



## Getaway Vacations – BC Coastal Discovery

June 17; July 15; August 10, 2019 - 13 days

### Day 01 Southern/Central Alberta to Three Valley Gap

Welcome Aboard! Travelling through **Glacier National Park** we stop at the **Rogers Pass Visitor Centre** learning of the area history. Nestled in the Monashee Mountains at the shores of a beautiful lake, **Three Valley Gap** has the perfect setting. We **tour the Ghost Town** and enjoy an included barbecue.

### Day 02 Harrison Hot Springs

The spectacular Canadian Rockies surround us on our journey westward. The Coquihalla Highway provides our route to Harrison Hot Springs. Relax in the soothing waters of the **hot springs** and perhaps enjoy a spa treatment.

### Day 03 Port Alberni (2 nights)

Following a short drive to Horseshoe Bay, we **ferry through the Straits of Georgia to Vancouver Island**. As we travel the picturesque route to Port Alberni, we stop at the **Old Country Market** at Coombs.

### Day 04 Port Alberni (Tofino)

Some of Canada's most impressive, rugged coastal scenery is found in **Pacific Rim National Park**. We spend time at the Visitor Centre and have time to visit the shops and galleries in Tofino or perhaps you would like to spend some time beach-combing.

### Day 05 Port Hardy

**Cathedral Grove** is a rare and endangered Douglas fir forest. Walk among trees estimated to be 800 years old and measuring 75 metres in height and 9 metres in circumference. A stop at **Quinsam Fish Hatchery** at Campbell River highlights the area's biggest industry.

### Day 06 Bella Coola (3 nights)

One of **BC Ferries** newest vessels, the **Sea Wolf**, sails through the picturesque waters of the Inside Passage, home to sea lions and humpback whales. Our journey will take **10 hours** north from Port Hardy to Bella Coola.

### Day 07 & 08 Bella Coola

Located in the Heart of the **Great Bear Rainforest**, Bella Coola is situated 100km inland from the outer Pacific and has much less rainfall than the coast. Lush meadows, dense forests and high mountain ranges are home to grizzly & black bear, black tail deer, wolves, cougar & mountain goats. We go in search of the perfect photo on our **area tour**, complete with **picnic lunch**, hoping to spot some of the wildlife the area is known for. Walk through old growth Red Cedar forests, visit the Bella Coola Valley Museum and Tweedsmuir Park and the Grizzly Bear Viewing Platform. See where Alexander Mackenzie arrived at Burnt Bridge. View waterfalls, glaciers, estuaries, First Nation smokehouses and Totems. The art of Bella Coola is known throughout the world as among the finest examples of artisan craftsmanship in woodcarving & ceremonial dress. You owe it to yourself to visit a local gallery.

**Optional Excursion:** Fishing charter, species determined by season.

### Day 09 Quesnel (2 nights)

A drive through remote wilderness returns us to the interior. Stop for an **included picnic lunch** along the way and visit the **Tourism Discovery Centre in Williams Lake**.

### Day 10 Quesnel

We visit the **Historic Gold Rush town of Barkerville**. Step back to 1862, pan for gold, take a stagecoach ride, explore the more than 100 historic buildings and take in a show at Theatre Royale.

### Day 11 Hinton (Jasper National Park)

The 'Rockies tallest peak – **Mt. Robson** towers above the valley below as we travel to **Jasper N.P.** and overnight at Hinton.

### Day 12 Canmore

One of Canada's most impressive scenic highways, **The Icefields Parkway** offers amazing views of soaring mountain peaks and plunging valleys below. Stops are planned to view Maligne Canyon and Athabasca Falls. Tonight enjoy a **Getaway Vacations Appreciation Dinner**.

### Day 13 Home

### Price Per Person in CDN funds, including all taxes

Twin \$2989 | Triple \$2909 | Quad \$2869 | Single \$4129

**Package Includes:** 12 night's accommodation with baggage handling \* 3 multiple-night stays \* All breakfasts; 3 lunches; 4 dinners \* Professional Tour Director \* Inclusions as **highlighted** in itinerary