

Okanagan Heritage Tour

Lake Okanagan

Waterton Lakes

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12 Days

June 29 - July 10, 2026

Step back in time and uncover the stories that shaped Western Canada on our unforgettable Okanagan Heritage Tour. This immersive journey blends natural wonders, historic landmarks, and cultural gems—from the stunning beauty of Waterton Lakes National Park to the nostalgic charm of the Kettle Valley Steam Railway. With immersive museum visits and breathtaking landscapes, this tour offers a perfect blend of heritage, scenery, and unforgettable experiences.

Highlights

- Waterton Lakes National Park
- Waterton Lakes Boat Cruise
- Fort Steele Heritage Town
- Cranbrook History Centre/Trans Canada Tour & Museum
- Doukhobor Discovery Centre
- Kettle Valley Steam Railway
- District Wine Village
- Kelowna's Farmers & Crafters Market
- KF Aerospace Museum
- Lake Okanagan Dinner Cruise
- Okanagan Heritage Museum
- Father Pandosy Mission
- Planet Bee Honey Farm & Honeymoon Meadery Tour & Tasting
- Orchard Tour
- The Village Cheese Company Tour
- Secwepemc Museum & Heritage Park
- BC Wildlife Park
- Crazy Creek Waterfall & Suspension Bridge
- Three Valley Lake Chateau Heritage Ghost Town
- Radium Hot Springs
- Frank Slide Interpretive Centre
- Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Farewell Dinner

Pricing



**DOUBLE
OCCUPANCY:**
\$4,015.20



**TRIPLE
OCCUPANCY:**
\$3,910.20



**SINGLE
OCCUPANCY:**
\$5,385.20

Prices are per person and include all taxes and fees. Prices are in CAD



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Not Included in price:

- Flights Airport/Hotel Transfers
- Gratuities for Tour Director and Driver
- Meals and activities not specified in the itinerary
- Any personal expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Pre or post tour accommodations

Deposit

A deposit of \$350 per person is due at the time of booking to secure your space. This is fully refundable up to 61 days prior to tour start date.

Final Payment

The final payment is due 60 days prior to tour start date. Cancellation penalties will apply. For full details and to read our Terms & Conditions visit westworldtours.com/terms



Itinerary

Kettle Valley Steam Railway

DAY 1: Saskatchewan to Lethbridge, AB

Starting off in Regina with pick-ups in Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and points along the way.

DAY 2: Lethbridge to Cranbrook, BC

First stop will be Waterton Lakes National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site. Clear lakes, thundering waterfalls, rainbow-coloured streams, colourful rocks and mountain vistas await us.

After some free time exploring the town of Waterton, it's time to embark on a Waterton Lakes boat tour. The boat goes up to the Canada-USA border (non-landing) to see the cutline running through the forest, up the sides of the mountains indicating the 49th parallel. Staying close to the shoreline, the chances of seeing the local wildlife increase. Scenic stops are plenty and an entertaining commentary is provided by local guides.

Day 3 – Cranbrook

At Fort Steele Heritage Town, you'll experience a well-preserved 19th-century frontier town, complete with historical buildings, costumed interpreters, and demonstrations of old-time trades. The town offers a glimpse into the early days of the Kootenay region, highlighting the role of the railway in its development. Meanwhile, the Cranbrook History Centre houses one of Western Canada's largest railway collections, including steam engines that played a crucial role in the expansion of the Trans Canada Railway. The guided tour will provide in-depth stories about how the railway shaped Cranbrook and the surrounding areas, making this a memorable experience for history enthusiasts, especially those with an interest in trains.

Day 4 – Cranbrook to Penticton

The Doukhobor Discovery Centre in Castlegar, BC, offers a fascinating glimpse into the history and culture of the Doukhobors, a religious group that fled Russia in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to escape religious persecution. The centre features a variety of exhibits that showcase the Doukhobor community's journey to Canada, their beliefs, and their significant contributions to the region, particularly in agriculture and communal living. One of the highlights is the reconstructed Doukhobor village, where visitors can explore traditional homes and buildings, providing a vivid

representation of how the community once lived. Free evening in Penticton.

Day 5 – Penticton

This morning starts off with a scenic train ride on the Kettle Valley Steam Railway along a section of the old Kettle Valley Railway on the famous steam engine No 3716. The Kettle Valley Railway, completed in the early 20th century, was vital for transporting goods and passengers through southern British Columbia, playing a significant role in the region's development. It's ten miles of beautiful vistas; from lush orchards and vineyards to a spectacular view of the lake and land from the Trout Creek Bridge, 238 feet above the canyon floor. This afternoon, a wine tasting at District Wine Village. Surrounded by vineyards and home to 9 artisan wineries, 1 craft brewery and an artisan distillery.






Day 6 – Penticton to Kelowna

A leisurely drive heading up to Kelowna with a stop at a fruit stand. Upon arrival in Kelowna, will be a visit to Kelowna's Farmers & Crafters Market. It serves as a community hub where local farmers, artisans, and vendors come together to showcase and sell their fresh produce, handmade goods, crafts, and other unique products. Shoppers can find a wide range of items, from farm-fresh fruits and vegetables to handcrafted jewelry, pottery, baked goods, and prepared foods such as jams and sauces. Adding to the lively atmosphere, local musicians and performers often provide entertainment, creating a fun and welcoming environment.

A guided tour of the KF Aerospace Museum which is dedicated to the history of aviation, particularly in Canada. The museum showcases a wide range of aircraft, aviation history, and exhibits related to the aerospace industry, with a focus on both civilian and military aviation. The museum is housed in a large hangar at the KF Aerospace facility, which is a well-known aerospace company specializing in maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) services, as well as aircraft sales. KF Aerospace has a long history of involvement in aviation, including providing services for military and commercial aircraft.

This evening, a truly memorable experience, blending stunning natural beauty with delicious cuisine on board Kelowna Cruises Sunset Dinner cruise. This two-hour sunset cruise will

What's Included

-  11 Nights Accommodation
-  Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
-  Multi-night Stays in Cranbrook, Penticton & Kelowna
-  Baggage handling – 1 per person (max 50lbs)
-  8 Meals Included

take you around City Park, under the William R. Bennett Bridge, around the south side of the bridge with views of spectacular homes and vineyards, and back through the bridge for a picture perfect shot of the cityscape illuminated by the glow of Kelowna's lights.

Day 7 – Kelowna

Enjoy a free morning to explore on your own. This afternoon's first stop is the Okanagan Heritage Museum, Kelowna's flagship museum. It invites visitors to discover how the Okanagan Valley was formed, to gain insights into the world of our Syilx hosts, to learn about the arrival of traders and settlers and so much more. Then it is a self-guided tour of Father Pandosy Mission. Also known as the Okanagan Mission, it is one of the earliest European settlements in the region. It was established in 1859 by Father Charles Pandosy, a French-Canadian Oblate missionary. The mission was founded to serve the indigenous peoples of the area and to introduce Catholicism, agriculture, and European-style education to the region.

Day 8 – Kelowna to Kamloops

A first stop this morning is the Planet Bee Honey Farm & Honeymoon Meadery. Planet Bee Honey Farm focuses on sustainable beekeeping practices, producing a variety of honey products. The farm is an educational hub where we will learn about the importance of bees in our ecosystem, how honey is made, and the different types of honey. Then a mead tasting is in store for us! Mead has been brewed for thousands of years. They offer a variety of meads, and many of them are made with local honey, providing a unique flavor profile that's connected to the region. Then it's a stop at Davison



Lethbridge

Orchards for an orchard tour and time to browse their shops for fresh baking and homemade products. The last visit of the day will be at The Village Cheese Co. in Armstrong, BC for a quick educational tour of how cheese is made as you watch the production room in action.

Day 9 - Kamloops to Three Valley Gap

A guided tour of Secwépemc Museum & Heritage Park, that preserves and shares the rich cultural heritage of the Secwépemc people. The museum features three indoor galleries that highlight the traditions, history, and spirituality of the Secwépemc community through artifacts, oral histories, and visual storytelling. The educational theatre and a tribute garden offer further insights into the culture. then it's off to the BC Wildlife Park with a guided tour and then free time to explore on your own. The park is dedicated to the conservation, rehabilitation, and education about British Columbia's native wildlife. The park spans over 100 acres and features a variety of animals, including bears, wolves, birds of prey, and other species native to the province. It's also home to various exhibits that showcase the natural habitats of local wildlife. The last stop of the day is at Crazy Creek Waterfall & Suspension Bridge near Malakwa, BC. This beautiful spot features the multi-tiered Crazy Creek Falls, which cascades dramatically down a rocky cliff, creating a peaceful and picturesque setting. The highlight of the area is the suspension bridge that spans across the Crazy Creek canyon, offering visitors breathtaking views of both the waterfall and the surrounding forest. Dinner this evening is included.

Day 10 - Three Valley Gap to Cranbrook

Before heading out, take a self guided tour of Three Valley Lake Chateau's Ghost Town. The old ghost town, a former mining settlement, was abandoned after the area's mining industry declined. Today, the ghost town remains preserved, with old buildings, mining equipment, and artifacts that provide a fascinating glimpse into the past. Walking through the ghost town's eerie, deserted

streets offers an intriguing experience for history buffs and those with a sense of adventure. In addition to the ghost town, the area features a vintage car collection and a museum and the famous Railway Roadhouse. This afternoon enjoy a soak in the therapeutic waters of the Radium Hot Springs. The waters, heated by geothermal activity, are rich in minerals believed to have healing properties, offering relief for those seeking to unwind or soothe sore muscles. Dinner included tonight,

Day 11 – Cranbrook to Lethbridge

First stop of the day is at the Frank Slide Interpretive Centre, a historical site located near the town of Frank, Alberta, that commemorates the devastating Frank Slide of 1903. On April 29 of that year, a massive rockslide from Turtle Mountain buried part of the town of Frank and the Crowsnest Pass railway tracks, resulting in the deaths of over 70 people. The Interpretive Centre offers a comprehensive look at this tragic event, with exhibits that detail the causes of the slide, the impact on the local community, and the ongoing geological studies to monitor the area for potential future risks. Interactive displays, photographs, and artifacts help tell the story of the disaster and its aftermath. Visitors to the Centre can also enjoy stunning views of the rockslide site, where large boulders and debris still mark the landscape. After lunch, is a

guided tour of the Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For over 6,000 years, Indigenous peoples of the Plains, particularly the Blackfoot Nation, used this natural limestone cliff to hunt bison. The site provides important archaeological evidence of one of the oldest and most sophisticated hunting methods in the world. It also holds cultural and spiritual significance for Indigenous peoples, serving as a connection to their ancestors' way of life. This evening, enjoy the WestWorld Tours Farewell Dinner with newfound friends and of course, your tour director and bus driver!

Day 12 - Lethbridge to Saskatchewan

Last day of the tour and it's time to wrap up your adventure and head home, reflecting on the incredible experiences you've had along the way. Whether you're soaking in the final views of the stunning landscapes, revisiting a favorite spot one last time, or just savoring the memories of all the places you've explored, it's a perfect moment to reflect. As you travel back, you can start thinking about all the stories you'll share with friends and family or planning your next adventure. It's bittersweet, but the memories from this trip will stay with you long after you've arrived home, reminding you of the beauty, history, and experiences you've encountered.

