



Full Itinerary & Trip Details

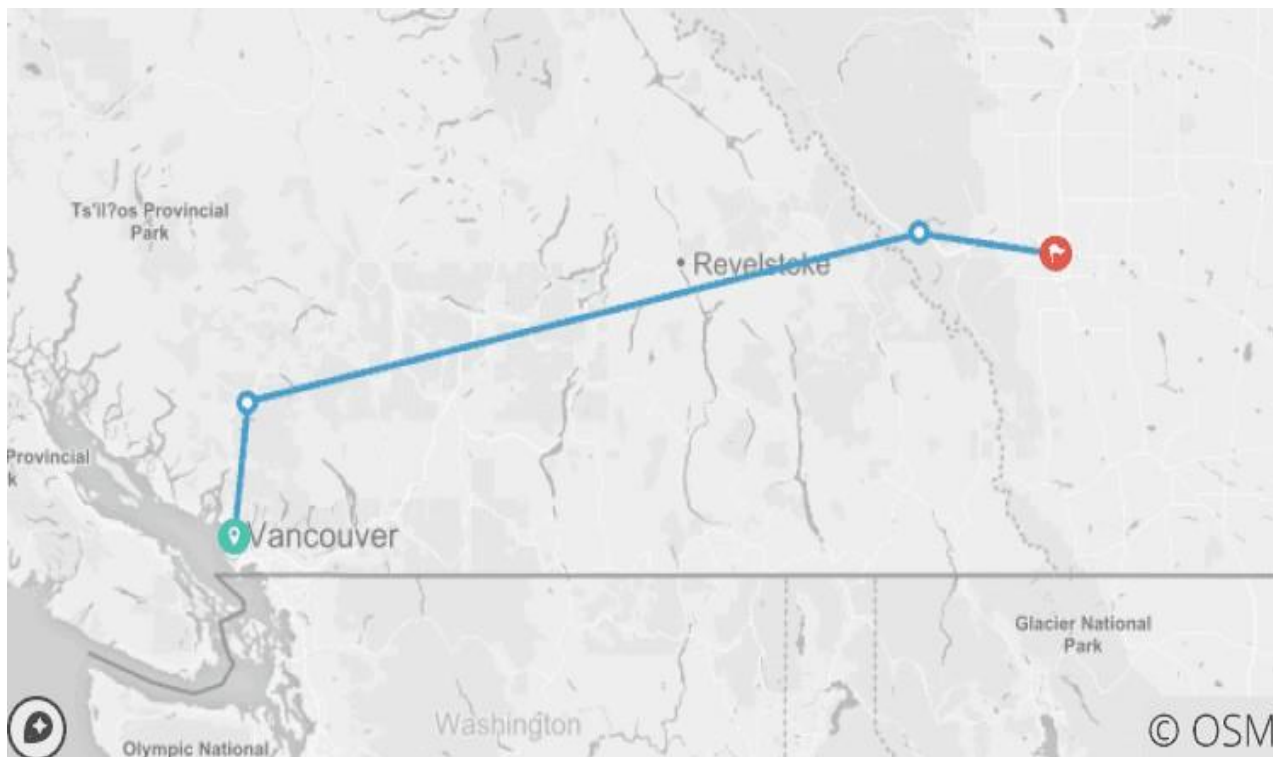
The Powder Rush (including Banff)

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Trip Overview



PRICE STARTING FROM

\$1,337

DURATION

9 days

IDEAL AGE

18 to 35 year olds

STARTS IN ☐ ENDS IN

Vancouver ☒ Calgary

STYLE

Adventure

OPERATOR

Contiki

TOUR CODE

#202440

Itinerary

Introduction

Love the mountain life, but love exploring too? This group adventure is a holiday plus ski or boarding trip all rolled into one epic trip - the perfect winter experience at some of Canada's best winter destinations. Carve it up!

Day 1: Arrive Vancouver

Start Point



Vancouver,
Canada

Hello snow angels and welcome to Canada for 9 days you won't be forgetting anytime soon. Check in to our digs and start rubbing shoulders with the crew you'll cover this country with. Spend the afternoon exploring Chinatown and the famous totem poles of the First Nations in Stanley Park, or do a bit of shopping along Robson Street. Vancouver is yours to lap up as you please. Get to know the squad over dinner tonight, then if you're in town at the right time, we might head to the hockey rink to watch the Vancouver Canucks do their thing on the ice.

Day 2: Vancouver to Whistler

Out of Vancouver, we journey north in search of the mecca of snow sports that is Whistler, via the stunning Sea to Sky Highway. En route, grab your included ticket and we'll stop to cross the mighty Capilano Suspension Bridge, which stretches 70 metres above a roaring river, and walk amongst the treetops of a magical old-growth forest breathing in your first taste of fresh Canadian mountain air. Ahhh. As gondolas float between snow-capped mountain peaks, this cosy village buzzes with life and powdery flakes coat everything in sight. Spend the afternoon getting acquainted with what is essentially North America's largest ski resort, perhaps via snowmobile or zip line, before tucking in to a scrumptious (if we do say so ourselves) dinner with the crew.

Day 3: Whistler

It's slopes o'clock! Whether you're a beginner bound for the bunny hill or a Blackcomb bandit who owns the terrain park, Whistler's diverse grounds have you covered. Rent a board or a set of skis (or if you've brought your own then that's cool with us), then let us hook you up with a deal on a lesson and get ready to shred. If you've got the energy for après, there could even be a pub crawl on the cards tonight.

Day 4: Whistler

If you're not keen to drag your aching body back up the mountain today, there's plenty to do downtown. Take a stroll through the snow, pamper yourself at a day spa or just maintain a steady flow of hot chocolates and watch the world go by. For those back up the mountain, the same deal as yesterday applies, pow! Tonight, re-group with the crew to discuss just how awesome this mountain playground is over dinner. Tomorrow, a new spot beckons...let's do this.

Day 5: Whistler to Banff

It's time to farewell Whistler's perfect powder and jump on a plane to Calgary so we can head to the other-worldly beauty of Banff National Park. You may have seen photos of Banff on your computer's desktop background, but nothing can prepare you for how ridiculously good-looking it is in real life. It's been a long day of travel, so dinners on us – eat up and get some rest so you can jump out of bed early tomorrow and explore.

Day 6: Banff

Banff is nestled in the Rocky Mountains, so if you feel like getting nose-deep in powder again, you have three resorts to choose from - Mt Norquay, Lake Louise and Sunshine Village all offer a solid mix of relaxed and adventurous terrain. The town's epic range of bars means there are countless places to choose from should you be keen to burn the candle at both ends.

Day 7: Banff

Soak up Banff's beauty from another angle today – perhaps take a helicopter ride over the snow-laden mountains, or go for a hike on the Johnston Canyon Ice walk which can only be described as spectacular. With thundering waterfalls, imposing cliffs and ice tenticles everywhere, it's a perilous nature lover's paradise. Of course for some the mountain is always going to call, so try out a new resort or head back to one of your favourites. Come the evening, we could re-group and soak our bones in the hot springs, swapping stories of our day.

Day 8: Banff

Those sick of riding downhill will be pleased to note they can give cross-country skiing a whirl at Sunshine, or if you want to make someone else do all the work, consider a spot of dog-sledding. Get arty in the afternoon at one of the town's many galleries. Over a drink tonight we will contemplate some seriously epic days of wintery wonder.

Day 9: Banff to Calgary

End Point



Calgary
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What better way to bid Banff farewell than a group gondola rides up to Sulphur Mountain? This could possibly be one of the best views you'll ever see, and the highest views in the Rockies at 2281m overlooking the Bow Valley. Afterwards, we'll hit the road again and head to Calgary where the tour will come to an end - sob.

What's Included

Accommodation

- Hotels and chalets are the name of the game. Think warm, comfy beds and lively communal areas for you and your new travel buddies to socialise.

Guide

- A highly trained Trip Manager who brings your adventure to life. An expert driver who knows foreign roads better than Google Maps. Local Guides who make tourist traps a thing of the past. This is your team. Smart, friendly, fun, and integral to everything we do.

Meals

- We'll get 8 of your meals and you get the rest. You can refuel over breakfast and grab some hearty dinners from us but you'll also get an opportunity to sample some of the best gourmet fare on the hill.

Transport

Coach

Others

- Visit the Capilano Suspension Bridge
- Visit the Totem Poles of Canada's First Nations People in Stanley Park City tour
- of Vancouver



Departure Dates

STARTING IN Vancouver	→	ENDING IN Calgar
05 December 2020		13 December 2020
12 December 2020		20 December 2020
02 January 2021		10 January 2021
30 January 2021		07 February 2021
13 February 2021		21 February 2021
27 February 2021		07 March 2021
06 March 2021		14 March 2021

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