

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Fly Drive Holiday | The Jewels of Western Canada

Holiday Duration: 14 Nights



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An amazing fly-drive adventure incorporating Lake Louise, Jasper, a Rocky Mountaineer train ride, Whistler, Victoria and Vancouver, which is perfect for a spring or autumn getaway.

Start your holiday in Calgary at the Fairmont Palliser, in the heart of the city, before heading over to Lake Louise where the view of the snow-capped mountains rising high above the deep blue waters from your Lakeside room at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise is stunning. You will drive through towering Rocky Mountains along the renowned Icefield Parkway to Jasper and the relaxed elegance of the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, a woodland haven to savour. From here take the three day Rocky Mountaineer trip – sit in the GoldLeaf domed carriage as the scenery slips by, en route to Quesnel, Whistler and Vancouver – a truly memorable experience. In Whistler staying at the delightful Fairmont Chateau Whistler, and experience the Peak to Peak Gondola. The Rocky Mountaineer will end in the vibrant city of Vancouver, where you can choose a room overlooking the harbour, Stanley Park and the mountains beyond.

You will then be whisked by float plane across to Victoria on Vancouver Island where you will arrive at the luxurious Fairmont Empress and your Harbourview room before heading back to Vancouver where your holiday of lifetime will come to an end.

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



Calgary

Fly in to Calgary and transfer downtown to overnight in the magnificent Fairmont Hotel Palliser. Spend the rest of the day/evening exploring the city; take a trip to the top of the Calgary Tower for great views of the city, or enjoy some shopping.

1 night in Calgary at the Fairmont Hotel Palliser

Days 2-4



Calgary to Lake Louise

After breakfast, collect your vehicle to drive to Banff National Park and to the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. The village is in the valley and here you will find a small shopping mall and a couple of hotels. However, Lake Louise takes its name from the famous Lake with its impossible colour and surrounded by snow capped peaks. During your stay why not visit Banff and Moraine Lake, or go canoeing on the Lake?

3 nights in Lake Louise at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Days 5-6



Lake Louise to Jasper

An exciting day as you drive north along the famed Icefield Parkway. Allow time to stop off at Peyto Lake and the Athabasca Glacier where you can take a trip on to the glacier in a Snowcoach and experience the thrills of the views from the glass bottomed Skywalk. Whilst in Jasper do take the Jasper Tram and the Maligne Lake cruise to see the much photographed Spirit Island. Return your car hire to the Jasper depot on day 6.

2 nights in Jasper at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

Day 7



Jasper to Quesnel

Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from Jasper in the Canadian Rockies to the charming rural town of Quesnel, gateway to the North Cariboo. Pass through the Rocky Mountain Trench, with the steep Rocky and Cariboo mountains either side, and on to the rolling hills and vast forests of British Columbia's northern interior. Highlights include Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, Yellowhead Pass and Moose Lake. Your day concludes as the Rocky Mountaineer passes through the town of Prince George and follows the Fraser River into Quesnel.

1 night in Quesnel.

Day 8



Quesnel to Whistler

Your journey continues south today to the four-season resort of Whistler. Enjoy breathtaking and varied scenery, from the desert-like conditions of the Fraser Canyon to the rolling hills and vast ranchlands of the Cariboo Plateau, and the river canyons and lush farmland of the Pemberton Valley. Highlights include sweeping views of Fraser Canyon, the crossing of Deep Creek Bridge, one of the highest railway bridges in the world, and the shorelines of glacial-fed Seton Lake and Anderson Lake. Your rail journey ends today on arrival in the resort town of Whistler. Spend the night at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler and enjoy everything this alpine village has to offer.

1 night in Whistler at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Days 9-11



Whistler to Vancouver

Today the Rocky Mountaineer continues down the Sea to Sky highway to Vancouver. Once you arrive into Vancouver you will be transferred to your hotel. You have plenty of time to explore for the next few days in this wonderful city. Enjoy the natural splendour of Stanley Park's totem poles and Prospect Point. Pass the West End high-rises and the beaches of English Bay on your way to vibrant Granville Island with its public market, shops, restaurants and galleries. Visit The Lookout to take the glass elevator to the 360° views. Or visit Robson Street, Chinatown and Gastown.

3 nights in Vancouver at the Fairmont Pacific Rim Hotel of Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Days 12-14



Vancouver to Victoria

Today take a floatplane trip from Vancouver to Victoria's Inner Harbour – located right in the heart of downtown Victoria. You will stay at the glorious Fairmont Empress in a harbourview room. While in Victoria have afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress, visit the Butchart Gardens or take a whale-watching trip.

3 nights in Victoria at the Fairmont Empress Hotel

Day 15



Victoria to Vancouver

You can once again travel by floatplane or travel by coach/ferry direct from downtown back to Vancouver Airport in time for your flight home.

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.