

## UBC MERIT – VSP PROGRAM GROUP PROPOSAL

Please do **NOT** book your tours until you have secured your Canada visa or ETA.

Booking link coming soon!

### GROUP 1 TOUR OVERVIEW

Please see the table below for an overview of tours and prices.

Special Early Booking Discount – book by April 15

Regular Price – from April 15 onwards

Tour Name	Early Bird Price	Regular Price	Departure Date	Guest Arrival Time	Departure Time	Return Time*
Whistler Day Tour	\$80	\$85	June 10, 2023	7:45 AM	8:00 AM	Approx. 8:00pm
Victoria Day Tour	\$150	\$160	June 17, 2023	8:15 AM	8:30 AM	Approx. 9:30pm
Rocky Mountain Willow Tour	\$850	\$895	June 29 - Jul 3, 2023	7:15 AM	7:30 AM	Approx. 7:30pm**

\*We can not guarantee the actual return time. It is subject to change based on traffic and road conditions

\*\*The tour will end at the hotel in Richmond on the 4th night. The guide will get all of the guests checked in and this is the end of tour services. Guests can depart at any time the next day depending on the time of their flight.

### WHISTLER DAY TOUR DESCRIPTION (June 10)

[Watch video](#)

**Price:** The regular per person price including GST is \$85

**Special price if booked by April 15: \$80**

**Price Includes:**

- Deluxe coach transportation
- Experienced, friendly & fun Tour Guide
- Park fees
- Enroute entertainment with music & games
- Guided tour of Whistler Village
- Great discounts on optional activities
- All taxes & tips

**Itinerary:**

- Depart UBC Campus from the Gage Tower Residence at 8:00am. Please arrive by 7:45am
- Visit beautiful Shannon Falls
- Arrive in Whistler at approximately 10am and enjoy a guided tour of the area
- Option to participate in the following activities for an additional price: Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural, Peak 2 Peak Sightseeing Gondola, or TreeTrek Canopy Walk for an additional price
- For those not interested in any of the options, you can join your tour guide for an extended tour & walk to Lost Lake where you can spend the remainder of the afternoon swimming and sunbathing; or spend your afternoon shopping & exploring Whistler Village
- 5:30pm – Depart Whistler
- 8:00pm (approximately) – Return to UBC Campus

**Optional Activity Options:**

- Peak 2 Peak Sightseeing Gondola - \$TBD
- TreeTrek Canopy Walk- \$70
- Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre - \$17



## VICTORIA DAY TOUR DESCRIPTION (June 17)

### [Watch video](#)

**Price:** The regular per person price including GST is \$160

**Special price if booked by April 15: \$150**

### Price Includes:

- Deluxe coach transportation
- Experienced, friendly & fun Tour Guide
- Ferry fees
- Enroute entertainment with music & games
- Guided tour of Victoria
- Great discounts on optional activities
- All taxes & tips

### Itinerary:

- Depart UBC Campus from the Gage Tower Residence at 8:30am, please arrive by 8:15am
- Ferry through the beautiful Gulf Islands
- Enjoy a scenic coastal drive
- Stop at Beacon Hill Park and Mile 0 (the start of the Trans Canada Highway)
- Sightseeing tour of downtown Victoria - including the Inner Harbor, Government Street, China Town, Empress hotel, and Legislative Buildings
- Option to visit Butchart Gardens (\$) or go Whale Watching (\$)
- Please note you will only have time for one of these activities
- Enjoy some free time in downtown Victoria
- Take the 7:00pm return ferry
- Return to UBC campus at approximately 9:30pm

### Optional Activity Options:

- Whale Watching - \$130
- Butchart Gardens with transfers- \$45



## Rocky Mountain Willow Tour - June 29 - July 3, 2023

### [Watch video](#)

**Dates:** June 29-July 3, 2023 (4-nights)

**Price:** The per person price including GST is \$895

**Special price if booked by April 15: \$850**

### **Price Includes:**

- 4 nights hotel accommodation based on quad occupancy
- Deluxe coach transportation
- Experienced, friendly and fun Tour Guides
- 4 breakfasts
- Enroute entertainment, games and prizes
- Discounts on optional activities
- All taxes

### **Itinerary**

#### **Day 1: Vancouver to Golden**

- Depart UBC from the Gage Tower Residence at 7:30am. Please arrive by 7:15am
- Sightseeing through the Okanagan Valley
- Visit Roger's Pass interpretive centre, the town of Revelstoke and the Last Spike
- Free time for dinner in Golden
- Check in to your hotel in Golden
- Option to join your tour guide for a party at the pub

#### **Day 2: Scenic Lakes & Mountain Peaks: Lake Louise, Banff, & Canmore**

- Breakfast in the hotel (included)
- Leisure time at Moraine Lake
- Explore beautiful Lake Louise
- Guided tour of the town of Banff
- Option to take the sightseeing Sulphur Mountain Gondola to see magnificent views of the Rockies (\$)
- Free time for shopping Banff Avenue and dinner
- Check into your hotel centrally located in the nearby town of Canmore
- Enjoy Canmore's vibrant nightlife scene

#### **Day 3: The Icefields Parkway & Jasper to Valemount**

- Breakfast (included)
- Travel the Icefields Parkway with a stop at the Columbia Icefields
- Option to join the world famous Icefields Explorer Glacier Tour (\$)
- Visit the town of Jasper with free time for dinner

- Stop at Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies (weather dependent)
- Overnight in Valemount

**Day 4: Valemount to Vancouver/Richmond**

- Breakfast (included)
- Visit Spahat's Fall
- Arrive in Richmond and check into your hotel
- End of tour services

**Day 5: Return flights home**

- Breakfast is included in your hotel
- Check out by 10am and transfer on your own to the airport depending on your flight departure time.

**ACCOMMODATION NOTES:**

This tour stays at four different hotels in Golden, Canmore, Valemount, and Richmond. All rooms are standard hotel rooms with 2 queen/double beds (4 people per room/2 people per bed).

**Optional Activity Options for Rocky Mountain Tours:**

- Icefield Explorer Glacier Tour - \$75
- Banff Gondola - \$65
- Ice Explorer & Banff Gondola Combo - \$135
- Golden Sky Bridge - The newest attraction - 1.3km loop trail; Village access and free wifi; 5 viewing platforms, 2 suspension bridges and photo opportunities - \$35



## **IMPORTANT NOTES FOR ALL TOURS**

- Due to the volume of passengers traveling the actual timing of the sightseeing stops will vary so that we don't have too many people at one attraction at the same time
- Itinerary and some inclusions (i.e. campfire and marshmallow roast) is subject to change and may not be available based on weather, fire restrictions, and road conditions
- The price for overnight tours is based on shared beds, which means that 2 people of the same gender will be sharing a bed with another 2-6 people of the same gender in the same unit. In order to accommodate the high number of travellers we use many different accommodation properties with a variety of room types. **The majority of accommodation properties have standard hotel rooms with 2 queen beds (4 people per room/2 people per bed).**
- Other room types may include:
  - 1 regular queen/double bed with a pull-out couch
  - 1 regular queen/double bed with a pull-out murphy bed
  - 1 regular queen/double bed with two twin beds
  - 1 regular queen/double bed with bunk beds
  - Condo style units with 2 up to 4 beds (sleep either 4 or 8 people) with a shared kitchen
- Itineraries are subject to minor changes between now and when the booking link will be live to accept bookings.

### **Merit Travel Responsibility:**

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