



Self-Drive & Chauffeured Holidays

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS

Driving Canada: Wide open roads, spectacular scenery and attractions. We've designed several itineraries which take advantage of Canada's modern highway system and let you discover Canada at your own pace. Travel the cities and towns; visit popular and not-so-well-known attractions *en route*. Best of all, do it at your own pace.

We are also able to provide chauffeur service for those who prefer to have a driver/guide. The flexibility is the same, but you have the added luxury of someone else doing the driving.



ULTIMATE DRIVE

Code: SD-UD1/UD2
Calgary-Vancouver

- 1 Arrive Vancouver.
- 2 Follow Highway 1 (Trans Canada Highway) into Banff National Park; continue to Banff. We suggest you stroll the town's streets or take the gondola up Sulphur Mountain.
- 3 Drive to Lake Louise via Yoho National Park; view Spiral Tunnel.
- 4 Continue to Jasper via the Icefields Parkway (Highway 93). Stop at the Athabasca Glacier for a "Snocoach" ride on glacier.
- 5 From Jasper, follow on Highway 16 to the British Columbia border. Shortly after the border, take Highway 5 south toward Kamloops.
- 6 Continue the scenic route to Vancouver via Highway 1 (Trans Canada Highway) through the Fraser Canyon to Vancouver.
- 7 Vancouver; travel Highway 99 north to Whistler; return to Horseshoe Bay via Highway 99; transfer by ferry to Gibsons at Eagle's Perch.
- 8-13 Gibsons and the Sunshine Coast at Eagle's Perch.
- 14 Transfer to Bowser via ferry; Imagine Beach Getaway.
- 15-17 Imagine Beach Getaway.
- 18 Travel to Tofino for a whale watching excursion.
- 19 Follow the Island Highway or the Inland Highway to Victoria. Self-guided tour.
- 20 Return to Vancouver; balance of day is free.
- 21 Departure.

A shorter, 14-day option (Canadian Rockies & Sunshine Coast) is also available:

- 14 Transfer to Vancouver; final night in Vancouver.
- 15 Departure.

CHAUFFEUR OPTION on Self-Drive Itineraries

All of our self-drive itineraries have the option of a chauffeur driven vehicle. Your chauffeur will act as guide. No need to worry, and you won't get lost! Sit back and watch the scenery—let our drivers assist you with your journey.

GIBSONS OPTION on Self-Drive Itineraries

Whenever your itinerary overnights in Vancouver, consider staying in at Eagle's Perch Bed & Breakfast on the Sunshine Coast. Gibsons Landing is only a 45 minute ferry ride from Vancouver's Horseshoe Bay. Eagle's Perch allows for a tranquil, peaceful stay in a beautiful surrounding. Enquire for more details.



WESTERN CANADA ADVENTURE

Code: SD-WCA
Vancouver-Calgary

- 1 Arrive Vancouver.
- 2 Create your own Vancouver itinerary: visit the shops, parks, restaurants, gardens, theatres of the city's central district.
- 3 Transfer to Victoria by ferry. This afternoon visit colonial Victoria.
- 4 Take the Malahat Drive to Bowser, mid-island. Stay at Imagine Eagle's Perch. En route, visit Chemainus, famous for its murals.
- 5 Spend the day in Oceanside. Golf, hike, fish, kayak... the choices are endless.
- 6 Return to the Canadian mainland via ferry. Travel on the Sea-to-Sky Highway northward to Whistler. En route visit Shannon Falls, Garibaldi Provincial Park and Brandywine Falls.
- 7 Free day in Whistler.
- 8 Continue north to Gold Rush Country. The region is home to some of the best lake trout and Kokanee salmon in North America. Overnight in 100 Mile House.
- 9 Travel further into Gold Rush Country. Pass logging villages and ghost towns. Stop at Barkerville, a restored 19th-century settlement. Overnight in Quesnel.
- 10 Travel to McBride today. Visit Koeneman Regional Park to see Rainbow Falls and Dear Mountain.
- 11 Travel into Alberta and Banff National Park. Visit the Columbia Icefields en route; take a "snocoach" ride on Athabasca Glacier. Overnight in Banff.
- 12 Spend this morning in Banff. Later travel the Trans Canada Highway to Canmore.
- 13 Free in Canmore.
- 14 Continue to Calgary. Departure.

LEFT HAND DRIVE; ON THE RIGHT

Canada, like the USA, drives left-hand, on the right hand side of the road. Keep right at all times.

DRIVING DOCUMENTATION

A valid driver's licence from any country is good in Canada for three months, but you may want to get an International Driver's Licence before your trip, for extra identification. Insurance must be carried at all times throughout Canada.

SPEED LIMITS

All speed limits are posted in kilometres per hour (km/h). Generally, all highway driving is 100 km/h, secondary roads are 60-80 km/h and city/town roads are 50 km/h. School zones (marked with a fluorescent yellow sign) are marked at 30 km/h.



PACIFIC RIM CIRCUIT

Code: SD-MTN
Vancouver-Vancouver

- 1 Arrive in Vancouver.
- 2 Self-guided tour of Vancouver. Wander the streets; visit Stanley Park and the Vancouver Aquarium; have lunch in Chinatown. This afternoon, board your flight for Port Hardy, at the northernmost point of Vancouver Island.
- 3 Whale watching expedition today with on-board naturalist. Hope to spot Orca, Pacific Grey whale and sea lions.
- 4 Take a leisurely drive to Bowser, in the mid-island region. Explore the town. Perhaps visit Quadra Island en route.
- 5 Travel across Vancouver Island to Tofino. Visit Cathedral Grove en route. Return to Bowser.
- 6 Free in Bowser at Imagine Beach Getaway.
- 7 Drive southward to Victoria. En route visit Chemanius, famous for its murals, and Coombs Old Country Market, where there are goats grazing on the roof!
- 8 Explore Victoria, British Columbia's capital. See the Legislature, Royal British Columbia Museum, stately Empress Hotel and the charming harbour. In the afternoon, visit Butchart Gardens.
- 9 Take a day-trip to Sooke Harbour, where there are tranquil views along the costal inlets. Free in Victoria area.
- 10 Transfer to the ferry terminal for your trip back to Vancouver.

TYPICAL VEHICLES

We work with our car-hire partners to bring you a selection of vehicles depending on your individual needs. We offer small, fuel-efficient cars, larger vehicles, minivans, and luxury cars and convertibles.

Here is a sample of the types of vehicles we can offer:

Economy Vehicle

4 Adults maximum
Vehicle: Chevrolet Metro
UK Equivalent: Vauxhall Corsa

Compact Vehicle

4 Adults maximum
Vehicle: Chevrolet Cavalier
UK Equivalent: Vauxhall Astra

Intermediate Vehicle

4 Adults + 1 Child maximum
Vehicle: Pontiac Grand Am
UK Equivalent: Vauxhall Vectra

Full Vehicle

4 Adults + 1 Child maximum
Vehicle: Chevrolet Lumina
UK Equivalent: Vauxhall Omega

SEATBELTS

Seatbelts are mandatory in all provinces and territories for adults and children weighing over 18 kg (40 lbs.) Children weighing less than 18 kg (40 lb.) must be properly restrained with a child safety seat appropriate to the child's weight. Child safety seats are available at all car hire agencies.

SCHOOL BUSES

Traffic travelling in both directions, except divided roads or highways, must stop for a yellow school bus when its red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.



DISCOVER ALBERTA & BRITISH COLUMBIA

Code: SD-ABC
Calgary-Vancouver

- 1 Arrive in Calgary.
- 2 Travel to the Kananaskis Valley, in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The area is noted for its rugged scenery.
- 3 Free day in Kananaskis Country. Enjoy horse riding, hiking, swimming, or golfing.
- 4 Continue your journey to Banff National Park. Visit the Banff Springs Hot Springs, Bow Falls, or take a gondola up Sulphur Mountain.
- 5 Free day in Banff. Stroll the town's avenues or take a boat tour of Lake Minnewanka.
- 6 Drive to Jasper National Park via Lake Louise and Lake Peyto. En route, stop at the Columbia Icefields and take a "snocoach" ride on Athabasca Glacier.
- 7 Free in Jasper. Take a boat ride on Maligne Lake, visit Miette Hot Springs or ride the Jasper Tramway.
- 8 Drive the scenic Yellowhead Highway into British Columbia. View Mount Robson, the tallest mountain in the Canadian Rockies. Continue to Sun Peaks resort, near Kelowna.
- 9 Follow the Trans Canada Highway to Harrison Hot Springs.
- 10 Enjoy a relaxing day at Harrison Hot Springs. Try the springs, or spend the day at the beach on Lake Harrison.
- 11 Follow the Trans Canada Highway to the ferry terminal at Vancouver's Horseshoe Bay. Take the ferry to Victoria. Overnight in Victoria.
- 12 Spend the day in Victoria viewing the city's attractions. Take the ferry to Vancouver tonight.
- 13 Free day in Vancouver.
- 14 Departure from Vancouver.

ROAD SIGNS

Although highways and roads are the jurisdiction of each province, Canada has adopted a road sign system similar to that found in the USA. All highways are marked with clear pictograms identifying attractions, service areas and

important facilities such as hospitals.

Signs which indicate "law" are white with black lettering/directional symbols (such as speed limit postings, one-way street indication, etc.) Advisory signs (exit speeds, warning signs, etc.) are yellow in colour. All warning signs are diamond shape with a black symbol or

lettering. All "express" or "through" highway signs are in green.

All signage is in English in English speaking provinces, French in Québec, and bilingual in parts of Ontario (including Toronto) and New Brunswick.



ALBERTA HERITAGE TRAIL

Code: SD-AHT
Calgary-Calgary

- 1 Arrive in Calgary.
- 2 Travel southward to Waterton Lakes National Park. Stop at the Bar U National Historic Monument en route. Board the MV International for a cruise of Waterton Lake.
- 3 Explore Waterton. Hike the trails. Spend the day at the lake.
- 4 Travel north to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump. Visit the museum at Fort Macleod, the first North-West Mounted Police outpost in the Canadian West. Arrive Lethbridge.
- 5 Visit Dinosaur Provincial Park, home to the hoodos and dinosaur fossils. Continue to Drumheller.
- 6 Travel to the Columbia Icefields. Take the “snowcoach” on Athabasca Glacier. Stop at Lake Louise before arriving in Banff.
- 7 Free in Banff. Visit Cave and Basin National Historic Site, ride the Banff gondola, and visit the hot springs.
- 8 Enjoy Banff this morning before returning to Calgary.

Premim Vehicle

4 Adults + 1 Child maximum
Vehicle: Buick Le Sabre
UK Equivalent: Vauxhall Omega

Luxury Vehicle

5 Adults maximum
Vehicle: Cadillac de Ville
UK Equivalent: Vauxhall Omega

Convertible Vehicle

4 Adults maximum
Vehicle: Pontiac Sunbird
UK Equivalent: Vauxhall Astra

Minivan Vehicle

5-7 Adults maximum
Vehicle: Cheverolet Astro
UK Equivalent: VW Sharan

4WD Vehicle

4 Adults + 2 Children maximum
Vehicle: Cheverolet Blazer
UK Equivalent: Vauxhall Fonterra

Ski racks, babyseats and other accessories are available for an additional charge.

Additional drivers are subject to a fee.

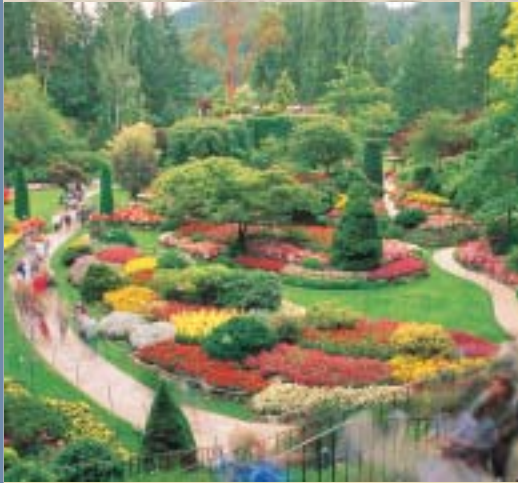
All drivers must be 21 years of age or older. (Luxury, Convertible and 4WD must be 25 and older.)

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Traffic lights are generally vertical, with red, amber and green lights from top to bottom. Especially in Alberta, some traffic signals lie horizontal, red, amber and green from left to right. Advanced green lights are usually a directional arrow, flashing, however in some regions a quick flashing green light indicates advanced turning.

RIGHT TURN ON RED

You are permitted to turn right on a red light (unless signs indicate you cannot.) Your vehicle must come to a complete stop before proceeding with caution, providing the way is clear. (In the City of Montréal, right turns on red lights are not permitted.)



COAST/MOUNTAIN JOURNEY

Code: SD-CMJ
Vancouver-Calgary

- 1 Arrive Vancouver.
- 2 Take the ferry from Vancouver to Victoria. Spend the day in Victoria: visit the Royal British Columbia Museum or have high tea at the Empress Hotel.
- 3 Take a leisurely drive today up the coast of Vancouver Island before abruptly turning inward and crossing the island's ancient rainforest. Continue to the Pacific Rim National Park.
- 4 Take a whale watching expedition today. Hope to see Pacific Grey Whale, sea lions and puffins and Orca. Later explore the shore of Long Beach.
- 5 The road leads us to Campbell River today. Visit Horne Lake Caves or Cathedral Grove today. Explore the town of Campbell River this evening.
- 6 Fly from Campbell River to Knight Inlet Lodge, not accessible from the road. This is a popular fishing spot for grizzly bears. Admire the lush Pacific forest and abundance of wildlife.
- 7 Return to Campbell River and travel southward on Vancouver Island to Bowser, mid-island in the Oceanside region. Enjoy hiking, walking, and beachcombing from your cottage in Bowser.
- 8 Return to the mainland. Travel Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler. En route visit Shannon Falls, Garibaldi Provincial Park and Brandywine Falls.
- 9 Free day in Whistler. Enjoy hiking, rent a bicycle, stroll along Alta Lake, take the gondola to the top of Blackcomb Mountain, or wander the alpine-style village.
- 10 Travel through the Chilcotin Mountains to Tyax Mountain Resort, the largest log lodge in the West!
- 11 Free at Tyax Mountain Resort. Choose from a wide selection of activities: horseback riding, canoeing, hiking. You may have a chance to see bears, moose and wolves.
- 12 Travel to Wells Gray Provincial Park, viewing Mount Robson, the tallest peak in the Canadian Rockies, en route. Visit the Yellowhead Museum in Clearwater for a taste of frontier life; visit Spahats Creek Park to see volcanic remains.
- 13 Travel to Jasper along the Yellowhead Highway. Fantastic scenery en route.
- 14 Free in Jasper. Hike the local trails; canoe, whitewater raft, or horse riding.
- 15 Travel the Icefields Parkway to Banff. Stop at the Columbia Icefields en route and ride the "snocoach" on the Athabasca Glacier. Visit Lake Louise before arriving in Banff.
- 16 Free in Banff. Stroll the town's avenues or take a boat tour of Lake Minnewanka.
- 17 Travel to Calgary. Departure.



ROAD SERVICES

In major urban centres and throughout southern Ontario and Quebec, refuelling stops are frequent. In rural areas, such as the mountainous areas of British Columbia and Alberta, refuelling and refreshment stops are limited. Signs are posted alerting you to the next refuelling centre. Gasoline (petrol) is sold in litres in Canada.

The Ontario Provincial Police (Ontario), Sûreté du Québec (Québec), and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (all other provinces) patrol the highways and other areas without municipal police services.

Emergency call-boxes are located on all major highways throughout Canada.

TRAILS OF THE WEST

Code: SD-TOW
Vancouver-Calgary

- 1 Arrive Vancouver.
- 2 Self-guided tour of Vancouver. Wander the streets; visit Stanley Park and the Vancouver Aquarium; have lunch in Chinatown.
- 3 Transfer to Victoria by ferry. This afternoon visit colonial Victoria.
- 4 Take the Malahat Drive to Bowser, mid-island. Stay at Imagine Eagle's Perch. En route, visit Chemainus, famous for its murals.
- 5 Spend the day in Oceanside. Golf, hike, fish, kayak... the choices are endless.
- 6 Continue north Campbell River and Port Hardy. Take a whale watching excursion from nearby Telegraph Cove.
- 7 Take BC Ferries "Queen of the North" to Prince Rupert.
- 8 Visit the North Pacific Cannery Village Museum in Prince Rupert. Continue inland to Smithers.
- 9 Continue further inland to Fort St James National Historic Site. Continue to Prince George.
- 10 Travel eastward past Mount Robson, the highest point in the Canadian Rockies. Continue through the Rockies to Jasper.
- 11 Free in Jasper. Hike the local trails; canoe, whitewater raft, or horseback ride. Be sure to visit the Miette Hot Springs and Maligne Lake.
- 12 Travel the Icefields Parkway to Banff. Stop at the Columbia Icefields en route and ride the "snocoach" on the Athabasca Glacier. Visit Lake Louise before arriving in Banff.
- 13 Free in Banff. Stroll the town's avenues or take a boat tour of Lake Minnewanka.
- 14 Travel to Calgary. Departure.



WINERIES OF NIAGARA

Code: SD-NIA
Toronto-Toronto

- 1 Arrive in Toronto.
- 2 Spend the day in Toronto sightseeing: visit SkyDome, the CN Tower, Queen's Park, Harbourfront, Royal Ontario Museum, or Casa Loma. Toronto Islands make a great day trip during the summer months.
- 3 Travel the Queen Elizabeth Way to Niagara Falls. View the falls from land... or on the Maid of the Mist boat. You may wish to ride to the top of the Skylon Tower for tremendous views of the thundering falls below. At night, stroll Victoria Drive and see the falls in their nighttime colours.
- 4 Travel to historic Queenston Heights, where the battle of Queenston took place during the War of 1812. Here, you can climb Brock's Monument. Travel down the Niagara Escarpment to the Laura Secord Homestead. Continue on the Niagara Parkway, a beautiful winding road along the Niagara River. Visit Inniskillen Winery.
- 5 In historic Niagara, visit the shops and boutiques of Queen Street. Be sure to visit historic Fort George, and maybe take in another winery. The Reif Estate winery is an excellent small winery. Tonight, see what's playing at the Shaw Festival Theatre, or stroll along the shore of Lake Ontario. Have dinner at a charming inn.
- 6 Take in another of Niagara's many wineries this morning before stopping at the Lock 3 Viewing Centre on the Welland Canal in St Catharines. There's an excellent interpretive centre here. Take old Highway 8 (Highway 81) through Niagara to Hamilton. En route, visit the Stony Ridge Cellars in Vineland and the Thomas and Vaughan Vintners in Beamsville.
- 7 Free day in Hamilton. Visit Dundurn Castle or wander through the Royal Botanical Gardens. Alternatively, take a short drive to the African Lion Safari and Game Farm (fun for kids!)
- 8 Return to Toronto by the Queen Elizabeth Way.



RANCHES & WINERIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Code: SD-RWS
Vancouver-Vancouver

- 1 Arrive in Vancouver.
- 2 Self-guided tour of Vancouver. Wander the streets; visit Stanley Park and the Vancouver Aquarium; have lunch in Chinatown.
- 3 Drive north to Kamloops, at the confluence of the North and South Thompson Rivers. Continue to Vernon. Visit the O'Keefe Ranch.
- 4 Continue south through the communities of Kelowna and Penticton. Throughout the Okanagan Valley, visit one of the many wineries. Enjoy views of Lake Okanagan. Sample some of the local fruit. Return to Kelowna. Visit the Father Pandosy Mission and the Orchard Industry Museum.
- 5 Travel to Osoyoos, located in Canada's only temperate desert. Continue west to Keremeos and visit the Grist Mill. Follow the road to Princeton, heart of ranchland. Continue on to Merritt, Quilchena and continue to Stump Lake.
- 6 Free day in Stump Lake.
- 7 Follow the highway back through the Fraser Valley to Vancouver. Balance of day free in Vancouver.
- 8 Departure.

Pages 58-59 (Left to Right): Nelson (TBC), Alaska Highway (TBC), Whyte Avenue, Edmonton (TA), Pacific Rim National Park (TBC), BC Ferries (TBC), and Lupins (TBC).

Pages 60-61: Whistler Village (TBC), Yoho National Park, BC (TBC), Western Red Cedar (TBC), and Long Beach (TBC).

Pages 62-63: Elk (TBC), Burrard Inlet, Vancouver (TBC), Carmanah Provincial Park, BC (TBC), and Buffalo, Waterton Lakes National Park (TA).

Pages 64-65: Queen Elizabeth Park, Vancouver (TBC), Mount Robson, BC (TBC), Carmanah Provincial Park (TBC), Coal Harbour, Vancouver (TBC).

Pages 66-67: Horseshoe Falls at Niagara Falls (CTC), Vaseux Lake, Okanagan Valley, BC (TBC), and Mountain view, Peace Country, BC (TBC).

WINTER DRIVING

Caution must be taken during the winter months. In some areas, heavy snow may fall from October to April. Mountain passes can be treacherous. Chains are required on some routes, however are forbidden in urban areas. Canada's roads are generally well maintained and sanded or salted frequently throughout the winter, however we advise caution during this period.

TOLL HIGHWAYS

Most of Canada's highways, bridges and tunnels are free of charge, however there are some exceptions, such as the Coquihalla Highway in British Columbia and Highway 407, an electronic toll highway, in Ontario.