



CANADA

LAKES & LODGES SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 11624)

STARTS AND ENDS

Vancouver to
Calgary

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Jun 25 - 25 Sep 25

EXPERIENCE

Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Breathe in the spirit of Western Canada with its rugged canyons, weeping waterfalls and unique wildlife, while staying in luxury lodges.

Highlights

- Explore the majestic mountain passes into Yoho National Park
- Travel through the Canadian Rockies along the amazing Icefields Parkway
- Stay in remote and unique lodges set amongst stunning wilderness
- Freedom of Choice days in Jasper and Banff

Consistently ranked among the most beautiful and liveable cities in the world, Vancouver is an exciting destination and where you will begin your self-drive exploration.

A spectacular adventure packed with unique Lodge stays and a mosaic of landscapes awaits you as you travel from the rugged coastlines of the Pacific to the towering mountains of the Rockies.

Enjoy the scenic journey from Vancouver to Gold Bridge with a stop in Whistler on the way. With wide-open spaces, vibrant village and mountain landscape, Whistler delivers adrenaline and awe in equal measure. At Gold Bridge, enjoy a two night stay in the relaxed setting of Tyax Lodge & Heliskiing.

The route heads for the Rocky Mountains and the wilderness of Jasper National Park. The discovery of Canada's national parks continues along the scenic Icefields Parkway towards Banff National Park. Here, you will experience the majesty of Lake Louise. After indulging in the outdoor paradise of Alberta, you conclude your driving experience in the urban cowboy city of Calgary.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Gold Bridge at Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing
- 1 night in Sun Peaks at Sun Peaks Grand Hotel
- 2 nights in Jasper at the Forest Park Hotel
- 1 night in Moraine Lake at Moraine Lake Lodge
- 2 nights in Emerald Lake at Emerald Lake Lodge
- 2 nights in Banff at Banff Caribou Lodge
- Breakfast at Moraine Lake Lodge
- 11 days intermediate size car rental
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk Admission

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 5
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 10

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Vancouver Gold Bridge

This morning depart Vancouver along the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler. Highlights along the way include the cascading Shannon Falls and the Stawamus Chief Rock. Continue on to Whistler, where a stop is a must for a short stroll through this charming alpine resort before continuing on the Duffey Lake Road where you will see breathtaking views of Joffre Glacier. Continue on through Lillooet for 2 hours along a well-maintained gravel road to Tyax Lodge, nestled on the

shores of Tyaughton Lake.

Overnight in Gold Bridge at **Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing**



Day **2**

Gold Bridge

Looking to do a lot or a lot of nothing? The lodge delivers at all levels. Choose from world-class mountain biking, horseback riding, paddling, fishing or spectacular hiking, or just chill with your favourite beverage on the dock taking in Tyaughton Lake.

Overnight in Gold Bridge at **Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing**



Day **3**

Gold Bridge Sun Peaks

Return through Lillooet, known as the land of the Gold Rush Trail and 'Mile Zero' of the Old Caribou Wagon Road during the Gold Rush Years. Now the area is home to the largest Canadian producers of the medicinal plant, Ginseng. Visit the Gold

Rush Town of Cache Creek where we recommend a visit to the Historic Hat Creek, which literally takes you back to the days of the Gold Rush.

Overnight in Sun Peaks at the **Sun Peaks Grand Hotel**



CREDIT: SUN PEAKS TOURISM

Day **4**

Sun Peaks Jasper

Today, follow the Thompson River through rolling plateaus to the snowy peaks of the Monashee Mountains. View Pyramid Falls and the expansive glaciers of the Albretha Icefields. Pass by Mount Robson, at 3954 metres, which is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies.

Overnight in Jasper at **Forest Park Hotel**



MALIGNE LAKE | CREDIT: PURSUIT MIKE SEEHAGEL

Day **5**

Jasper

Time to explore all that Jasper has to offer! Today you can personalise your day by pre-selecting one of three Freedom of

Choice excursions below.

Overnight in Jasper at **Forest Park Hotel**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Maligne Lake Cruise:**

Cruise Maligne Lake, where you can marvel at the magnificent shoreline and Spirit Island.

OR

- **Jasper River Float:**

Enjoy a gentle rafting tour on the Athabasca River for a unique perspective of Jasper National Park.

OR

- **Jasper Nature Walk:**

A guided nature walk featuring a spectacular array of rolling hills, jagged peaks, forests, meadows, marshes, streams, and stunning glacial lakes.



Day **6**

Jasper Moraine Lake

Today, travel through the spine of the Canadian Rockies along the amazing Icefields Parkway and encompass the ultimate glacier exploration. From walking on ancient ice with the Ice Explorer ride, to standing on a glass platform almost one thousand feet in the air at the Glacier Skywalk (included), today's experiences will leave you with a special appreciation for this treasured region of the Rockies. The lodge is situated on the shore of Moraine Lake. Famous for its iridescent turquoise colour, Moraine Lake has become known as The Jewel of the Rockies.

Overnight in Moraine Lake at **Moraine Lake Lodge**



GLACIER SKYWALK | CREDIT: PURSUIT

Day 7

Moraine Lake Emerald Lake

A short drive today through majestic mountain passes into Yoho National Park. The word Yoho is the Cree word expressing awe. This 1313 sq. km national park is filled with gem-coloured glacial lakes and waterfalls, snow-covered peaks and dense forests of western red cedar and western hemlock. Historic railroads, spiral tunnels within mountain sides and steep rock faces where mountain goats roam are just some of the sights to be seen.

Overnight in Emerald Lake at **Emerald Lake Lodge**

Breakfast



EMERALD LAKE | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC DAVE HEATH

Day 8

Emerald Lake Yoho National Park Emerald Lake

Built of hand-hewn timber and featuring massive stone fireplaces, the lodge includes a formal dining room and quiet reading and sitting rooms. From the upper or lower large verandahs, enjoy the serene views of this wilderness landscape.

Overnight in Emerald Lake at **Emerald Lake Lodge**



Day **9** Emerald Lake Banff

Today we suggest taking the scenic Bow Valley Parkway route which runs parallel to the Trans-Canada highway. Be sure to stop at Johnston Canyon and walk along the paved footpath to either the lower or upper waterfalls.

Overnight in Banff at **Banff Caribou Lodge**



Day **10** Banff

With easy access to pristine wilderness and endless outdoor adventures, in Banff National Park you feel truly immersed in nature. Today you can personalise your day by pre-selecting one of four excursions below.

Overnight in Banff at the **Banff Caribou Lodge**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Banff Gondola:**

Maximise your views of Banff National Park with minimal exertion on a round-trip gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

OR

- **Lake Minnewanka Cruise:**

Admire views of the Canadian Rockies by boat as you cruise across the turquoise-hued Lake Minnewanka and over to Devil's Gap.

OR

- **River Explorer Canoe Tour:**

Enjoy the serenity of the Bow River and marvel at the surroundings. A fun and interactive way with your guide to explore the waterways of Banff National Park. Perfect for families. No paddling experience necessary.

OR

- **Bow River Horseback Adventure:**

Saddle up for a journey through the celebrated landscape of Banff National Park on this guided horseback riding adventure.



Day **11** Banff Calgary

Today it's time to say goodbye to the fresh mountain air and majestic sights of the Rockies. Drive to Calgary to drop off your rental car and begin your journey home.



ACCOMMODATION

Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing

Gold Bridge

Set on the shores of Tyaughton Lake and surrounded by the mountains of the Spruce Lake Protected Area, this seasonal resort is 256 km from Vancouver. A dining room with lake views features a patio, and there's a lounge bar. The spa has treatment rooms, a dry sauna, an outdoor hot tub and a yoga studio. Other amenities include pedal boats, canoes and kayaks, trails for biking, hiking and horseback riding, as well as aerial tours.



Sun Peaks Grand Hotel

Sun Peaks

Located a scenic 45-minute jaunt from Kamloops in British Columbia's Thompson-Okanagan region, Sun Peaks Grand Hotel is the only full-service hotel experience in Sun Peaks Resort. There are chairlifts, trails and activities at the doorstep, as well as an on site grocery store, boutiques, eateries, and brand-new guest rooms delivering quiet luxury.



Forest Park Hotel

Jasper

Set amidst the breathtaking Canadian Rockies, the Forest Park Hotel (formerly the Sawridge Inn) is a resort style hotel that offers the rustic charm you'd expect in Jasper National Park. Beautiful guest rooms, on-site spa, decadent dining and heated pool with jacuzzi and steam room add to the luxury you want in your mountain getaway.



Moraine Lake Lodge

Moraine Lake

Nestled in a spectacular valley in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, Moraine Lake Lodge provides the ultimate romantic getaway for those seeking a luxurious escape for a honeymoon, anniversary, hiking experience, or a relaxing vacation. The architecture of our Banff lodge embraces the dramatic beauty of Banff National Park that surrounds us. From here you can explore all that nature has to offer or take short drives to spectacular sites like Lake Louise and the picturesque town of Banff.



Emerald Lake Lodge

Emerald Lake

Set on a 13-acre peninsula on Yoho National Park's Emerald Lake, this upscale lodge is 13.4 km from the Canadian Rocky Mountains Parks World Heritage Site and 14.8 km from Mount Field. The posh rooms feature private balconies with lake views, wood-burning fireplaces and coffeemakers, plus sitting areas. A refined restaurant serves regional cuisine, and there's a seasonal bistro. A stately lounge features a stone fireplace, plus an oak bar from an 1890s saloon.



Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa

Banff

Located in Banff National Park, the Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa offers a mountain lodge hotel, a great steakhouse restaurant and a full-service spa, all in one outstanding location. This ideal vacation spot is located on Banff Avenue, the main street in the town of Banff. Surrounded by mountains, there are plenty of activities to keep you busy.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Road tolls
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- One-way car rental fees (if applicable). If any one-way surcharges apply, this will be advised at the time of booking and is payable locally upon collection of the vehicle
- Car rental rates exclude optional coverage such as Personal Accident Insurance Plus (PAI Plus) and Personal Effects Protection (PEP)
- GPS rental is not included and can be requested (at an additional supplement paid locally) if required