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WESTERN CANADA HIGHLIGHTS: MOUNTAINS, COASTLINES & CULTURE

Calgary - Banff - Jasper - Prince George - Smithers - Prince Rupert - Port Hardy - Campbell River - Tofino - Victoria - Vancouver

Experience the best of Western Canada on this 18-day journey from Calgary to Vancouver. Discover majestic national parks, scenic coastal towns, Indigenous culture, and vibrant cities — all set against some of the most breathtaking landscapes in North America.

 Region	Western Canada
 Activity	Summer
 Duration	18 days
 Code	AUSWESCAN
 Price	From €3,183

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Day 1 **Calgary**



Welcome to Calgary, where your adventure begins! Immerse yourself in the charm of this vibrant city and enjoy an unforgettable evening. Be sure to indulge in some of the best local cuisine at one of the city's renowned restaurants – a perfect way to kick off your journey.

- Accommodation: Hotel

Day 2 **Calgary / Banff**



Continue your journey through Calgary, a city that perfectly captures the spirit of the West. Pick up your rental car and hit the road, heading toward the majestic Rockies and the stunning Banff National Park. Let the breathtaking landscapes unfold as you embark on this unforgettable adventure.

- Transportation: Approx. 127 km, approx. 1h30

- Accommodation: Hotel

Day 3 **Banff**



Discover the majestic beauty of Banff National Park. Immerse yourself in stunning natural landscapes, from towering mountain peaks to crystal-clear alpine lakes. Explore scenic hiking trails that wind through some of the most breathtaking vistas in the world – every step offering a new reason to be amazed.

Suggested activity (\$):

- Banff Gondolas

- Accommodation: Hotel

Day 4 **Banff / Jasper**



Your journey continues towards Jasper along the legendary Glacier Route. Nestled in the heart of the mountains, this route offers superb panoramic views, with numerous lakes, glaciers, fir forests, peaks and waterfalls all along the way.

- Transportation: Approx.288 km, approx.3h20
- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 5 Jasper



Discover the wonders of Jasper National Park as you journey to the serene Maligne Lake, nestled in the heart of an ancient glacial valley. Venture along the Bald Hills Trail, where a carpet of wildflowers and sweeping alpine views create an unforgettable hiking experience, showcasing the rugged beauty of the surrounding mountains.

- Included activity : Cruise on Maligne Lake
- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 6 Jasper / Prince George



Continuing on to Prince George. Discover the Chun T'oh Whudujut Forest, a forest ecosystem that combines the attributes of British Columbia's temperate rainforests and coastal rainforests with the adjacent boreal forests of Alberta and the Far North.

- Transportation: Approx.374 km, approx.3h50
- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 7 Prince George / Smithers



Next stop Smithers. Join us in Smithers, a charming mountain town surrounded by spectacular scenery, offering endless possibilities for outdoor adventure and a warm atmosphere typical of Western Canada. The scenery is incredible, with a breathtaking view of Hudson Bay Mountain, topped by a glacier. After being rebuilt in 1979, the town has taken on a Tyrolean village feel that might be found in Switzerland or Austria. Driftwood Canyon Provincial Park is renowned for its fossils, so come and find out more!

- Transportation: Approx. 372 km, approx. 4h
- Accommodation: Hotel

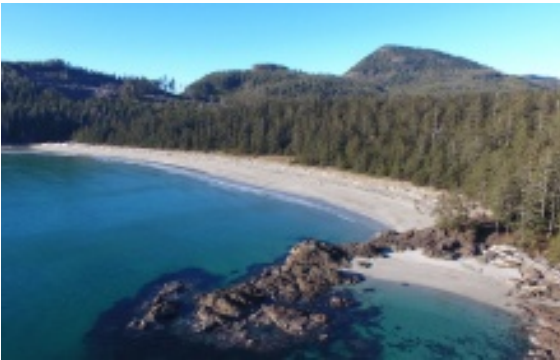
📍 Day 8 **Smithers / Prince Rupert**



Welcome to Prince Rupert, a vibrant port city perched on the northwest coast of Kaien Island in British Columbia. Surrounded by rugged mountains and the misty waters of the Pacific, this coastal gem offers breathtaking panoramic views, rich Indigenous culture, and a gateway to some of Canada's most spectacular marine wildlife experiences — from whale watching to scenic ferry routes through the Inside Passage.

- Transportation: Approx. 347 km, approx. 3h50
- Accommodation: Hotel

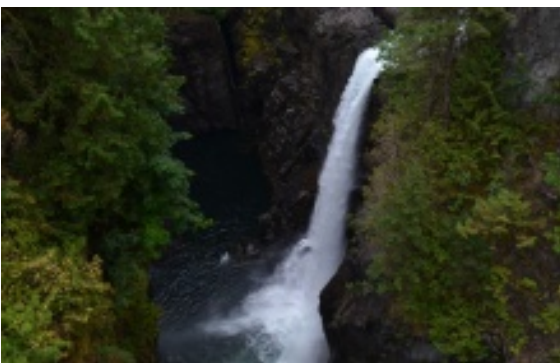
📍 Day 9 **Prince Rupert / Port Hardy**



Take the ferry to Port Hardy. The inland passage between Port Hardy and Prince Rupert offers an exceptional maritime experience along Canada's west coast. Sailing through tranquil waters and majestic coastal scenery, this nearly 16-hour journey takes you through fjords, lush forests and towering mountains, offering breathtaking views and marine wildlife sightings, including seals and bald eagles, as well as whales and orcas if you're lucky.

- Cruise: Approx. 523 km, approx. 15h
- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 10 **Port Hardy / Campbell River**



Next destination Campbell River. Discover the region's renowned Elk Falls Provincial Park. You'll also have the opportunity to explore picturesque beaches, observe majestic marine wildlife, immerse yourself in the rich Aboriginal culture, while soaking up the warm hospitality of the locals.

- Transportation: Approx. 233 km, approx. 2h30
- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 11 **Campbell River**



Start your morning with a peaceful stroll along the Discovery Pier, where you might spot seals or even a passing pod of orcas. Then, head to the Beaver Lodge Lands to enjoy a network of scenic trails perfect for hiking or biking through tranquil forest landscapes. In the afternoon, visit the Museum at Campbell River to delve into the region's rich cultural and maritime history. As the day winds down, find a quiet spot along the shoreline to watch the sun set over Discovery Passage — a perfect end to another memorable day on the coast.

- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 12 Campbell River / Tofino



Next destination Tofino! It's the ideal place to relax in peaceful surroundings with magnificent ocean views, or to go on an adventure in the extraordinary rainforest. The area is also famous for its miles of wild beaches that attract surfers from all over the world!

- Transportation: Approx. 270 km, approx. 3h20

- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 13 Tofino



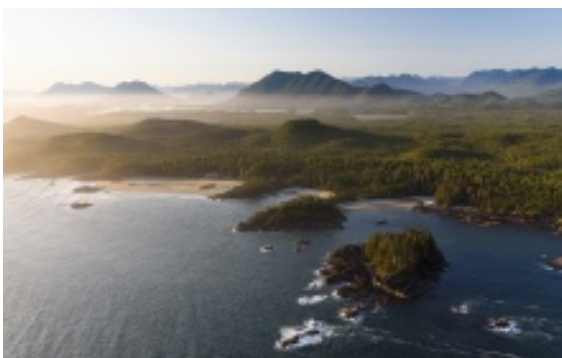
Tofino is known for its spectacular wilderness. Discover this magical place on a guided excursion. By boat, zodiac or kayak, you'll have the opportunity to tour the surrounding area and learn more about the region's flora and fauna.

Suggested activities (\$) :

- Whale watching cruise

- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 14 Tofino



Visit Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, which protects both the natural and cultural heritage of Canada's West Coast. It traces the history of the Nuu-Chah-nulth First Nations and European explorers. Or take the Rainforest Trail, a wooded walking trail in Pacific Rim National Park, in search of the famous black bear...

Suggested activities (\$) :

- Bear watching by zodiac

- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 15 **Tofino / Victoria**



Welcome to Victoria — British Columbia's elegant capital, where old-world charm meets vibrant coastal life.

Stroll through the city's world-renowned flower gardens, including the iconic Butchart Gardens, bursting with color in every season. Whether you're into golfing on scenic courses, hiking coastal trails, cycling along the Galloping Goose Trail, indulging in boutique shopping, savoring world-class cuisine, or enjoying live theater and arts, Victoria offers something for every traveler.

- Transportation: Approx. 317 km, approx. 4h50

- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 16 **Victoria / Vancouver**



Last stop on your trip: Vancouver. Nature and entertainment merge in this cosmopolitan North American city. Considered the pearl of Western Canada, it has everything to offer: leisure, culture, history and breathtaking natural spaces.

- Transportation: Approx. 115 km, approx. 3h20

- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 17 **Vancouver**



Visit Vancouver from top to bottom: Stanley Park, Kitsilano, Gastown, Granville, Chinatown... Discover the city's many bars, restaurants and shops. Take the elevator up to Vancouver Lookout for an incredible panoramic view of the city, then head off on an adventure across the famous Capilano Suspension Bridge.

Suggested activities (\$):

- Capilano Suspension Bridge

- Accommodation: Hotel

📍 Day 18 **Vancouver / Departure**



Depending on your flight schedule, a free day to visit Vancouver. At the end of the day, return your vehicle to the Vancouver airport for your return flight.

- Accommodation: *On the plane*

PERIOD & BUDGET

When to travel?

The best period for travelling is during the following months:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Price

From C\$4,750 / person (based on two people)

The budget is an indication of the price per person, subject to availability. Your local agent will send you a customized quote with the exact price. The price can vary according to availability, level of services, period of travel, number of participants, booking time frame and other items.

Included

- 17 nights' standard accommodation
- 15-day rental of a mid-size Hyundai Elantra or equivalent, unlimited mileage, LDW and ALI insurance, local taxes, airport fees, one tank of gas, one additional driver and one-way fees.
- Prince Rupert / Port Hardy ferry
- Vancouver Island - Vancouver ferry
- Cruise on Maligne Lake
- Canadian taxes (federal and provincial)
- 24-hour assistance
- Roadbook (electronic version)

Not included

- International flights (available on request)
- Gasoline
- Personal expenses
- Meals not mentioned
- Beverages (except tea and coffee for included meals)
- Entrance fees to national parks
- Optional activities not mentioned
- Travel insurance

International flights

Why bother with multiple reservations? We can offer you your entire holiday under one roof, and we'll be there to help you if you have any problems. As we have excellent contracts with major airlines in both Canada and the USA, we're in a position to help you take advantage of our low prices. All you have to do is specify it when you request your initial quote, in the "Describe your project precisely" box on our form, and we'll be happy to include it in our proposal.

Terms and conditions

Booking conditions

By registering for one of our travel, the customer bindingly accepts the General Terms and Conditions of Sale. Each customer must complete a registration form. The booking is definitively recorded when the customer has settled the payment of a deposit of 35 % of the total travel price (subject to availability at the time of registration). In case of short term bookings – within 35 days prior to the travel departure – the full travel price is due immediately. Payments can be settled via bank transfer (SWIFT code/IBAN number) or online, directly from our website (soon available). You will receive an email with a booking confirmation as quickly as possible

Invoice procedure

Once your booking is registered, we send you an email with the invoice. Full payment is required at least 35 days before your arrival. If the customer does not settle the payment of the travel price within the period agreed upon, Altaï Canada reserves the right to cancel the booking free of charge.

Cancellation policy

If, for any reason, you need to cancel your trip, any payments already made will be refunded **subject to the following deductions**:

If cancellation occurs:

- **More than 31 days before departure:** 20% of the total booking amount (excluding insurance and fixed fees)
- **Between 30 and 21 days before departure:** 35% of the total booking amount (excluding insurance and fixed fees)
- **Between 20 and 14 days before departure:** 50% of the total booking amount (excluding insurance and fixed fees)
- **Between 13 and 7 days before departure:** 75% of the total booking amount (excluding insurance and fixed fees)
- **Less than 7 days before departure:** 100% of the total booking amount (excluding insurance and fixed fees)

Special Cases:

Regardless of the cancellation or contract modification date, the following fees **are added** to the standard cancellation terms above:

- **Airfare fees:** If your flight ticket has to be issued well in advance—often to secure the best fare—**100% of the non-refundable flight costs** will be charged in case of cancellation or change. In this case, the standard cancellation terms apply **only to the land portion** of the trip.
- **Land service fees:** Any non-refundable fees incurred early for firm bookings will be charged in case of cancellation.
- **Insurance:** Whether you purchased multi-risk or cancellation insurance, the **insurance premium is non-refundable** under any circumstances.

If you are forced to cancel your trip before departure, you must inform both **Altai Canada** and your insurance provider as soon as possible, using **written communication that provides proof of receipt**.

The **date the written notice is received** will be considered the official cancellation date and will determine the applicable cancellation fees.

If Altai Canada is required to cancel a group departure due to an insufficient number of participants, this decision will be made, and customers notified, **no later than 21 days before departure**.

Altai Canada may also cancel a trip due to **exceptional circumstances** considered force majeure (e.g., volcanic eruptions, social unrest, strikes, severe weather) that could compromise the safety of participants. In such cases, **all amounts paid will be fully refunded**, but **no additional compensation** can be claimed.

Changes to travel contract

If a change to travel contract is made at the customer's request, any fee that might arise from this change shall be paid by the customer. In any cases, every request for changes shall be notified in writing. In case of external events that could not be foreseen, Altai Canada might change some aspects of the travel contract. We will endeavour to advise you of any changes as quickly as possible.

Pricing

All group travel prices on our website have been calculated for the indicated number of participants for each trip. The price list is confirmed after the booking. If the number of participants is lower than expected, an additional payment charge might be applied. For each travel and program, we mention the price per person – valid for the minimum number of participants – and we provide you with detailed explanations about the services included or not. Any change in the exchange rates or in the price of travel services in particular regarding the cost of the fuel, might entail price revision.

Contract transfer

In case of transfer of the contract by the customer to an assignee, modification and cancellation conditions apply.

Insurance

We recommend that you get personal insurance before your departure to cover the activities undertaken by Altai Canada. If you have not purchased your insurance directly with us, we ask that you email us your insurance contract information (company, policy name, policy number, phone number) and bring this information with you on your trip.

