



British Columbia's
Mountain Playground



KOOTENAY ROCKIES

Majestic Crossing

Majestic Crossing – North

Featuring the Kootenay Rockies & the Thompson Okanagan

From Vancouver head east on Highway #1 to **Hope**. Once you reach Hope, take the **Coquihalla Highway (Hwy #5)** north to **Merritt**.

Once in Merritt head east on Highway #97C, over the **Pennask Pass** (BC's second highest highway pass) to Kelowna.

Kelowna has long been the Okanagan's largest urban centre and is known as the "*City of Summer*".

Prior to departing **Kelowna** be sure to save some time to visit one of the Wineries in the Okanagan. *Mission Hills* is the largest winery in the Okanagan Valley and has recently completed a multi-million dollar expansion. Or visit the *Gray Monk Estate Winery & Vineyards* in Winfield.

Depart **Kelowna** heading north on Highway #97, to **Vernon** and then north-east to **Sicamous**.

The Okanagan Valley is also known for its fresh fruit and vegetables. One of the largest markets is *Gatzke's Farm Market* in **Oyama**.

After a quick stop, it is a short drive to **Vernon** and the *O'Keefe Historical Ranch*. The Ranch was home to the

first pioneer families to the Valley and highlights early life of farming & ranching in the region.

Once you reach **Sicamous**, follow Highway #1 east along the *Shuswap Lake* area to **Revelstoke**. There are several attractions located along this route, a few of them include the *Crazy Creek Falls*, the *Enchanted Forest* and *Three Valley Gap Ghost Town*.

The community of **Revelstoke** owes its existence to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the 1880's. The *Revelstoke Railway Museum* tells the dramatic story of the building of the railway.

Just east of **Revelstoke's** city limits is *Mount Revelstoke National Park*. This park occupies 260 square kms of a landscape of rugged snow-capped peaks, sub-alpine wildflowers and lush rainforests.

A recommended stop-over is *Canyon Hot Springs Resort*. A soak in the natural hot pool will revive you for the rest of the day.

From **Canyon Hot Springs**, continue heading east on Hwy #1 through *Glacier National Park* and **Rogers Pass**

(1,300-m summit) to **Golden**.

Once you reach **Golden**, head up to *Kicking Horse Mountain* and experience the rush of the *Golden Eagle Express* (an 8-passenger gondola). At the top, you will have a breathtaking "birds-eye-view" of the entire Columbia Valley.

From **Golden** head east on Highway #1 to **Yoho National Park**. The word "Yoho" is a native Cree expression of awe and wonder.

While traveling through the park, there are several 'wondrous' attractions just a short drive off the Hwy #1. They include, *Wapta Falls*; *Emerald Lake*, the *Natural Bridge*, *Spiral Tunnels Viewpoint*, *Takakkaw Falls* and *Lake O'Hara*.

Continue on Highway #1 south through the *Banff National Park* to **Banff**, Alberta. There is a lot to see and do in **Banff**; the downtown area is full of shops, pubs and restaurants for you to discover.

Continue heading east to **Calgary, AB**.



Number of Days	5 Days/4 Nights
Tour Distance	1,020 km/615 mi
<i>Day 1: Vancouver to Kelowna</i>	<i>5 1/2 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 2: Kelowna to Revelstoke</i>	<i>2 1/2 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 3: Revelstoke to Golden</i>	<i>2 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 4: Golden to Banff</i>	<i>2 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 5: Banff to Calgary</i>	<i>1 1/2 Hour Drive</i>

Special Interest

Banff—Whyte Museum, Sulphur Mountain Gondola, Boat Tours to Devil's Gap (Lake Minnewanka), Natural Hot Springs

Glacier/Mt. Revelstoke National Park—The Summit, Giant Cedars Board Walk, Rogers Pass Interpretive Centre

Golden—Kicking Horse Mtn Resort & Gondola, Columbia Wetlands

Kelowna/Vernon - Wineries, Orchard Stands, O'Keefe Historical Ranch

Oyama—Gatzke's Farm Market

Revelstoke—Crazy Creek Falls, Enchanted Forest, Three Valley Gap

Ghost Town, Revelstoke Railway Museum, Canyon Hot Springs

Yoho National Park—Wapta Falls, Emerald Lake, Natural Bridge, Spiral Tunnel, Takakkaw Falls, Lake O'Hara

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The Majestic Crossing—North Tour follows Highway #1 from Vancouver to Calgary. A southern route along Highway #3 (Calgary to Vancouver) is the second portion of the tour. There are two International Airport Gateways for this tour, Vancouver, British Columbia in the west and Calgary, Alberta in the east. Regional airport gateways include Kelowna, Castlegar and Cranbrook.



Kelowna's Waterfront



Emerald Lake - Yoho National Park

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