



# CANADIAN ROCKIES

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Adventures Abroad and Just Imagine Vacation Properties are pleased to introduce *Canadian Rockies, Sunshine Coast & Vancouver Island*, part of the Ultimate Vacations in North America Series.

Enjoy the flexibility of basing yourself in beautiful Western Canada and include sightseeing excursions, self-drive options and local interest suggestions. Included is the famous Rocky Mountaineer train journey from Jasper to Vancouver, plus up to two weeks accommodation in beautiful waterfront holiday homes. The holiday is well paced allowing a balance of sightseeing and relaxation.



ULTIMATE VACATIONS  
IN NORTH AMERICA



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International tour operator Adventures Abroad and Just Imagine Vacation Properties have come together to create Ultimate Vacations in North America, a series of packages which combine organised sightseeing with weekly stays in beautiful holiday homes.

Founded in 1987, Adventures Abroad now organises small group holidays to over 125 countries worldwide. They bring their knowledge, expertise in itinerary planning, and network of local

contacts to Ultimate Vacations.

Sister company Just Imagine specialises in villa and holiday home rentals and provides intimate local knowledge of sightseeing and activity possibilities. The combination of the two companies' experience create a unique holiday experience which balances planned sightseeing, self-drive excursions and free time in a beautiful, relaxing environment.

Your sightseeing options come in three forms: **(1)** organised, escorted tours—usually, but not always part of a group, **(2)** organised self-drive excursions where all arrangements have been made by Ultimate Vacations, and **(3)** suggested options which are can be done at leisure while staying at one of our holiday homes.

Ultimate Vacations combine the structure and organisation of a group tour with the flexibility of holiday home accommodation in one package.

# CANADIAN ROCKIES SUNSHINE COAST - VANCOUVER ISLAND



- OVERNIGHT
- DAY TRIP WITH OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT
- DAY TRIP
- CANADIAN ROCKIES & SUNSHINE COAST (UV1 /UV2)
- CANADIAN ROCKIES, SUNSHINE COAST & VANCOUVER ISLAND (UV2 ONLY)
- ROCKY MOUNTAINEER RAIL JOURNEY (UV1 /UV2)

## SIGHTSEEING

### 👁️ ORGANISED SIGHTSEEING

Scheduled sightseeing including city tours and country visits. This may be taken as part of a larger group. If your travelling party consists of six or more members, organised sightseeing is usually done in a private motorcoach or minibus.

### 👁️ ORGANISED- YET INDEPENDENT

We believe that flexibility and independence are key when travelling. Therefore, we provide you with a rental vehicle; you do the driving, but we book your activities based upon your specific requirements. We also provide you with maps and directions.

We also provide you with pre-arranged sightseeing excursions such as city tours and whale watching expeditions. All you need to do is drive to the specified location and enjoy your day.

### 📍 SUGGESTED LOCAL INTEREST OPTIONS

We have balanced our holidays with suggested self-drive excursions and local interest options such as walking, hiking, biking, golfing, etc. We will provide you with suggestions of local places of interest for you to plan your free days. Alternatively, you may decide to relax and enjoy our properties.

## TRANSPORT

- COACH OR MINI-VAN EXCURSION
- ROCKY MOUNTAINEER RAIL JOURNEY
- CAR HIRE PROVIDED
- BC FERRIES

### DAY 1 ARRIVE

Arrive in Calgary, Alberta. Transfer to your hotel.

*Overnight in Calgary. Ramada Hotel or similar.*

### DAY 2 CALGARY-BANFF

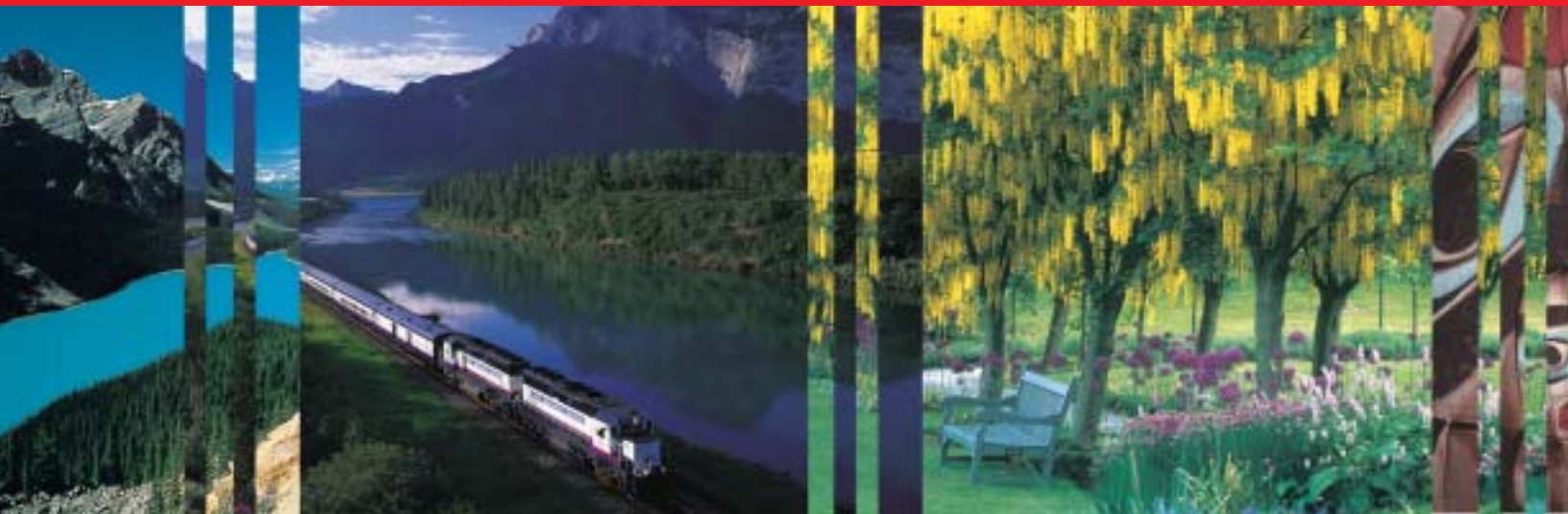


This morning travel to Banff National Park. As Canada's oldest- and the world's third oldest national park, Banff is the jewel in the national park system's crown. Banff was founded in 1885 by then-prime minister Sir John A Macdonald. The dedicated site was 10 square miles; today the park is 6641 km<sup>2</sup> (2564 sq. miles) in area.

Banff, along with its neighbouring parks in Alberta and British Columbia- Jasper, Yoho and Revelstoke- is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. As we enter Banff and the Rocky Mountains, look out for wildlife. Banff has a vast array of wild animals: blissfully fearless bighorn sheep, mountain goats, soft-eyed deer, lumbering moose, grizzly bear and black bear, to mention a few.

We arrive in Banff town, which is alpine-like and cheerful. The town had humble beginnings which were dramatically changed with the introduction of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1883. The area soon became popular with the well-to-do as a centre for therapeutic relief through the town's natural hot springs.

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Included today is a gondola ride up Sulphur Mountain. Atop panoramic views command of the Bow Valley below.

*Overnight in Banff. Banff Cariboo Lodge or similar.*

## DAY 3 BANFF-LAKE LOUISE



This morning travel along the Bow Valley Parkway to Lake Louise, the park's main attraction. Situated at an elevation of 1731 m (5680 feet) above sea-level, the lake's mainly turquoise to dark green waters is 2 km (1¼ miles) in length. Victoria Glacier, which nearly reaches down to the lake, makes this view one of Canada's most picturesque. You may wish to enjoy a stroll lakeside or perhaps stop for tea in the Château Lake Louise hotel.

This afternoon travel into British Columbia and Yoho National Park and continue through Kicking Horse Pass. As you enter the park you will stop at the Spiral Tunnel viewpoint which provides a good view of the daringly engineered railtrack and see two spiral tunnels. From here, continue on to Emerald Lake before returning to Lake Louise for the evening. Time and weather permitting, you may also visit Takakkaw Falls, Moraine Lake and the Valley of Ten Peaks.

*Overnight in Lake Louise. Lake Louise Inn or similar.*

## DAY 4 LAKE LOUISE-JASPER



Today is a full day travelling the Icefield Parkway into Jasper National Park. Jasper is Canada's largest national park at 10,787 km<sup>2</sup> (4199 sq. miles.) The parkway is scenic and wildlife abound. Keep an eye out for bighorn sheep, duelling mountain goat, antler-clad elk, and mother bears with their cubs!

You visit the 10 km-long (6 mile-long) Athabasca Glacier, a white tongue of the huge Columbia Icefield that once covered most of Canada. The icefield began retreating over 10,000 years ago, but it still forms the largest accumulation of ice in the Rocky Mountains. You will visit the Athabasca Glacier visitors' centre and then take a "snocoach"

ride on the glacier. Expertly driven, your guide will show you some of the fascinating crevasses, moraines and moulins of the terrain. Continue to Jasper town.

*Overnight in Jasper. Marmot Lodge or similar.*

## DAY 5 JASPER-KAMLOOPS



Jasper was an important staging point on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway during the early 1900s. Today the town is the headquarters of the Jasper National Park and a major wilderness destination. This morning you transfer to the Jasper railway station where you board the Rocky Mountaineer service to Vancouver.

Today's journey will pass Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. The train will follow the Thompson River through the Monashee and Cariboo mountain ranges. Early evening arrival in Kamloops, British Columbia.

*Overnight in Kamloops. Four Points Sheraton or similar.*

## DAY 6 TO VANCOUVER



Today you continue your journey by train westward, travelling along the Thompson River to the Fraser Canyon. En route the train will pass Hell's Gate gorge, and then continue into the lush Fraser Valley. Later in the afternoon the train will enter the Greater Vancouver region, arriving in the city centre before dinner.

*Overnight in Vancouver. Empire Landmark Hotel or similar.*

## DAY 7 GIBSONS



Vancouver is Canada's third largest city, but arguably the country's best situated and most beautiful. Vancouver is a city where mountain meets sea and has unforgettable vistas. Today you visit the fashionable West Side and the University of British Columbia campus. After a brief campus tour

you will visit the Museum of Anthropology. Here is the best collection of West Coast aboriginal art in North America and it is housed in an award-winning building reminiscent of a giant traditional longhouse. From here you visit Queen Elizabeth Park, situated in the centre of the city. The park has beautiful views of the city skyline and has beautiful manicured gardens and ponds.

In the afternoon you will tour the city centre taking in Chinatown, Gastown, English Bay, the West End and Robson Street before heading over to world-famous Stanley Park. This natural wonder is adjacent to the city centre and is 500 ha (1000 acres) with a seawall that wraps around it for 10 km (6½ miles.) The park has formal gardens, nature trails, totem poles, an outdoor theatre, tea house, tennis courts, lawn bowling, cricket oval, and is also home to the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre.

Later, you pick up your car and drive to the Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal for a short ferry ride to Langdale (about 45 minutes.) From the Langdale terminal, Imagine Eagle's Perch is a short 10 minute drive into the village of Gibsons.

*Overnight in Gibsons at Imagine Eagle's Perch.*

## DAY 8 WHISTLER



This morning depart for Langdale and walk-on to the ferry for Horseshoe Bay. At the Horseshoe Bay terminal your coach will be waiting to take you to Whistler. You will travel the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway along Howe Sound. Further along, at the town of Squamish, the highway turns inland and cuts through the Cheakamus Canyon to the resort municipality of Whistler, the number one ski resort in North America. Whistler has over 200 varied runs which cover its two mountains- Whistler Mountain and Blackcomb Mountain. Blackcomb provides 1,600 m (5,284 feet) of continuous skiing- the highest rise served by lifts in North America. Whistler has become a year-round resort and offers hiking, biking, sailing, golfing, sunning and relaxing in the summertime. The whole area is alive with activity and abounds with shops,



restaurants, nightspots and galleries. In Whistler you will enjoy a tour of the area, visiting Lost Lake, Emerald Lake and the village. Whistler, in conjunction with Vancouver hopes to secure the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Later you return to Horseshoe Bay, walk on the Langdale ferry and pick up your car at the Langdale terminal. Return to Imagine Eagle's Perch.

*Overnight in Gibsons at Imagine Eagle's Perch.*

## DAYS 9-13

### GIBSONS



Free days in Gibsons and the Sunshine Coast area. Please refer to our suggested local interest options for further information of sights and activities in the Sunshine Coast area.

*Overnights in Gibsons at Imagine Eagle's Perch*

## DAY 14

### VANCOUVER



Travel today by ferry from Langdale to Horseshoe Bay, and continue to Vancouver. The balance of the day is free in Vancouver.

*Overnight in Vancouver. Empire Landmark Hotel or similar.*

## DAY 15

### DEPARTURE

Return your rental vehicle to the airport before your departure from Vancouver.

## ALTERNATIVE ITINERARY: UV2

### DAY 14 BOWSER



Travel today by ferry from Langdale to Horseshoe Bay, and connect with the Naniamo (Departure Bay) ferry. From Naniamo, travel northward on the old Coast Highway through Qualicum Beach and Parksville to the community of Bowser.

*Overnight in Bowser at Imagine Beach Getaway.*

### DAYS 15-17 BOWSER



Bowser is in the Oceanside region of Vancouver Island. The region is a cluster of fascinating, colourful communities and has many of the island's best beaches. The sheltered eastern region of Vancouver Island offers magnificent views of the mainland and often you can see marine wildlife.

Free days in Bowser at Imagine Beach Getaway.

*Overnights in Bowser at Imagine Beach Getaway.*

### DAY 18 TOFINO



Today we suggest that you drive to Tofino on the west coast of Vancouver Island. En route stop at Cathedral Grove and walk amongst an indescribable area of first-growth forest. At Long Beach, near Tofino, huge waves crash into smooth hard-packed sand. Long Beach is a narrow 11 km (7 mile) strip of land framed by mountains.

At Tofino we will have arranged for you a whale watching expedition into the Pacific Ocean. You can get close up views of some of the 20,000 whales that annually migrate past Tofino (season permitting.) Later, you can walk along the seemingly endless stretch of log-strewn beach, watching for sea lions, seals and porpoises in the water and starfish, sponges and anemones left behind by the tide. We also recommend you take advantage of the natural hot springs in Tofino. Return to Bowser (or overnight in Tofino.)

*Overnight in Bowser at Imagine Beach Getaway. As today is quite long, we can offer alternate accommodation in Tofino, subject to availability and an additional charge.*

### DAY 19 BOWSER-VICTORIA



Travel today along the Coast Highway to Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. In Canada's most temperate city you will see red double-decker buses, Tudor-style homes, manicured lawns, tea houses, pubs and antique shops. Founded in the 1840s as the new western headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company, Victoria grew and boomed during the 1858 Gold Rush in the Cariboo region of British Columbia.

Today we suggest you visit the Royal British Columbia Museum. You can walk among prehistoric native tribe artefacts and extinct animals. You can see the full-scale replica of Captain George Vancouver's HMS Discovery, and discover the array of marine which live in British Columbia's waters.

Later we suggest you tour the Legislative Assembly, have tea at the Empress Hotel, stroll down Government Street to Chinatown or visit Craigdarroch Castle.

*Overnight in Victoria. Executive Hotel or similar.*

### DAY 20 VICTORIA-VANCOUVER



Travel today from the Victoria ferry terminal at Swartz Bay to Vancouver's second ferry terminal at Tsawwassen, south of the city. The balance of your day is free in Vancouver.

*Overnight in Vancouver. Empire Landmark Hotel or similar.*

### DAY 21 DEPARTURE

Return your rental vehicle to the airport before your departure from Vancouver.

# YOUR ULTIMATE VACATION

## ORGANISED SIGHTSEEING

The following excursions and entrance fees are included. Sightseeing may be part of a larger group. For groups of six or more, sightseeing is usually in private motorcoach or minivan.

- Sulphur Mountain gondola ride
- Lake Louise
- Emerald Lake
- Kicking Horse Pass
- Spiral Tunnel viewpoint
- Athabasca Glacier “snocoach” ride
- Rocky Mountaineer commentary
- Vancouver city sightseeing
- Museum of Anthropology

## ORGANISED yet independent!

The following excursions and entrance fees have been pre-arranged. These excursions are self-drive and can be taken at your own pace (unless otherwise stated.)

- Day trip to Whistler (transportation included; sightseeing at leisure)
- Day trip to Tofino; whale watching expedition
- Victoria: Royal British Columbia Museum, British Columbia legislative assembly

## SUGGESTED LOCAL INTEREST OPTIONS

Supplied with your booking package is a list of local interest suggestions. Here is a sample of activities which we suggest while staying in our very special properties in the Gibsons and Bowser areas:

### GIBSONS SUNSHINE COAST

While staying at Imagine Eagle’s Perch we suggest you visit:

- Gibsons Landing: shops, galleries, restaurants
- Keats and Gambier Islands: Take the Dogwood Princess ferry from Gibsons. Hiking, galleries.
- Beaches: Armour’s Beach (swimming, wharf, picnic areas), Gower Point, Chaster Park, Bonniebrook
- Gospel Rock: Panoramic views
- Mount Eliphistone: Natural forest area
- Sechelt: Sechelt Inlet; Sechelt village; Porpoise Bay Provincial Park
- Davis Bay: Excellent windsurfing, annual sandcastle competition, children’s fishing derby, restaurants
- Pender Harbour: Complex maze of islands

### BOWSER OCEANSIDE

While staying at Imagine Beach Getaway we suggest you visit:

- Qualicum Beach: parks, shops and amenities
- Mount Arrowsmith: Hike the trail to an outstanding lookout point
- Cathedral Grove: In MacMillan Park, 850-year-old Douglas Fir forest
- Fishing: Fish the local waters for salmon, halibut or cod
- Saling the Georgia Strait; Visit nearby Gulf Islands.
- Beaches: Enjoy the area’s local beaches. Imagine Beach Getaway has its own beach.
- Watersports: Kayak, canoe, sail or windsurf.
- Travel: Centrally located on Vancouver Island



ROCKY MOUNTAINEER RAILTOURS®

## JASPER TO VANCOUVER



We are pleased to offer you Rocky Mountaineer RedLeaf Service on the Jasper to Vancouver rail journey. Settle back and enjoy the trip.

Your journey includes an on-board attendant, delicious breakfast and luncheon selections with local specialities, and complimentary snacks and beverages. While relaxing in your coach you will see some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in the world.

Included in the rail journey:

- Assigned seating
- Fully reclining seats
- Picture windows
- Meal service at your seat
- Forward facing seats which rotate in order to accommodate groups of four
- Rocky Mountaineer RedLeaf Service and amenities

# ACCOMMODATION

Ultimate Vacation's Canadian Rail and Villa Holiday uses quality standard hotel accommodation in Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Kamloops, Vancouver and Victoria. Our hotels are selected for their location and character. The hotels listed are intended as a guide only. Ultimate Vacations reserves the right to substitute accommodation of the same standard without notice.



*Banff Cariboo Lodge,  
Banff, Alberta*

## TYPICAL HOTEL PROPERTIES

<b>Calgary</b>	Ramada Hotel	1 Night	<b>Kamloops</b>	Four Points Sheraton	1 Night
<b>Banff</b>	Banff Cariboo Lodge	1 Night	<b>Vancouver</b>	Empire Landmark	2 Nights
<b>Lake Louise</b>	Lake Louise Inn	1 Night	<b>Victoria</b>	Executive House	1 Night
<b>Jasper</b>	Marmot Lodge	1 Night			

Overnight accommodation in **Tofino** (1 Night), by request, is subject to an additional fee. See price page for more information.

# GIBSONS & BOWSER HOLIDAY HOMES



Just Imagine owns Imagine Eagle's Perch in Gibsons and Imagine Beach Getaway in Bowser and therefore maintains full control over property availability. These homes are very popular and book very quickly. We recommend you book your holiday as soon as possible.

## IMAGINE EAGLE'S PERCH

### Gibsons, Sunshine Coast

Six nights in this large, six-bedroom house, located high on Gibsons Bluff, where the skies of Canada's Sunshine Coast make this a waterfront manor for all seasons. The waterfront house is set in park-like grounds and has picture-perfect views from every window.

Located a short ferry ride from Vancouver city centre.



## IMAGINE BEACH GETAWAY

### Bowser, Vancouver Island

Five nights in this six bedroom modern living space which is situated on beachfront property on beautiful Vancouver Island. The 180° panorama affords tremendous views of the Coast Range, and often an incredible array of marine life can be spotted. The cottage is close to shopping in nearby Qualicum Beach; it is also near recreational areas for skiing, hiking, golf and more.



## PHOTO CREDITS

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