

Vancouver Island & The West | Circle Holiday Exploring British Columbia

Holiday Duration: 15 Nights



BC Fly Drive Holiday

Embark on a 15-night fly-drive adventure through the stunning landscapes of British Columbia. Beginning in vibrant Vancouver, this journey takes you through the diverse beauty and culture of Vancouver Island, the tranquil waterways of the Inside Passage, and the historic Gold Rush Trail. Along the way, you'll explore charming cities like Victoria, with its iconic Inner Harbour and Butchart Gardens, and Campbell River, known for its wildlife and outdoor activities. The trip also includes the alpine scenery and adventure opportunities of Whistler, as well as scenic drives along the coast and through lush forests. With a mix of cultural experiences, wildlife encounters, and breathtaking natural landscapes, this holiday offers the perfect balance of exploration and relaxation, while allowing the flexibility to tailor each day to your interests.

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.

Days 1-3



Vancouver

Fly from the UK to Vancouver and spend time exploring this scenic, waterside city. Take a stroll to Gastown to see the famous Steam Clock, ride on a horsedrawn cart around Stanley Park and see the totems, or enjoy some boutique shopping on Granville Island. Try a variety of local and international foods. For outdoor activities, there's kayaking, hiking, and cycling nearby. You can also visit Grouse Mountain or the Capilano Suspension Bridge for great views of the city and surrounding nature.

3 nights in Vancouver.

Days 4-5



Vancouver to Victoria

Collect your car and take the ferry to Vancouver Island. Cruise through the Gulf Islands from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay and into the beautiful city of Victoria. On the way why not stop at the famous Butchart Gardens for a stroll? Explore the historic Inner Harbour, visit the iconic Fairmont Empress Hotel where you could have afternoon tea. The city also offers museums, local shops, and a variety of cafés and restaurants. Fancy an outdoor activity? Go whale watching, kayaking, or take a walk along the scenic waterfront.

2 nights in Victoria.

Day 6



Victoria to Campbell River

Drive up-island to Campbell River stop en route in Duncan, city of Totems and Chemainus, city of Murals.

1 night in Campbell River.

Day 7



Campbell River to Port Hardy

Before driving the 2 hours to Port Hardy, maybe take in a whale watching or Grizzly bear wildlife cruise from Campbell River.

1 night in Port Hardy.

Days 8-9



Port Hardy to Prince Rupert

Travel up the Inside Passage, one of the worlds most beautiful waterways, to Prince Rupert, a thriving city with much to offer. As you travel by ferry, you'll pass lush rainforests, rugged islands, and calm waterways, often spotting wildlife like eagles, seals, and whales. Onboard, you can relax while enjoying views from the deck or cozy lounges, making it both a scenic and peaceful way to experience the region's natural beauty

Its an early start with the Inside Pasage ferry departing at 7:30am and check in 2 hours prior! The journey takes 15 hours (please take ferry loading time into consideration).

N.B. the ferry operates 3 times a week.

In Prince Rupert head to the Museum of Northern British Columbia to learn about the region's Indigenous culture and natural history. Stroll along the scenic waterfront or visit Cow Bay for sea lion and seal sightings. Take a short drive to nearby beaches or trails for a nature walk.

2 nights in Prince Rupert.

Day 10



Prince Rupert to Smithers

Follow Skeena River to Smithers, situated in the Bulkley Valley directly on the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway (Route 16), approximately half way between the cities of Prince Rupert and Prince George. Smithers, an old railroad town, offers expansive mountain vistas, roaring rivers and tranquil creeks and brooks.

1 night in Smithers.

Day 11



Smithers to Quesnel

Drive through Prince George and the BC lake district to Quesnel, the pinnacle of many Regional Parks and areas of outstanding beauty.

1 night in Quesnel.

Day 12



Quesnel to 100 Mile House

Visit the gold rush town of Barkerville en route to 100 Mile House for the night.

1 night in 100 Mile House.

Days 13-15



100 Mile House to Whistler

A beautiful drive through first ranching country and then past Duffy Lake to Whistler, a mountain town full of recreational activities, excellent shopping and vibrant nightlife. In Whistler during the summer, you can enjoy hiking and mountain biking on scenic trails, ride the Peak 2 Peak Gondola for breathtaking views, and explore Whistler Village with its shops and restaurants. Outdoor activities like zip-lining, kayaking, and golf are also popular, and nearby lakes and rivers offer opportunities for swimming and paddleboarding.

3 nights in Whistler.

Day 16



Whistler to Vancouver

Drive to Vancouver Airport, drop off your car and take an overnight 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.