcharges apply, this will be advised at the time of booking and is payable locally upon collection of the vehicle.
- Car rental rates exclude optional coverage such as Personal Accident Insurance Plus (PAI Plus) and Personal Effects Protection (PEP).