

SPECIALLY PREPARED PROGRAM FOR THE CREDIT RIVER PROBUS CLUB

DISCOVER BC

JUNE 06 – 22, 2019 (17 DAYS)

British Columbia is a land of immense natural beauty that boasts dozens of spectacular places to explore. It has ten mountain ranges that push west from the Rockies in a crowded parade until they fall into the Pacific. Higher up, mountain passes link whole ecosystems, and water sheds. It's a wild place where Mother Nature creates the boundaries. Not man. And while she demands respect, her handiwork offers massive rewards for those who come to explore its beauty.

This is Canada at its best.



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DAY 1 / JUN 06 / DEPART TORONTO – KELOWNA (D)

We meet at Pearson International airport for our Air Canada flight to Vancouver. We recommend that since we have ample time in Vancouver that you have a hot lunch at the airport. We will have gained three hours with the time difference between Ontario and British Columbia. We then board our short flight onward to Kelowna.

Tentative flight schedule: Air Canada

AC 103 / Toronto – Vancouver / depart 8:00am / arrive 9:49am

AC8412 / Vancouver – Kelowna / depart 11:05am / arrive 12:00 noon

Kelowna lies in the heart of British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, the largest city on Okanagan Lake, surrounded by provincial parks, pine forest, vineyards, orchards and mountains. Its downtown area incorporates waterfront City Park and a lakeside cultural district. Our coach and guide will start our afternoon of touring as we visit the campus of UBC. UBC is one of North America's largest public research and teaching institutions, and one of only two Canadian institutions consistently ranked among the world's 40 best universities. Today we visit Mission Hill. They invite us to experience the nature and art of winemaking by walking the lush on-site vineyards, visiting the underground cellars and sampling fine wine by the glass. We check into our hotel with some time to relax before enjoying a welcome dinner at our hotel.

Accommodation: Grand Okanagan Resort (1 night)

DAY 2 / JUN 07 / KELOWNA – OSOYOOS (B, L)

We enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we head south to Osoyoos, where we discover the fascinating stories of Canada's only desert and share in the rich living culture of the Okanagan people. We have lots to see today starting with a visit to the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre an award-winning interpretive centre in Osoyoos. The 9000 square foot interpretive centre exhibits 2 films, the Inkameep Day School Art Exhibition, indoor and outdoor interactive exhibits, a 1.5 km walking trail, a reconstructed traditional Okanagan village and interpreter hosted programs.

Lunch is included today. Then a visit to the Nk'Mip Vineyards. Here in the hottest and driest part of Canada, over 500 Osoyoos Band members secure and share a legacy of hard work and a passionate respect for nature. The word Nk'Mip translates to "Bottomland" in English, being located at the southern end of the Osoyoos reservation. The band has a long history of growing grapes and owns 340 acres making it the largest vineyard acreage in the Okanagan Valley. Relax and enjoy the cellar tour and barrel tasting. We spend the next two nights in Osoyoos at the Spirit Ridge at Nk'Mip Resort. Dinner on your own this evening.

Accommodation: Spirit Ridge at Nk'Mip Resorts (2 nights)



Downtown Kelowna at Near Cedar Creek Park



Manning Park Lodge

DAY 3 / JUN 08 / OSOYOOS – SUMMERLAND – OSOYOOS (B,L)

Breakfast at the hotel before we depart for Summerland. We invite you to join the Kettle Valley Steam Railway as it showcases a unique part of the Okanagan's and British Columbia's history. Built during 1910 to 1915, the 'Kootenay to Coast Connection' powered the fruit industry into world markets and created stories that will be with us forever. See beautiful vistas, from lush orchards and vineyards to a spectacular view from the Trout Creek Bridge 238 feet above the canyon floor. The sight and sounds of the restored 1912 steam locomotive will bring the era alive as you ride along this 90 minute journey in a vintage passengers coach.

Lunch today will be served at the Burrowing Owl Estate Winery. Our final stop is the Osoyoos Desert Railway Museum featuring more than 45 computer controlled trains running through very detailed landscaping with European styled towns and houses. Imagine the work with over 19,000 hand-painted little people! You will enjoy their unique selection of different souvenirs which of course include toy trains.

We return to hotel for an evening at leisure.

DAY 4 / JUN 09 / OSOYOOS – VICTORIA (B,L)

Following breakfast we depart for Victoria via Highway 3. We will make brief stops along the way. Our first stop is at Spotted Lake, a mineral rich lake located in the eastern Similkameen Valley of B.C. Most of the water of the lake evaporates over the summer, revealing colourful mineral deposits. Large "spots" on the lake appear and are coloured according to the mineral composition and seasonal amount of precipitation. In summer, remaining minerals in the lake harden to form natural "walkways" around and between the spots. Quite a unique site! A striking rock bluff along the Similkameen River provides a focus for the tiny Bromley Rock Provincial Park. We stop for lunch today at Manning Park Lodge, located in the heart of the Cascade Mountains.

Farewell to beautiful southern BC as we take the ferry from Tsawassen through the beautiful Gulf Islands late this afternoon. We arrive at Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island from where we continue our drive for one last hour to our hotel in Victoria. Dinner on your own this evening.

Tentative ferry schedule: Tsawassen – Swartz Bay / depart 5:00pm / arrive 7:00pm

Accommodation: Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites (2 nights)

DAY 5 / JUN 10 / VICTORIA (B, D)

The capital city of British Columbia, Victoria boasts many historic buildings and some of the best museums in Western Canada. You have a free morning to explore the harbour area or local museums of choice.

In the afternoon, we will travel by coach to Butchart Gardens. Mr. Robert Butchart, a pioneer in the thriving North American cement industry, was attracted to the Canada's west coast by rich limestone deposit. In 1904 he developed a quarry and built a cement plant and home at Tod Inlet. As Mr. Butchart exhausted limestone deposits, his enterprising wife Jennie, had tons of top soil brought in by horse and cart and used it to line the floor of the then abandoned quarry. Little by little, the quarry blossomed into the spectacular Sunken Garden. Today the Butchart Gardens is a group of floral display receiving more than a million visits yearly. In 2004, the Gardens was designated a National Historic Site of Canada.

We return to our hotel late afternoon for dinner at our hotel.



Owl Estate Winery



Butchart Gardens

DAY 6 / JUN 11 / VICTORIA – TOFINO (B, L)

Breakfast at the hotel, after which we will depart for Tofino. We will make brief stops along the way. We will explore Old West Saanich Road to Brentwood Bay, ferry across Saanich Inlet, and landing at Bamberton.

Tentative ferry schedule: Brentwood Bay – Mill Bay / depart 9:50am / arrive 10:25am

We will then have a walking tour of murals in Chemainus. The Chemainus Murals have inspired communities throughout the world to explore their roots, to beautify their towns, and instill pride.

Lunch included today at the Old Country Market in Coombs. The original market was created by Kristian Graaten. Kris and his wife, Solveig, immigrated with their children to Vancouver Island from Norway in the 1950's. Kris, who grew up in the small community of Lillehammer, was inspired to include a sod roof in his design of the market. And now the question, "What if we put goats on the roof?" Well, it was the weekend of the Coombs Fall Fair and the grass was getting rather long. Legend has it that, after a few glasses of wine, Larry suggested that they 'borrow' some goats to 'mow' the grass and perhaps provide some entertainment for passing cars. Needless to say, the goats became permanent tenants of the Coombs market that weekend and have been there for more than thirty years.

Our day ends at Tofino Resort and Marina, our home for the next three nights.

Dinner on your own this evening

Accommodation: Tofino Resort & Marina (3 nights)

DAY 7 / JUN 12 / FREE DAY (B)

The relaxed town of Tofino sits on the peninsula's tip. Tofino is a village, making a visit to our shops and galleries an easy walk. Free day to explore. For sure visit the crab dock where crab fishermen store traps, and unload fresh crab.

You also might like to see the Wickaninnish Inn offering panoramic views of the open Pacific, nearby islands and the natural sweep of spectacular Chesterman Beach. The Pointe Restaurant is one of Tofino's top restaurants with over 240 degrees of Pacific Ocean and refined West Coast cuisine.

DAY 8 / JUN 13 / TOFINO (B, D)

Today we take to the water for a tour and whale watching. Grey Whales. Killer Whales, Humpback Whales. Watch these gentle giants breach, spyhop, spout and more on our 3 hour tour with our local guide. Don't forget to bring your camera!

Special chef's dinner included at our hotel this evening.

DAY 9 / JUN 14 / TOFINO – HAIDA GWAII (B, D)

After breakfast, we will head to the airport and depart for Sandspit (Haida Gwaii), formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands, via specially chartered flights. Haida Gwaii means "Islands of the People." The area consists of more than 150 islands of varying sizes. This remote and rugged archipelago is steeped in the ancient culture of the Haida First Nation. Here you see glorious old-growth rainforest, rich marine environment and cultural treasures.

Tentative flight schedule: Pacific Coastal
Group One: Tofino – Sandspit / depart 10:45am / arrive 12:09pm

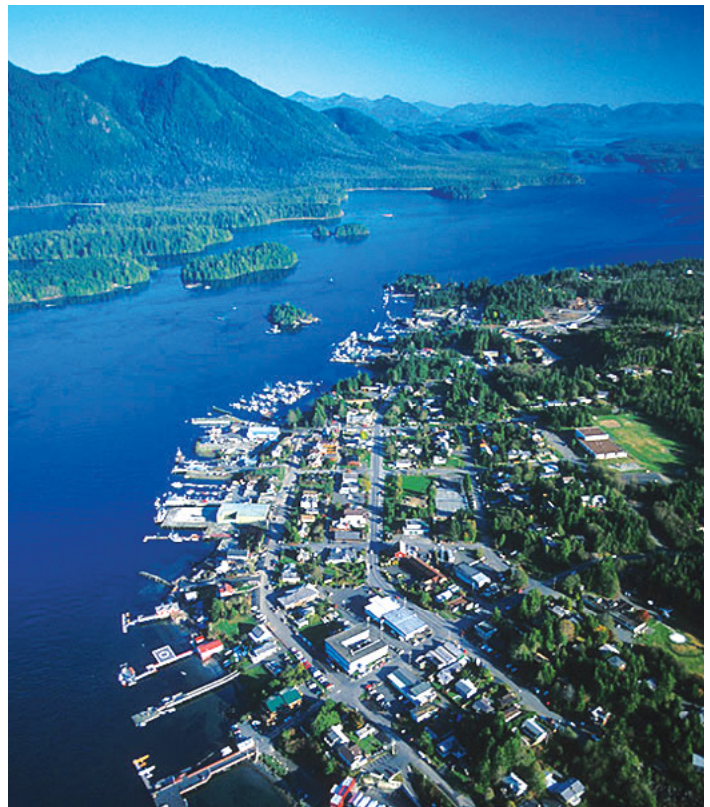
Repositioning of aircraft / Sandspit – Tofino /
depart 12:25pm / arrive 1:49pm

Group Two: Tofino – Sandspit / depart 2:10am /
arrive 3:34pm

Upon arrival, meet staff from your lodge and transfer to your lodge for the next 3 nights.

Dinner at our lodge this evening.

Accommodation: Sandspit Adventures (3 nights)



Tofino

DAY 10 / JUN 15 / HAIDA GWAII (B, L, D)

After breakfast, we will depart for North Beach, approximately a 30 minute drive north east of the Village of Masset. The spectacular drive along Tow Hill Road could be deemed an attraction in itself. We also see the Blow Hole, a surge channel which at mid to high tides, when accompanied by a hard north-west wind, can send impressive volumes of spray shooting upwards.

Picnic lunch along the beachside.

Today we also will see the ecologically unique Masset Inlet, a large protected saltwater inlet with a rocky shoreline located to the south of Masset Sound in the centre of Graham Island in Haida Gwaii, formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands. Masset Inlet, connected to Dixon Entrance by Masset Sound, features many rivers, estuaries and bays, including Juskatla Inlet and Delkatla and Kumdis Sloughs. Kumdis Island is the largest island in the inlet. The Haida village of Old Masset, also known as Haida, is located on the east shore of Masset Sound on the site of three ancient Haida village site. The small village of Masset is the largest town on Haida Gwaii. Located at the northern end of Graham Island, the largest of the more than 150 significant islands that comprise the Haida Gwaii Islands, Masset is the northern gateway to North Beach and Naikoon Provincial Park.

Dinner at the lodge this evening.

DAY 11 / JUN 16 / HAIDA GWAII (B, L, D)

Today, we will visit the Haida Culture Centre of Kay Llnagaay, a dream of the Haida peoples for decades before opening its doors in 2007. It is located at Kay Llnagaay or 'Sea Lion Town', an ancient village site. It was designed to resemble the traditional Oceanside Haida village that once stood in its place. The first phase was raising six poles over six days in 2001. This pole-raising event attracted visitors from around the world. The poles represent six of the southernmost villages in Haida Gwaii Sidegate, Ts'aahl, Cumsheewa, Skedans, SGang Gwaay and Tanu. The stunning 50,000 square foot Centre houses the Haida Gwaii Museum, Performance House, Carving Shed, Canoe House, classrooms, Welcome House and Eating House or Kay Bistro.

On to Balance Rock, a very large rock perched on another rock, on a beach along the coast of Graham Island. What also attracts us to this locale though are the well-fed, lustrous feathered eagles, which abound along this stretch of beach and all the sea life in the tidal pools.

Picnic lunch along beachside.

We then visit Gray Beach on Moresby Island and also Copper Bay where at low tides; the bay exposes a pebbled, sandy beach with bald eagles nesting in nearby trees. The Copper River feeds Copper Bay and in the spring, the Haida visit to fish for Sockeye Salmon. Once the harvest is complete, the Haida hang the fish for drying and smoking.

Depending on weather we may also take a small boat excursion today for crabbing.

Crab boil for dinner this evening at our lodge.



Haida Heritage Centre

DAY 12 / JUN 17 / HAIDA GWAI – PRINCE RUPERT (B)

After we have our breakfast, we depart with BC Ferries our 93 nautical mile journey across Hecate Strait to Prince Rupert. The ferry crossing is 8 hours but timing is also dependent on sea and weather conditions. We will be transferred to our hotel upon arrival.

Lunch and dinner on your own.

Tentative ferry schedule: Alliford Bay – Skidegate / depart 9:00am / arrive 9:40am

Skidegate – Prince Rupert / depart 10:00am / arrive 5:00pm

Accommodation: Prestige Prince Rupert (2 nights)

DAY 13 / JUN 18 / PRINCE RUPERT (B, L, D)

Full day grizzly bear tour. We will enter the rugged coastal mountains and pristine wilderness of the Khutzeymateen Valley, home to one of the highest concentrations of grizzly bears in North America. There are no villages, campsites, or facilities within the sanctuary.

In the early 1970s the threat of logging in the Khutzeymateen Valley's crucial grizzly bear habitat was first identified. Other than two small areas cut in 1950 and 1956, the forests of the Khutzeymateen were still untouched. After intense lobbying by environmentalists to prevent the loss of this important area, the Khutzeymateen Valley was designated as BC's only grizzly bear sanctuary in 1992. You will have a chance to see these legendary giants in their natural environment. It is truly a photographer's paradise and will be one of the highlights of the tour.

Dinner at the Hotel.

DAY 14 / JUN 19 / PRINCE RUPERT – PRINCE GEORGE (B, L, D)

We depart for Prince George by train on Via Rail Skeena. VIA Rail's daylight run across western Canada provides two days' majestic progress through mountain ranges, forest, valleys and along rivers and into one of Canada's premier national parks. The train is small with only 3 retro-sleek stainless steel cars. We have touring class service with first class coach and a dome car.

Moving at a stately pace, the Skeena Rail covers 700 odd miles between Prince Rupert and Jasper. In addition to more spacious seating, we will enjoy sweeping views from the extra-large panoramic windows in the Panorama car.

We embark in Prince Rupert, the island town at the lie's western end and pass through rain forest and coastal mountains including dozens of waterfalls. Soon the Buckley Valley's farms and meadows replace coastal scenery. Watch for moose! We disembark in Prince George, located in the geographical centre of BC, where we spend the night.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included onboard.

Tentative train schedule: Prince Rupert – Prince George / depart 8:00am / arrive 8:30pm

Accommodation: Prestige Treasure Cove (1 night)



Mount Robson



Jasper National Park

DAY 15 / JUN 20 / PRINCE GEORGE – JASPER (B, L, D)

Breakfast at our hotel before we again rejoin the train.

Tentative train schedule: Prince George – Jasper / depart 9:45am / arrive 6:30pm

This morning the train curls around the Fraser River, through forest and farmland and many small towns. Mount Robson, the highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies presents more photo opportunities. For some miles, the Skeena follows the Fraser River, reaching its head waters at Yellowhead Lake. This is the Continental Divide: The Fraser flows west: on the lake's east side, the Miette River flows east. The train continues to travel east to, but it's near the end of its run. Soon we enter Jasper National Park. This huge park is home to lots of moose, bears, mountains, glaciers, celadon lakes and wilderness. Without disturbing any elk that may be wandering among the tracks, the Skeena glides to stop in the small town of Jasper. We disembark and stay overnight in Jasper. Lunch and dinner included onboard.

Accommodation: Mount Robson Inn (1 night)

DAY 16 / JUN 21 / JASPER – CANMORE (B, D)

Today we travel the Icefield Parkway to experience one of Canada's national treasures and most rewarding destinations. Stretching 232 km through the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Site, this world class journey offers access to a vast wilderness of pristine mountain lakes, ancient glaciers and broad sweeping valleys. This route winds its way through two national parks, Jasper National Park and Banff National Park, boasting a unique and irreplaceable landscape rich in history and natural beauty. Lunch on your own at our en-route stop at Num-ti-jah Lodge. There will be a short stop in Banff for shopping in this bustling tourist town before we arrive in Canmore to settle in for the evening.

Our farewell dinner in Canmore includes a glass of wine.

Accommodation: Coast Canmore Hotel & Conference Centre (1 night)

DAY 17 / JUN 22 / CANMORE – DEPART CALGARY (B)

British Columbia Tourism has a motto "Splendour without diminishment" and we know all our travellers on this amazing journey will give voice to the truth of this statement. Such a spectacular tour and you never had to leave our own country. We will have breakfast this morning before joining Air Canada for our return flight from Calgary to Toronto.

Tentative flight schedule: Air Canada

AC 146 / Calgary – Toronto / depart 1:05pm / arrive 6:46pm

END OF TOUR

B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner



PRICING & TERMS

PACKAGE RATE (CAD\$, PER PERSON):

CAD\$8,950 per person based on double occupancy
CAD\$2,050 per person for single supplement

INCLUSIONS:

- Roundtrip flights from Toronto to Kelowna and Calgary to Toronto
- Home pickup and drop off (within GTA area)
- 16 nights accommodation at hotels as per itinerary
- 16 breakfasts, 9 lunches, and 10 dinners as per itinerary
- Tours and transfers as per itinerary
- VIA Rail train Prince Rupert – Prince George – Jasper in Touring Class
- Ferry Tsawassen – Swartz Bay; Brentwood Bay – Mill Bay; Alliford Bay – Skidegate – Prince Rupert
- Porterage at hotel wherever available (1 piece of luggage per person)
- All gratuities for local guides, drivers, and included meals
- All applicable HST/GST taxes

EXCLUSIONS:

- Airport departure taxes. Currently \$180 per person
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Optional travel insurance

AIR CREDIT:

If you wish to arrange your own air from Toronto to Kelowna and Calgary to Toronto, an air credit of CAD\$500 per person will be deducted from the tour cost. And above mentioned airport taxes and fuel surcharges will not be applicable.

Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy or business class upgrade surcharges.

SPECIAL NOTE:

- Names provided at time of booking MUST exactly match your passport
- You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months after your return date
- If you wish to purchase optional travel insurance with us, it MUST be purchase prior to final payment date. Please contact us for a quotation.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT:

At time of booking:	\$1,000 per person
Second deposit:	\$1,000 per person due September 07, 2018
Third deposit:	\$1,000 per person due December 07, 2018
Final payment:	remaining balance due March 08, 2019

CANCELLATION TERMS:

Between time of booking & Sep 06, 2018:	\$1,000 per person
Between Sep 07, 2018 & Dec 06, 2018:	\$2,000 per person
Between Dec 07, 2018 & Mar 07, 2019:	\$3,000 per person
Between Mar 08, 2019 & date of departure:	100% of total cost

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