

## UBC MERIT – VSP PROGRAM TOUR OPTIONS

### GROUP TOUR OVERVIEW

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

### Early Booking Price – book by June 27

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

Booking link coming soon!

Tour Name	Early Booking Price	Regular Price	Own Bed Upgrade	# of planned Buses	Trip Date
Whistler Day Tour	n/a	\$85	n/a	2	July 24
Whistler Day Tour	n/a	\$85	n/a	2	July 31
Whistler Day Tour	n/a	\$85	n/a	1	August 7
Victoria Day Tour	n/a	\$155	n/a	2	July 23
Victoria Day Tour	n/a	\$155	n/a	2	July 30
Victoria Day Tour	n/a	\$155	n/a	1	Aug 6
Pacific Rim Tour- Tofino & Ukee Tour (3-Days)	\$595	\$650	\$150	1-2	Aug 12-14
Rockies Maple Tour (4-Days)	\$645	\$685	n/a	1	Aug 12-15
Rockies Oak Tour (4-Days)	\$710	\$750	\$175	2-3	Aug 12-15

## WHISTLER DAY TOUR DESCRIPTION

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

### Price Includes:

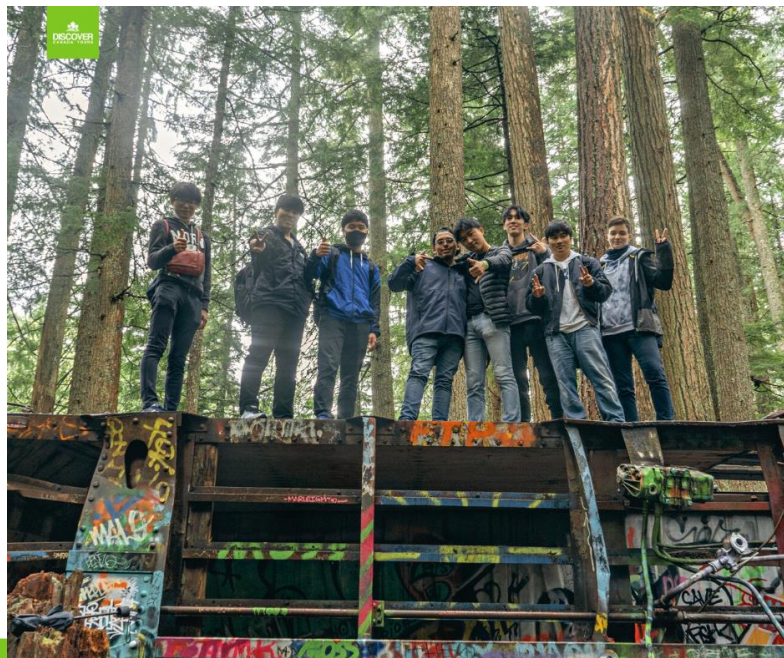
- Deluxe coach transportation
- Experienced, friendly & fun Tour Guide
- Park fees
- Enroute entertainment with music & games
- Guided tour of Whistler Village
- Great discounts on optional activities
- All taxes & tips

### 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 visit the Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre 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 - \$85
- Tree Top Eco-Tour - \$70
- Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre - \$15



## VICTORIA DAY TOUR DESCRIPTION

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**Price:** The per person price including GST is \$155

### **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 Royal BC Museum (\$) 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:**

- Butchart Gardens (with transfers) - \$45
- Royal BC Museum (with Student ID) – \$20
- Whale Watching - \$120



## PACIFIC RIM TOUR (Tofino & Ukee) August 12-15, 2022

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**Dates:** Friday August 12 – Sunday August 14, 2022

**Price:** The per person price including GST is \$650

**Special price if booked by June 27. Early Booking Price: \$595**

**Additional charge for own bed is \$150 per person**

### Price Includes:

- Accommodation at the waterfront Canadian Princess Resort in Ucluelet
- Deluxe transportation
- Ferry fees
- Meals: 2 continental breakfast, 1 pizza dinner
- Experienced, friendly and fun tour guide
- Park fees

### ITINERARY:

#### Day 1: Vancouver to Pacific Rim & Ucluelet

- Depart UBC from Gage Residence at 6:45am (please arrive by 6:30am)
- Ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo
- Visit Coombs – A camera is a must item on a trip to Coombs, as on a good day, visitors might get a picture of the goats on the roof.
- Hike around Little Qualicum Falls – straddles the scenic Little Qualicum River, west of Parksville, where impressive waterfalls cascade and plummet down a rocky gorge in a beautiful forest setting
- Check into the waterfront Canadian Princess Lodge located in Ucluelet
- Enjoy pizza dinner (included)
- Enjoy evening games and a campfire (weather permitting)

#### Day 2: Tofino

- Depart for the Town of Tofino. Today you can choose to explore the town on your own or book one of the optional activities such as whale watching or kayaking. We highly recommend booking in advance. You will have a full day to explore Tofino
- Option to join your guide today on a leisure walk/hike to Tonquin Beach. Easily accessible from downtown Tofino for those who want to explore on their own
- Stop at Long Beach on your way back to Ucluelet this afternoon
- Free evening to relax at the resort
- Option to join your guide at Big Beach for a campfire & marshmallow roast, a 10-minute walk from the resort (fire ban dependent)

#### Day 3: Ucluelet to Vancouver

- Check out of your hotel this morning and make your way to the Wild Pacific Trail: you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views of the rugged coastline, and the working Lighthouse that marks the end of the trail
- Visit Cathedral Grove, a protected old growth forest with ancient Douglas Fir trees dating back more than 800 years
- Arrive in Nanaimo and check in for the ferry back to the Vancouver

- Return to UBC at approximately 9:30pm, depending on traffic

## PACIFIC RIM TOUR (Tofino & Ukee) August 12-15, 2022 (continued)

### ACCOMMODATION NOTES:

This tour stays at the Canadian Princess Lodge which is a newly renovated 46 room lodge and 250 ft marina. It is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island in Ucluelet. The lodge consists of standard rooms, lofts and suites. All rooms have fridges, microwaves, private balconies and free WiFi. The price is based on shared beds, either 4 or 6 per room depending on the room type. Guests can upgrade to have their own bed for an additional \$150.



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOUR OPTIONS AUGUST 12-15, 2022

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### **1. ROCKIES MAPLE TOUR (Revelstoke – Banff – Valemount)**

**Date:** August 12-15, 2022 (1 Bus)

**Price:** The per person price including GST is \$685

**Special price if booked by June 27. Early Booking Price: \$645**

**Upgrades for own bedding are NOT available on this tour**

**Price Includes:**

- 3 nights hotel accommodation including 1 night in Banff based on quad occupancy
- Deluxe coach transportation
- Experienced, friendly and fun Tour Guides
- 3 breakfasts
- Enroute entertainment, games and prizes
- Discounts on optional activities
- All taxes

### **Itinerary**

**Day 1: Vancouver to Revelstoke**

- Depart UBC from the Gage Tower Residence at 8:00am. Please arrive by 7:45am
- Sightseeing through the Okanagan Valley
- Visit Craigallechie - the Last Spike of the Canadian railway
- Check in to your hotel in Revelstoke
- Option to join your tour guide for a party at the pub

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

- Breakfast in the hotel (included)
- Leisure time at Moraine Lake
- Explore beautiful Lake Louise
- Guided tour of the town of Banff including Bow Falls, Banff Springs Hotel, Hoodoos and more
- Option to take the sightseeing Sulphur Mountain Gondola to see magnificent views of the Rockies for an additional \$65 or enjoy free time for shopping
- Check into your hotel
- Free time for dinner on Banff Ave and option to join your guide for a VIP Bar night

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

- Breakfast (included)
- Enjoy sightseeing at Bow Lake
- Travel the Icefields Parkway with a stop at the Columbia Icefields
- Option to join the world famous Icefields Explorer Tour for an additional \$75
- 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

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOUR OPTIONS AUGUST 12-15, 2022 (continued)

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### 1. ROCKIES MAPLE TOUR (Revelstoke – Banff – Valemount) – (Continued)

#### Day 4: Valemount to Vancouver

- Breakfast (included)
- Visit Spahat's Falls in Wells Gray National Park
- Return to UBC at approximately 7:30pm

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



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN TOUR OPTIONS AUGUST 12-15, 2022 (continued)

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### **2. ROCKIES OAK TOUR (2-nights in Banff & 1 Night in Golden)**

**Date:** Friday, August 12-15, 2022 (2-3 Buses depending on upgrades, demand)

**Price:** The per person price including GST is \$750

**Special price if booked by June 27. Early Booking Price: \$710**

**Additional charge for own bed is \$175 per person**

#### **Price Includes:**

- 3 nights hotel accommodation including **2 nights in the town of Banff!**
- Deluxe coach transportation
- Experienced, friendly and fun Tour Guide
- 3 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- Enroute entertainment, games and prizes
- Discounts on optional activities
- All taxes

#### **Itinerary**

##### **Day 1: Vancouver to Banff**

- Depart UBC from the Gage Tower Residence at 7:00am. Please arrive by 6:45am
- Stop at Roger's Pass interpretive centre
- Check into your hotel in Banff
- Free time for dinner and to enjoy the lively nightlife in the town of Banff

##### **Day 2: The Icefields Parkway or Full day in Banff**

- Breakfast (included)
- Sightseeing tour in the town of Banff including Bow Falls, Banff Springs Hotel, Hoodoos and more
- Option to spend the whole day in Banff with many activities to choose from OR join the Icefields Parkway Tour
- Icefields Parkway Tour:
  - Enjoy sightseeing at Peyto Lake
  - Travel the Icefields Parkway with a stop at the Columbia Icefields
  - Option to join the world famous Icefields Explorer Tour for an additional \$75
- Return to your hotel in Banff and option to join your guide for a night of dancing with VIP nightclub entrance

##### **Day 3: Scenic Lakes & Mountain Peaks: Lake Louise, Banff,**

- Breakfast (included)
- Option to take the Sulphur Mountain Gondola for amazing views for an additional \$65
- Explore beautiful Lake Louise and Moraine Lake
- Check into your hotel in Golden
- Enjoy a group dinner (included)



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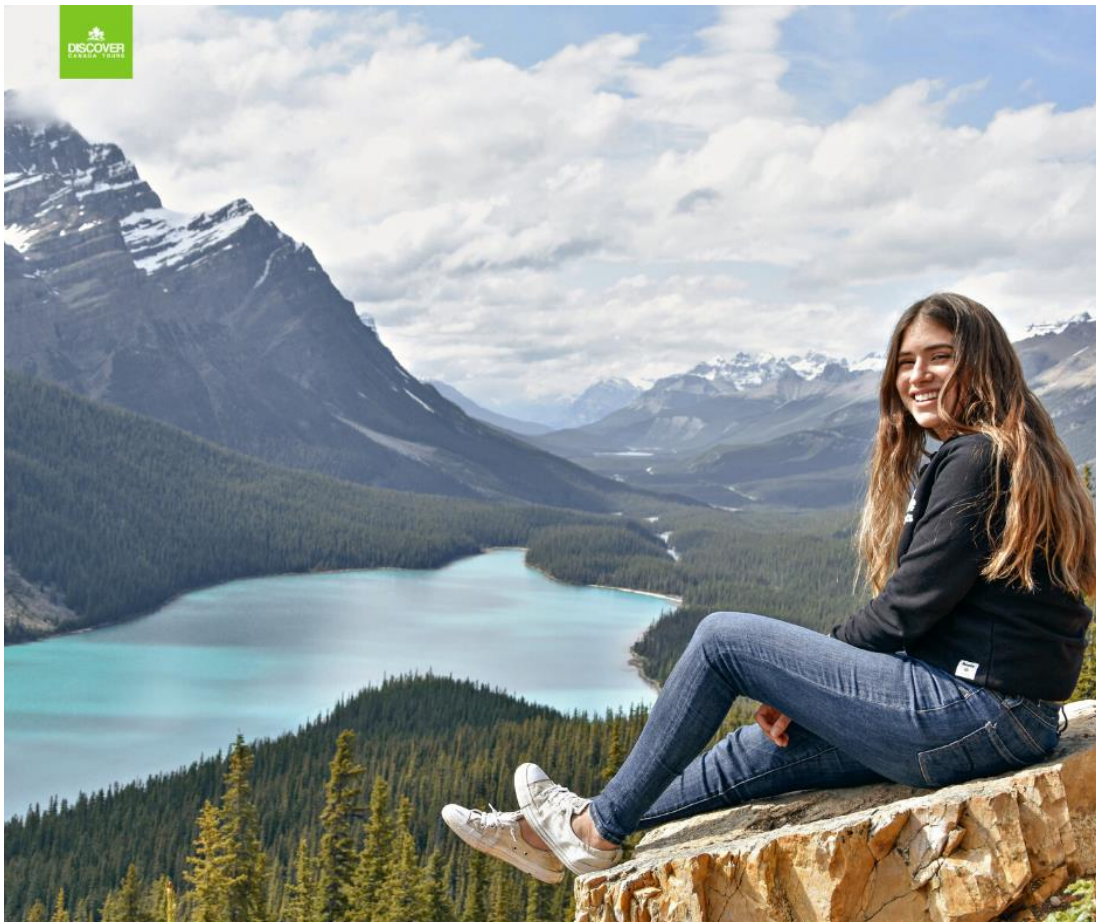
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#### **Day 4: Revelstoke to Vancouver**

- Breakfast (included)
- Stop at the Last Spike
- Sightseeing through the Okanagan Valley
- Return to UBC at approximately 7:30

#### **ACCOMMODATION NOTES:**

This tour stays in Banff for 2-nights and 1-night in Golden. Golden accommodation is standard hotel rooms with 2 queen/double beds (4 people per room/2 people per bed). Banff accommodation is a chalet style property with kitchenette units and a variety of room types including studios, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom units. Bed configurations is also a mix of regular queen/double beds, twin beds, pull-out couches; murphy beds. This property features a large indoor waterpark that is included for hotel guests.



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