

2026 VSP PROGRAM GROUP 2 OVERVIEW

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

Booking link coming soon!

GROUP 2 TOUR OVERVIEW

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

Special Early Booking Discount – book by May 14

Regular Price – from May 15 onwards

Tour Name	Early Bird Price	Reg. Price	Departure Date	Guest Arrival Time	Departure Time	Approx. Return Time*
GROUP 2						
Whistler Day Tour	\$94	\$99	July 25, 2026	7:45 AM	8:00 AM	Approx. 8:00pm
Whistler Day Tour	\$94	\$99	July 26, 2026	7:45 AM	8:00 AM	Approx. 8:00pm
Whistler Day Tour	\$94	\$99	August 8, 2026	7:45 AM	8:00 AM	Approx. 8:00pm
Whistler Day Tour	\$94	\$99	August 9, 2026	7:45 AM	8:00 AM	Approx. 8:00pm
Victoria Day Tour	\$180	\$190	July 25, 2026	8:15 AM	8:30 AM	Approx. 9:30pm
Victoria Day Tour	\$180	\$190	July 26, 2026	8:15 AM	8:30 AM	Approx. 9:30pm
Victoria Day Tour	\$180	\$190	August 8, 2026	8:15 AM	8:30 AM	Approx. 9:30pm
Victoria Day Tour	\$175	\$185	August 9, 2026	8:15 AM	8:30 AM	Approx. 9:30pm
Rockies Pine Tour	\$850	\$895	July 31- August 3, 2026	5:45 PM	6:00 PM	Approx. 8:30pm
Rockies Maple Tour	\$995	\$1050	July 31- August 3, 2026	5:45 PM	6:00 PM	Approx. 8:30pm

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

GROUP 2 TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

WHISTLER DAY TOUR DESCRIPTION

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Tour dates: July 25/ July 26/ August 8/ August 9

Price: The regular per person price including GST is \$99

Special price if booked by May 14: \$94

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 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- \$68
 - Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre - \$24
- * optional activities need to be added at time of booking.*

You can only choose 1 activity.



VICTORIA DAY TOUR DESCRIPTION

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Tour dates: July 25/ July 26/ August 8/August 9

Price: The regular per person price including GST is \$190

Special price if booked by May 14: \$180

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 (\$).
- Enjoy some free time in downtown Victoria.
- Take the 7:00pm return ferry.
- Return to UBC campus at approximately 9:30pm

Optional Activity Options:

- Butchart Gardens with transfers- \$45

*** optional activities need to be added at time of booking*



ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOUR OPTIONS

1. ROCKIES PINE TOUR (Kamloops - Golden (2-nights))

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Tour Date: July 31- August 3, 2026

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

Special price if booked by May 14: \$850

Price Includes:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation(1 night in a dorm style and 2 nights in a hotel)
- Deluxe coach transportation
- Experienced, friendly and fun Tour Guides
- 3 breakfasts
- Park Fees
- Enroute entertainment, games and prizes
- Discounts on optional activities
- All taxes

Sample Itinerary

Day 1: Vancouver to Kamloops

- Depart UBC from the Gage Tower Residence at 6:00pm. Please arrive by 5:30pm
- Sightseeing through the Fraser Valley with a dinner stop in Hope.
- Check in to your dorm residence in Kamloops.

Day 2: Kamloops to Lake Louise & Golden

- Bagged breakfast included.
- Explore beautiful Lake Louise
- Visit Moraine Lake
- Check into your hotel in Golden
- Free time for dinner this evening and to enjoy the hotel amenities

Day 3: Mountain Peaks: Banff

- Breakfast included at the hotel
- Drive to the town of Banff
- Guided tour of the town of Banff including Bow Falls, Banff Springs Hotel and more
- Option to take the Banff Gondola (\$) to see magnificent views of the Rockies
- Enjoy free time for shopping & dinner on Banff Avenue
- Drive back to Golden with free time to relax at the hotel or make your way into town to visit the local pub

Day 4: Golden to Vancouver

- Breakfast included at the hotel

- Visit Rogers Pass
- Return to UBC at approximately 8:30pm ****We cannot guarantee the actual return time as they are subject to traffic and road conditions.***

Optional Activity Options for Rocky Mountain Tours:

- Banff Gondola - \$85

ACCOMMODATION NOTES:

This tour stays in Kamloops for 1-night & Golden for 2-nights. The accommodation for night 1 is Thompson Rivers University dorm accommodation. The room types are a mix of two-bedroom suites or four-bedroom suites, and each bedroom will hold 2 people sharing a double bed. The accommodation in Golden has standard hotel rooms with 2 queen/double beds (4 people per room/2 people per bed).



2. ROCKIES MAPLE TOUR (Kamloops – Banff – Valemount)

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Tour Date: July 31- August 3, 2026

Price: The per person price including GST is \$1050

Special price if booked by May 14: \$995

Price Includes:

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

Itinerary

Day 1: Vancouver to Kamloops

- Depart UBC from the Gage Tower Residence at 6:00pm. Please arrive by 5:30pm
- Sightseeing through the Fraser Valley with a dinner stop in Hope.
- Check in to your hotel in Kamloops.

Day 2: Scenic Lakes & Mountain Peaks: Lake Louise & Banff

- Bagged breakfast included.
- Explore beautiful Lake Louise and Moraine Lake
- Guided tour of the town of Banff including Bow Falls, Banff Springs Hotel, Hoodoos and more
- Check into your hotel.
- Free time for dinner on Banff Avenue and to enjoy the vibrant nightlife scene.

Day 3: The Icefields Parkway & Jasper to Valemount

- Bagged breakfast included.
- Option to take the sightseeing Banff Gondola to see magnificent view of the Rockies (\$) or enjoy free time to sleep in or explore the town of Banff on your own
- Enjoy sightseeing at Bow Lake or Peyto Lake.
- Travel the Icefields Parkway with a stop at the Columbia Icefields
- Option to join the world famous Icefields Explorer Glacier Tour (\$)
- Free time for dinner in Jasper
- Stop at Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies (weather dependent)
- Check into your hotel in Valemount and evening at leisure.

Day 4: Valemount to Vancouver

- Bagged breakfast included.
- Visit Spahat's Falls in Wells Gray National Park
- Lunch stop en route.
- Return to UBC at approximately 8:30pm **We cannot guarantee the actual return time as it is subject to traffic and road conditions.*

Optional Activity Options for Rocky Mountain Tours

**Optional activities must be booked in advance at the time of booking.*

- Icefield Explorer Glacier Tour - \$85
- Banff Gondola - \$85
- Ice Explorer & Banff Gondola Combo - \$165

ACCOMMODATION NOTES:

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



IMPORTANT NOTES FOR ALL TOURS

- **All tours require a minimum number of passengers to run. If the minimum number is not met the tour may be cancelled. In this case guests will receive a full refund and assistance in booking another tour option.**
- 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
 - Dorm residences with 2 bedroom suites or 4 bedroom suites. Each bedroom with 2 people sharing a double bed.
- Itineraries are subject to minor changes between now and when the booking link will be live to accept bookings.

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