



## The Cultural Journey



**DURATION** 5 Nights / 6 Days  
**DATES** May to October, Daily  
**ROUTE** Vancouver | Whistler | Lillooet | Boston Bar | Harrison Hot Springs / Agassiz | Vancouver

This incredibly scenic route takes you north from Vancouver and the Pacific Ocean through the magnificent Coast Mountains. Along the way, explore the Cultural Journey between Vancouver and Whistler—a fascinating set of markers and maps recounting tales of the area's ancient place names and legends. Spend time sightseeing in Whistler Resort, or trying out some of the area's amazing outdoor recreation. The route then takes you to the Fraser Canyon area and through to Harrison Hot Springs before returning to Vancouver. You'll have once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to experience First Nations hospitality, cuisine and attractions at hotels and restaurants, museums, historical sites, art galleries and cultural centres. Learn time-honoured techniques for preparing salmon, visit sweat lodges and smoke houses, or explore traditional fishing grounds.

### SUGGESTED ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 Arrival in Vancouver

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** or the **Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art** in downtown Vancouver. In the evening, enjoy First Nations cuisine at the **Salmon n' Bannock** restaurant.

#### DAY 2 Vancouver | Whistler

Before leaving Vancouver stop at **Khot-La-Cha Art Gallery & Gift Shop**, located just off Lions Gate Bridge. Then continue your journey north along the Sea to Sky Highway (#99) to Whistler. Discover scenic ocean vistas, soaring mountains, dramatic waterfalls, bustling parks and outdoor activities. Along the way you can explore the Cultural Journey—a fascinating set of markers and maps recounting the area's ancient place names and legends. Stop at kiosks one through five for easy access off the highway. Today's journey ends in the resort town of Whistler.

#### DAY 3 Whistler Exploring

Enjoy a relaxing day in this mountain 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 the art and heritage of the Squamish and Lil'wat people 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.

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## DAY 4 Whistler | Lillooet

Today, drive two hours north along the scenic Duffey Lake Road to Lillooet. The town is spread along a grassy bench of land overlooking the mighty Fraser River and set against a backdrop of the Coast Mountains. Lillooet's spectacular setting is accompanied by a rich culture and history. Explore the traditional fishing grounds of the St'át'imc people with **Xwisten Experience Tours** and learn time-honoured techniques such as preparing salmon for preservation through wind-drying. Tour a real archaeological village site, and finish the experience with a traditional barbecued salmon meal.

## DAY 5 Lillooet | Boston Bar | Harrison Hot Springs region / Agassiz

From Lillooet travel south towards Hope. Enroute stop in Boston Bar to explore the **Tuckkwiowhum Village**, a First Nations site that offers guided adventures featuring a summer lodge, smoke house, food caches, sweat lodge, earth ovens, storytelling and an authentic pithouse. From Hope travel south-west via Highway #7 to Agassiz. 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 6 Harrison Hot Springs region / Agassiz | Vancouver

Return to Vancouver along the northern or southern bank of the Fraser River.



## TRIP OVERVIEW

Day	City	Activities	Hotel Suggestions	km / day
1	Arrive in Vancouver	Klahowya Village in Stanley Park (Jun - Sep) Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art Salmon n' Bannock Restaurant	Coast Coal Harbour Hotel or Skwachàys Lodge	N/A
2-3	Vancouver to Whistler	Khot-La-Cha Art Gallery & Gift Shop - Vancouver Cultural Journey - along Sea to Sky Highway Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre - Whistler	Coast Whistler Hotel	125 km
4	Whistler to Lillooet	Xwisten Experience Tours	Retasket Lodge & RV Park	130 km
5	Lillooet to Harrison Hot Springs / Agassiz	Tuckkwiowhum Village - Boston Bar	Sasquatch Crossing Eco Lodge in Agassiz	208 km
6	Harrison Hot Springs / Agassiz to Vancouver			122 km
	Tour ends in Vancouver			