

OKANAGAN DESERT, LAKES and VINEYARDS

8 DAYS – MOTORCOACH

**Weather, Water
and Wine!**

**Discover Canada's
only desert on
this relaxing tour
through the southern
Okanagan Valley.**



Osoyoos, BC, as seen from the Anarchist Mountain Lookout.



Autumn welcomes cooler temperatures, grape harvests, and fewer visitors. Follow the picturesque Cowboy Trail along the eastern slopes of the Rockies through southern Alberta's ranch country, then take Highway 3 through the Crowsnest Pass and Creston Valley. Ferry across Kootenay Lake, overnight in Nelson and experience a nostalgic ride on historic Streetcar #23. Enjoy two nights in the beach town of Osoyoos, two nights in scenic Kelowna, an orchard tour and tastings of some of Canada's finest wines. Includes overnight stops in Cranbrook and Golden.

DEPARTURE: Edmonton North 7:00 a.m., Edmonton South 7:15 a.m., Red Deer 9:00 a.m., Calgary North 11:00 a.m., Calgary South 12:30 p.m., Okotoks 2:00 p.m.

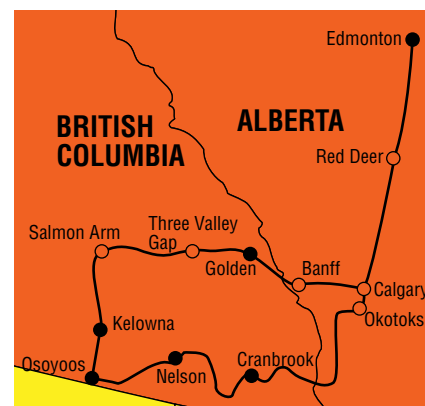
Important Note: Guests boarding in **Calgary South** and **Okotoks** will be returned to **Calgary West** or **Calgary North**.

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- 1 EDMONTON to CALGARY to OKOTOKS to CRANBROOK:** *Saturday.* Your scenic "Okanagan South" tour begins as you are welcomed aboard your deluxe coach in Edmonton. Travel south via Red Deer to Calgary meeting additional travel companions enroute. Leaving Okotoks, connect to the Cowboy Trail and drive through ranch country along the foothills to the Crowsnest Highway. Climb the Crowsnest Pass and descend through the Elk Valley past several coal-mining communities. See Leitch Collieries, the Roadside Chapel, Frank Slide, and Fernie along the route. Continue to Cranbrook for overnight at **St. Eugene Golf Resort & Casino**. Join your fellow travellers for a GET ACQUAINTED WELCOME DINNER.



- 2 CRANBROOK to NELSON:** *Sunday.* Enjoy a scenic drive through the fertile Creston Valley where the main industry is fruit growing. Pass by the Glass House, built with 500,000 square-shaped embalming fluid bottles, weighing 250 tons. Follow the picturesque route along the Kootenay Valley to Kootenay Bay. Take the longest free FERRY RIDE in North America to Balfour, then weave along the north shore of the west arm of Kootenay Lake. Head south to Nelson for a night at the **Best Western Plus Baker Street Inn**.



- 3 NELSON to OSOYOOS:** (2 nights) *Monday.* This morning, discover a town with historic storybook charm and stunning geography as you board STREETCAR #23 for a nostalgic ride along the lake on a fully restored electric tramway. Travel from Nelson to Castlegar for lunch and a chance to experience the DOUKHOBOR DISCOVERY CENTRE. Continue through, Christina Lake and Grand Forks on

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NAGEL TOURS



Streetcar #23 in Nelson.

your way to the beach town of Osoyoos. Known for having a desert-like environment and the warmest lake in the country, this charming town has earned the motto "Canada's Warmest Welcome." Spend two nights at the **Coast Osoyoos Beach Hotel**, set on the shores of Osoyoos Lake with a private sandy beach.

- 4 OSOYOOS: Tuesday.** A morning GUIDED DRIVING TOUR will familiarize you with the area, before a short drive leads you to NK'MIP DESERT CULTURAL CENTRE (pronounced *in-ka-meep*). The centre reveals fascinating exhibits of Canada's only desert and stories of the rich, living culture of the Okanagan people. Sample international award-winning wines and the remarkable history that inspires them at NK'MIP CELLARS, North America's first Indigenous-owned winery. A free afternoon leaves time for you to relax at the hotel or roam on your own.



- 5 OSOYOOS to KELOWNA: (2 nights) Wednesday.** Leaving Osoyoos behind, breathtaking vineyard views set the stage for visits to TWO WINERIES as you indulge in world-class wine tastings. Once back on the road, head north through Oliver, Okanagan Falls and Penticton with a unique lunch stop enroute. Arrive in Kelowna, located on the shores of Okanagan Lake. A driving tour will acquaint you with the area. Your home for the next two nights is the **Fairfield Inn**, conveniently located near restaurants and shops.



- 6 KELOWNA: Thursday.** Today we visit Davison Orchards for a GUIDED TOUR with time to explore the grounds and taste an included piece of freshly baked APPLE PIE with ice cream and a beverage. Board the Johnny Popper Apple Train, with its distinctive exhaust sound. Return to Kelowna for an included LUNCH, then venture across the lake for a WINE TASTING at the first beachfront winery in North America, **FRIND ESTATE WINERY**. Sample smooth wines created on this historic property, once the home of former BC Premier, Bill Bennett. Bill's father, W.A.C. Bennett, was the longest serving BC Premier from 1952 to 1973 and the president of the Okanagan's first winery, "Calona Wines".



Cottonwood Falls.

- 7 KELOWNA to GOLDEN: Friday.** Say goodbye to the natural beauty of Kelowna and the Okanagan Valley, stopping in Sicamous to visit a DAIRY and FRUIT STAND. There is plenty of storage space under your motorcoach for those extra purchases! Wind your way past rugged peaks, over the majestic ROGERS PASS, and onward to Golden



Nagel Tours group enjoying wine tasting at Frind Estate Winery..

for your last evening together at the **BW Mountainview Inn**. Share favourite tour memories with your fellow travellers at a HOSTED FAREWELL DINNER.

- 8 GOLDEN to CALGARY to EDMONTON: Saturday.** Travel through the renowned Yoho and Banff National Parks. As you head east, the landscape gradually levels into gentle foothills and open grasslands. Arrive mid-afternoon in Calgary and conclude your journey in Edmonton.

DEPARTURE DATES 2027

8 Days: September 25

PRICES TO BE ANNOUNCED

INCLUDED IN YOUR HOLIDAY: •First class transportation on an air-conditioned, washroom-equipped motorcoach •Quality accommodation and tax •Services of an experienced Tour Director and Driver •Baggage handling, one average piece per person •Travel Bag •Admission to attractions and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary •Welcome Dinner •Kootenay Lake Ferry ride •Streetcar #23 •Doukhobor Discovery Centre •Guided Driving Tour of Osoyoos •Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre •Nk'Mip Cellars •Two Osoyoos Area Wineries •Orchard Tour •Apple Pie •Lunch •Frind Estate Winery •Dairy •Fruit Stand •Rogers Pass •Farewell Dinner •10 Meals Include: All 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 2 Dinners.