



**The Best of Canada Fully Escorted Tour
With Rodney Vincent
13-28 August 2015**



**Day 1 – Thursday 13 August 2015 (D)
Melbourne – Vancouver**

Depart	7.45AM	MELBOURNE
Arrive	9.00AM	SYDNEY
Depart	12.15PM	SYDNEY on Air Canada
Arrive	7:30AM	VANCOUVER

On arrival in Vancouver you will be met by our local tour guide and transferred to your hotel. You will be warmly welcomed at The Sheraton Wall Centre hotel, which is in a perfect location in the centre of downtown Vancouver, just a short stroll from Robson Street, Yaletown and many of Vancouver's attractions. Enjoy a special welcome to Canada dinner this evening.

Accommodation: Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel or similar

**Day 2 – Friday 14 August 2015 (B)
Vancouver**

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

This morning explore Canada's third largest city as your tour takes you to some of the many unique areas of the city including Chinatown, Gastown, Granville Island and 1000 acre Stanley Park. The afternoon is free to take optional tours to the North Shore and Grouse Mountain or the Capilano Suspension Bridge or to enjoy the many nearby shops and galleries of this beautiful City.

Lunch and dinner are own arrangements today.

Accommodation: Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel or similar

Day 3 Saturday 15 August 2015 (B, D)
Vancouver – Victoria

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

A beautiful day lies ahead as you board your coach for a short trip to the BC Ferry Dock and a 90 minute cruise through the Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island. Your first stop on the Island will be at the spectacular Butchart Gardens where you'll have plenty of time to view the flowers and enjoy the unique areas of the park. In the early afternoon arrive in the Capital City of Victoria. Take some time to enjoy the Parliament Buildings, the iconic Empress Hotel and the many shops and boutiques that line the harbour area and are within easy walking distance of your hotel.

Accommodation: Laurel Point Resort Victoria or similar

Day 4 – Sunday 16 August 2015 (B, D)
Victoria - Vancouver

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

There will be time for some last minute shopping or sightseeing before boarding the coach and returning to the dock in time to board your return cruise to the mainland. Keep an eye open for the dolphins, seals and orca whales that frequent the waters. Later in the afternoon you'll arrive in Vancouver with some time free for shopping or just relaxing in your deluxe hotel.

Accommodation: Sheraton Wall Center Hotel or similar

Day 5 – Monday 17 August 2015 (B, D)
Vancouver – Kelowna

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

Bid farewell to Vancouver and travel east through the lush farmlands of the Fraser Valley before entering the rugged Coastal Mountains for a spectacular journey inland. The Coquihalla Highway provides many vistas of snow covered peaks, sparkling waterfalls and deep rugged valleys as your coach climbs into the Interior region of British Columbia. In the early afternoon you'll arrive in the Okanagan area, famous for its spectacular lakes, orchards and wineries. Stop for a winery tour and tasting before arriving at your lakeside resort to relax and enjoy the many facilities of this hotel. An evening stroll along the lakeside brings the day to a delightful conclusion.

Accommodation: Delta Grand Okanagan Resort or similar

Day 6 – Tuesday 18 August 2015 (B, D)
Kelowna – Banff

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

An amazing day lies ahead. Soon after your departure from Kelowna, your tour joins the Trans Canada Highway for a spectacular journey that will climb through three rugged mountain ranges, follow the banks of four major river systems, and travel through tunnels, avalanche sheds and dramatic valleys. Later in the afternoon, your coach will make a final ascent for the day, and enter the province of Alberta and Banff National Park. Your arrival at the alpine resort of Banff marks the end of your eastward journey.

Lunch today is own arrangements.

Accommodation: Banff Caribou Lodge or similar

Day 7 – Wednesday 19 August 2015 (B)
Banff

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

This is a great day to relax and enjoy the beauty that surrounds you. You are in the heart of the Canadian Rockies and in the very first National Park of Canada. Start the day with a morning tour of the Banff area that will feature highlights including Bow Falls, the Mysterious Hoodoos, the Cascade Gardens and an exciting gondola ride to the top of 7500 ft Sulphur Mountain. The afternoon is free to enjoy optional activities including rafting, trail riding, hiking, and golf or shopping in the Banff town site.

Lunch and dinner today are own arrangements.

Accommodation: Banff Caribou Lodge or similar

Day 8 – Thursday 20 August 2015 (B, D)
Banff – Lake Louise

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

After a hearty breakfast, bid Adieu to Banff and journey west along the Bow River, stopping for pictures at famed Castle Mountain. Your route will take you back into British Columbia and Yoho National Park for a viewing of the engineering marvel Spiral Tunnels, Emerald Lake, the Natural Bridge and if conditions permit the spectacular Takkakawa Falls. In the afternoon, arrive at the “Jewel of the Rockies” – Lake Louise. Your accommodation is in the iconic Chateau Lake Louise. Enjoy the afternoon or early evening with a stroll along the lake or a romantic canoe ride.

Accommodation: Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise Hotel or similar

Day 9 – Friday 21 August 2015 (B)
Lake Louise – Jasper

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

Get ready for one of the most spectacular days of the tour! This morning your journey takes you north along the famed Icefield Highway and through some of the most dramatic scenery in the world. As your coach climbs through two 7,000 ft passes you will be surrounded by azure blue lakes, glacier fed rivers, dazzling waterfalls and glacier capped mountains. In the late morning you will arrive at the massive Columbia Icefields and there you will board a specially designed Ice Explorer vehicle to venture out on to the Athabasca Glacier. If you are brave of heart you might also want to take a walk on the newly opened Ice Walk. This afternoon the journey continues along the Endless Chain of mountains, stopping to view the raging waters at Athabasca Falls before continuing on to the resort community of Jasper.

Accommodation: Sawridge Resort or similar

Day 10 – Saturday 22 August 2015 (B)
Jasper

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

What could be a more invigorating way to start the day than a gondola ride to the top of a 7500ft high mountain for breakfast? From the top of Whistlers Mountain you will be able to see for miles in every direction. It is amazing. Back in the valley, your tour will join the route of the Maligne River for a 45-minute journey to Maligne Lake. This is one of the best routes to see Black Bear, Elk and Deer. Keep your camera ready. A 90-minute cruise on the lake will include more opportunities for spectacular pictures and a short hike on the mystical Spirit Island. On the way back to Jasper take a short hike along the rim of Maligne Canyon. The afternoon is free to explore Jasper or take an optional rafting trip down the Athabasca River.

Accommodation: Sawridge Resort or similar

Day 11 – Sunday 23 August 2015 (B, L)
Jasper – Kamloops on the Rocky Mountaineer

An early morning departure from the hotel will bring you trackside to the Rocky Mountaineer Train and the beginning of an incredible two-day journey. Your home for the next two days will be your reserved seat in the new SilverLeaf, low level dome car where our hosts will pamper you with a hot breakfast and lunch as well as continual beverage and snack service. Today's journey travels west along the Fraser River into the province of British Columbia and past towering Mt Robson. You will be traveling along the western slope of the Rocky Mountains and following the Thompson River Valley into the Interior Plateau area and the bustling city of Kamloops.

Accommodation: Overnight Kamloops/Hotel assigned by Rocky Mountaineer

Day 12 – Monday 24 August 2015 (B, L)
Kamloops – Vancouver on the Rocky Mountaineer

Another day of pampering and spectacular scenery lies ahead as the Rocky Mountaineer pulls out of the station on its way to Vancouver. The journey will follow the shores of Kamloops Lake and the south Thompson River, eventually joining up with the mighty Fraser River. The Fraser River Canyon was the first highway of the Gold Miners of the 1940's as they headed to the goldfields in the Interior of BC. The railway clings to the side of the canyon offering dramatic views of landmarks like Hells Gate, Saddle Rock and Black Canyon. Watch for the colourful river rafts as they charge through the rapids. In the afternoon the Canyon gives way to the lush farmlands of the Fraser Valley heralding your arrival in the beautiful west coast city of Vancouver.

Accommodation: Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel or similar

Day 13 – Tuesday 25 August 2015 (B, D)
Vancouver – At Leisure

Breakfast is at the hotel this morning.

A day to relax and enjoy Vancouver. You might want to do some last minute shopping in the boutique shops of Robson Street or explore the 200 shops in Pacific Centre. The Historic Hudson's Bay department store is also close by. For something more recreational you might want to walk, rent a bike or skates and take the seawall route around nearby Stanley Park. There are canoe and kayak rentals available and daily zodiac cruises to search for whales, seals, otters and eagles. Tonight enjoy a special dinner marking the end of this incredible journey.

Accommodation: Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel or similar

Day 14 – Wednesday 26 August 2015 (B)
Vancouver – Sydney

Breakfast will be at the hotel this morning. A late check out has been arranged at the hotel before your transfer to the airport for your return flight to Australia.

Depart 11.40PM VANCOUVER on Air Canada

Day 15 – Friday 28 August 2015
Sydney – Melbourne

Arrive 9.15AM SYDNEY on Air Canada

You are in transit

Depart 12.10PM SYDNEY

Arrive 1.30PM MELBOURNE

Price:

\$10,520.00 Per Person Twin Share

\$1,730.00 Single Supplement

Upgrade to Gold Leaf on Rocky Mountaineer \$510.00 Per Person

7 night Holland America Alaskan Inside Passage Cruise 26August to 02 September 2015

From \$1,349.00 Per Person Share Twin – Inside Cabin

From \$1,511.00 Per Person Share Twin - Ocean View Cabin

From \$2649.00 Per Person Share Twin – Verandah Suite

What's Included:

Return Economy Airfares ex Melbourne + Taxes

13 Nights 4* Accommodation

Cooked Breakfast Daily

2 x Lunches/8 x Dinners

2 Days Silver Leaf Rocky Mountaineer (Upgrade to Gold Leaf available)

Late Checkout Vancouver Hotel

All Touring, transfers and sightseeing as outlined in itinerary

If you wish to add 7 Night Holland America Alaskan Inside Passage Cruise please ask us for a current quote

What's Not Included:

Items of a personal nature, drinks etc

Gratuities

Travel Insurance (We'll provide you with a quote)

Terms and Conditions:

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

To confirm your place with Go See Touring, we require a non-refundable deposit of \$800.00 per person with registration. Payment of the remaining balance will be required by 10 May 2015.

CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY

Go See Touring is constantly striving to improve our itineraries and inclusions. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances, beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries and to substitute inclusions.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be advised in writing. Once full payment has been received and documents issued, an airline cancellation fee of \$250 per person, hotel cancellation fee of \$250 per person plus a \$30 administration fee per booking will be charged. If cancelling within 7 days of departure 100% cancellation will apply to all air and land arrangements. Additional airline cancellation fees may apply if internal airfares are issued. All cancellation fees are subject to change at the discretion of airlines, hotels and other suppliers.

INSURANCE

Go See Touring strongly recommends travel insurance and offers several comprehensive options, details of which can be forwarded upon your request. Go See Touring requires a signed refusal prior to documents been dispatched, if you choose to arrange alternative travel insurance.

DOCUMENTATION AND PASSPORTS

A copy of your valid passport or Document of Identity (DOI) must be provided to Go See Touring at the time of booking. Posted photocopies, clear faxes or scanned files via email are accepted. If you do not have a current passport at time of booking this can be forwarded at a later date but prior to final payment.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED

Unless otherwise specified the costs of meals, drinks, laundry, tips and gratuities and items of personal nature are not included.

OUR SERVICES

The services which Go See Touring provide consist of arranging and coordinating travel, accommodation, making bookings and issuing appropriate tickets and vouchers.

OUR LIABILITY

Go See Touring undertakes to perform these services with reasonable skill and care. We will not be held liable for any loss or damage arising from acts or defaults outside our control, including (but not limited to) acts or defaults of actual travel, accommodation and suppliers. The Trade Practices Act 1974 applies to services supplied by Go See Touring.

PRICES

All prices are in Australian Dollars and are quoted per person. Due to currency fluctuations and changes in service costs, prices are subject to variation at any time until full payment is received.

UNUSED SERVICES

Refund will not be provided where due to illness or personal choice you do not utilise part of or all of your chosen package.

FORCE MAJEURE

If by any means of any event of force majeure (which shall include terrorism, pandemic or any cause or event outside our control) we shall be delayed in or prevented from performing our obligations, then such delay or non-performance shall not be deemed a breach or entitle a damages claim. Our obligations shall be suspended whilst such event of force majeure continues.

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