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WHY CHOOSE AESU?

ABOUT US

When deciding on a team you can trust to send you on the most magical, informative and fun travel experience, you need not look any further than AESU. We are an Educational Travel Service company founded in 1977. Our headquarters is located in Baltimore, MD with satellite and partner offices around the globe.

With over 40 years of experience we can safely say we know how to combine the wonders of history, the excitement of culture and of course, the adventure of experiencing the world. The balance of learning and fun provides a well-rounded experience, unforgettable memories, and new friendships to last a lifetime. It's time to stop dreaming about travel and start delving into it head first. When travelling with AESU, you get the most out of your journey, from trying local delicacies, to venturing into ancient territories, to living every moment of your time in each city to its absolute fullest. We want you to not only make an investment in the quality of your trip, but in the quality of every memory made along the way.

What are you waiting for? Just go!

OUR EXPERTISE

TRIPS FOR 18 - 35 YEAR OLDS

COLLEGE STUDENT AND YOUNG
PROFESSIONAL TRIPS

GRADUATION TOURS

YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEYS

TRADITIONAL ALUMNI JOURNEYS

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STUDENT TRAVEL

FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS TO
DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE

CUSTOMIZED GROUP TRAVEL
SPECIALIST FOR ALL AGES

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or click on this link:

<https://www.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=AESU3922MD>

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7 DAYS



PLACES VISITED :

Vancouver , BC - Victoria - Sooke (Vancouver Island)

ABOUT THE TRIP :

Get ready for an amazing adventure. On our journey, we discover trendy cities, track down majestic whales; explore National Parks; walk trails through rainforests; hike and kayak on the sea in search of sea lions. Not many cities can claim fusing big-city living with the great outdoors, but with its skyscrapers, beaches, forest and snow-capped mountains, Vancouver has managed to produce that perfect setting. Victoria, on the other hand proudly displays its British charm visible in the historic architecture, colorful gardens and tea rooms. And finally, Sooke with some of South Vancouver Island's best wilderness areas provides the perfect setting for hiking, kayaking, surfing and discovering amazing wildlife. Welcome to the Pacific Coast!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS :

Welcome orientation * Pub crawl in Vancouver *
Canada Place * Stanley Park bike ride * Ferry to
Victoria * Marine wildlife * Vancouver Island parks
and beaches * Nature hike * Butchart Gardens *
Beach yoga * BBQ dinner and beach camp fire *
Granville Island * Squamish Sea-to-Sky gondola
ride ... and much more!

WHAT'S INCLUDED :

The 7-day land package includes:
6 nights in superior tourist class hotels with private
bath/shower, 2-share rooms * All ground transportation
by private motor coach or ferry as per itinerary * 6
breakfasts * 3 specialty dinners * 1 lunch * Tour of
Vancouver's Stanley Park and Seawall * Bike rental in
Stanley Park * 1-day hop-on, hop-off double-decker bus
ticket in Victoria * Admissions to Butchart's Botanical
Gardens in Victoria * Scenic ferry rides * Walking tour
of Victoria Harbour * Beach yoga class * BBQ dinner
and beach camp * Nature hike * Squamish Sea-to-Sky
Gondola Ride to Summit Granville Island excursion *
Vancouver music scene

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DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER, BC

Our journey begins in trendy Vancouver, ranked one of the world's most livable cities. This bustling, multicultural city is perfectly situated on the coast and within easy reach of the mountains and sea that surround the city. Transfer to your hotel in the city and settle in before meeting up with fellow travelers and your tour director for a welcome dinner and orientation at the city's famed waterfront. Watch float planes take off and land, then walk along Canada place, situated on the Burrard Inlet and consider catching a 'Fly over Canada' show or join your tour director for a pub crawl to some local hot spots.

Inclusions: Welcome orientation; Welcome dinner; Pub crawl
Meals: Dinner

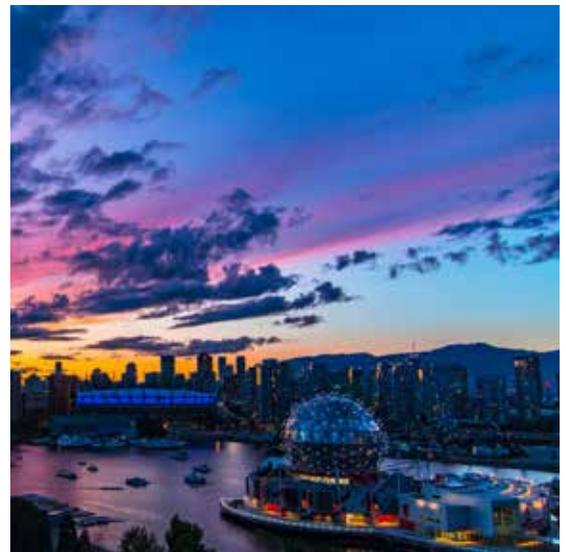


DAY 2 - VANCOUVER, BC

This morning we explore Stanley Park with its famous collection of totem poles and amazing views from Prospect Point. We bike along the paths of the Seawall, featuring numerous magnificent views of the city and connecting the park to downtown Vancouver. This afternoon may find you exploring the city's diverse and distinctive neighborhoods. Discover small boutiques on Main Street or sip on a cappuccino at a coffee shop on Commercial Drive. Visit the red-brick bars of Gastown or the stroll by the beachfronts homes of Kitsilano Beach. Chat with the locals wherever you go: like most people, Vancouverites love talking about their town and will gladly make recommendations. If you are in the mood for an adrenaline rush, opt to join us on an excursion to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. Cross the 459 ft long bridge and appreciate nature with breathtaking perspectives from 230 ft high above the Capilano River.

Inclusions: Tour of Stanley Park and Seawall; Bike rental at Stanley Park

Optional activity: Capilano Suspension Bridge Park Excursion
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



DAY 3 - VANCOUVER – VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND

This morning, we head to the Tsawassen Ferry Terminal and board a ferry to Victoria. Enjoy the fresh air out on the deck, breathtaking scenery one can only see from the water, and a chance of spotting marine wildlife, such as whales, dolphins, or sea lions that frequent this route. Upon arrival in Victoria we visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens, designated a National Historic Site of Canada. See some of the world's greatest floral displays in the amazing 55 magnificent acres of flowers and show gardens, including the Japanese, Italian, and Rose gardens. This evening we venture out to Victoria Harbour, where the fashionable part of Government Street begins. The Royal BC Museum, the Parliament Buildings and the Empress Hotel are



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located here and in the summer and on weekend this area is often full of buskers, artist and street vendors. Explore the area with fellow travelers and visit some the many restaurants, bistros, bars, breweries or cafés.

Inclusions: Ferry from Vancouver to Victoria; Admission and tour of Butchart Gardens; Victoria Harbour

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4 - VICTORIA – SOOKE

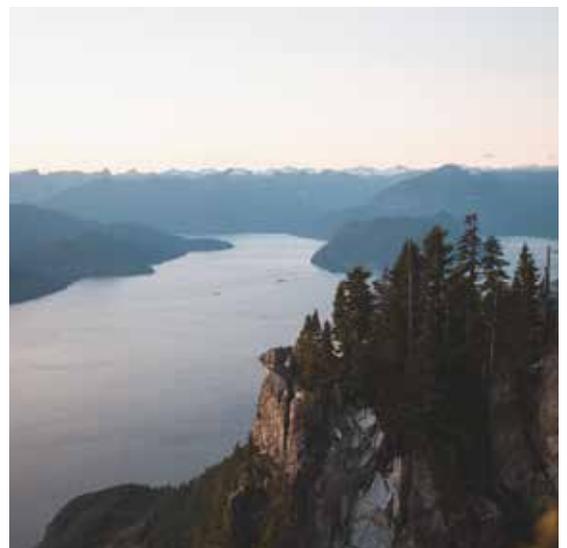
Compared to the glassy skyscrapers of Vancouver, Victoria is more laid back and low rise. It has become trendier and more sophisticated in recent years but, in pace and essence, it remains comfortably old fashioned. This morning, use your included hop-on hop-off double decker bus ticket to explore the city on your own. Consider a visit to Thunderbird Park with its carved totem poles, and Canada's oldest Chinatown. This afternoon we make our way to Sooke, a harbor side village located on southern Vancouver Island. Explore the area's unspoiled beaches, rainforest trails and breathtaking vistas of Washington State's Olympic Mountains. Walk along the water's edge where you can watch the Bald Eagles and Harbor Seals play. After dinner, sit on your deck or enjoy a leisurely stroll along the water's edge then take in the amazing sunset and clean ocean air while you cozy up to a beach camp fire.

*Inclusions: Hop-on hop-off double-decker bus ticket in Victoria
Kayak excursion in Sooke; BBQ dinner and beach camp fire in Sooke*

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 - SOOKE

Plan today based on your interest and energy level. Early risers may want to join us for a beach yoga session. Consider a whale watching tour or sign up for our optional hiking trip to Mystic Beach, one of the area's most scenic beaches, located along the shores of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The area features a small waterfall that cascades from the sheer cliff above the beach area along with incredible views of the rugged, Pacific Northwest coastline. We reach a suspension bridge that crosses Pete Wolfe Creek, then continue along the trail through forests thick with trees before reaching shore. Visit French Beach with time to relax and enjoy a picnic lunch. Take a cool dip in the ocean, test your SUP skills or go kayaking. See if you can spot whales or roaming pods of resident orca offshore, as well as otters, seals and sea lions. French Beach is also a good spot to observe Bald eagles, ospreys and a variety of seabirds. We return to the hotel after lunch. Explore the neighboring areas on your own or sign up for an optional trip to Sooke Potholes Regional Park, located on the banks of the remarkable Sooke River featuring potholes



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unlike anything you've seen before. These rare geological formations, a series of deep, smooth rock pools, feature some of the best freshwater swimming around. The pools and potholes are crystal clear and refreshingly clean. We end our optional excursion with a visit to a local pub.

Inclusions: Beach yoga lesson;

Optional activity: Mystic beach hike and French beach SUP and kayaking, picnic lunch -- Sooke Potholes Regional Park hike and swim, pub dinner

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 - SOOKE - NANAIMO – SQUAMISH - VANCOUVER

We travel to Nanaimo today to take the ferry to Horseshoe Bay. From here we continue to Squamish. Squamish used to be a pit stop on the way to Whistler, British Columbia's famous ski destination. Today it is a top destination for kite-surfers riding the winds at Howe Sound or climbers trying their skills on the daunting rock-walls of The Chief. We enjoy our journey to the summit by gondola, taking in the sweeping views over lunch, then relax on the deck of the Summit Lodge before boarding our ride down the gondola. We return to Vancouver for the final adventure which takes us to Granville Island, an urban island with art galleries, theaters, cafés, fresh produce markets, dining by the water and unique shopping experiences. Afterwards, give your ears a treat with some live music in the alleys of Yale Town.

Inclusions: Nanaimo ferry to Horseshoe Bay; Squamish Gondola Ride to Summit; Summit Lodge lunch and stunning views; Granville Island excursion; Vancouver music scene; Farewell dinner

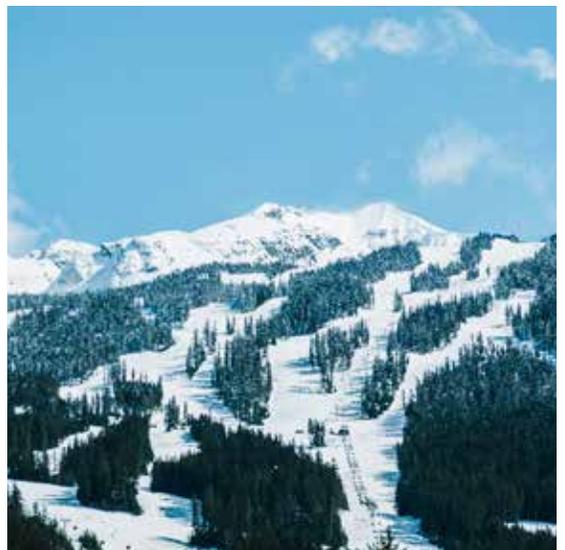
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7 - TRAVEL HOME

After breakfast we say farewell to our new-found friends with plans for a reunion trip in the very near future.

Meals: Breakfast

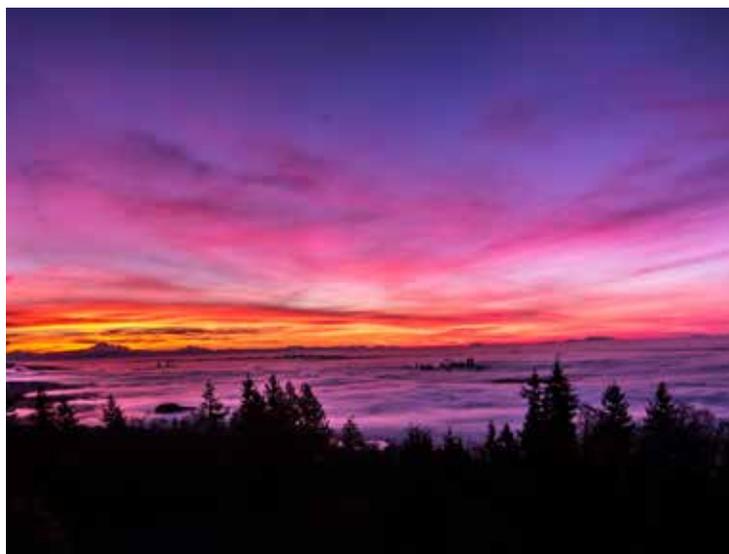
Your trip includes the services of a private tour director for the duration of the land tour. All services charges and local taxes are included. Thank your tour director and driver with a gratuity at the end of the tour (suggested amount \$5 per day for tour director; \$3 per day for driver) They will do their very best to make this trip the most memorable and best time of your life.



PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist-class or better, with private bathrooms. They are centrally located or have easy access to public transportation. Many have great extra amenities such as pools, gyms and roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged a single supplement of \$985 will apply.



ACTIVITY LEVEL 3: MODERATE/ACTIVE

This tour combines urban and nature exploration. Standing and walking for extended periods of time and/or outdoor activities, such as biking. Walking and hiking over sometimes difficult terrain and athletic activities such as hiking. Optional activities include intermediate hikes, SUP and kayaking.

Please Note: Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes. Also, you must be able to handle your luggage independently throughout the itinerary.

TOUR DIRECTORS

We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts.

Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.



**“IT WAS MY DREAM
COME TRUE AND
I COULDN'T HAVE
ASKED FOR A
BETTER TRIP.”**



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Name of School: _____ Name of Program: _____

Passenger's Legal Name (as it appears on passport)

Title First Full Middle Last Class Year

Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____ Gender: M / F

Passport #: _____ Place of Issue: _____
(may be supplied at a later date)

Mailing Address: **(WHERE ALL INVOICES AND FINAL DOCUMENTS ARE SENT)**

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home () _____ Work () _____ E-mail: _____

I will room with _____ or I will pay the single supplement ___ Yes ___ No

If traveling as a single looking for a roommate, AESU will attempt to arrange same-gender shared accommodations. If a share is not available, the single supplement fee applies.

___ Enclosed is my deposit of \$500 USD
*Make checks payable to **AESU Alumni World Travel.***

Charge my **DEPOSIT** to: ___ Mastercard ___ Visa ___ American Express ___ Discover

Charge my **FULL PAYMENT** to: ___ Mastercard ___ Visa ___ American Express ___ Discover
(Payment of balance with credit card will result in a 4% processing fee.)

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Payment of deposit indicates that I have read and agree to all terms and conditions.

Signature: X _____

*Reservations must be paid in full 90 days prior to departure. Reservations received after this date are subject to availability and must be accompanied by payment in full. A late booking fee of \$100 per person will apply. All prices reflect a cash discount.
Payment of balance with credit card will result in a 4% processing fee.*

Terms and Conditions

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour director (suggested \$5 per day for tour director); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$300, cancellation between 60-31 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 35% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 50%. Cancellation within 15 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip.

AIRFARE AND AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: Airfare and airport transfers are not included in the land package rate. Travelers must meet group at the (first) hotel after 3:00 p.m. on land tour start date. **FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS:** In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract. Participants making own flight arrangements: if it is necessary for AESU to change or cancel your travel program in any way, you are responsible for altering your flight plans accordingly and any costs that result from such changes or cancellations. To avoid these costs, AESU recommends that you not book your own flights or other independent travel arrangements until you verify that your trip has been guaranteed at approximately 90 days prior to departure.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com

I have read and agreed to all terms and conditions: X _____

Your signature here _____ Date _____