



British Columbia's
Mountain Playground



KOOTENAY ROCKIES

Majestic Crossing

Majestic Crossing – South

Featuring the Kootenay Rockies & the Thompson Okanagan

From **Calgary** head south on Highway #2, towards **Fort MacLeod** and the fascinating native heritage site, *Head-Smashed-in-Buffalo-Jump*. This World Heritage Site is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved buffalo jumps.

Head west on Highway #3 to **Sparwood**, home to the *Terex Titan*, the world's largest dump truck.

It is a quick side trip to **Elkford**, just 35 kms (21 miles) north of Sparwood. The trail to *Josephine Falls* is a short walk through the forest to the magnificent falls.

The City of **Fernie** grew in prosperity as a railroad town. The original buildings built during the early 1900's are still here and available to view with a *Self-Guided Walking Tour*.

From **Fernie**, it is a short drive west to **Fort Steele Heritage Town**. This heritage town is a fascinating living history museum.

Located in **Cranbrook** is the *Canadian Museum of Rail Travel*. This museum succeeds in capturing the romance of a bygone era.

From **Cranbrook**, continue west on Highway

#3 to the community of **Creston** and the *Creston Valley Wildlife Centre*. 17,000 acres of lush wetland ecosystem is home to more than 265 species of nesting and migrating birds.

From **Creston** head north on Highway #3A to the communities of **Crawford & Kootenay Bay**. Visit the many unique *Artisans* along the way. Take the free Kootenay Lake Ferry to **Balfour**.

Before heading to **Nelson** head north on Highway #3A/31 to **Kaslo**. Two main attractions located along this scenic highway are **Ainsworth Hot Springs** (natural mineral hot springs) and the *SS Moyie* (largest sternwheeler in the world).

But **Nelson** offers more than just great heritage. Visitors are encouraged to discover why **Nelson** was named "*Best Small Arts Town in Canada*".

From **Nelson**, head southwest to the communities of **Castlegar, Trail and Rosland**. **Castlegar** has a strong Russian heritage and it can be seen by visiting the community's fascinating attractions, including the *Doukhobor Museum & Zuckerberg Island*.

Rosland is home to the *LeRoi Gold Mine* (a

unique museum of hardrock gold mining). While visiting the **Rosland/Trail** area, be sure to include a visit to the *Columbia Garden Vineyard & Winery*, just south of **Trail** (Hwy #22A).

From **Trail** or **Rosland** head east to the community of **Christina Lake**. This lakeside community offers an array of water-sports and is the best summer family destination.

From **Christina Lake** continue heading east to **Osoyoos**. This stretch of highway will lead you past **Grand Forks, Greenwood and Midway**. Once in **Osoyoos**, head north on Highway #97 to **Penticton**.

The drive to **Kelowna** (from **Osoyoos**) is also known as the "*Golden Mile*" - due to the number of wineries along the route. Be sure to spend some time in this area sampling BC's best wines!

From **Penticton**, head north on Hwy #97 to **Kelowna** (wine tours are also available at the many wineries near this community), and then head west on Hwy #97C to **Merritt** and finally follow Hwy #1 to **Vancouver**.



Number of Days	4 Days/3 Nights
Tour Distance	1,455 km/875 mi
Day 1: Calgary to Fernie	5 Hour Drive
Day 2: Fernie to Nelson	4 Hour Drive
Day 3: Nelson to Penticton	5 1/2 Hour Drive
Day 4: Penticton to Vancouver	5 1/2 Hour Drive

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Special Interest

Ainsworth/Kaslo—Ainsworth Hot Springs, SS Moyie, Cody Caves
 Castlegar—Doukobor Museum, Zuckerberg Island Chapel, Railway Museum
 Cranbrook—Cdn Museum of Rail Travel, Fort Steele Heritage Town
 Creston—Creston Valley Wildlife Management Centre
 East Shore—Boswell's Glass House, local Artisans
 Elkford—Josephine Falls, Elk Lakes Provincial Park
 Fernie—Heritage Walking Tours & Outdoor Recreational Activities
 Fort McLeod—Head-Smashed-in-Buffalo Jump, Fort Museum
 Nelson—Heritage Buildings, Art Walk, Waterfront Park & Beach
 Osoyoos—Desert Interpretive Centre, Wineries & Orchards
 Penticton—'Golden Mile' Winery Tours
 Sparwood—Terex Titan Truck, Downtown Murals

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The Majestic Crossing—South follows Highway #3 from Calgary to Vancouver. A northern route along Highway #1 (Vancouver to Calgary) 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.



Ainsworth Hot Springs



Columbia Garden Winery, Trail BC

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