



VICTORIA VACATION

****WITH 2 NIGHTS IN KELOWNA, BC ****

10 DAY BUS TOUR

APRIL 26 - MAY 5, 2025

Tour Includes:

Premium Motor Coach
Professional Driver and Tour Director
9 nights quality accommodations
6 included meals (5 breakfasts, 1 supper)
Kelowna Waterfront & Wine Tasting
Butchart Gardens
Victoria Butterfly Museum
Up Island Tour

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DAY 1

HOME CITIES TO CALGARY, AB

Our adventure begins today as we depart our Home Cities and pick up passengers en route.

We will take a relaxing break for lunch in Kindersley, SK - giving you a chance to stretch your legs.

This evening we will arrive in Calgary, AB and you can get to know your fellow passengers at our welcome reception. If you are looking for some additional evening entertainment, there is a local Casino within walking distance.

DAY 2

CALGARY, AB TO KELOWNA, BC

Today we leave Calgary and make our way through the majestic Rocky Mountains. As we travel, marvel at the stunning mountain scenery and pristine forests.

Our lunch stop for today will be in Golden, BC where you can enjoy the beautiful views of the Kicking Horse Country. Nestled at the junction of the Kicking Horse River and Columbia River, Golden is surrounded by the towering mountains of Yoho National Park.

This afternoon we will stop for coffee in picturesque Revelstoke, BC which offers even more stunning mountain views.

We will enter the Okanagan Valley and make our way to Kelowna, BC. - our home for the next 2 nights.

DAY 3

KELOWNA, BC

This morning we will head out to explore the Kelowna Waterfront. There will be plenty of free time to have lunch and do some shopping on Bernard Ave.

This afternoon we will do some wine tasting before heading back to the hotel to relax and have supper. There are numerous restaurants within walking distance.



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DAY 4

KELOWNA, BC TO VICTORIA, BC

This morning we say goodbye to Kelowna and make our way along the Coquihalla Highway - known for its dramatic scenery of towering peaks and deep mountain passes.

We will make our way to the suburbs of Vancouver for lunch before boarding the Tsawwassen Ferry. As you sail across the calm waters of the Georgia Strait, keep your eyes peeled for marine life. Dolphins, porpoises, and whales are sometimes visible.

Upon our arrival on the island we will make our way to Victoria, stopping at a local grocery store so you can stock up on some snacks for your hotel room.

DAY 5

VICTORIA, BC

This morning we will venture off on a sightseeing tour of Victoria.

We will see a delightful mix of stunning scenery, historic landmarks, and vibrant culture. City highlights include: Victoria's Inner Harbour, Royal BC Museum, Beacon Hill Park, Parliament Buildings, China Town, Craigdarroch Castle, Fairmont Empress and Fisherman's Wharf.

We will then make a stop at the Victoria Butterfly Gardens - an immersive experience that brings you into the world of butterflies, tropical plants, and exotic creatures.

This afternoon we will visit the iconic Butchart Gardens! This landmark features a stunning display of horticultural artistry and natural beauty. Nestled on 55-acres this garden oasis is filled with vibrant flowers and breathtaking landscapes.

Late April is one of the most beautiful times to visit. The gardens come alive with the bright colors of spring blooms, including: Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Rhododendrons, Azaleas, and Cherry Blossoms.

This evening will be yours to enjoy at leisure.



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DAY 6

VICTORIA, BC

Today is a free day in Victoria!

You could stroll along the waterfront promenade, where you can enjoy views of the Parliament Buildings, Empress Hotel, and the bustling harbor filled with boats and seaplanes.

You may want to take a harbor ferry or join a whale-watching tour.

You could also visit the Royal BC Museum or indulge in tea at the iconic Fairmont Empress Hotel.

You may want to visit the famous Craigdarroch Castle. Built in the late 1800's this castle is a popular tourist destination that features elaborate woodwork, stained-glass windows, and intricate 19th Century furnishings.

If you love to shop be sure to head to Government Street. This lively area is home to a mix of local boutiques, artisan shops, and well-known stores. Be sure to stop by Roger's Chocolates, a Victoria institution known for its rich, handcrafted chocolates.

Just a short walk or water taxi ride from the Inner Harbour, Fisherman's Wharf is a lively, colorful marina with floating homes, seafood stalls, and boutique shops. Grab some fresh seafood, like fish and chips or clam chowder, from one of the outdoor eateries, and keep an eye out for the resident seals that often swim around the docks.

What ever you decide to do today - we know you will have an enjoyable time.

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DAY 7

VICTORIA, BC (UP ISLAND)

Today we will make our way up island for more beautiful scenery.

Our first stop will be in Chemainus, BC. - known for its vibrant murals depicting the town's history and culture. Over 40 large murals adorn the buildings, turning the town into an open-air art gallery.

Our lunch stop will be in Nanaimo: known as the "Harbour City." Take a walk along the Nanaimo Harbourfront Walkway, offering scenic views of the ocean and nearby islands. Make sure to sample the famous Nanaimo Bar, a beloved Canadian dessert that originated here!

After lunch, we are off to Cathedral Grove in MacMillan Provincial Park. This ancient forest is home to towering Douglas fir and red cedar trees, some of which are over 800 years old. Here, you'll walk among towering trees, and find informative signs that provide insights into the ecology and history of the forest, enhancing your understanding of this unique environment.

Next, we will stop at the Coombs Old Country Market. This market was built in 1973 by its original Norwegian owner. Modeled after the Norwegian homes and structures he had seen in his home country - he built directly into the hill with the sod roof then became an extension of the hillside. Legend has it that, as the grass on the roof grew long someone suggested that they 'borrow' some goats to 'mow' the grass. He unwittingly built what would become perhaps the most famous sod-roof building in the world. Today this building has become one of the top tourist spots in BC - known for its unique architecture and its "Goats on the Roof." Yes, real goats still graze on the grassy roof!

Our final stop will be in Duncan, the "City of Totems," to view the collection of over 80 totem poles scattered throughout the town, showcasing Indigenous art and culture. We will stop for supper before heading back to Victoria.

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DAY 8

VICTORIA, BC TO SICAMOUS, BC

This morning we say goodbye to Victoria. We will board the ferry back to the mainland - sailing back across the Georgia Strait.

Our travels will take us back through the BC and we will drive along Shuswap Lake where the views are breathtaking! Surrounded by hills and forested mountains, the drive offers a peaceful and scenic end to our travel day. We will arrive in Sicamous, BC the "Houseboat Capital of Canada" for our overnight stay.

DAY 9

SICAMOUS, BC TO STRATHMORE, AB

This morning we leave Sicamous and travel through the Monashee Mountains, where the scenery becomes more dramatic with towering peaks, deep valleys, and waterfalls cascading down rocky cliffs.

Our lunch stop for today will be back in Golden, BC.

After lunch we will make our way back through the majestic Rocky Mountains. As the mountains gradually give way to the rolling foothills, we will find ourselves in Strathmore, AB for our final over nights stay.

DAY 10

STRATHMORE, AB TO HOME CITIES

Today we leave behind the mountains and return to the open plains. We travel through Alberta's farmlands which are dotted with cattle ranches, grain silos, and windmills.

We will stop in Hanna, AB to stretch our legs and grab a coffee. Lunch today will be in Kindersley, SK.

As the day winds down, we'll make our way back to our Home Cities, filled with memories of an amazing adventure. Bid farewell to the friends you have made along the journey and reflect on the amazing scenery, and experiences that you have had along the way!

