



CANADA

BEST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 13767)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Vancouver

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 May 25 - 10 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Walk & Hike

Wildlife

Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Embark on an extraordinary Rainforest to Rockies self-drive journey, across ever changing landscapes in British Columbia.

Highlights

- Experience big city vibes, small town culture, laid back locals, unique tucked-away places to stay, and hidden gems around every turn
- Drive along the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway between Vancouver and Whistler
- Experience the awe-inspiring Sea to Sky Gondola, offering breathtaking bird's-eye views of Howe Sound sprawling before you
- Explore the majestic mountain passes into Yoho National Park
- Known as Canada's desert, Osoyoos invites you to experience a unique blend of sun-soaked landscapes, award-winning wineries, and warm hospitality
- Freedom of choice excursions in the beautiful town of Whistler

Commence your journey through the stunning landscapes of Western Canada, starting in Vancouver and winding along the Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler. Revel in the highlights, including Shannon Falls, Stawamus Chief Rock, and the Sea to Sky Gondola. Choose from diverse excursions in Whistler, whether it's a guided lunch tour, serene canoe tour, or an exhilarating Peak 2 Peak Gondola adventure.

The adventure unfolds through spectacular drives, wine tours in Kelowna, and exploration of Yoho National Park's awe-inspiring beauty. Find tranquility at Emerald Lake Lodge, followed by visits to Radium Hot Springs, the charming town of Nelson, and the unique desert town of Osoyoos. Delve into Osoyoos' desert landscape at the Osoyoos Desert Centre and savour leisure days exploring local wineries.

The journey concludes with a scenic drive back to Vancouver, showcasing the beauty of the Fraser Valley. This itinerary promises a harmonious blend of nature, adventure, and cultural discovery in the stunning landscapes of British Columbia.



- ✓ 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 Whistler at Listel Hotel (or similar)
- 2 nights in Kelowna at Prestige Beach House
- 2 nights in Field at Emerald Lake Lodge
- 1 night in Radium Hot Springs at Prestige Radium Resort
- 1 night in Nelson at Prestige Lakeside Resort
- 2 nights in Osoyoos at Watermark Beach Resort
- 11 days intermediate car rental
- Sea to Sky Gondola Ride

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 2

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 Whistler

Depart Vancouver this morning along the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler, home of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Highlights along the way include the cascading Shannon Falls, the Stawamus Chief Rock where climbers from all over the globe migrate to climb the granite cliffs and the Sea to Sky Gondola where incredible bird's-eye views of Howe Sound sprawl before you. At the top, enjoy access to several interpretive walking trails, viewing platforms and the on-site restaurant and tea house. Continue onto Whistler to arrive midafternoon.

Overnight in Whistler at **Listel Hotel** (or similar)



Day **2**

Whistler

Personalise your day by choosing one of three **Freedom of Choice** options below.

Overnight in Whistler at **Listel Hotel** (or similar)

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Whistler Guided Lunch Tour:**

There's no better way to spend an afternoon in Whistler than exploring the eclectic culinary scene. Guests will enjoy a delicious multi-course lunch while visiting some of the best local lunch spots and indulge a sweet tooth at a couple of chocolate shops.

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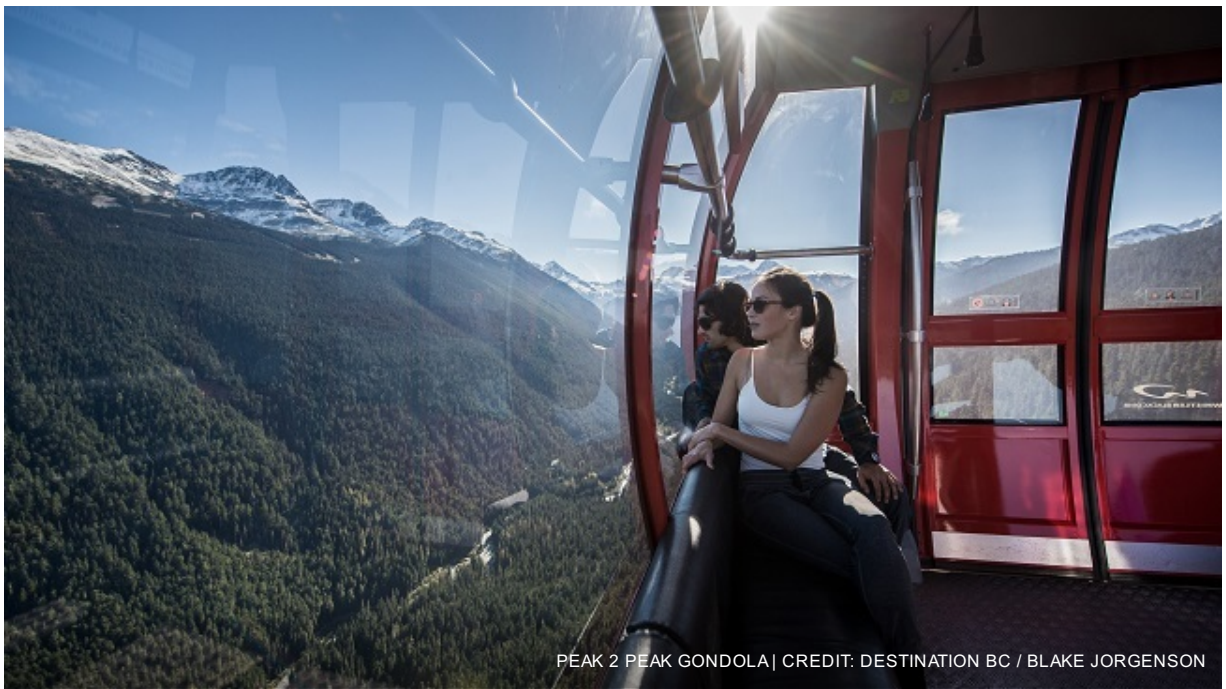
- **River of Golden Dreams Canoe Tour:**

This summertime paddle takes you on an enchanting canoe journey from Alta Lake to Green Lake. Wildflower-lined banks, old-growth forests and local wildlife are all part of your passing tableaux.

OR

- **Whistler Peak 2 Peak Gondola:**

Experience the beauty via the Peak Adventure on Whistler Mountain as you soak in the unbelievable views of glaciers, extinct volcanoes and snow-capped peaks.



PEAK 2 PEAK GONDOLA | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / BLAKE JORGENSON

Day **3**

Whistler Kelowna

Begin your spectacular drive on the Duffey Lake Road where you will see breathtaking views of Joffre Glacier. Continue on through Lillooet, known as the land of the Gold Rush Trail, and onto Cache Creek where we recommend a stop to visit the Historic Hat Creek. From here, travel towards the sun & vineyards of Kelowna. Over 2,000 hours of sunshine and only 13" of precipitation annually allow for a wide range of outdoor activities and grape growing for various wines.

Overnight in Kelowna at **Prestige Beach House**



HISTORIC HAT CREEK | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / BLAKE JORGENSON

Day **4**

Kelowna

Tour into the countryside combining the best of the Lake, the Valley and the Vines. Experience the wineries we call hidden treasures and sample the Okanagan's finest wines.

Overnight in Kelowna at **Prestige Beach House**



KELOWNA | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / ANDREW STRAIN

Day **5**

Kelowna Emerald Lake Lodge

Your destination today is 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. Other Yoho marvels include a natural rock bridge over the Kicking Horse River, Hoodoos, some of Canada's highest waterfalls and the Burgess Shale fossil find where over 120 marine animal species dating back as far as 530 million years were discovered.

Overnight in Field at **Emerald Lake Lodge**



YHO NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / DAVE HEATH

Day **6**

Emerald Lake Lodge

Located on the shores of the famous pristine lake, surrounded by some of the Rockies most impressive peaks. The lodge built of hand-hewn timber and featuring massive stone fireplaces and 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.



EMERALD LAKE | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / DAVE HEATH

Day **7** Emerald Lake Lodge Radium Hot Springs

Today, your destination is Radium Hot Springs, which borders Kootenay National Park and the mighty Columbia River, and offers guests a recreational playground unparalleled in beauty and amenities. The Columbia River Valley is home to dozens of golf courses, endless hiking and fishing opportunities, and the breathtaking scenery of both the Rocky Mountains to the east, and the Purcell Mountains to the west.

Overnight in Radium Hot Springs at **Prestige Radium Resort**



RADIUM HOT SPRINGS | CREDIT: KOOTENAY ROCKIES TOURISM / MITCH WINTON

Day **8** Radium Hot Springs Nelson

Highway 95 will lead you to Cranbrook, the 'Key City to the Rockies'. Along the way visit Fort Steele Heritage Town, a local settlement whose name was changed in 1888 to honour Superintendent Samuel Benfield (Sam) Steele of the North-West Mounted Police, who peacefully reduced tensions between the Ktunaxa and the white and Chinese settlers who were

relatively new to the area. In Cranbrook, the Canadian Museum of Rail Travel is famous for the restored complete set of the TransCanada Limited, a million-dollar train set built in 1929.

Continuing on the way into Nelson, take a short detour over to Harrop and back to experience the Harrop Proctor Cable Ferry. Surrounded by the Selkirk Mountains, set on the shores of Kootenay Lake and clustered with some 350 heritage buildings, Nelson's storybook charm and stunning scenery create the quintessential small town setting. Perhaps enjoy an evening cruise on the S.S. Moyie paddle wheeler.

Overnight in Nelson at **Prestige Lakeside Resort**



KTUNAXA ELDER IN CRANBROOK | CREDIT: DESTINATION BC / KARI MEDIG

Day 9

Nelson Osoyoos

Today, continue travelling westward to Osoyoos, Canada's only desert town. Visit the unique Osoyoos Desert Centre to experience this phenomenon, and check out the Osoyoos Museum, winner of the "best small town museum" in BC. With expanses of orchards and vineyards, lake swimming and boating, this area has all the amenities a visitor could ever want.

Overnight in Osoyoos at **Watermark Beach Resort**



OSOYOOS | CREDIT: DESTINATION CANADA

Day **10** Osoyoos

The grasslands and bald hills outside the town of Osoyoos are an extension of the Sonoran Desert that runs as far south as Mexico and creeps north to form Canada's only arid desert. We suggest taking a guided or unguided 1.5km boardwalk through Canada's desert landscape at the Osoyoos Desert Centre. Learn about the sensitive ecosystem which is home to 100 rare plants and 300 animals found nowhere else in Canada. The Centre also features an interpretive facility with hands-on exhibits and a native plant demonstration garden. Another option is to head out for the day to visit the many wineries of the Osoyoos and Oliver region along the Black Sage bench and the Golden Mile.

Overnight in Osoyoos at **Watermark Beach Resort**



Day **11** Osoyoos Vancouver

Join the Coquihalla Highway and climb to an elevation of 1244 metres where over 10 metres of snow can fall in an average winter. You will witness incredible feats of engineering as you travel through the Great Bear snow shed, crossing the Dry Gulch Bridge (over 280 metres long and 175 metres high).

Begin descending from the summit pass through some of the most beautiful landscapes in the province. This dramatic change of environment is always exhilarating, as you go from bright sunlight on the high rock faces to misty coastal cedars and tall firs in the space of half an hour. Approaching the Pacific coast, the canyon opens into the broad fertile Fraser Valley. Your epic journey ends upon arrival in Vancouver.

ACCOMMODATION

Listel Hotel Whistler

Whistler

Just steps from the mountains, and at the heart of Whistler Village, the Listel Hotel Whistler offers the perfect base for your alpine adventure. Friendly, knowledgeable staff are always on hand to answer questions, offer tips and advice on the area, and make sure your stay is comfortable and relaxed. With spacious rooms, free WiFi, personalised ski and snowboard valet service, plus complimentary bike storage in summer, a stay at the Listel offers everything you are looking for.



Prestige Beach House

Kelowna

Situated directly across from Kelowna's famous Hot Sands Beach and just two blocks from the main downtown hub, the Prestige Beach House is an ideal hotel for both leisure and business needs. Conveniently located downtown near the base of the W.R. Bennett Bridge, the hotel is close to tourist attractions, businesses, shopping, and recreational areas. Take a short walk along the waterfront to Prospera Place, Lake City Casino, Kelowna's cultural district, and many other attractions and shopping boutiques.



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.



Prestige Radium Hot Springs Resort

Radium Hot Springs

In the beautiful village of Radium Hot Springs, the Prestige Radium Hot Springs Resort is conveniently located minutes away from the world-famous Hot Springs Pools. Radium is perfectly situated on the Columbia River, nestled between the Rocky Mountain and Purcell Mountain ranges. The hot springs are what have traditionally drawn visitors to Radium, but this area has also become known for its golf courses, wildlife, and countless outdoor activities.



Prestige Lakeside Resort

Nelson

With its waterfront location conveniently located within walking distance to downtown, the Prestige Lakeside Resort in Nelson offers the best of both worlds. Relax in the resort's greenspace and enjoy the view of the Kootenay lake and Selkirk mountains, or enjoy nearby water activities such as kayaking or boating. 101 guestrooms are offered in the resort with a large variety of room types to suit every traveller's needs.



Watermark Beach Resort

Osoyoos

This hotel offers spectacular views of Osoyoos Lake and the city, surrounded by an impressive variety of outdoor recreational activities. Discover the South Okanagan 'good life' at the resort that defines easy living. You're steps away from everything: the beach, dining, shopping, marina, and groceries for your fully equipped gourmet kitchen. Relax in your condo-style suite with every comfort you can dream of, or enjoy Canada's warmest weather either poolside or on the beach.



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