

BC & Alberta Circle | Mountains and Parks of the West

Holiday Duration: 15 Nights



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This self-drive holiday through British Columbia and Alberta takes you on a circular route through some of Western Canada's most scenic regions. Starting in Vancouver, you travel through mountain towns and national parks including Jasper and Banff, with time to enjoy outdoor activities, wildlife, and impressive natural landmarks like glaciers and turquoise lakes. The route highlights the dramatic landscapes of the Rockies and the peaceful beauty of Canada's western wilderness before returning to the coast.

This itinerary is flexible and can be tailor-made to suit you; if you want to add extra days in one area, extend your winter holiday in Canada or maybe change the direction of travel. Talk to one of our experts about how to make this holiday the perfect one for you.

Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Day 1-2



Vancouver

Fly from the UK into Vancouver. The next 2 days are yours to create your own urban adventure amid the stores, parks, restaurants, theatres and other attractions of downtown Vancouver. Visit Gastown, Stanley Park, Grouse Mountain or take the step on/step off trolley tour.

2 nights in Vancouver.

Days 3-5



Vancouver to Whistler

Collect your car and drive the stunning Sea to Sky Highway to the alpine village of Whistler. This year-round resort has a multitude of activities to enjoy. With stunning golf courses, rafting, an exciting zipline adventure, mountain biking plus a selection of less physical activities such as relaxing spas and shops galore, you will easily fill the next 2 days.

3 nights in Whistler.

Day 6-7



Whistler to Clearwater

Another beautiful drive as you travel up the Pemberton Valley past Duffy Lake and towards Wells Gray Provincial Park, where you will stay in Clearwater for 2 nights. Wells Gray Park is on the doorstep and walking and water activities are perfect ways to spend your time here. Alternatively, you could stay in the mountain resort of Sun Peaks.

2 nights in Clearwater.

Days 8-9



Clearwater to Jasper

Today you will be reaching the famous Canadian Rockies, passing the highest point, Mount Robson, before arriving in Jasper where you will spend the next 2 nights. Be sure to take the Maligne Lake cruise, ride the Jasper Tramway or ride the waves of the Athabasca River.

2 nights in Jasper.

Days 10-11



Jasper to Lake Louise

Today should be one of the highlights of your holiday as you traverse the Icefield Parkway. You should certainly take a ride on the Snocoach as it lumbers over the Athabasca glacier and take a detour to Peyto Lake. You will spend 2 nights in the hamlet of Lake Louise (or Banff) which will allow

you plenty of time to explore this diverse region. You should spend 1 day exploring the town of Banff with its many museums, shops and activities and the other perhaps walking around the lake or taking out a canoe.

2 nights in Lake Louise.

Day 12



Lake Louise to Cranbrook

Another beautiful drive as you cross the Continental Divide and into Kootenay National Park. You might want to stop at the Radium Hot Springs before you start the drive along the Columbia River and spend the night in the town of Cranbrook.

1 night in Cranbrook.

Day 13



Cranbrook to Nelson

A spectacular day again as you travel the narrow mountainous roads towards the Kokanee Glacier Park. We suggest you travel via Highway 3a and take the longest free ferry in the world across Kootenay Lake to then stay overnight in Nelson.

1 night in Nelson.

Day 14-15



Nelson to Kelowna

This will be your last day of windy mountain roads. More wonderful scenery amongst the lakes as you cross the Monashee Mountains heading for Vernon and Kelowna in the Okanagan Valley.

Your time here can be spent relaxing with time to enjoy the wineries, fruit farms, the lake or perhaps a round of golf at one of the many excellent courses in the area.

2 nights in Kelowna.

Day 16



Kelowna to Vancouver

Your last day will be spent driving the Coquihalla Highway and down the Fraser Valley to Vancouver where you will drop your car and board your return flight home, or if you wish add a few more days in Vancouver or maybe head over to Vancouver Island.

If you are interested in a holiday to Canada please contact us on 020 8776 8709 to discuss your plans with a Canada expert, or send an email to canada@frontier-travel.co.uk with your requirements and we will put together your ideal itinerary and quotation. Let us take you there.