

# MOUNTAINS AND VINEYARDS

GOLDEN – CRANBROOK – ROSSLAND – OSOYOOS - REVELSTOKE  
APPROX. 1,250 KM/775 MI



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Baillie- Grohman, Skimmerhorn and Wynnwood Wineries (Creston)
- Columbia Gardens Vineyard (Trail) and Okanagan Wineries
- Wonderful swimming beaches: Christina Lake, Osoyoos, Penticton & Kelowna
- Historic & Cultural Attractions
- Orchard Tours, Pick Fruit, Artisan Shops

Discover the extraordinary diversity of southern British Columbia. In a matter of hours, you drive from interior rainforest to true desert and pass through a multitude of climatic zones in between. Vineyards flourish on warm dry slopes, with the majority located in the Okanagan Valley, which forms the western boundary of this robust and full-bodied tour. The spectacular Rocky Mountain Trench defines the eastern boundary.

Begin your journey in Golden. Set on the banks of the Columbia River, this tranquil town offers endless outdoor adventures. Travel south on Highway #93/#95 through the beautiful Columbia Valley to the communities of Invermere, Kimberley and Cranbrook.

Continue southwest on Crowsnest Highway #3, to the town of Creston. Wine lovers and foodies delight in Creston. With three wineries and dozens of venues to pick up locally produced food, the area invites you to 'Experience the 10 mile diet'. Orchard and farm tours are offered at certain locations, as well as tours of the Columbia Brewing Company, brewers of Kokanee Beer and home of the Sasquatch.

Continue west on Hwy #3 and pass through Stag Leap Provincial Park before you reach Salmo. Drive north on Hwy #6 to historic Nelson and be sure to take the self-guided walking tour of 350 restored heritage buildings.

Highway #3A brings you to Castlegar, at the confluence of the Columbia and Kootenay Rivers. Rich in history and Doukhobor

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culture. The cities of Rossland and Trail are a short drive south on Highway #22. In Trail, the Columbia Gardens Vineyard and Winery offer guided tours of the wine making facilities and vineyard, and serve wine samples at the tasting bar. At the Trail Interpretive Centre, the world's largest lead/zinc smelter, features engaging hands-on exhibits and tours.

Mountain bikers and skiers love the mountain city of Rossland. It is home to hundreds of kilometres of biking trails. It is also a city that celebrates its roots. A trip to the museum could include a guided tour of the old LeRoi Gold Mine site (*not underground*).

Take Highway #3B north to the Crowsnest Highway #3 and head west through Gladstone Provincial Park and the community of Christina Lake. Christina Lake is one of the best summer family vacation destinations, as it offers everything from one of the warmest swimming lakes in Canada and sandy beach to awesome mountain biking opportunities on abandoned railbeds of the TransCanada Trail.

Grand Forks is located 20 km (12 mi) from Christina Lake at the junction of two rivers. It's proud of its mining and Doukhobor heritage, pristine surroundings and outdoor opportunities. Continue west on the Crowsnest Highway #3 and pass through many historical villages along the way, such as Greenwood, Midway, Rock Creek and Bridesville.

At the Highway junction of #3 and #97 is Osoyoos—Canada's only true desert town offering a plethora of First Nations culture, winery experiences, great golf and family recreation. The drive north from Osoyoos to Kelowna is along the 'Wine Route' and BC's most productive region for vineyards and orchards.

Penticton is a must see! Set between Okanagan Lake and Skaha Lake, this city has something for everyone—culture, heritage, wineries, orchard markets, outdoor adventure as well as a family charm that will entice you to stay awhile.

The beautiful city of Kelowna, set alongside the grand Okanagan Lake, plays host to numerous outdoor activities and events, entertainment and the Arts. The city also has a number of beautiful lakeside resorts and plenty of sandy public beaches!

Continue north on Highway #97 towards Vernon. The beautiful landscape surrounding Vernon is complemented by the wide range of activities it offers. Enderby offers great golf and numerous lakes, including Mara Lake that offers terrific canoeing and camping opportunities. Highway #97A will bring you to the town of Sicamous and the Shuswap Lake area. You might enjoy a houseboating cruise here on Shuswap Lake. It offers 1,000 km (620 mi) of shoreline which also provides a vast area to swim, camp, fish, hike and bike.

The TransCanada Highway #1 will lead you to historic Craigellachie-famous for the point where the 'last spike' was driven. The railway city of Revelstoke is situated at the Highway junction #1 and #23. With Mount Revelstoke National Park at its city limits, Revelstoke enjoys a truly dramatic mountain setting.

Spend some extra time exploring Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks. Watch for signs to the Meadows in the Sky Parkway and drive to within 2 kilometres (1 mi) of the summit. In the valley far below, you can stroll through rare old-growth rainforest, containing cedar trees that are 800 years old in Mount Revelstoke National Park. One of British Columbia's great mountain crossings, Rogers Pass, takes you back to the town of Golden.

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