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Canada's Great Western Parks Road Trip

2025

Western Canada Road Trip

14 Days / 13 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver
Priced at USD \$3,095 per person

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 10 yrs & under

INTRODUCTION

Embark on an unforgettable 14-day self-drive adventure through Canada's stunning western parks, starting in vibrant Vancouver. Discover the beautiful Okanagan Valley with its renowned vineyards and serene lakes. Continue to Banff and Jasper National Parks, where rugged mountains, turquoise lakes, and abundant wildlife await. Experience the alpine charm of Sun Peaks Resort and the scenic beauty of Whistler, home to world-class outdoor activities. Journey to Tofino on Vancouver Island's west coast, known for its wild beaches and rainforests, then explore the historic charm of Victoria. This journey through Canada's Great Western Parks promises awe-inspiring landscapes and unforgettable moments at each destination, making it the perfect road trip for nature lovers and adventure seekers alike.

Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Kelowna | 397 km/247 mi
- DAY 2** Kelowna | Wine Tour
- DAY 3** Kelowna to Banff | 482 km/301 mi
- DAY 4** Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
Option 1. Banff Gondola

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- Option 2. Lake Minnewanka Cruise
- Option 3. River Explorer Canoe Tour
- Option 4. Bow River Horseback Adventure
- DAY 5** Banff to Jasper | Ice Explorer + Skywalk | 292 km/182 mi
- DAY 6** Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
 - Option 1. Maligne Lake Cruise
 - Option 2. Jasper River Float
 - Option 3. Jasper Nature Walk
- DAY 7** Jasper to Sun Peaks | 444 km/276 mi
- DAY 8** Sun Peaks to Whistler | 357 km/222 mi
- DAY 9** Whistler | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
 - Option 1. Whistler Guided Lunch Tour
 - Option 2. River of Golden Dreams Canoe Tour
 - Option 3. Whistler Peak 2 Peak Gondola
 - Option 4. Upgrade Option: Bear Safari in Whistler Olympic Park
- DAY 10** Whistler to Pacific Rim National Park | 310km/192mi + Ferry
- DAY 11** Tofino | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions
 - Option 1. Coastal Bear Watch Cruise | Min age 5 yrs
 - Option 2. Whale Watching Cruise | Min age 3 yrs
- DAY 12** Tofino to Victoria | 313 km/194 mi
- DAY 13** Victoria | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
 - Option 1. Butchart Gardens Admission
 - Option 2. Eat like a Canadian Food Tour
 - Option 3. Whale Watch Cruise
 - Option 4. High Tea at the Empress Hotel
- DAY 14** Victoria to Vancouver | 69 km/43 mi + Ferry



DETAILED ITINERARY

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Day 1 Vancouver to Kelowna | 397 km/247 mi

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.

Day 2 Kelowna | Wine Tour

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.

Day 3 Kelowna to Banff | 482 km/301 mi

Explore Canada's majestic landscapes on a journey to Banff via the stunning Yoho National Park, featuring jewel-toned lakes, snowy peaks, and lush forests. Visit historic Craigellachie, marking the Canadian Pacific Railway's completion.

Day 4 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions

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

Option 1. Banff Gondola

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

Option 2. 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.

Option 3. 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.

Option 4. Bow River Horseback Adventure

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

Day 5 Banff to Jasper | Ice Explorer + Skywalk | 292 km/182 mi

Today, travel through the spine of the Canadian Rockies along the amazing Icefields Parkway and encompass the ultimate glacier exploration. From walking on ancient ice with the Ice Explorer ride, to standing on a glass platform almost one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included), today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for this treasured region of the Rockies

Day 6 Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions

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

Option 1. Maligne Lake Cruise

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

Option 2. Jasper River Float

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

Option 3. 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 7 Jasper to Sun Peaks | 444 km/276 mi

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.

Day 8 Sun Peaks to Whistler | 357 km/222 mi

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.

Day 9 Whistler | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions

You can personalize your day by choosing one of five excursions

Option 1. 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

Option 2. River of Golden Dreams Canoe Tour

This summertime paddle takes you on an enchanting canoe journey from Alta Lake to Green Lake. Wildflower-lined banks, old-growth forests and local wildlife are all part of your passing tableaux

Option 3. Whistler Peak 2 Peak Gondola

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.

Option 4. Upgrade Option: Bear Safari in Whistler Olympic Park

Experience Olympic Park's untouched wilderness, housing numerous black bears. Witness them forage from your vehicle amidst pristine landscapes. Drive up iconic Ski Jumps for breathtaking mountain panoramas.

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Day 10 Whistler to Pacific Rim National Park | 310km/192mi + Ferry

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. You are venturing into true wildlife territory here, and you might even catch a glimpse of bears, deer or wolves. The Pacific Rim National Park is a marvel of ecological and geographical diversity as you will see as you pass through dense rainforests, steep ravines and windswept beaches.

Day 11 Tofino | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 2 Excursions

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

Option 1. Coastal Bear Watch Cruise | Min age 5 yrs

Search for foraging 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.

Option 2. Whale Watching Cruise | Min age 3 yrs

Cruise through the pristine 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 12 Tofino to Victoria | 313 km/194 mi

Travel back to the East Coast of Vancouver Island and head south to Victoria. En route stops should be made at the artist community of Chemainus, where you can admire the giant murals which adorn the exterior walls throughout the town and Duncan the "City of Totems". If time permits visit the Quw'utsun' Heritage Village which provides you with an insight into the lives of the northwest coast people

Day 13 Victoria | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions

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

Option 1. Butchart Gardens Admission

On its 100th birthday in 2004, the Butchart Gardens was named a National Historic Site of Canada. Explore 22 Hectares/55 acres of breathtaking gardens on the 53 hectare/130 acre estate.

Option 2. Eat like a Canadian Food Tour

Not many people can define exactly what Canadian food is. From local ingredients to historic dishes, this tour is the best way to experience Canadian culinary culture. Sip and savour local cuisine, explore the iconic Inner Harbour, and meet the chefs and owners that make Victoria such an exciting culinary hot spot

Option 3. Whale Watch Cruise

Get up close with the killer whales on the Salish Sea with this guided, 3.5-hour whale-watching cruise from Victoria. Climb aboard a covered or open boat equipped with hydrophones to hear the whales and bring the underwater experience to light.

Option 4. High Tea at the Empress Hotel

Enjoy High tea at the Fairmont Empress Hotel is a delightful, traditional experience. Indulge in a lavish array of tea, finger sandwiches, pastries, and scones, served in an elegant setting, enhancing the allure of this historic Victoria, British Columbia landmark.

Day 14 Victoria to Vancouver | 69 km/43 mi + Ferry

Leaving Victoria drive north to Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal for a 90 min ferry ride to Tsawwassen. On-board BC Ferries enjoy the scenery of the Gulf Islands as you cross the Strait of Georgia. From Tsawwassen continue on to downtown Vancouver or airport.

**INCLUDED****CANADA** BY DESIGN

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Package Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation in Kelowna
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 1 night accommodation in Sun Peaks Resort
- 2 nights accommodation in Whistler
- 2 nights accommodation in Tofino | Ucluelet Region
- 2 nights accommodation in Victoria
- A Kelowna Wine Lovers Day Tour
- Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Banff Gondola
- Lake Minnewanka Cruise
- River Explorer Canoe Tour
- Bow River Horseback Adventure
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier + Glacier Skywalk
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
- Maligne Lake Cruise | Operating season is weather dependent
- Jasper River Float
- Jasper Nature Walk
- Whistler | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Whistler Guided Lunch Tour
- River of Golden Dreams Guided Canoe Tour
- Peak 2 Peak Gondola
- Upgrade Option: Bear Safari in Whistler Olympic Park
- Return BC Ferries toll for vehicle & passengers, between Vancouver and Vancouver Island with reserved sailing time.
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Hotel Information | Moderate Grade

- Kelowna - Prestige Beach House | Standard Room
- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel | Standard Room
- Jasper - Moderate Hotel | Standard Room
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Whistler - Aava Hotel or Listel Hotel | Deluxe Guestroom
- Victoria - Inn at Laurel Point | Laurel Wing Guest Room

Hotel Information | Superior Grade

- Kelowna - The Royal Kelowna | One Bedroom Suite

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- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony / Alpine Standard
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel | Deluxe Mountain Village View Room
- Whistler - Delta Whistler Village Suites | One Bedroom Suite
- Victoria - Inn at Laurel Point | Erickson Wing Studio Suite

Hotel Information | Deluxe Grade

- Kelowna - The Royal Kelowna | One Bedroom Suite
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel | Deluxe Balcony Mountain Village View Room
- Whistler - Fairmont Chateau Whistler | Fairmont Room
- Victoria - Fairmont Empress Hotel | Deluxe Room

Hotel Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- Kelowna - The Royal Kelowna | One Bedroom Suite
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Mountain View Room
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Premier Deluxe Room
- Sun Peaks Resort - Sun Peaks Grand Hotel | Deluxe Balcony Mountain Village View Room
- Whistler - Fairmont Chateau Whistler | Deluxe Slopeside Room
- Victoria - Fairmont Empress Hotel | Deluxe Harbour View Room

Tofino | Ucluelet Region Hotel Information | All grades

- Water's Edge Shoreside Suites | One Bedroom Suite
- Black Rock Resort | Studio Trail Room

Not included:

- Rental Car
- Road Tolls

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DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: Daily

(Tour Code: SD44)

DATE	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade				
01 May 25 - 05 May 25	\$3,095	\$5,137	\$2,560	\$862
06 May 25 - 20 May 25	\$3,244	\$5,433	\$2,659	\$862
21 May 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$3,621	\$6,188	\$2,901	\$862
01 Oct 25 - 10 Oct 25	\$2,902	\$4,749	\$2,436	\$862
Superior Grade				
01 May 25 - 05 May 25	\$3,257	\$5,460	\$2,673	\$862
06 May 25 - 20 May 25	\$3,860	\$6,666	\$3,079	\$862
21 May 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$4,287	\$7,520	\$3,369	\$862
01 Oct 25 - 10 Oct 25	\$3,751	\$6,447	\$3,011	\$862
Deluxe Grade				
01 May 25 - 05 May 25	\$4,650	\$8,228	\$3,708	\$862
06 May 25 - 20 May 25	\$5,750	\$10,428	\$4,441	\$862
21 May 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$6,170	\$11,268	\$4,727	\$862
01 Oct 25 - 10 Oct 25	\$5,840	\$10,610	\$4,507	\$862
Deluxe Plus Grade				
01 May 25 - 05 May 25	\$5,027	\$8,982	\$3,960	\$862
06 May 25 - 20 May 25	\$6,126	\$11,182	\$4,693	\$862
21 May 25 - 30 Sep 25	\$6,547	\$12,022	\$4,978	\$862
01 Oct 25 - 10 Oct 25	\$6,218	\$11,364	\$4,759	\$862

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