

CANADA

LAKES & LODGES SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 11624)

STARTS AND ENDS

Vancouver to
Calgary

TRAVEL PERIODS

June - September

EXPERIENCE

Self-Drive

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Breathe in the spirit of Western Canada with its rugged canyons, weeping waterfalls and unique wildlife, while staying in iconic lodges.

Highlights

- Explore the majestic mountain passes into Yoho National Park
- Travel through the Canadian Rockies along the amazing Icefields Parkway
- Stay in remote and unique lodges set amongst stunning wilderness
- Freedom of Choice days in Jasper and Banff

Entire Bonus

Peace of Mind, Every Step of the Way

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

Leading Industry-Accredited Canada Specialist

Canada Travel is a leading, industry-accredited Canada specialist, combining genuine destination expertise with the strength and stability of an established travel group – so you can book with total confidence.

Consistently ranked among the most beautiful and liveable cities in the world, Vancouver is an exciting destination and where you will begin your self-drive exploration. A spectacular adventure packed with unique lodge stays and a mosaic of landscapes awaits you as you travel from the

rugged coastlines of the Pacific to the towering mountains of the Rockies.

Enjoy the scenic journey from Vancouver to Gold Bridge with a stop in Whistler on the way. With wide-open spaces, vibrant village and spectacular mountain landscapes, Whistler delivers adrenaline and awe in equal measure. At Gold Bridge, enjoy a two-night stay in the relaxed setting of Tyax Lodge & Heliskiing.

The route heads for the Rocky Mountains and the wilderness of Jasper National Park. The discovery of Canada's national parks continues along the scenic Icefields Parkway towards Banff National Park. Here, you will experience the majesty of Moraine Lake and Emerald Lake. After indulging in the outdoor paradise of Alberta, you conclude your driving experience in the urban cowboy city of Calgary.



CANADA SPECIALISTS



20+ YEARS EXPERIENCE



ACCREDITED & TRUSTED



ESTABLISHED PARTNERSHIPS



TAILORED ITINERARIES



ON GROUND SUPPORT

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Gold Bridge at Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing
- 1 night in Sun Peaks at Sun Peaks Grand Hotel
- 2 nights in Jasper at the Forest Park Hotel
- 1 night in Moraine Lake at Moraine Lake Lodge
- 1 night in Field at Emerald Lake Lodge
- 2 nights in Banff at Moose Hotel & Suites
- 10 days intermediate size car rental
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk Admission

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 5
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 9

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day 1	Vancouver	Gold Bridge
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Depart Vancouver and travel north along the spectacular Sea-to-Sky Highway, where the deep blue waters of Howe Sound meet towering coastal peaks. Along the way, stop to admire Shannon Falls as it cascades from the granite cliffs and view the sheer face of the Stawamus Chief. Farther north, watch for views of the Tantalus Range and Rumbling Glacier on a clear day, then continue through the dramatic Cheakamus River corridor before arriving in Whistler. Take time for a short stroll through this lively alpine village before continuing along the Duffey Lake Road, a scenic mountain route of rugged peaks, turquoise lakes and glacier views. Pass through historic Lillooet, then travel along a well-maintained gravel road to Tyax Lodge, nestled on the shores of Tyaughton Lake.

Overnight in Gold Bridge at **Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing**



Day **2**

Gold Bridge

Spend the day surrounded by the remote mountain beauty of Tyax Lodge, set beside the clear waters of Tyaughton Lake. Choose from outdoor adventures such as mountain biking, horseback riding, paddling, fishing or hiking through the surrounding wilderness, or simply slow the pace and enjoy the peaceful lakeside setting. With forested slopes, mountain views and quiet shoreline scenery, this is an ideal day to be as active or as relaxed as you wish.

Overnight in Gold Bridge at **Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing**



CREDIT: TYAX LODGE AND HELISKIING

Day **3**

Gold Bridge Sun Peaks

Leave Gold Bridge and return through the rugged landscapes surrounding Lillooet, a historic community known as “Mile Zero” of the Old Cariboo Wagon Road and an important landmark on the Gold Rush Trail. From here, continue through British Columbia’s interior, where canyon scenery, sunlit hills, ranchlands and open valleys shape the route. Pass through Cache Creek, where Historic Hat Creek offers a glimpse into the province’s Gold Rush era, before continuing toward Sun Peaks Resort, a welcoming alpine village surrounded by forested slopes and mountain views.

Overnight in Sun Peaks at the **Sun Peaks Grand Hotel**



CREDIT: SUN PEAKS TOURISM

Day **4**

Sun Peaks Jasper

Depart Sun Peaks and travel through British Columbia’s interior, following changing landscapes of forested valleys, rivers and mountain scenery. Continue toward Mount Robson Provincial Park, where the impressive slopes of Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, rise above the surrounding wilderness. From here, travel east along the Yellowhead Route and enter Jasper National Park, a vast mountain landscape known for its wildlife, glacier-fed lakes, forests and

dramatic peaks.

Overnight in Jasper at **Forest Park Hotel**



Day

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Jasper

Time to explore all that Jasper has to offer! Today you can personalise your day by pre-selecting one of three Freedom of Choice excursions below.

Overnight in Jasper at **Forest Park Hotel**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Maligne Lake Cruise:**

Cruise across Maligne Lake, one of Jasper National Park's most photographed settings. Surrounded by mountain peaks, forested shoreline and brilliant alpine water, the journey includes views toward Spirit Island, one of the Canadian Rockies' most iconic natural landmarks. *(Operating season is weather dependent)*

OR

- **Jasper River Float:**

Enjoy a gentle rafting experience on the Athabasca River, offering a relaxed and scenic perspective of Jasper National Park. Drift through a wide mountain valley with views of forests, peaks and wildlife habitat while your guide shares stories of the area's natural and human history.

OR

- **Jasper Nature Walk:**

Explore Jasper National Park on a guided nature walk through a landscape of rolling hills, jagged peaks, forests, meadows, marshes, streams and glacial lakes. Along the way, learn more about the plants, wildlife and mountain ecology that make this region so remarkable.



MOUNT EDITH CAVELL JASPER | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA

Day **6**

Jasper Moraine Lake

Depart Jasper and travel south along the Icefields Parkway, one of the most spectacular mountain drives in the world. This unforgettable route follows the spine of the Canadian Rockies, passing glacier-fed lakes, sweeping valleys, waterfalls and towering peaks. At the Columbia Icefield, step aboard the Ice Explorer for a journey onto ancient glacier ice, then continue to the Glacier Skywalk, where a glass-floored platform extends high above the Sunwapta Valley. These included experiences offer a powerful perspective on the scale, beauty and geology of this treasured region before you continue toward Moraine Lake.

Overnight in Moraine Lake at **Moraine Lake Lodge**



GLACIER SKYWALK | CREDIT: PURSUIT

Day **7**

Moraine Lake Emerald Lake

Leave the dramatic alpine setting of Moraine Lake, surrounded by the Valley of the Ten Peaks and famous for its brilliant turquoise colour. Often called the “Jewel of the Rockies,” this iconic lake offers one last look at one of Banff National Park’s most breathtaking landscapes before you travel west through scenic mountain passes into Yoho National Park. Arrive at

Emerald Lake Lodge, set beside one of the most beautiful alpine lakes in the Canadian Rockies. Breakfast is included today.

Overnight in Emerald Lake at **Emerald Lake Lodge**

Breakfast



Day
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Emerald Lake Banff

Depart the peaceful shores of Emerald Lake and travel east through Yoho National Park, whose name is a Cree expression of awe. This spectacular park is known for gem-coloured glacial lakes, waterfalls, snow-covered peaks, dense cedar and hemlock forests, historic railways, spiral tunnels and steep rock faces where mountain goats may be seen. Continue through mountain passes into Banff National Park. In summer, travellers may enjoy either the Bow Valley Parkway, known for its quieter pace, forested scenery and wildlife viewing opportunities (*subject to seasonal closures*), or the Trans-Canada Highway, which offers a faster route with sweeping mountain vistas. Along the way, Johnston Canyon is a popular highlight, where a paved trail follows the canyon walls to rushing waterfalls, turquoise pools and dramatic limestone scenery. Continue to Banff, surrounded by alpine beauty, mountain views and the lively atmosphere of one of Canada's most iconic Rockies towns.

Overnight in Banff at **Moose Hotel & Suites**



BOW VALLEY PARKWAY | CREDIT: NICK FITZHARDINGE

Day **9**

Banff

With easy access to pristine wilderness and endless outdoor adventures, in Banff National Park you feel truly immersed in nature. Today you can personalise your day by pre-selecting one of five excursions below.

Overnight in Banff at **Moose Hotel & Suites**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Banff Gondola:**

Ride the Banff Gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain for sweeping views over Banff, the Bow Valley and the surrounding peaks of Banff National Park. At the top, enjoy viewing platforms, interpretive exhibits and time to take in one of the most impressive panoramas in the Canadian Rockies.

OR

- **Lake Minnewanka Cruise:**

Cruise across the turquoise waters of Lake Minnewanka, surrounded by mountain peaks, forested shoreline and open alpine scenery. As you travel toward Devil's Gap, enjoy a relaxed and scenic perspective of one of Banff National Park's most beautiful glacier-fed lakes.

OR

- **River Explorer Canoe Tour:**

Enjoy a gentle guided canoe tour along the Bow River, where calm waters, mountain views and riverside scenery create a peaceful way to experience Banff National Park. This fun and interactive excursion is ideal for families, with no paddling experience necessary.

OR

- **Bow River Horseback Adventure:**

Saddle up for a guided horseback ride through the celebrated landscapes of Banff National Park. Follow scenic riverside trails, take in mountain views and experience the Rockies in a classic western style.

OR

- **Banff Townsite E-Bike Tour:**

Explore Banff on a relaxed guided e-bike ride to some of the town's most scenic highlights, including Bow Falls, Surprise

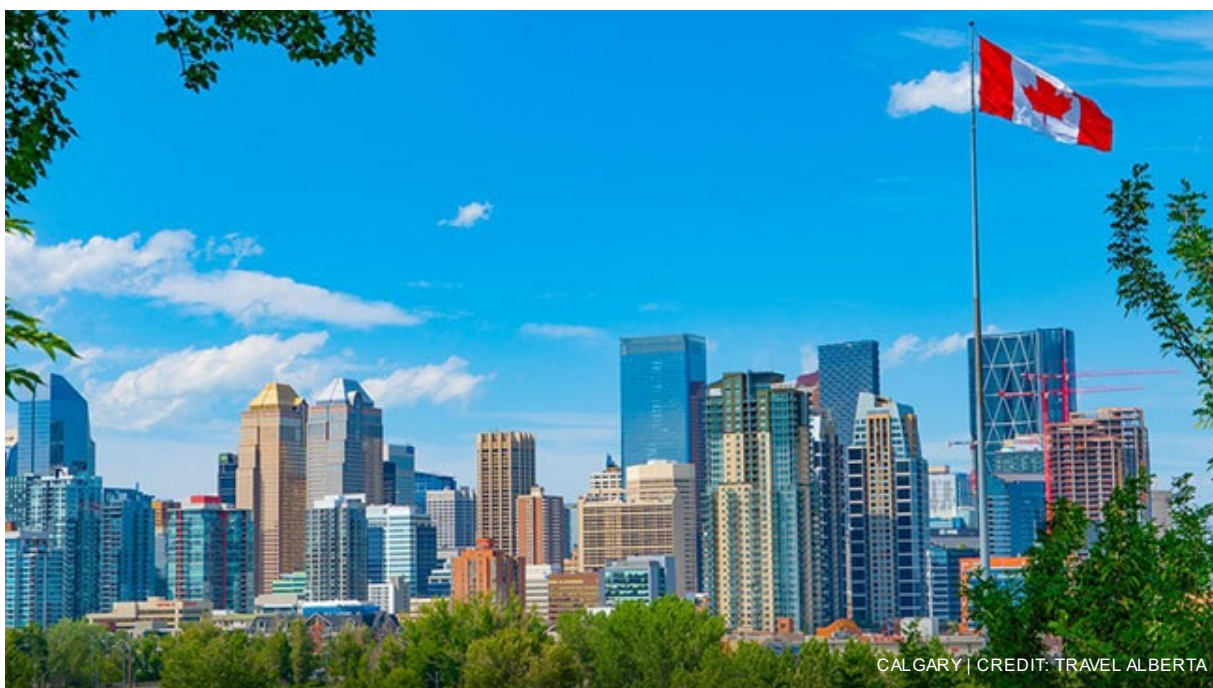
Corner, downtown Banff and the Cave and Basin National Historic Site. Enjoy mountain views, local history and an easy-paced ride suitable for beginners and families.



BANFF GONDOLA | CREDIT: PURSUIT

Day 10 Banff Calgary

Say goodbye to the fresh mountain air and majestic scenery of the Rockies as you leave Banff National Park and follow the Trans-Canada Highway east. Along the way, the dramatic peaks, forested slopes and glacier-carved valleys gradually soften into rolling foothills and wide-open prairie landscapes. If time permits, consider a scenic detour to Cochrane, a western foothills town set above the Bow River, where ranching heritage, river pathways and wide views back toward the Rockies make a relaxed final stop before Calgary.



CALGARY | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA

ACCOMMODATION

Tyax Lodge and Heliskiing

Gold Bridge

Set on the shores of Tyaughton Lake and surrounded by the mountains of the Spruce Lake Protected Area, this seasonal resort is 256 km from Vancouver. A dining room with lake views features a patio, and there's a lounge bar. The spa has treatment rooms, a dry sauna, an outdoor hot tub and a yoga studio. Other amenities include pedal boats, canoes and kayaks, trails for biking, hiking and horseback riding, as well as aerial tours.



Sun Peaks Grand Hotel

Sun Peaks

Located a scenic 45-minute jaunt from Kamloops in British Columbia's Thompson-Okanagan region, Sun Peaks Grand Hotel is the only full-service hotel experience in Sun Peaks Resort. There are chairlifts, trails and activities at the doorstep, as well as an on site grocery store, boutiques, eateries, and brand-new guest rooms delivering quiet luxury.



Forest Park Hotel

Jasper

Set amidst the breathtaking Canadian Rockies, the Forest Park Hotel (formerly the Sawridge Inn) is a resort style hotel that offers the rustic charm you'd expect in Jasper National Park. Beautiful guest rooms, on-site spa, decadent dining and heated pool with jacuzzi and steam room add to the luxury you want in your mountain getaway.



Moraine Lake Lodge

Moraine Lake

Nestled in a spectacular valley in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, Moraine Lake Lodge provides the ultimate romantic getaway for those seeking a luxurious escape for a honeymoon, anniversary, hiking experience, or a relaxing vacation. The architecture of our Banff lodge embraces the dramatic beauty of Banff National Park that surrounds us. From here you can explore all that nature has to offer or take short drives to spectacular sites like Lake Louise and the picturesque town of Banff.



Emerald Lake Lodge

Emerald Lake

Set on a 13-acre peninsula on Yoho National Park's Emerald Lake, this upscale lodge is 13.4 km from the Canadian Rocky Mountains Parks World Heritage Site and 14.8 km from Mount Field. The posh rooms feature private balconies with lake views, wood-burning fireplaces and coffeemakers, plus sitting areas. A refined restaurant serves regional cuisine, and there's a seasonal bistro. A stately lounge features a stone fireplace, plus an oak bar from an 1890s saloon.



Moose Hotel & Suites

Banff

The Moose Hotel & Suites offers mountain elegance in warm, rich and natural materials. Located a 1 minute walk from the heart of downtown Banff, the Moose Hotel & Suites features 174 air conditioned guests rooms, with a combination of One and Two Bedroom Suites and hotel rooms. Amenities include the Meadow Spa & Pools with 10 treatment rooms and private outdoor hot pool, a bright indoor swimming pool, exercise room on the 3rd floor and 2 spectacular rooftop hot pools with views of the Canadian Rockies. Dining is available at Pacini Italian Restaurant, featuring gourmet Italian food with authentic flavours and friendly service.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
French & English	Canadian Dollars

FROM price reflects the lowest available price within the advertised travel period (e.g. April to October). Pricing varies depending on travel dates, availability and demand, and may not be available on all departures. Higher pricing applies during peak and shoulder periods. Final pricing is confirmed at the time of enquiry or booking. Please refer to **Pricing & Price Conditions** for full details, including inclusions, exclusions and other conditions.

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