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10/31/2023



The Best of Vancouver and Victoria

featuring The Butchart Gardens, Whale Watching and Whistler

Departure Date: August 16, 2024

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Cast off on an exciting Whale Watching excursion



DAY 1 Arrive in Beautiful British Columbia: Welcome to Canada's rugged Northwest in Vancouver and transfer to your hotel. Meet your Tour Manager in the hotel lobby at 6:00 p.m. for a welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

DAY 2 Vancouver Sightseeing and Capilano Suspension Bridge: Vancouver, the home of Canada's Golden Triangle with its dramatic location between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean is sure to inspire you. Enjoy an included sightseeing tour to see Vancouver's downtown core, the spectacular North Shore and beautiful Stanley Park. In the afternoon we head to North Vancouver and visit the impressive Capilano Suspension Bridge. Originally built in 1889 the bridge stretches 450 feet across and 230 feet above the Capilano River. Cross the bridge for spectacular views of the rainforest and learn the history of the region in the Story Center. **Meal: B**

DAY 3 Whistler's PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola Experience: Travel the fabulous "Sea to Sky Highway" today to beautiful Whistler. At the base of Blackcomb Mountain climb aboard the first of three gondolas for a ride to Rendezvous Lodge high atop Blackcomb. The views are spectacular on the PEAK 2 PEAK gondola, a 1.88-mile long ride across the mountain valley to Whistler Mountain. At Roundhouse Lodge, have a bite to eat and explore the mountain. Our final gondola takes you down to Whistler Village where quaint shops and stores await. Time for shopping before going back to Vancouver. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 BC Ferry to Victoria and Butchart Gardens: This morning, climb aboard the BC Ferry Service for the

journey across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver Island. Here, discover why Butchart Gardens are world-famous for ornate landscaping and superb Italian, Japanese, and rose gardens. On a sightseeing tour, picturesque Victoria maintains a delightful English flavor, spiced with red double-decker buses, Tudor-style buildings and immaculate gardens. See such sights as the Parliament Buildings, the British Columbia Provincial Museum, Beacon Hill Park and Christ Church Cathedral.

Meals: B, D

DAY 5 Craigdarroch Castle and Victoria Food Tour: Begin the day at the Victorian-era Scottish Baronial mansion, Craigdarroch Castle. Built by coal baron Robert Dunsmuir this National Historic Site has been meticulously restored and gives a glimpse of the privileged life in the 1890s. Then, meet a Victoria Food Tour guide for a delicious culinary experience. This leisurely walking tour takes you to some of Victoria's finest restaurants, local favorites and hidden culinary delights where chefs and cooks await with delectable morsels and culinary secrets. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 6 Whale Watching Excursion and Free Time in Victoria: Today, the excitement is high in preparation for your whale watching excursion. The waters around Vancouver Island are perfect for aquatic life. Resident Orca Killer Whales, Humpback Whales, Grey Whales and Minke Whales are all attracted to the Salish Sea due to its abundance of food. An expert Naturalist is on hand to answer any questions about the local wildlife. Later enjoy free time in Victoria and shopping and on own sightseeing. **Meals: B, D**



Travel the scenic "Sea to Sky Highway" to enjoy the PEAK 2 PEAK experience

DAY 7 Victoria Butterfly Gardens and Ride the BC Ferry:

Begin the day at one of Victoria's most popular spots, the Butterfly Gardens. Here, hundreds of free-flying butterflies, along with parrots, chameleons, frogs and more co-exist in a lush indoor jungle. Continue to Swartz Bay and climb aboard the BC Ferry Service again for the return journey back to Vancouver. Tonight, your Tour Manager hosts a farewell dinner where you gather to share memories of your Canadian adventure. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 8 Return Home: Following breakfast, depart Canada from Vancouver Airport with flights out anytime today.

Meal: B



Travel by BC Ferry to Vancouver Island



Tour Highlights

- 13 Meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Spend four nights in Vancouver, British Columbia's largest and most cosmopolitan city
- Take a panoramic tour of Vancouver to see its downtown core, spectacular North Shore and beautiful Stanley Park and visit Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Travel the scenic "Sea to Sky Highway" to enjoy the PEAK 2 PEAK experience, a 1.88-mile long gondola ride between Blackcomb and Whistler Mountains
- Travel by BC Ferry across the Strait of Georgia to beautiful Vancouver Island
- Spend three nights in Victoria on Vancouver Island
- Visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens filled with ornate landscaping and superb Italian, Japanese and rose gardens
- Included city tour of Victoria with its delightful English flavor, red double-decker buses and Tudor-style buildings
- Visit the Victorian-era Craigdarroch Castle, a Baronial mansion and National Historic Site
- Enjoy a walking Victoria Food Tour, a delicious culinary experience featuring some of Victoria's finest foods
- Cast off on an exciting Whale Watching excursion to see the host of local marine wildlife in the area
- Visit the Victoria Butterfly Gardens where butterflies, parrots and chameleons co-exist in a lush indoor jungle
- Travel by BC Ferry to Vancouver for a farewell dinner

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 1 through 3 – Pacific Gateway Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia

Days 4 through 6 – Best Western Carlton Plaza, Victoria, British Columbia

Day 7 – Radisson BLU Vancouver Airport, Richmond, British Columbia

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Capilano Suspension Bridge

2024 Departure Date	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
August 16	\$4,649	\$1,329

Pricing includes Roundtrip airfare from St. Louis and roundtrip local airport transfers to St. Louis Airport (minimum of 10 travelers needed for this service).

Prices and availability are subject to change until required deposits are received.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL



Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$250 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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