Canada West

Tour : car

15 days • 14 nights • 2100 km

Almost all of the West





A magnificent 15-day journey to soak up the iconic landscapes of **western Canada**. From **Vancouver**, head to **Victoria**, with its **driftwood beaches**, majestic **fjords** and the **rainforests of Vancouver** Island. You then cross the **Canadian Rockies**, with their succession of **lakes**, **waterfalls**, **rivers** and abundant wildlife—where **bears** are not uncommon! After the national parks of **Jasper** and **Banff**, and the splendid **Icefields Parkway**, the trip ends in the city of **Calgary**.



Day 1

You arrive at Vancouver Airport in the early afternoon. You pick up your rental car and head to the ferry terminal to reach Vancouver Island. The crossing takes one hour. All directions are provided in your road book and you easily find your hotel. Victoria is a charming small city with a British atmosphere, including its double-decker buses. Overnight in a *** hotel in the city centre.



Day 2

The time difference made you go to bed early — and wake up early as well!

Your first real holiday day begins. Why not take a boat excursion to see orcas and whales?

Then stroll through the city and visit the magnificent British Columbia Museum. The Indigenous art collections are superb.

You may also drive to the famous Butchart Gardens, ranked among the 10 most beautiful gardens in the world. Overnight at the same hotel.

Day 3



Drive north toward Duncan and its Indigenous museum, as well as Chemainus and its murals. Cross Vancouver Island. Midway, stop at Cathedral Grove to admire giant cedars. Then continue to Pacific Rim National Park, one of the most beautiful parks in Canada, offering vast beaches, rainforest trails and stunning scenery. Overnight in a beautiful beachfront hotel.



Day 4

A full day to explore Pacific Rim National Park: relax on the beach, take a whale-watching cruise, observe bears along the coast, or enjoy sea kayaking.

Overnight at the same location.



Day 5

Enjoy the morning by the sea before crossing Vancouver Island again at your leisure. Stop to admire the giant cedars if you missed them on the way in. Overnight by the sea.

Alternatively, depart earlier and reach the mainland via two ferries along the Sunshine Coast, a stunning region of islands, inlets, villages, forests and lakes.

Accommodation in Egmont at a seaside resort. Optional extension to discover Princess Louisa Inlet by boat or seaplane.



Day 6

You have most of the day to enjoy the Sunshine Coast. Late afternoon, take the (free) ferry to Vancouver. Another beautiful crossing! About 40 minutes after disembarkation, you reach Vancouver.

Overnight in a *** hotel in downtown Vancouver near restaurants and shops.



Day 7

So much to see! Chinatown, Gastown, the harbour, the panoramic restaurant, Stanley Park and its famous aquarium, Granville Market…

Most visits can be done on foot. Stanley Park is easier by car or bicycle. The Vancouver Aquarium is exceptional and home to more than 70,000 aquatic animals including belugas and orcas.

Overnight at the same hotel.



Day 8

Head north and discover Capilano Suspension Bridge or take the gondola at Grouse Mountain.

Drive along the scenic “Sea to Sky” Highway to Whistler, a charming and elegant ski resort.

Overnight in a *** hotel.



Day 9

Optional gondola ride before departure. Continue north through hills, rivers, forests and prairies.

Arrival near Clearwater.

Overnight in a lakeside chalet.



Day 10

A full day to enjoy nature: hiking, rafting, cycling, horseback riding or canoeing.

Wells Gray Park is famous for its magnificent waterfalls. Optional guided canoe trip.

Possibility to spot black bears in the evening.

Overnight at the same location.



Day 11

Drive toward the Rockies! Stop at Mount Robson, the highest peak in the region (3,954 m).

Enter Jasper National Park, one of the most beautiful in Canada.

Overnight in a chalet near town.

Day 12



Discover Jasper National Park: Mount Edith Cavell, Whistler Mountain, Medicine and Maligne Lakes, Maligne Canyon.

Overnight at the same location.



Day 13

Drive the famous Icefields Parkway, one of North America's most scenic roads. Stop at Sunwapta Falls and take a snowcoach excursion on Athabasca Glacier.

Continue to Banff-Lake Louise National Park. Lake Louise is breathtakingly beautiful.

Accommodation in apartment in Banff.



Day 14

Full day in Banff National Park: Lake Minnewanka, Sulphur Mountain gondola, hot springs, Banff Museum.

Hiking or rafting in preserved wilderness.

Overnight at the same location.



Day 15

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to Calgary Airport. Return of rental car and departure flight.

Calgary Stampede (July 6–15): the city becomes the rodeo capital. Package on request.

Accommodation