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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Stanley Park

Winery Tour

Glacier, Yoho, Banff, Jasper National Park

Columbia Icefield & Butchart Gardens

Canada's national parks and scenic drives highlight this wonderful Canadian Rockies tour that overnights in Vancouver, Kelowna, Banff National Park, Jasper National Park, Sun Peaks, Whistler, and Victoria. You'll spend time in Banff National Park –Canada's first national park—with its valleys, mountains, glaciers, forests, rivers, and meadows, and Jasper National Park, with its majestic mountains and abundant wildlife. Other Canadian national parks on this tour include Glacier National Park, with its rugged mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls, and Yoho National Park, with its vertical rockwalls, waterfalls, and beautiful peaks.

In addition to national parks, you'll also visit some of Canada's most popular resort towns on this Canadian Rockies tour. In the resort city of Kelowna, attractively set on the shores of Lake Okanagan and surrounded by orchards and vineyards, enjoy a winery tour. In the mountain resort of Sun Peaks, you'll overnight after a beautiful drive that includes passing Mount Robson, the Canadian Rockies' highest mountain at 12,972 feet. You'll also overnight and have a full day in Whistler, host of the 2010 Winter Olympics. Here you can hike, explore the village, or take an optional excursion, including flightseeing by floatplane over the lakes and glaciated peaks.

A tour highlight is a stop at the Columbia Icefield, the largest expanse of ice in the Canadian Rockies. Here, you'll ride the Ice Explorer that travels on ice that is 1,200 feet thick. You'll also travel to the Pacific Coast, where you'll sail across the Strait of Georgia to Victoria for a sightseeing tour, two overnights, free time to discover some of Victoria's most popular attractions, and a visit to Butchart Gardens, rated as one of the most beautiful gardens in the world.

For the value-minded traveller, this tour exploring the Canadian Rockies is an unforgettable holiday not to be missed!

Day 1 : KUALA LUMPUR-VANCOUVER

Welcome to Vancouver! Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Day 2 : VANCOUVER

This morning, an included city tour highlights **STANLEY PARK**, Chinatown, the harbor, beaches, and more. The rest of the day is at leisure; your Tour Director can suggest ways to further explore the city. Maybe take a water taxi to Granville Island with outdoor markets, street musicians, and waterfront cafés. Or, visit historic Gastown with its steam-powered clock.

Day 3 : VANCOUVER-KELOWNA

Our journey begins in British Columbia's fertile valleys and continues through rich mountain forests to Lake Okanagan. Travel along the lake to the resort city of Kelowna, attractively set on the lake shore and surrounded by orchards and vineyards. Sample local wines on the included **WINERY TOUR**.

Day 4 : KELOWNA-GLACIER NATIONAL PARK-YOHO NATIONAL PARK-BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Motor north through the Okanagan Valley, famous for its peaches and vineyards. Climb up 4,379-foot-high Rogers Pass in **GLACIER NATIONAL PARK**. Take a break at the pass, perfect for photos of the rugged mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls. Enter **YOHO NATIONAL PARK** and scale Kicking Horse Pass at 5,421 feet. Reach **BANFF NATIONAL PARK**, gateway to the majestic Canadian Rockies. An orientation tour includes Banff's unspoiled beauty.

Day 5 : BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Banff is one of Canada's favorite year-round resorts, and home to 53 species of mammals. The most commonly seen are deer and big horn sheep. If the timing is right, you may spot black bears, grizzly, or wolves. Your Tour Director will also have suggestions for an optional helicopter ride over the Canadian Rockies.

Day 6 : BANFF NATIONAL PARK-LAKE LOUISE-COLUMBIA ICEFIELD-JASPER NATIONAL PARK

First, to Lake Louise, its turquoise waters a perfect natural mirror that reflects the mountains and glaciers. Precipitous gorges, snowcapped summits, and lakes of exquisite blues and greens come into view as the motorcoach continues northward into **JASPER NATIONAL PARK**. A highlight today is a stop at the **COLUMBIA ICEFIELD** to ride the Ice Explorer that travels on ice that's 750 feet thick.

This afternoon, join our optional float trip down the Athabasca River. Enjoy an orientation tour of Jasper townsite upon arrival.

Day 7 : JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Today, join our optional excursion to Maligne Lake and Spirit Island, and embark on a narrated cruise. The balance of the day is free to enjoy everything Jasper has to offer—from quaint shops to meandering wildlife.

Day 8 : JASPER NATIONAL PARK-MOUNT ROBSON-SUN PEAKS

Leave Jasper and follow the Fraser River to the base of Mount Robson, the highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies, peaking at 12,972 feet. Continue following the Yellowhead Highway south along the North Thompson River—a route pioneered by fur trappers. Overnight at the Sun Peaks mountain resort.

Day 9 : SUN PEAKS-LILLOOET-WHISTLER

Head south, following the once treacherous Cariboo Wagon Trail. Via Lillooet, “Mile 0 of the Gold Rush Route,” your motorcoach will follow the shores of Seton and Duffey Lakes with a late-afternoon arrival in Whistler.

Day 10 : WHISTLER-FERRY CROSSING-VICTORIA

Spend the day in the alpine resort of Whistler, nestled at the base of breathtaking Blackcomb Mountain. Enjoy free time to explore many sites of the 2010 Winter Olympics held here. You may decide to join one of many optional excursions, including a flightseeing excursion by floatplane over the glaciated peaks, or a gondola ride between Whistler and Blackcomb mountains—the perfect bear-spotting vantage point.

Day 11 : VICTORIA

Set sail across the Strait of Georgia, known for its Mediterranean-type climate. Afternoon sightseeing in Victoria includes world-famous **BUTCHART GARDENS**, Bastion Square, and Thunderbird Park with its unusual collection of totem poles.

Day 12 : VICTORIA-FERRY CROSSING-VANCOUVER

A day at leisure gives you the chance to discover this splendid city; including the Royal British Columbia Museum, shopping on Government Street, or a leisurely stroll around the harbor. Perhaps join the optional wildlife and whale-watching trip cruising the beautiful waters of the San Juan and Gulf Islands, looking for whales, porpoises, seals, and eagles.

Day 13 : VANCOUVER-KUALA LUMPUR

A scenic ferry crossing to the mainland, where the trip ends with guests departing on individual schedules. Transfers to Vancouver International Airport are included. Please schedule flights after 1:30 pm.

Day 14 : ARRIVE KUALA LUMPUR

(Breakfast)

Arrive Kuala Lumpur, Welcome Home!

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- International Flight Ticket
- Accommodation
- Tipping
- Arrival/Departure transfer
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Touring by private, air-conditioned motorcoach. Free Wi-Fi (where available)

PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- Personal expenses such as drinks at meals, camera fees to tour sites
- Meals
- Any other expenses which is not mentioned in the Itinerary.
- High season surcharge, Public Holiday, Festival Season [if applicable]
- Tipping to porters/ luggage fee if any
- Canada Visa

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