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This Circle Route features the Kootenay Rockies & the Thompson Okanagan

Begin your journey in **Golden**, this town offers endless outdoor adventures. Travelling south on Highway #93/95 will take you through the beautiful Columbia Valley to the cities of **Kimberley** and **Cranbrook**, showcased in *The Great Circle Route* tour.

Continue southwest on Crowsnest Highway #3, to the town of **Creston**. Creston is home of the world famous *Kokanee Beer*. Or stop by the *Creston Valley Wildlife Centre* for a self-guided tour of the marshlands.

Continuing west on Hwy #3 to **Salmo**, then drive north on Hwy #6 to historic **Nelson** and be sure to take the self-guided walking tour of 350 restored heritage buildings or ride Streetcar #23 along the waterfront.

Hwy #3A will bring you to **Castlegar**. Rich in history and *Doukhobor* culture, Castlegar also offers superb recreational activities such as boating and fly-fishing.

The cities of **Rosland** and **Trail** are a short drive south on Hwy #22. **Rosland**, known as the 'Mountain Biking Capital of Canada' offers chairlift accessed hiking and biking trails. And the, *Columbia Gardens Vineyard and Winery* in **Trail** feature guided

wine tours and tasting. Take Hwy #3B north to the Crowsnest Highway #3 and head west to the community of **Christina Lake**. Christina Lake is one of the best summer family vacation destinations.

Continue travelling west on the Crowsnest Hwy #3; you'll pass through many historical villages along the way, such as **Greenwood**, **Midway**, **Rock Creek** and **Bridesville**.

At the Highway junctions of #3 and #97 is **Osoyoos** - Canada's only true desert town offering a plethora of First Nations culture, winery experiences and family recreation. Visit *Nk'mip Desert Heritage Centre & Cellars* - North America's first Aboriginal owned and operated winery.

The drive north from **Osoyoos** to **Kelowna** is along the 'Wine Route'. It is the site of the Okanagan Valley's most productive vineyards and orchards.

**Penticton** is a must see! Set between Okanagan Lake and Skaha Lake, this city has something for everyone - culture, heritage, wineries and orchard markets and outdoor adventures. Climb aboard the vintage *Kettle Valley Steam Railway* in **Summerland**.

It is one of BC's few remaining fully operational steam railways.

The beautiful city of **Kelowna**, set alongside the grand Okanagan Lake, plays host to numerous outdoor water activities and events.

The scenic landscape surrounding **Vernon** is complemented by the wide range of activities it offers. You'll want to check out the *O'Keefe Historical Ranch*. This Ranch was home to the first pioneer families to the valley and highlights early life of ranching in the area.

Highway #97A will bring you to the town of **Sicamous** & the Shuswap Lake area. You might enjoy a houseboating cruise on Shuswap Lake. It offers 1,000 km (620 mi) of shoreline, which also provides a vast area to swim, camp, fish, hike and bike.

The TransCanada Highway #1 will lead you to historic **Craigellachie** and the alpine city of **Revelstoke**. Be sure to spend time exploring *Mount Revelstoke* and *Glacier National Parks*. One of British Columbia's great mountain crossings, **Rogers Pass**, takes you back to the town of **Golden**.



<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>6 Days/5 Nights</b>
<b>Tour Distance</b>	<b>800 km/500 mi</b>
Day 1: Golden to Cranbrook	3 Hour Drive
Day 2: Cranbrook to Nelson	3 Hour Drive
Day 3: Nelson to Osoyoos	3 Hour Drive
Day 4: Osoyoos to Kelowna	2 Hour Drive
Day 5: Kelowna to Revelstoke	3 Hour Drive
Day 6: Revelstoke to Golden	1 Hour Drive

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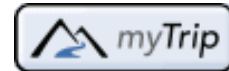
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**Special Interest**

*Cranbrook— Cnd Museum of Rail Travel, Fort Steele Heritage Town*

*Christina Lake— Watersport activities & Kettle Valley Rail Line*

*Golden— Kicking Horse Mtn Resort/Gondola, Columbia Wetlands*

*Kelowna— Wineries & Watersport activities & events*

*Nelson— Heritage Tour, Streetcar #23, Cultural Events & Activities*

*Osoyoos—Desert Centre, NK'mip Desert & Heritage Centre*

*Penticton— Okanagan & Skaha Lake and Naramata*

*Revelstoke— Railway Museum, BC Hydro Dam, Mt. Revelstoke & Glacier*

*National Parks*

*Shuswap Area— Houseboating on the Shuswap Lake*

*Summerland— Kettle Valley Railway & Summerland Sweets*

*Vernon— O'Keefe Historical Ranch & Orchard Markets*

**This panoramic tour connect the Kootenay Rockies and the Thompson Okanagan regions. The loop is rich in heritage sites, cultural events and outdoor adventure opportunities. Calgary Alberta, Vancouver British Columbia and Spokane Washington are the international gateways for this circle route and the regional airports include Castlegar, Cranbrook, Trail and Kelowna.**



Mountain Biking in Rosland



Columbia Garden Winery, Trail BC