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This Circle Tour features the west side of the Kootenay Rockies

Halcyon Hot Springs is just a short distance along Hwy #23 and the Upper Arrow Lake, offers a place of recreation and wellness in a spectacular setting with four pools, accommodation, gift shop, restaurant, spa and adventure packages.

Also on the shores of the Arrow Lake is the village of **Nakusp**. Take a walk along the waterfront pathway and check out an exquisite *Japanese Garden*. High in the Columbia Mountain range, *Nakusp Hot Springs* occupies a beautiful setting, with hot and warm pools, cabins and camping facilities.

Across the magnificent Valhalla mountain range and New Denver glacier, the small towns of **New Denver** and **Silverton** sit on the unspoiled shore of Slocan Lake. Experience nature's beauty and historical aspects on an atv tour or visit *The Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre* in New Denver; it tells the story of the internment of thousands of Canadians of Japanese descent during World War II.

Discover British Columbia's legendary ghost city - **Sandon**, a short drive (or cycle on the Galena Trail) from New Denver, and experience

the silver rush of the 1800s. Historical treasures include the City Hall and Interpretive Centre, Generating Station, Prospector's Pick gift shop and much more. The wonderful *Idaho Peak* hiking trail begins at Sandon, as does the *Kaslo & Slocan Railway Historic Trail* - a 5 km (3 mi) trail taking you by historic mine shafts and artifacts of the past.

On to **Slocan** and **Winlaw**, by travelling south on Hwy #6. Winlaw, is probably the funkiest little town in the valley; it features an import store, metaphysical bookstore, yoga studio and hidden galleries.

Follow the Slocan River and Hwy #6 to the 'Queen City' **Nelson** one of the oldest city on the west-side of the Kootenay Rockies region. Nelson is home to many fine heritage buildings, from elegant mansions to elaborate commercial structures and offers even more than just great heritage. The community's annual *Art Walk* (July & August) showcases the local artists' incredible work.

Carry-on in a northerly direction on Hwy #3A along the west arm of Kootenay Lake to *Ainsworth Hot Springs* where you'll want to rejuvenate

in the hot, natural, mineral springs water. Just minutes away, discover the *Cody Caves Provincial Park* by spelunking on a guided underground tour. You'll view a spectacular array of formations such as stalactites, soda straws and waterfalls.

The village of **Kaslo** is set at the highway junctions of #31/#31A. The restored *SS Moyie*, the world's oldest stern-wheeler and proud symbol of Kaslo's heritage, sits on the shores of Kootenay Lake. Kaslo's 19th-century buildings have also benefitted from this community's commitment to its heritage and if you like music, come for the *Jazz Festival* - showcasing the world's best on a floating stage each August holiday weekend.

Continue travelling north on Hwy #31 along Kootenay Lake. *Past the village of Howser, and along Trout Lake and the Goat Range Park, Highway #31 turns into a gravel road.*

You'll want to venture into this wilderness area and explore the friendly, small communities for a while before you conclude the Silvery Slocan tour.



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Number of Days	3 Days/2 Nights
Tour Distance	405 km/240 mi
<i>Day 1: Revelstoke to Nakusp</i>	<i>1 1/2 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 2: Nakusp to Nelson</i>	<i>2 1/2 Hour Drive</i>
<i>Day 3: Nelson to Galena Bay</i>	<i>3 Hour Drive</i>

Special Interest

Ainsworth—Natural Hot Springs & Resort

Kaslo—SS Moyie, Lanigan Cultural Centre, Jazz Festival

Nakusp— Nakusp & Halcyon Hot Springs, Japanese Gardens & Waterfront

*Nelson— Heritage Walking Tours, Capital Theatre, ArtWalk, Nelson
Museum, Nelson Brewing Company*

New Denver— Nikkei Memorial Internment Centre, Silvery Slocan Museum

Provincial Parks—Cody Caves, Glacier, Goat Range, Valhalla

Sandon—Heritage Town, K&S Railway Trail, Idaho Peak Look-out

Silverton—Silverton Gallery & Museum

Trout Lake—Windsor Hotel, Hiking/Biking/Off Road Trails, Fishing

The Arrow Lakes played a crucial role in the Silvery Slocan mining boom of the late 1800s - dreamers and schemers flocked to the area. Today, people come for the hot springs, to explore the historic mining memorabilia and for the relaxed ambiance. This tour can begin with a beautiful 30 minute ferry ride to Galena Bay and a wonderful soak in a hot springs pool.



Nakusp's Waterfront



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