

# WESTERN CANADA

10 days/1441 miles

## MOTORHOME ITINERARY

Start in **Vancouver** and Visit Vancouver Island as well. NB: To complete this itinerary in comfort, we certainly suggest taking advantage of the 'Early Bird' departure and late return option.

**Day 1** On arrival into Vancouver, make your way to the airport area hotel booked for you and enjoy a relaxing overnight stay.



Okanagan Valley

**Day 2** Call Cruise America first thing to arrange the time for motorhome collection. Unless you have pre-purchased the 'Early Bird' departure special, you will make your own way by taxi to the rental office this afternoon. We do recommend that morning departure as your journey covers 278 miles from Vancouver to the sunny South Okanagan Valley today. You are heading east for the **Oliver/Gallagher Lake KOA** with its own private sandy beach on the lake. Sunbathing and kids having fun is the relaxing way to spend time on arrival or next morning. There is golf nearby too and of course you will be in the vineyards region.

**Day 3** You'll have the opportunity to visit those vineyards on your 126 mile drive today from Oliver to the **Salmon Arm KOA**, just minutes from Shuswap Lake and still in the Okanagan Valley. Your campsite will be woven into the wooded grounds - a quiet retreat. More golf courses in this area too if you want to test your skills. For the children there is a petting zoo, playground and wagon rides in July and August.

**Day 4** You are probably bored with all that wine so hurry through the 66 mile drive from Salmon Arm to **Revelstoke KOA**, where "the mountains make the magic". Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks are the main draws and your KOA hosts can provide maps and guides for a variety of activities - and may even be able to provide a shuttle service. This campground is just off the Trans-Canada Highway and minutes from the town with several charmingly restored Victorian buildings.



**Day 5** A drive of 330 miles today, through some of the most spectacular scenery of the Rocky Mountains. You will be sure to visit Lake Louise and Banff National Park but you can leave Jasper National Park until tomorrow as the park entrance is just 15 minutes from the **Hinton KOA** where you will be booked for two nights. Describing Jasper as "rugged peaks, blue glaciers and wildflower meadows" brings recollections of the Sound of Music! Check it for yourself by riding the aerial tramway 3,281 to the summit of Whistlers Mountain!



Snow coach on Columbia Icefield, Jasper



The Jasper tramway

**Day 6** Miles are at your option today as you enjoy all that Jasper NP has to offer. Overnight **Hinton KOA**.

**Day 7** The drive today is 259 miles west, through Jasper National Park to join the Yellowhead Highway to **Clearwater, BC KOA** where you will spend the night. Your focus here is Wells Gray Provincial Park, the "waterfall park" with over 250 cascades and the famous Helmcken Falls. Set amongst pines and shade trees, the KOA lies about 22 miles from the park gateway.



Deer in the Rockies, Alberta

Driving time: 32.5 hours (3 hrs per day average)



Fisherman's Wharf, Victoria

**Day 8** The 332 mile drive today culminates in the BC Ferry Corp trip across to Vancouver Island. Due to variation on motorhome size from different suppliers, the ferry should be pre-booked by you at your cost. The forested mountain setting of the **Victoria West KOA** is the place to stay for 2 nights while you explore this interesting Island.

**Day 9** Miles are at your option today as you tour Vancouver Island. So much to do - your KOA hosts can even arrange whale-watching and fishing excursions and, if you happen to be on the Island on a summer Saturday evening, don't miss the fireworks at famed Butchart Gardens. Overnight **Victoria West KOA**

**Day 10** This is the day you return your motorhome. Though you have only 69 miles to travel on the road, the ferry time has to be considered. Our estimate is the journey will take about 3 hours but this does not include any hold-ups. Another reason to suggest that late return option.

