

Itinerary for the Hosted Bucketeer Western Canada Tour September 2027

Day 1 9/5/27

Vancouver

At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome drink.

Dinner

Day 2 9/6/27

Vancouver – Victoria

Tour Vancouver, including the waterfront, Chinatown, and Stanley Park with its old-growth evergreen forests and totem poles. Catch the BC Ferry over to Vancouver Island and Victoria. See major attractions on your city orientation tour including the Fairmont Empress Hotel, Bastion Square, and Thunderbird Park. Later, visit world-famous Butchart Gardens, followed by a special dinner in the former historic greenhouse.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 3 9/7/27

Victoria

Discover Vancouver Island at the Malahat SkyWalk in an immersive nature experience. The 10-story spiral tower soars 250 m (820 ft) above sea level for memorable views of fjords, forests, mountains, and islands in Canada and the US. Enjoy majestic views from within the treetops on the TreeWalk, a 20 m (65 ft) elevated boardwalk. Note: The SkyWalk tower features a wide wooden walkway with a gentle incline and no stairs.

Or, visit the Royal BC Museum showcases the province's natural history, cultural heritage and the stories of Indigenous people. Three permanent galleries, Natural History, Becoming BC, and the First Peoples Gallery, feature exhibits and artifacts on colonial history, the gold rush, early settlers, modern culture and more. Visit adjacent Thunderbird Park, home to many totem poles and other First Nation monuments.

Breakfast

Day 4 9/8/27

Victoria to Whistler

Board a BC Ferry crossing the Strait of Georgia through the spectacular Gulf Islands, an archipelago known for its Mediterranean-type climate. Enroute to Whistler, stop at Shannon Falls, where a boardwalk leads to a viewing platform near the base of the roaring falls. On to the alpine resort of Whistler at the base of the magnificent Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Time to explore the 2010 Winter Olympics sites, paddleboard, hike, explore Whistler Village or play pickleball. Enjoy a 2-night stay at the Hilton Whistler Resort, with mountain-style elegance in the heart of Whistler Village.

Breakfast

Day 5 9/9/27

Whistler

EXPLORE MORE in Whistler to experience amazing views on the lofty Peak2Peak Gondola, the longest unsupported gondola span in the world, connecting Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Enjoy spectacular scenery and incredible photo opportunities as you explore via suspension bridges, boardwalks and trails on a canopy walk in the treetops. Other options include a ziplining adventure, shopping in the village, or just relaxing at your resort.

Breakfast

Day 6 9/10/27

Whistler to Sun Peaks

This morning, enjoy a visit and breakfast at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, dedicated to the history and culture of the First Nations people. Then, journey north through the heart of the magnificent Cariboo region. Spectacular scenery abounds as you pass by rolling hills, deeply incised rivers, and sparkling lakes. Afternoon arrival in Sun Peaks with the balance of the day at leisure. Free time this evening.

Breakfast

Day 7 9/11/27

Sun Peaks to Jasper

Continue north, following Yellowhead Highway and hugging the mighty North Thompson River, into the province of Alberta. See the base of 12,972-foot Mount Robson (the highest point in the Canadian Rockies) before entering Jasper National Park. Marvel at the precipitous gorges, snow-capped summits, and lakes of exquisite blues and greens in this wild mountain wilderness. Before arriving at your hotel, you may wish to take an optional float trip down the historic Athabasca River, where your experienced rafting guide will navigate as you absorb the splendor of Jasper National Park. Tonight, explore the entertainment and culinary choices downtown, then look to the skies for remarkable stargazing when night falls. Jasper was designated as a Dark Sky Preserve by the Royal Astronomical Society in Canada and is one of the largest in the world.

Breakfast

Day 8 9/12/27

Jasper National Park

Travel through Jasper's unspoiled beauty to glacial Maligne Canyon for lunch at the Wilderness Kitchen. Continue to stunning Maligne Lake for a narrated scenic cruise to Spirit Island. Return to Jasper where the balance of the day is at leisure to explore Jasper on your own.

Breakfast Lunch

Day 9 9/13/27

Jasper to Columbia Icefield to Lake Louise to Banff

We head south through Jasper National Park on Icefields Parkway to the Columbia Icefield for a thrilling Ice Explorer ride on Athabasca Glacier. Climb Sunwapta Pass to savor stunning vistas of alpine meadows, waterfalls, and massive glaciers. Next, stop at Lake Louise, whose green-blue waters form a perfect mirror reflection of Mount Victoria. Continue into Banff for a free evening.

Breakfast

Day 10 9/14/27

Banff

Breakfast this morning is served on top of Sulphur Mountain. Take a scenic ride on the Banff Gondola to the top of the mountain and enjoy spectacular views of Bow Valley and the Rocky Mountains. Additional sightseeing in Banff includes a visit to Bow Falls. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure. Consider an optional flightseeing trip for a bird's-eye view of the Rockies. This evening, join your Tour Director for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Breakfast Dinner

Day 11 9/15/27

Banff to Calgary

Morning drive to Calgary. Your vacation ends at Calgary International Airport. Schedule flights to depart from Calgary International Airport after 2 pm.

Breakfast