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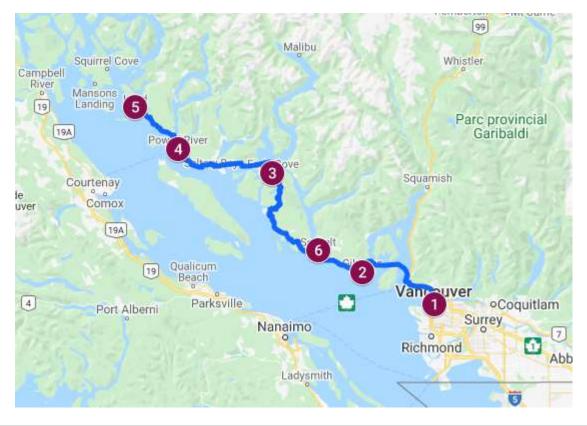
### SUNSHINE COAST

PROVINCES: British Columbia DURATION: 7 days DISTANCE: 424km / 263mi



British Columbia's Sunshine Coast is a rugged, secluded, marvelously laid-back area people instantly appreciate when they make the journey. It stretches from Gibsons to Lund in an approximate 180 kilometre-long collection of ocean-side villages, creating homes for unique waterside shops, friendly locals and the easygoing, coastal lifestyle.





#### DAY 1 VANCOUVER TO GIBSONS

72 km / 45 mi - 1 hour 49 minutes

Your journey to discover the Sunshine Coast starts today. The ferry makes its way from Horseshoe Bay between Bowyer and Bowen Island, then past Gambier and Keats Islands before docking at Langdale. The only way to reach Gibsons is via the Horseshoe Bay ferry, as the overland route is too mountainous to build roads. The ferry to Langdale takes approximately 40 minutes at a distance of approximately 9.7 nautical miles. When you arrive, head to your chosen campground for the night. You can settle in for a comfortable night in this town of about 4,000.

#### DAY 2 GIBSONS TO EARLS COVE

78 km / 48 mi - 1 hour 13 minutes

Some of the beautiful parks to explore include Roberts Creek or Sargeant Bay Provincial Parks. Alternatively, you can spend a relaxing day exploring the village of Sechelt, wandering the artisanal shops, or enjoying some great local cuisine, browsing museums and checking out markets or festivals.

If you were to drive straight through to Earls Cove from Gibsons, you would arrive there in just over an hour. However, with the incredibly scenic drive and gorgeous parks to stop at along the way, why pass up the opportunity?

When you're in the Earls Cove/Egmont region of the Coast, the Skookumshuck Rapids at Egmont, are an awesome sight to take in when the tide is coming in or going out. Or, head over to Sunshine Coast Tours to take in their Princess Louisa Inlet tour.



#### DAY 3 EARLS COVE TO POWELL RIVER

50 km / 31 mi - 1 hour 30 minutes

Powell River is home to almost 13,000 residents and activities such as scuba diving, kayaking, fishing, swimming and canoeing can be enjoyed by water lovers. Consider heading to Duck Lake Protected area, a 20-minute drive east of Powell River where there is about 9 km of hiking and mountain biking trails within the area.

The trip from Earls Cove to Powell River is completed in two legs: the first is by hopping on the ferry to Saltery Bay and the second is on the Sunshine Coast Highway to Powell River.

Leaving Duck Lake and traveling north along the Haslam Lake Road for about half an hour, you will reach Inland Lake. Enjoy activities such as wildlife viewing, hiking, fishing, cycling and canoeing. Why not take a kayak or hiking tour in this area? Let professional guides lead you into the tranquil Desolation Sound. When you're ready to settle in for the night, we can recommend Garnet Rock Oceanside Resort.

#### DAY 4 POWELL RIVER TO LUND

28 km / 17 mi - 31 minutes

Heading up the Sunshine Coast Highway for the final north-bound leg of the tour, you will reach Lund in just over half an hour.

However, to explore some of the provincial parks in the region, you will need to take the Malaspina Road heading east a couple kilometres south of Lund. Okeover Provincial Park is located on a traditional Sliammon First Nations archeological site.

To reach Malaspina Provincial Park, you will need to take Malaspina Road back to the Sunshine Coast Highway and connect to the Sarah Pointe Road just north of Lund. The trip takes about eight minutes and you will need to walk from Sarah Pointe Road into the park. This park provides a low elevation coastal hiking and backcountry recreation experience. The Desolation Sound area is very popular for kayaking and boating.

#### DAY 5 LUND TO SECHELT

#### 130 km / 81 mi - 2 hours 45 minutes

Lund's harbour is home to a fleet of commercial prawn boats, sail boats, recreational motor vessels and water taxi services which deliver people and goods to Savary Island, known for it's white sandy beaches. Returning to Sechelt down the Sunshine Coast will take about three hours. When you return to the Sechelt region, take Brooks Road eastward (approximately 16 km northwest of Sechelt off Highway 101/Sunshine Coast Highway) to Smuggler Cove Marine Provincial Park. The park is a gorgeous, all-weather anchorage on the south side of the Sechelt Peninsula where you can see the work from its resident beavers.

As you leave Smuggler Cove and make your way into Sechelt, head north on Wharf Avenue to East Porpoise Bay Road (which becomes Sechelt Inlet Road) to Porpoise Bay Provincial Park. The park is noted as a secondgrowth forest of alder, western hemlock, western cedar, Douglas fir and maple trees. There is also a spawning channel area for chum and coho salmon and an estuary that hosts numerous types of shore birds. It's a relaxing, beautiful way to spend your afternoon in the Sechelt area.





#### DAY 6 SECHELT

Sechelt is one of two larger towns on the Sunshine Coast and is home to 9,500 residents. Enjoy your day of relaxing and discovery in this beautiful part of British Columbia.

Downtown has coffee shops, art galleries, bakeries, a First Nations gift store (with art by local First Nation artists), a beer and wine store, a gelateria and a movie theatre.

In West Sechelt you will find the Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden - about a 10-minute drive from downtown Sechelt. We can recommend the Bayside Campground as your home base in the Sechelt area.

#### DAY 7 SECHELT TO VANCOUVER

#### 66 km / 41 mi - 2 hours 7 minutes

The return drive to Vancouver from Sechelt will take you more than two hours and you can either drop off your RV or continue with another tour if you planned on vacationing in Western Canada longer.





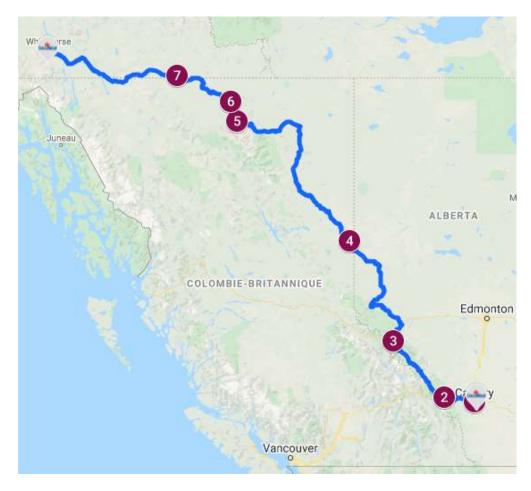
### NORTHERN LIGHTS TOUR

PROVINCES: Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon DURATION: 14 days DISTANCE: 2284km / 1419mi



An incredible journey through the Canadian Rocky Mountains to the land of the gold rush, this road trip from Calgary to Whitehorse offers you a truly unique Canadian holiday with the promise of vast mountain ranges, delicious cinnamon buns and secret hot springs.





#### DAY 1 CALGARY TO BANFF

127 km / 79 mi - 1 hour 30 minutes

Leaving the city of Calgary, begin your trip by driving through rolling foothills toward the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

As you approach Kananaskis country, keep your eyes open for Mount Yamnuska on your right-hand side. The Stoney Nakoda First Nation named the mountain Yamnuska, derived from the Stoney word "yamnathka" which means steep cliffs or "the flat faced mountain." Arriving in Canmore, the iconic Three Sisters grandly welcomes you on the left-hand side as you enter the town. They're known as Big Sister (Faith), Middle Sister (Charity) and Little Sister (Hope).

Following Highway 1 further west towards Banff, notice Mount Rundle, which extends over 12 kilometres (7.5 miles) and overlooks both Banff and Canmore. The mountain's neighbours include the Sundance Range, Sulphur Mountain and Goat Range.

Prior to arriving in Banff, make sure you've scouted out and reserved a spot for your evening stay.

#### DAY 2 BANFF

Enjoy this day at leisure to discover the region of Banff and experience the outdoor activities offered on spot.



#### DAY 3 BANFF TO JASPER

#### 288 km / 179 mi - 3 hours 30 minutes

Nestled among the Canadian Rocky Mountains of Jasper National Park and within the Athabasca River Valley, this scenic trip is a playground for the adventurous and a sanctuary for those desiring to relax and soak up the beauty.

A must-visit is the breathtaking Athabasca Falls, located just south of Jasper on the infamous Icefields Parkway. Keep your eyes peeled for moose, elk, deer, caribou, bighorn sheep, mountain goats and bears.

#### DAYS 4 - 5 JASPER

Sunrise at Pyramid Lake is a beautiful way to begin your day. As the sun comes up, you'll see the magnificent glow on the top of Pyramid Mountain. It's the perfect place to scope-out the gorgeous



#### DAY 6 JASPER TO DAWSON CREEK

mountainous horizon across the lake or use it as a starting point for a day hike.

Perhaps one of the best ways to scope out Jasper and the surrounding area is to head up Whistler Mountain on the Jasper SkyTram. If you're lucky, you'll be able to see the handsome Mount Robson in neighbouring British Columbia.

Pack a picnic and spend the rest of the day at Maligne Lake where you can cruise the lake to Spirit Island, simply take in the jaw-dropping views or rent a canoe and enjoy this second-largest glacierfed lake in the world by your own boat.

#### 524 km / 326 mi - 5 hours 45 minutes

Welcome to the world-famous Alaska Highway. Built during the Second World War, the Highway connects Dawson Creek, BC, to Delta Junction, AK. Snap a photo at Mile 0 Post in downtown Dawson at 10th Street and 2012nd Avenue.

You can stay at Mile 0 Park for the night, wander around Walter Wright Pioneer Village or explore Rotary Lake. After a long day on the road, Mile 0 Park camping has lots of amenities, meaning you can relax and settle in for a night without having to worry about anything.

#### DAY 7 DAWSON CREEK TO MUNCHO LAKE

#### 692 km / 430 mi - 7 hours 45 minutes

As you begin your drive to Revelstoke, stop in Golden to replenish your cooler or have a cup of coffee. If you have an extra day or two, consider spending some time at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort where you can hike, downhill mountain bike or take an interpretive tour at their Grizzly Bear Refuge.

West of Golden you'll be travelling through Glacier National Park, in the Selkirk Mountains through Rogers Pass. The pass is also used by the Canadian Pacific Railway and is a popular area for ski mountaineering, camping, hiking and mountain climbing.

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#### DAY 8 MUNCHO LAKE

Today visit this beautiful region of British Columbia.



# DAY 9 MUNCHO LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK TO LIARD RIVER HOT SPRINGS PROVINCIAL PARK 66 km / 41 mi - 55 minutes

Keeping up with the relaxed vibes of your quiet nights at Muncho Lake, today you'll head just a short distance to Liard River Hot Springs on Historical Mile 496 of the Alaska Highway. It's the second largest hot spring in Canada and, since you've had a few long days on the road, you can soak in one of the eight pools and take a load off here.

#### DAY 10 LIARD RIVER HOT SPRINGS PROVINCIAL PARK

The nature of this region is simply inspiring. It's not uncommon to see moose feeding in this sensitive, lush boreal forest. Bird watchers are in a little piece of paradise here, too. Fair warning – this place has been known to capture hearts and have people from all over the world return again and again!

# DAY 11 LIARD RIVER HOT SPRINGS PROVINCIAL PARK TO WATSON LAKE 208 km / 129 mi 2 hours 48 minutes

If you haven't seen the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) yet, your stay in Watson Lake just might be your chance. The rolling hills of the Yukon offer an opportunity to play and take in the beauty of this northern part of Canada.

#### DAY 12 WATSON LAKE

Watson Lake give you also an opportunity to visit a forest of a different kind. Watson Lake is home to Sign Post Forest, created in 1942 when the Alaska Highway was being built. The US Army of Engineers put up directional posts at their camps to indicate directions and mileage for various towns and communities near and far. Today, there's over 72,000 signs!



379 km / 235 mi - 5 hours 10 minutes

#### DAY 13 WATSON LAKE TO WHITEHORSE

Welcome to the capital of Yukon, Whitehorse! Canoe the Yukon River that runs through the heart of the city or set-off on some of the incredible hiking trails at Miles Canyon. Whitehorse is a town of just 25,000 that offers a thriving food scene and an incredible midnight sun.

In the 1890s the Yukon was known for the Gold Rush. During this time Whitehorse became a destination for luxurious paddle-boat cruises along the Yukon River. With the end to the rush, so did the popularity of these cruises. However, you can still visit the S.S. Klondike – a restored sternwheeler. A great stop to learn more about the Gold Rush history and this special part of Canada.

#### **DAY 14 WHITEHORSE**

This amazing trip ends today.



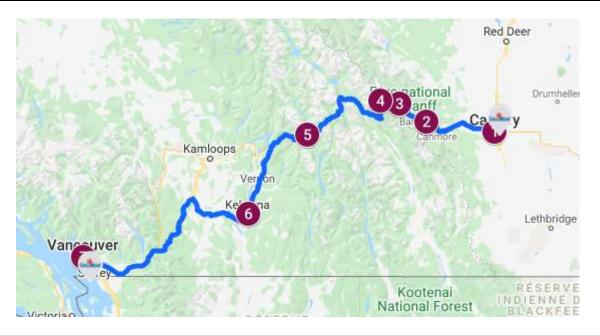
### PEAK TO SEA DISCOVERY

PROVINCES: Alberta, British Columbia DURATION: 14 days DISTANCE: 997km / 620mi



An incredible and must-visit route through the Rocky Mountains and beautiful British Columbia to the coast, there's no doubt you'll enjoy this jaw-dropping adventure through some of western Canada's most spectacular mountain passes, glacier-fed lakes and abundant vineyards and orchards.





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#### DAY 2 BANFF

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#### DAY 3 BANFF TO LAKE LOUISE

57 km / 35 mi - 45 minutes

The drive from Banff to Lake Louise is short, but there is much to see on this scenic route through the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

Depending on how much time you spend in Banff, we suggest taking a short detour and driving to Peyto Lake before settling into Lake Louise for your night's stay. About a 30-minute drive up the Icefields Parkway, Peyto Lake is an impressive, glacier-fed lake that delights onlookers with different shades of turquoise because of the glacial rock flour.

#### DAYS 4 - 6 LAKE LOUISE



Soaring mountain peaks meet the dramatically beautiful Lake Louise.

If have some leg power, consider doing the Lake Agnes Teahouse hike. It's a relatively easy hike, about 7.2 km or 4.5 mile return trip. You'll need about 3 to 4 hours for it. When you reach the teahouse enjoy a cup of coffee and pie.

If hiking isn't your thing, consider afternoon tea or a bite to eat at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise located right alongside the emerald lake. For those keen to spot grizzly bears The Lake Louise Gondola is one of the best places to do so. Awe-inspiring views and

breathtaking animal encounters are guaranteed, so don't forget your camera.

#### DAY 7 LAKE LOUISE TO YOHO NATIONAL PARK

29 km / 18 mi - 30 minutes

If you desire to take in the stillness and magic of the magnificent Valley of the Ten Peaks, early rising is a must and the perfect send-off before heading into British Columbia. Fun fact – the image of Moraine Lake is world-famous and appears on the reverse side of the 1969 and 1979 issues of the Canadian twenty-dollar bill.

The drive from Lake Louise to Yoho National Park takes less than an hour. Yoho National Park has three accessible options for overnight camping and spectacular trails and passes. Guided hikes are offered to the Burgess Shale fossils, an opportunity to explore the remains of an ancient sea in the sky.

#### DAY 8 YOHO NATIONAL PARK

Today continue to enjoy this national park.

#### DAY 9 YOHO NATIONAL PARK TO REVELSTOKE

#### 172 km / 107 mi - 2 hours

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#### DAY 10 REVELSTOKE

Today continue to enjoy the Revelstoke area and maybe try a new outdoor activity.

#### DAY 11 REVELSTOKE TO KELOWNA

198 km / 123 mi - 2 hours 45 minutes

Leaving the spectacular mountains behind, today you'll be heading into the Okanagan Valley known for its parks, vineyards and orchards. You'll drive the winding roads along Eagle River through the towns of Sicamous, Enderby, Armstrong and Vernon. Stop and take in the view of Kalamalka Lake or venture down and go for a swim!

Arriving in Kelowna, its downtown area hugs Lake Okanagan and is close to more than 20 local vineyards offering wine tours and tastings. You have many options to overnight in this area with a range of campgrounds and RV Parks.

#### DAY 12 KELOWNA

Take advantage of this day to discover the wines and typical products of this region.

## DAY 13 KELOWNA TO VANCOUVER 390 km / 242 mi - 2 hours 45 minutes

On your final leg of this trip, you'll be leaving the desert heat of the Okanagan and heading to the coast, travelling along the Trans-Canada Highway. Merritt is the first town you'll drive by and, if you need to refuel, this is a good place to stop.

You'll drive the Coquihalla Highway - the



summit, which is the highest point on the highway, boasts impressive views before arriving in Hope. For book lovers, pop into Baker's Books in this small town where every second-hand book is just \$2. From Hope, you're about 150 kilometers away from your final destination, Vancouver.

#### DAY 14 VANCOUVER

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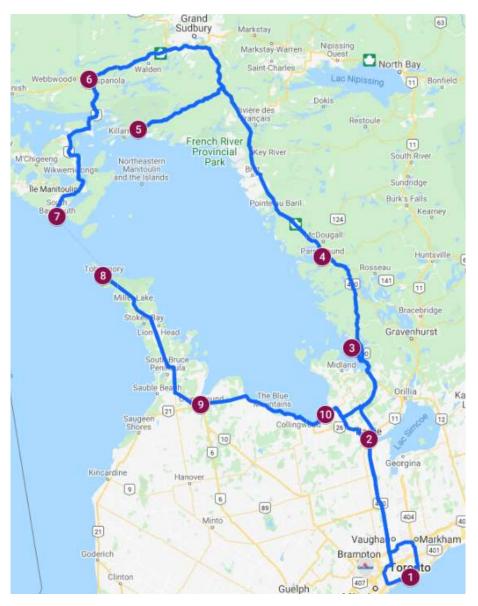
### **GEORGIAN BAY COASTAL ROUTE**

PROVINCE: Ontario DURATION: 14 days DISTANCE: 1285km / 798mi



Get up close and personal with nature along the Georgian Bay Coastal Route. Follow this 15-day itinerary around the Bay, stopping at the best natural attractions.





#### DAY 1 TORONTO TO BARRIE

110 km / 68 mi - 1 hour 14 minutes

After picking up your RV, head north on Hwy 400. Plan to travel only a short distance today and stay at a campground within an hour of the pick-up location to enable you to become familiar with the RV. We suggest travelling as far as Barrie, Ontario. Along the way, you may wish to stop to stock up on any last minute items before you continue your vacation.

#### DAY 2 BARRIE TO HONEY HARBOUR

70 km / 43 mi - 50 minutes

Plan for an early start today as you leave for Honey Harbour and a day trip to Georgian Bay Islands National Park.

Take Hwy 400 to the junction of Hwy 5 and turn off onto Honey Harbour Road, taking this road until it ends. Allow at least two hours to reach Honey Harbour.



#### DAY 3 HONEY HARBOUR TO PARRY SOUND

#### 83 km / 52 mi - 55 minutes

Today you continue north to Parry Sound, the world-renowned jewel of the 30,000 Islands on Georgian Bay. Take the Honey Harbour Road back to the junction of Highway 48 and take South Bay Road back to the Trans-Canada Highway then head north on Hwy 400 to Parry Sound.

Parry Sound has a rich history to explore that includes Ojibway Indian settlements and pioneer homesteads and is revered for water activities which include sailing, cruising, canoeing, kayaking and fishing. In late July the city hosts the Festival of the Sound, a series of classical voice and instrumental concerts featuring music from around the world.

Overnight in Parry Sound. There's a provincial park with limited facilities 8km south of Parry Sound at Oastler Lake or you can stay at one of the private campgrounds in the area.

#### DAY 4 PARRY SOUND

We suggest you spend another day in and around Parry Sound, perhaps taking a circle drive to Lake Muskoka along highways 69, 169 and 118 as far as Bracebridge.

Head south on Hwy 11 to Gravenhurst and then back up Highway 169 through Hardy Lake Provincial Park. Here the road back to Parry Sound will leave you with a number of choices, so be sure to check your GPS before returning.

#### DAY 5 PARRY SOUND TO KILLARNEY

It's a leisurely drive ahead of you today as you drive north-west to Killarney, a quaint village nestled at the base of the La Cloche Mountains. Be sure to stop along the way at the French River Visitor Centre. Here you will enjoy views of the French River gorge as you wander across the suspension bridge on your way to Recollet Falls. Continue on to Killarney.

If you didn't get your fill of Georgian Bay whitefish last night, be sure to check out the amazing fish & chips at Herbert Fisheries right on the dock!

There are a limited number of private campgrounds in the area along with a provincial park campground at Killarney Provincial Park. Advance reservations are essential for this park, particularly during July and August. Visit Ontario Parks Reservation Service for more information.

#### DAY 6 KILLARNEY PROVINCIAL PARK

Take a boat cruise to Baie Fine Fjord or visit George Lake at the Park's main access point for a paddle or a hike.

#### DAY 7 KILLARNEY TO ONAPING TO ESPANOLA

252 km / 157 mi - 3 hours

190 km / 118 mi - 2 hours 10 minutes

After an early breakfast, make the trek to Sudbury (Hwy 69 north). While in the city, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Bell Park Boardwalk, then visit Science North, an internationally renowned science centre offering hands on exhibits encouraging visitors to play and explore. The centre also includes an IMAX theatre.

After visiting Science North, take a 80km return side trip up Highway 144 to Onaping and the A.Y. Jackson Lookout. The lookout offers a scenic view of High Falls as it plunges 55 metres (150 feet) into the Sudbury basin. From Onaping, take Highway 144 south to the junction of the Trans Canada (Hwy 17) and head east to Espanola.

Overnight in Espanola.



#### DAY 8 ESPANOLA TO KAGAWONG TO SOUTH BAYMOUTH

154 km / 96 mi - 2 hours

Today you're heading to the world's largest freshwater island, Manitoulin Island (Hwy 17 west of Sudbury to Hwy 6 south). Enter the Island at Little Current by crossing the oldest swing bridge in North America. Built in 1913, it still swings 15 minutes on the hour to allow marine traffic to pass. Once on the Island, head to Kagawong (Hwy 540 West), for a walk and some sightseeing at Bridal Veil Falls. Take a dip, pull up a picnic table, and then follow the trails to the Bay. If you're traveling with your bike, be sure to take advantage of the limited traffic and magnificent scenic views by cycling Manitoulin's backroads.

#### DAY 9 MANITOULIN ISLAND

Manitoulin Island is rich in First Nation experiences. Plan to spend a full day on the island immersing yourself in some of the best experiences the island's First Nation people have to offer.

Some experiences include traditional craft, art tours, museums, drumming, nature hikes, traditional cooking and golfing. More information about these experiences are available from the Great Spirit Circle Trail.

Overnight at your chosen campground in the South Baymouth area. Don't forget to make reservations for the Chi-Cheemaun for tomorrow's sailing.

DAY 10 SOUTH BAYMOUTH TO TOBERMORY (VIA FERRY)45 km / 28 mi - 2 hours 15 minutesCatch the morning ferry crossing to Tobermory aboard the Chi-Cheemaun. (Be sure to check in one hourbefore your sailing to guarantee your reservation).

Once you dock in Tobermory, enjoy some time wandering the streets of this picturesque fishing village while you await your boarding on a Flower Pot Island excursion. Whilst on the island, wander the trail to the former lightkeeper's house. Back ashore, check into your campground for the night.

If you're planning on spending another day in Tobermory, we suggest you find a campground close to the town otherwise head south to Summer House Park.

DAY 11 TOBERMORY TO OWEN SOUND (via Bruce Peninsula National Park) 105 km / 65 mi - 1 hour 25 minutes

This morning, explore Bruce Peninsula National Park (Hwy 6 south of Tobermory). Park at the head of trails, and hike the main trail to the Grotto, a natural sea cave formed by years of Georgian Bay wave action.

When you've finished exploring, carry on down the Bruce Peninsula (Hwy 6 south), into Owen Sound, stopping at Inglis Falls for a breathtaking view as the Sydenham River cascades over the limestone cliffs of the Niagara Escarpment. If you're up for a walk, take the Pines Loop through the forest. If it's a more energetic hike you're looking for, take the trail to Harrison Park. Overnight in Owen Sound.





#### DAY 12 OWEN SOUND TO WASAGA BEACH

#### 100 km / 62 mi - 1 hour 30 minutes

Travel to the town of The Blue Mountains (Hwy 26 East) today, for some caving and a gondola ride to the top of Blue Mountain. Once at the top, enjoy a picnic, or walk the trail to Scenic Caves Adventures. Whichever way you get there (by car or by foot), be sure not to miss this opportunity to explore the labyrinth of caves and crevices. Before leaving the Caves, venture cross Ontario's Longest Suspension Footbridge, for a view while suspended above the world! If you're travelling with bikes, cycle the Georgian



DAY 14 MIDLAND TO TORONTO

Trail, a rail trail running between Meaford and Collingwood. Overnight in Wasaga.

# DAY 13 WASAGA BEACH TO MIDLAND 40 km / 25 mi - 35 minutes

Enjoy a leisurely day today. Wander along the 14km of sand at Wasaga Beach, making it the world's longest freshwater beach. It has six designated beach areas including five for families and one for entertainment.

A trip along the Blueberry Trail will take you to Ontario's largest parabolic sand dunes for bird watching opportunities. Next find your way to Midland (Cty Rd 92 East to Elmvale, left on Cty Rd 27, then left on Cty Rd 93), and the Wye Marsh, a designated "Important Bird Area". Allow 1-2 hours for your visit. An admission fee is payable.

If you have time, you may like to take a drive up to Awenda Provincial Park. Here you'll find opportunities to fish, canoe, boat, swim and view wildlife, in particular white tailed deer, porcupine, raccoon and squirrels. There are six campgrounds in this park.

Overnight at Awenda Provincial Park or in a private campground near Midland.

146 km / 91 mi - 1 hour 45 minutes

Another leisurely day as your journey takes you south back to Toronto. Spend the day exploring downtown this iconic city.



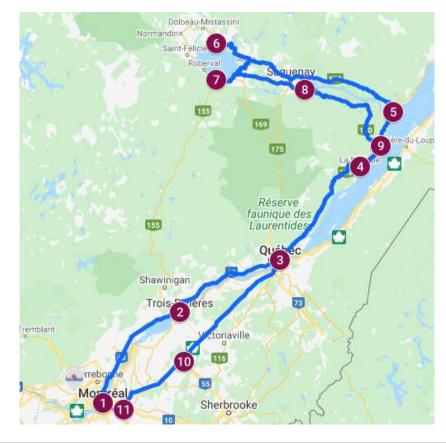
### **RIVERS, LAKES & MOUNTAINS**

PROVINCE: Quebec DURATION: 15 days DISTANCE: 1620km / 1007mi



Experience the wonder of Quebec on the ultimate Quebec road trip – visiting lakes, rivers and mountains. This tour takes you up the St Lawrence River, along the Saguenay Fjord and River, to the highest mountains east of the Rockies and into Lake Country. And, if you have a desire for some city activities, we'll take you to some of the most beautiful in the region.





#### DAY 1 MONTREAL TO TROIS RIVIERES

#### 151 km / 94 mi - 1 hour 40 minutes

Your first destination on our tour is Trois Rivieres. Take Route 158 to Berthierville. Here you can connect with the Autoroute Felix-Leclerc (Highway 40), which will take you into the city of Trois Rivieres.

Discover the historic downtown core, take a walking tour along the Heritage Trail, featuring 70 information panels recounting the history of a street or neighbourhood with its residents and buildings. There are a number of private campgrounds within 20km of downtown Trois Rivieres for your camping enjoyment.

#### DAY 2 TROIS RIVIERES TO QUEBEC CITY

126 km / 78 mi - 1 hour 25 minutes

The most direct route to tonight's destination of Quebec City is on Autoroute 40. If you prefer a more scenic alternative you should take the historic Chemin du Roy (King's Way), following Route 138. Here you will come across some of the most beautiful villages in Quebec, like Grondines, Deschambault, Cap-Sante and Neuville.

Visiting Old Quebec City is best done on foot as the streets are narrow and parking is difficult. Old Quebec is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is alive with history. Take a visit to the Plains of Abraham, the Fortifications of Quebec and the Citadel - the city's two main defensive works - then take a walking tour or a horse-drawn carriage ride in the Old Town to get a true feel for this unique historic district. For shopping and fine dining, check out rue Saint-Jean and rue Saint-Louis, full of European charm. Visit Place Royale, Petit Champlain District and Old Port then take a ride from the Lower Old Town to the Upper Old Town on the Funicular.



#### DAY 3 QUEBEC CITY

Spend your day in Quebec City and enjoy the culture, food and entertainment this beautiful city offers. Drive to "L'Isle d'Orleans", just 15 minutes from downtown Quebec City, opposite the Montmorency Falls. This island offers some of the most scenic viewpoints in the Quebec City area.

Leaving the island by bridge, you'll find yourself very close to Montmorency Falls. Stop in for a visit while you're here before returning to your Quebec City campground for the evening.

#### DAY 4 QUEBEC CITY

Today we suggest you take a drive out to Jacques-Cartier National Park (Parc National de la Jacques-Cartier). Parc National de la Jacques-Cartier is only 30 minutes by road from Quebec City and is home to some of Quebec's most beautiful glacial valleys. This park is open year round and offers opportunities for canoe rentals, hiking, mountain bike trails, fishing, snow shoeing and skiing. Plan to spend a full day in the park as there's so much to do and see.

Overnight at your chosen Quebec City area campground.

DAY 5 QUEBEC CITY TO LA MALBAIE

# 142 km / 88 mi - 1 hour 45 minutes

Today you'll leave beautiful Quebec City as you make your way north to the Charlevoix region for your overnight stop in La Malbaie.

From Beaupre, Route 138 takes you north where we suggest you stop at Canyon Ste Anne. Here you can view the imposing 74m high Sainte-Anne waterfall as it rumbles into its 1.2 billion-year-old notch.

In Baie-Saint-Paul, take some time to walk along the main street and to visit the many small art galleries this town is known for. For panoramic views of the region and its landscapes, head for the Terrasse Felix-Antoine Savard in the Domaine Charlevoix nature park at 340 route 362. At Baie-Saint-Paul, the highway divides with route 138 becoming the Mountain route and route 362 continuing along the river and known as the River route.

At Misere, look for the turn off to Saint-Joseph-de-la-Rive. Here is where you'll find the Charlevoix Maritime Museum, les Santons de Charlevoix and the Papeterie Saint Gilles Economusée, all of which are worth a visit. Make sure you also take a break at Les Eboulements, a member of Quebec's Association of Most Beautiful Villages. Not far north of Les Eboulements, you reach Saint-Irenée, another member of Quebec's Most Beautiful Villages.

Arrive in La Malbaie for your overnight stay.

#### DAY 6 LA MALBAIE TO TADOUSSAC

After a relaxing breakfast, head out east on Highway 138 and, just before Saint-Simeon, veer off the main road to Port-au-Persil, so tiny it can barely be called a village.

Continue to St Simeon, made up of four villages namely St Simeon, Baie-des-Rochers, Port-au-Persil and Port-aux-Quilles. This area is a mecca for rock climbers with the Mountaineering Adventure Park of the Palissades close by. Here you can also swim, canoe, fish and picnic.

70 km / 43 mi - 1 hour 25 minutes





Highway 138 then travels north through Baie-des-Rochers and Pointe-au-Bouleau to Baie-Sainte-Catherine. Baie-Sainte-Catherine is the west terminus of the Baie-Ste-Catherine / Tadoussac ferry, which offers free and frequent service across the Saguenay River to Tadoussac. The ferry is part of Highway 38. Baie-Saint-Catherine is a gateway to the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park where you can observe the rich marine ecosystem of the St Lawrence estuary and Saguenay Fjord.

Other outdoor activities are also plentiful in the region including horseback riding, hiking, whale watching, canoeing and kayaking. You should have plenty of time to explore before boarding the ferry to Tadoussac for your overnight stay.

DAY 7 TADOUSSAC



Spend the day in Tadoussac. This is a great place to take a whale-watching excursion on the St Lawrence River, as many species of whales call the river home.

The whales are attracted by the river's wealth of shellfish, which they feast on, and by its impressive depth. Take a boat cruise to observe the whales in the St Lawrence River.

If whale-watching doesn't appeal, how about a 20 minute flight over the Fjord in a Beaver seaplane, or a six-hour discovery cruise of the Saguenay Fjord on

board the Cavalier Royal? Discover the escarpments, islands, spectacular waterfalls and more and stop at Parc national du Saguenay to learn the history and legends of this picturesque region.

There's also a lot to see and do by strolling the boardwalk and exploring Tadoussac.

DAY 8 TADOUSSAC TO SAINTE-MONIQUE (Point Taillon National Park) 203 km / 126 mi - 2 hour 30 minutes

Today's journey takes you north on 138 for a short while before heading west on Highway 172. This highway follows the northern shores of the Saguenay Fjord.

You will find yourself crossing the Saint-Marguerite River many times but it won't be until you get to Saint-Fulgence that you meet the Fjord again, just before it converges with the Saguenay River.

In Saint-Fulgence, you'll find the main entrance for the Parc national des Monts Valin. This park consists of 900 metre high peaks, spectacular viewpoints, rivers and numerous opportunities for hiking, fishing or canoeing. Look out for the Parc Aventure Cap Jaseux. Here you can discover the secrets of the Saguenay in a sail boat, see the Fjord in all its splendour by sea kayak, have an amazing view over the Saguenay from the Via Ferrata or the high ropes or arrange for a farm visit.

If you prefer to continue on to Lac St-Jean, route 172 hugs the river as far as the northern shore of Chicoutimi before veering northwest through more small towns and villages and converging with route 169 just north of Delisle. From there it's only a short drive to Saint-Monique where we suggest you find a campground.

#### DAY 9 POINTE TAILLON NATIONAL PARK



Today's a day for relaxation and to discover the many activities Parc national de la Point Taillon has to offer. Watersports' fans will adore the 15 km of sand beaches.

Supervised swimming is available near the Discovery and Visitors Centre. You can rent canoes, kayaks and pedal boats near the supervised beach. Parc national de la Point Taillon has a total of 45 km



of cycling paths, 16 of which are linked to Veloroute des Bleuets. Bicycles are available for rent at the park rental centre. And, hiking and walking are plentiful.

Overnight in Sainte-Monique or travel a little further round the lake to your chosen campground.

DAY 10 SAINTE MONIQUE TO ROBERVAL/CHAMBORD 124 km / 77 mi - 1 hour 45 minutes No trip to the area would be complete without travelling Lac St Jean by road. The highway skirts the river as far as Peribonca before veering sharply North West through fertile farmland and meeting the water again in the Dolbeau-Mistassini area.

Dolbeau-Mistassini is the commercial hub of Lac St-Jean and a good place to stop to stock up on food. Continue south across the river to St Felicien. Here we suggest you stop at Zoo Sauvage de St-Felicien.

From Saint Felicien, it's a short drive to either Roberval or Chambord for your overnight stay. At Chambord, take a walk through the historic ghost town of Val Jalbert. The town features waterfalls, a fascinating industrial history and a large number of historical buildings.

#### DAY 11 CHAMBORD TO LA BAIE

Today you can decide whether to spend the day in the Chambord area or travel on to La Baie, stopping en route to experience the surrounding countryside. Your journey covers only 100km so you've lots of time. The town of La Baie was once a city in its own right but is now a borough of Saguenay. Activities here include relaxing fishing trips on the Saguenay River, golf on emerald green courses and lots of bike trails. En route to La Baie, you may like to take a small diversion into the towns of Chicoutimi and Saguenay. Back en route, we suggest you take the time to visit the Musée de la Defense aérienne de Bagotville – the only museum in Québec dedicated to the history of military aviation. Take a guided tour of the military installations and learn about the history of the Canadian Forces base at Bagotville.

#### DAY 12 LA BAIE TO SAINT SIMEON

158 km / 98 mi - 1 hour 35 minutes

99 km / 62 mi - 1 hour 10 minutes

Today's drive has you winding through the southern part of Quebec's Fjord route. Before leaving La Baie, consider a visit to the Musée du Fjord where you can explore the captivating world that is the Saguenay Fjord.

Continue east on Highway 170. A side trip off this highway onto Chemin de la Batture will take you to the captivating town of Saint-Felix-d'Otis where you may like to visit Site de la Nouvelle France. This road rejoins Highway 170 near Lake Valerie where you can continue your journey to Rivière-Éternité.

From here you can travel on to Saguenay National Park. The park, whose mission is to preserve the Saguenay Fjord, has 100 km of short- and long-range hiking trails allowing views of glacier sculpted rock and marine terraces.

As you continue on to Saint Simeon today, be sure to drive in to the small town of L'Anse-St-Jean, another member of the "Most Beautiful Villages in Quebec".

DAY 13 SAINT SIMEON TO DRUMMONDVILLE 334 km / 208 mi - 3 hours 45 minutes A 65-minute ferry ride this morning will take you across the river to Riviere du Loup on your way to Drummondville.

Riviere-du-Loup is renowned for its beautiful sunsets. You may like to take time out to visit Riviere-du-Loup Waterfall Park which offers 5km of walking paths, gardens and marshes along with a 30m waterfall which can be viewed from either of two bridges crossing the river. Those interested in learning about the region's history and culture can visit the Musee-du-Bas Saint-Laurent which preserves and exhibits contemporary Quebecois art.



#### DAY 14 DRUMMONDVILLE TO CHAMBLY

92 km / 57 mi - 1 hour 15 minutes

As the driving distance today is short, we suggest you spend more time this morning exploring Drummondville and surrounding area before continuing on to Chambly.

Chambly is located on the shores of the Richelieu River, at the foot of the Chambly rapids. Chambly is home to both the Fort Chambly National Historic Site and the Chambly Canal National Historic Site. The canal was built in 1843 to bypass several kilometers of rapids between the towns of Chambly and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu as part of a series of waterways connecting Canada and the United States. Today the canal is enjoyed by more than 7000 pleasure boats in the summer and ice skaters in the winter.

Overnight at your chosen campground or, if you prefer a shorter drive back to your drop-off location tomorrow morning, continue on to Saint Jerome.

#### DAY 15 CHAMBLY TO MONTREAL

30 km / 19 mi - 30 minutes

Today's drive takes you back to Montreal where your road trip ends. The short drive gives you ample time to get back to Montreal and drop-off the RV. Of course, if your schedule permits, you can carry on for another road trip or spend more time in the city of Montreal.

