

CHEERS! TO THE OKANAGAN 8 DAY BUS TOUR

SEPTEMBER 20-27, 2025

Tour Includes:

Premium Motor Coach with Professional Driver and Tour Director 7 night's accommodations with breakfast each morning D Dutchmen Dairy/Fruit World SS Sicamous Marine Heritage Society Tour District Wine Village Kangaroo Creek Farm Kelowna Farmers Market/Orchard Park Shopping Center East Kelowna Wine Tasting Davison Orchards Village Cheese Lunch and free time in Banff

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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 Medicine Hat, AB - 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.

<u>DAY 2</u> 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.

We will stop for coffee in Golden, BC where you can enjoy the beautiful views of 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.

Our lunch stop will be in picturesque Revelstoke, BC which offers even more stunning mountain views.

This afternoon, we will make a sweet stop at D Dutchmen Dairy, where oldfashioned ice cream and fresh dairy treats are a must. Browse the nearby Fruit World for local produce and artisanal goods, bringing a taste of the Okanagan Valley to your day.

We will enter the Okanagan Valley and make our way to Kelowna, BC. - our home for the next 4 nights.

<u>DAY 3</u> OKANAGAN AREA

Set out from Kelowna for a day filled with history, flavor, and discovery.

We begin our journey with a stop for some sweet treats at Bliss Bakery. Known for their in-house baking using only natural, pure ingredients, you're sure to find something yummy!

Next, we will stop in Penticton at the SS Sicamous Marine Heritage Society. Tour the historic sternwheeler that once served as a vital transportation link on Okanagan Lake. You will have the chance to explore the restored vessel, featuring meticulously recreated rooms and exhibits that provide insight into early 20th-century life on the lake. There will be free time to stroll the waterfront and take in the amazing views.

Next, we visit Canada's first-ever "Wine Village", which features 16 of the Okanagan's finest artisanal and craft producers conveniently located in one stunning location. At District Wine Village, stroll through the village, sip awardwinning wines, savor local cuisine, and soak in the atmosphere that makes this place a true Okanagan gem.

After a day of unforgettable moments and tastes, relax and enjoy the journey back to Kelowna, with memories as rich as the wine still lingering.

<u>DAY 4</u> KELOWNA AREA

Today, we embark on a day that blends playful encounters, scenic exploration, and indulgent relaxation.

Begin with a visit to Kangaroo Creek Farm, where you'll have the rare chance to get up close with kangaroos, wallabies, and other exotic animals. It's a hands-on experience that brings smiles, surprises, and unforgettable photo opportunities.

Next, we head to the heart of Kelowna's vibrant waterfront. Stroll along the picturesque lakeside promenade, take in the public art, and explore the boutique shops and cafes that line Bernard Avenue. Whether you're browsing local treasures or simply soaking up the Okanagan sunshine, the downtown energy offers the perfect midday escape.

Cap off the day with an elegant wine tasting at Frind Estate Winery, where lakefront views meet award-winning wines.

<u>DAY 5</u> KELOWNA FREE DAY

Enjoy a relaxed day at your own pace, with the freedom to explore Kelowna's local flavors and favorite shopping spots.

You may wish to join in on an extra wine tour, relax at the hotel, or explore the nearby area.

The bus will take those interested to visit the Kelowna Farmers' and Crafters' Market, where you'll find an abundance of fresh produce, handmade crafts, local treats, and artisan goods—a perfect chance to experience the vibrant community spirit and take home a taste of the Okanagan.

From there, the bus will continue to Orchard Park Shopping Centre, the region's largest mall, offering a wide variety of shops, boutiques, and eateries. Spend the afternoon browsing your favorite brands, discovering local stores, or simply relaxing with a coffee as you take in the lively shopping atmosphere.

<u>DAY 6</u> OKANAGAN AREA

After breakfast, we will check out and then head to Davison Orchards Country Village in Vernon, BC. At this charming, family-run farm you can experience the best of the Okanagan harvest. Stroll through the market filled with fresh produce, homemade baked goods, and preserves. We will even take a scenic ride through the orchards on the "Johnny Popper" train! Enjoy lunch at the farm café and soak in the views of the surrounding valley.

After lunch we will stop in at Village Cheese, to learn all about making Artesian Cheese! Since 1998, this family-run business has been crafting cheese the traditional way—by hand, in small batches, using milk from nearby farms.

This afternoon, we will arrive in Sicamous, known as the Houseboat Capital of Canada. Take time to explore this lakeside community, enjoy a relaxing walk along the waterfront, or browse local shops and cafes.

DAY 7 SICAMOUS, BC TO STRATHMORE, AB

This morning, we depart Sicamous and journey back through the breathtaking scenery of the Rockies. We will travel along the Trans-Canada Highway, where towering mountains and winding rivers create a picture-perfect backdrop for the day's adventure.

We will arrive in Banff, where you'll have time to enjoy lunch and explore the charming mountain town. Stroll along Banff Avenue, browse local boutiques, galleries, and souvenir shops, or simply take in the stunning alpine surroundings. Whether you choose to indulge in a cozy café, shop for unique finds, or capture iconic views of the Rockies, Banff offers something for everyone.

We will then make our way to Strathmore, where you'll settle in for the night, reflecting on a day filled with mountain magic and small-town charm.

This evening you will have time to enjoy supper on your own at a nearby restaraunt.

DAY 8 STRATHMORE, AB TO HOME CITIES

After breakfast we begin the journey home, traveling across the open landscapes of the prairies. As the scenery shifts from wide-open skies to familiar surroundings, take time to relax and reflect on the memorable experiences, breathtaking sights, and the new friendships that have grown along the way.

Arrive back in your home cities carrying not only wonderful stories and photos but also the connections made with your fellow travelers—turning strangers into friends and memories into treasures.

