



## The Legends, Resorts & Vineyards



**DURATION** 11 Nights / 12 Days  
**DATES** May to October, Daily  
**ROUTE** Vancouver | Harrison Hot Springs / Agassiz | Osoyoos | Kelowna Chase | Lillooet | Whistler | Vancouver

Discover First Nations legends, resorts and vineyards on this spectacular and scenic adventure. Experience British Columbia's diverse and ever-changing geography as you travel from the Pacific Ocean and the Coast Mountains to semi-arid deserts, charming lakeside towns, and some of the most fertile farmland in the province. After spending some time exploring metropolitan Vancouver's downtown lights, the trip takes you through the lush Fraser Valley to British Columbia's spectacular wine country. Sample a glass of excellent vintage while you relax at an Aboriginal-owned resort and spa, or take in a quick 18 holes on a championship golf course. This tour offers relaxed and unparalleled access to First Nations experiences that include cultural adventure tours, wineries, championship golf courses, museums, art galleries, cultural centres, restaurants and much more.

### SUGGESTED ITINERARY

#### Day 1-2 Vancouver Exploring

Vancouver is one of the world's most beautiful cities, rich with culture, nature and world-class shopping, dining and hotels. It is also home to the Coast Salish Peoples including the Tsleil-Waututh, Musqueam and Squamish Nations. Explore Aboriginal culture at the **Klahowya Village in Stanley Park** and discover First Nations treasures at the **Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art**. Other activities include a canoe adventure with **Takaya Tours**, a

guided tour of the Coast Salish art and culture with **Richard Krentz Tours and Jewellery**, a round of golf at the **Takaya Golf Centre**, or a visit to the **Khot-la-Cha Gallery and Gift Shop**.

#### Day 3 Vancouver | Harrison Hot Springs region / Agassiz

Departing Vancouver, travel east into the lush Fraser Valley, the primary agricultural region in southwestern BC. Framed by the Coast Mountains on either side, this region is home to attractions, gardens, golf courses, historic sites, the mighty Fraser River and the beautiful

Harrison Lake. Stop at the **Ruby Creek Art Gallery** on Highway #7 close to the town of Agassiz. The gallery features an extraordinary collection of Pacific Northwest Native Art. Your home for tonight is the beautiful **Sasquatch Crossing Eco Lodge**. Originally built in 1903, the B&B features nine unique guest rooms, a library, living room with a fireplace, dining room and more. Relax at the B&B or visit the nearby town of Harrison Hot Springs.

## Day 4 Harrison Hot Springs / Agassiz | Osoyoos

A short drive from Harrison Hot Springs will bring you to the town of Hope, a major highway junction, from where you can travel on three different routes into BC's interior. By the time you reach Hope, you will have left the valley behind and entered the rugged Coast Mountains, blanketed with evergreen forests and snow-capped peaks. The further east you travel, the more arid the climate, vegetation and geography will become. By the time you arrive in Osoyoos, you are in Canada's only true desert. This region is home to the Osoyoos First Nation. The name Osoyoos is derived from Soyoos, an Aboriginal word meaning "gathered together". Relax and unwind at the Aboriginal-owned **Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort & Spa** for the next three nights.

## Day 5 - 6 Osoyoos Exploring

Relax and explore Aboriginal culture and a wide range of unique services and activities this region has to offer. Discover the legends of **Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre** or sip on a glass of chilled Chardonnay wines served on the patio of **Nk'Mip Cellars**.

## Day 7 Osoyoos | Kelowna

Enjoy a spectacular drive through British Columbia's world-famous wine country. Along the route, tour wineries and learn about winemaking techniques and sample your favourite varietal at the vineyards' tasting rooms. Stop at **Kekuli Café**

in Westbank for fresh bannock and delicious organic, fair-trade coffee. This First Nations-owned café / restaurant also offers Aboriginal-inspired cuisine, as well as local art. Upon arrival in Kelowna, relax at the lake or visit some of the nearby orchards.

## Day 8 Kelowna | Chase

From Kelowna, cruise into the picturesque Shuswap Lake area with a shoreline of over 1,000 km. Near the community of Chase you will leave the highway and travel through the First Nations community of Squilax / Little Shuswap Lake to the Secwepemc band-owned **Quaaout Lodge & Talking Rock Golf Club**, nestled on the sandy north shores of Little Shuswap Lake.

## Day 9 Chase Exploring

There are many activities available including horseback riding, mountain biking, swimming, canoeing, Aboriginal dance performances and talks about First Nations heritage. The resort also boasts a world-class golf course, **Talking Rock Golf Club**.



## Day 10 Chase | Kamloops | Lillooet

From Chase travel west on Highway #1 and then Highway #99 to Lillooet. Enroute, stop in Kamloops to visit the **Secwepemc Museum and Heritage Park**.

This 12-acre heritage park lets visitors discover the rich history and culture of the Secwepemc through exhibits, oral histories and legends, photos, artifacts and videos.

## Day 11 Lillooet | Whistler

In the morning, partake in an excursion with **Xwisten Experience Tours** and visit the traditional fishing grounds of the St'at'imc people. Learn time-honoured techniques such as preparing the salmon for preservation through wind drying. In the afternoon, enjoy a leisure drive to the resort town of Whistler.

## Day 12 Whistler | Vancouver

Take the day and explore this beautiful and world-famous resort. Activities available are hiking, bear-viewing, biking, sightseeing via the PEAK 2 PEAK gondola, canoeing, shopping and more. The **Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre** invites

guests to experience Whistler's First Nations heritage through a welcome song, guided tour of the museum and exhibits, cultural forest walk, craft-making in the centre's longhouse and exploration of the café and gift shop. Your tour ends with a 2 1/2-hour drive back to Vancouver.



## TRIP OVERVIEW

| Day        | City  | Optional Activities  | Hotel Suggestions                       | km / day |
|------------|---|--|---|----------|
| <b>1-2</b> | Arrive in Vancouver                         | Klahowya Village in Stanley Park (Jun - Sep)<br>Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art<br>Takaya Tours<br>Takaya Golf Centre<br>Salmon' n Bannock Restaurant<br>Richard Krentz Tours and Jewellery | Coast Coal Harbour Hotel                | N/A      |
| <b>3</b>   | Vancouver to Harrison Hot Springs / Agassiz | Ruby Creek Gallery - Agassiz   | Sasquatch Crossing Eco Lodge in Agassiz | 120 km   |
| <b>4</b>   | Harrison Hot Springs / Agassiz to Osoyoos   |  | Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort and Spa    | 289 km   |
| <b>5-6</b> | Osoyoos Exploring                           | Nk'Mip Cellar<br>Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre   | Spirit Ridge Vineyard Resort and Spa    | N/A      |
| <b>7</b>   | Osoyoos to Kelowna                          | Kekuli Café  | Coast Capri Hotel                       | 124 km   |
| <b>8</b>   | Kelowna to Chase                            |  | Quaaout Lodge & Talking Rock Golf Club  | 266 km   |
| <b>9</b>   | Chase Exploring                             | Talking Rock Golf Club   | Quaaout Lodge & Talking Rock Golf Club  | N/A      |
| <b>10</b>  | Chase to Lillooet                           | Secwepemc Museum & Heritage Park -Kamloops   | Retasket Lodge & RV Park                | 227 km   |
| <b>11</b>  | Lillooet to Whistler                        | Xwisten Experience Tour - Lillooet   | Coast Whistler Hotel                    | 131 km   |
| <b>12</b>  | Whistler to Vancouver                       | Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre   | Coast Coal Harbour Hotel                | 125 km   |
|            | Tour ends in Vancouver                      |  |   |          |