

KOOTENAYS EXPLORER THANKSGIVING GETAWAY

7-DAY MOTORCOACH

Discover the history, heritage, beauty and serene rural tranquility of the Kootenays.

Features four nights at the beautiful Prestige Lakeside Resort in Nelson with unique side trips. Enjoy a guided tour of Nelson with its carefully restored heritage buildings and a ride on historic Streetcar #23.

Includes Crowsnest Pass, Creston Valley, Canadian Museum of Rail Travel, drive by the famous glasshouse, ferry ride across Kootenay Lake, Ainsworth Hot Springs, the silver-mining town of Kaslo, tour of a sternwheeler, Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre and the healing pools of Halcyon Hot Springs. Enroute overnight in Cranbrook and Golden.

DEPARTURES: Edmonton 7:00 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary 12:00 p.m., Fort Macleod 2:00 p.m.

DAY

1 EDMONTON to CALGARY to FORT MACLEOD to CRANBROOK:

Your scenic *Kootenays Explorer* begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Meet additional travelling companions as you travel south via Red Deer and Calgary to Fort Macleod. Travel on Highway #3 through the Crowsnest Pass, one of the major coal producing areas in the nation after the turn of the century. Travel by Leitch Collieries, Roadside Chapel, Frank Slide and Fernie to arrive at Cranbrook for overnight. Cranbrook is nestled at the base of the Purcell Mountains and owes its existence to the CPR building its line through the community in 1898.

2 CRANBROOK to NELSON: (4 nights) This morning tour the CANADIAN MUSEUM OF RAIL TRAVEL with its acclaimed collection of passenger cars. Continue to the fertile Creston Valley for early lunch. The main industry here is fruit growing. Travel by the GLASS HOUSE, built with 500,000 square-shaped embalming fluid bottles, weighing 250 tons. Drive the picturesque route along the Kootenay Valley to Kootenay Bay. Take the longest free FERRY RIDE in North America to Balfour. Then follow the north shore of the west arm of Kootenay Lake and travel south on one of the most scenic routes in Canada to Nelson for a four-night stay at the beautiful **Prestige Lakeside Resort**.

3 NELSON: This morning discover a town with historic storybook charm and stunning geography as you join our GUIDED TOUR. Enjoy an optional lunch in one of Nelson's many outstanding coffee shops and restaurants with time to shop on Baker Street. This afternoon take a scenic drive along the shore of Kootenay Lake to AINSWORTH HOT SPRINGS and experience the curative powers of the hot springs. Leave your worries behind as you visit the horse-shoe shaped cave where natural hot waters emanate eternally.



Streetcar #23 in Nelson, B.C.: Tour Director Jean Moncur.

4 NELSON: A free morning will allow time to get acquainted with your home-away-from-home. There are many interesting sights within a short walk from your hotel. After lunch board STREET CAR #23 in front of your hotel for a ride along the lake on a fully-restored, electric tramway. This evening join your travelling companions for a HOSTED THANKSGIVING DINNER.

5 NELSON: First stop on our AREA TOUR is KASLO, a historic silver-mining town. There will be time to tour the tree-lined streets and vintage buildings



Halcyon Hot Springs.

of the village and visit the SS MOYIE, the last CPR sternwheeler to ply the Kootenay Lake. Continue to NEW DENVER to visit the NIKKEI INTERNMENT MEMORIAL CENTRE and learn the tragic story of the internment of thousands of Canadians of Japanese descent during WWII. Return to Nelson for overnight.

6 NELSON to GOLDEN: Depart Nelson, follow the picturesque route along Slocan Lake, travel past Nakusp to HALCYON HOT SPRINGS for a HOSTED FAREWELL LUNCH and a relaxing afternoon. Surrounded by alpine peaks, crystal-clear lakes, an abundance of wildlife and a magical legend, this place of recreation and wellness offers four pools of differing temperatures for your enjoyment. Follow the Upper Arrow Lake to Galena Bay for a short ferry ride to Shelter Bay and your overnight stay at Golden.

7 GOLDEN to CALGARY to EDMONTON: Today it's homeward bound! Wind your way over the majestic ROGERS PASS, enjoy a short DRIVING TOUR OF BANFF prior to lunch in Canmore. Arrive mid-afternoon in Calgary and then continue to Edmonton.



DEPARTURE DATES 2011

7 Days: ★ October 7

★ Preferred date

COST PER PERSON – CANADIAN FUNDS

		+G.S.T.
Quad:	\$ 789.00	\$39.45
Triples:	\$ 829.00	\$41.45
Twin:	\$ 909.00	\$45.45
Single:	\$1,219.00	\$60.95

+GST APPLIES TO TOUR COST

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT: \$18.00 twin sharing per person.

INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY: •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodations and taxes •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Admissions for all attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Canadian Museum of Rail Travel •Drive by the Glass House •Kootenay Lake Ferry Ride •Guided tour of Nelson •Ainsworth Hot Springs •Street Car #23 •Thanksgiving Dinner •Area tour of Kaslo •SS Moyie •New Denver •Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre •Halcyon Hot Springs pool fee •Farewell Lunch •Rogers Pass •Driving Tour of Banff.

