



# Self Drive Whistler & the Rockies

## 13 days from \$4099\*

per person twin share

**Includes airfares ex Australia**

Departs Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane: Daily 1 May - 30 September 2019

- Hotel accommodation throughout
- Ice Explorer ride on Athabasca Glacier
- Admission to either Banff or Miette Hot Springs
- Peak to Peak Gondola ride included
- Airfares and taxes included
- Itinerary available in reverse direction

Enjoy the wonders of Western Canada as you self drive at your own pace. Experience cosmopolitan Vancouver before visiting the popular alpine resorts of Whistler and Sun Peaks. Take in the grandeur of the Canadian Rockies before ending in Calgary. This trip will provide you a peaceful and tranquil way to see the natural beauty of this region and give you a truly authentic Canadian experience.

### Itinerary

**Day 1: Australia - Vancouver.** Fly from Australia to Vancouver. (B)

*Accommodation: Rosedale on Robson, Vancouver - 3 nights*

**Day 2-3: Vancouver.** Time at leisure to explore Vancouver.

**Day 4: Vancouver - Whistler (122km).** Collect a midsize rental car this morning and depart Vancouver, travelling along the scenic Sea-to-Sky Highway to Whistler. Highlights along the way include the cascading Shannon Falls and the Stawamus Chief Rock where climbers from all over the globe migrate to climb the granite cliffs. (B)

*Accommodation: Listel Whistler Hotel, Whistler - 2 nights*

**Day 5: Whistler.** This charming European inspired alpine village resort is nestled between world-renowned Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Experience the beauty of the alpine environment on the Peak 2 Peak Gondola, rising to over 7,000 feet. At the peak, be treated to unbelievable views of glaciers, extinct volcanoes, snow-capped peaks and more.

**Day 6: Whistler - Sun Peaks (293 km).** Enjoy a spectacular drive on the Duffey Lake Road and see breathtaking views of Joffre Glacier. Continue on through Lillooet and onto Cache Creek for a stop at the Historic Hat Creek before ending in Sun Peaks for overnight.

*Accommodation: Nancy Greene's Cahilly Lodge, Sun Peaks Resort - 1 night*

**Day 7: Sun Peaks to Jasper (444 km).** Follow the Thompson River through rolling plateaus to the snowy peaks of the Monashee Mountains. View Pyramid Falls and the expansive glaciers of the Albreda Icefields. Pass by Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies arriving in Jasper late afternoon.

*Accommodation: Moderate Hotel, Jasper - 2 nights*

**Day 8: Jasper.** Day at leisure to explore Jasper. Take an optional (not included) tram ride up Whistlers Mountain or a boat cruise on Maligne Lake.

**Day 9: Jasper to Banff (292 km).** View a never-ending procession of mammoth mountains, jagged peaks, over 100 glaciers and pristine emerald coloured lakes. Enroute, visit the Columbia Icefield and take an Ice Explorer ride out onto the glacier (included) before continuing onto Lake Louise. Optional stop at Johnston Canyon before ending in Banff.

*Accommodation: Elk & Avenue Hotel, Banff - 2 nights*

**Day 10: Banff.** Day at leisure to enjoy Banff. Check out the Cave and Basin National Historic Site, Banff Gondola (included) where you will see a panoramic view of the Bow Valley and then take a dip in the hot mineral pools at the Upper Hot Springs (included).

**Day 11: Banff - Calgary (115 km) - Australia.** Drive to Calgary today, along the IA Highway. En route, you may wish to stop at the historic Cochrane Ranch (not included) before dropping off your rental car at Calgary International Airport. Fly from Calgary to Australia via Vancouver.

**Day 12: Inflight.**

**Day 13: Arrive Australia.**

### Upgrades

#### Upgrade to a Full Size Car

from an additional \$27 per person, twin share.

#### Upgrade to Superior Accommodation

from an additional \$152 per person, twin share.

#### Upgrade to Deluxe Accommodation

from an additional \$168 per person, twin share.

#### Upgrade to 14 Day Itinerary

staying in unique Canadian lodges off the beaten track from an additional \$2564, twin share.

### Create your own experience

Our itineraries are flexible, use this itinerary as a starting point or contact one of our specialised consultants to assist you in creating your own travel experience.



Prices per person twin share Ex Syd, Mel, Bne

Departs	Twin	Single
01 - 11 May 2019	\$4099*	\$5725*
12 - 27 May 2019	\$4225*	\$5999*
28 May - 11 Jun 2019	\$4425*	\$6375*
12 - 23 Jun 2019	\$4649*	\$6599*
24 Jun - 06 Jul 2019	\$4749*	\$6825*
07 Jul - 23 Aug 2019	\$4525*	\$6599*
24 Aug - 10 Sep 2019	\$4425*	\$6375*
11 - 30 Sep 2019	\$4649*	\$6599*

**Price includes all pre-paid taxes**

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### Price Includes:

- Economy class airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane to Vancouver and Calgary via Vancouver to Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane with Air Canada and Qantas, Jetstar or Virgin Australia.
- Accommodation as indicated in the itinerary.
- 8 days mid-size car rental including unlimited kilometres, LDW, liability insurance cover, 1 additional driver, PST/GST, airport contract fees.
- Admission to either Banff Upper Hot Springs or Miette Hot Springs Jasper, Banff Gondola, Ice Explorer Ride on Athabasca Glacier, Peak to Peak Gondola Ride (operates May 25<sup>th</sup> to Sept 15<sup>th</sup>).
- \*Prepaid taxes. Subject to alteration until final payment has been received by our office.

### Notes

- \*Prices are correct at time of printing but are subject to availability, currency fluctuations and surcharges and are only guaranteed when paid in full.
- Melbourne price applicable to direct Air Canada services only.



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