

Vancouver Specialist Amazing Race FAM

Sept 22-29, 2016



Tourism Vancouver and Air Canada look forward to hosting you during the Vancouver Specialist Amazing Race Fam. Below is some helpful information that will assist you in packing and planning for this trip.

Dress:

September is fall in British Columbia; weather can be warm during the day, cool in the evening and is sometimes wet. Bring layered clothing, light rain gear, comfortable walking/running shoes, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and an umbrella. Bring binoculars and a camera to capture moments to remember. Be sure to check Environment Canada's weather forecast a day or two before departure: www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca.

Passports:

Please remember your passport. All passports should be valid for the entire duration of the visit to Canada. Please contact the Canadian High Commission www.cic.gc.ca or for relevant visa information.

Passports:

Citizens of the UK, Ireland and Nordic Countries as well as British Subjects do not require a visa to visit Canada. All passports should be valid for the entire duration of the visit to Canada plus one day. Visa enquiries must visit the Canadian Visa Application Centre website for information on submitting applications either in person or by post. <http://www.vfsglobal.ca/canada/UnitedKingdom/>

Travel Insurance:

This is your responsibility; please ensure it covers you for all activities.

Accommodation:

Unless otherwise noted, your accommodation has been covered, with the exception of incidental charges. Hotels will require you to present a credit card for check-in as you will be responsible for any incidental room charges. All major credit cards are accepted in British Columbia. (AMEX, Diners, Visa, and MasterCard).

Gratuities:

Where applicable, Tourism Vancouver covers gratuities for its member suppliers providing services and/or activities on this fam while in Vancouver. Unless otherwise notified, no additional gratuities are required.

Smoking:

Certain Vancouver attractions, such as Grouse Mountain, Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, and the Vancouver Aquarium, are designated non-smoking. Vancouver bylaw prohibits smoking in all Vancouver parks. In addition, there is no smoking in your host hotels.

Waivers:

Where appropriate, participants will be asked to complete waivers before participating in activities.

Welcome to Vancouver!

Thursday, Sept 22

Australia Flights:

~7:35am Participants from Australia arrive on Air Canada flight from Sydney or Brisbane.

United Kingdom Flights:

10:05am Depart London on AC855
11:35am Arrive in Vancouver

Germany Flights:

10:15am Depart Frankfurt on AC875
12:15pm Arrive in Montreal

2:00pm Depart Montreal on AC183
4:30pm Arrive in Vancouver

Arrive at the Vancouver International Airport. Proceed through customs and collect your luggage. Take the Canada Line to Waterfront station using the Compass ticket provided by Tourism Vancouver.

Arrive at the Fairmont Waterfront and check-in for your two night stay compliments of Tourism Vancouver and:

The Fairmont Waterfront

900 Canada Place Way
Vancouver, V6C 3L5
Phone: 604.691.1842

<http://fairmont.com/waterfront>

Fairmont Waterfront is a 5 Green Key accredited property providing relaxed luxury on the West Coast. This 4 Diamond rated hotel is located in the heart of downtown Vancouver offering stunning panoramic views of the harbour and Vancouver's dramatic city skyline while connected to the Vancouver Convention Centre and Canada Place Cruise Ship Terminal, and within walking distance to shopping, dining and Vancouver's main attractions. The hotel offers 489 renovated hotel rooms that are spacious, elegantly appointed with distinctive amenities. Fairmont Gold at Fairmont Waterfront is the latest generation in exclusive travel: the 52-guestrooms and suites reflect a West Coast lifestyle with pure laid-back luxury. Visit the on-site restaurant ARC which features fresh, local and sustainable ingredients complemented by hotel-grown herbs from the on-site rooftop garden and honey from the on-site honeybee colony. Expect simple, flavour-focused cuisine cooked with flawless execution.

6:15pm Meet your Tourism Vancouver representative in the hotel lobby and walk to the Rosewood Hotel Georgia.

6:30pm Meet Sales Manager in the hotel lobby and enjoy a site inspection and welcome reception hosted by:

Rosewood Hotel Georgia

801 West Georgia Street

Vancouver, V6C 1P7

Phone: 604.682.5566

<http://www.rosewoodhotelgeorgia.com/>

Following its debut in the Roaring '20s, the legendary Hotel Georgia came to be known as Vancouver's most historic and elegant retreat. When it first welcomed guests in 1927, the hotel brought unheard of luxuries to the young city of Vancouver and Canada's West Coast. When it was unveiled in 2011 as Rosewood Hotel Georgia, the fully restored Georgian Revival property was returned to its former grandeur with additional elegance afforded by extensive amenities and the impeccable service of Rosewood Hotels & Resorts. The hotel reflects timeless elegance, with 156 luxurious guestrooms and suites, Sense, A Rosewood Spa®, fitness center, indoor saltwater lap pool, 1927 lobby lounge and Hawksworth restaurant.

8:00pm Return to the Fairmont Waterfront and enjoy the rest of the evening on own.

Overnight at the Fairmont Waterfront.

Friday, Sept 23

Today's activities include walking and standing outdoors. Please ensure you are dressed comfortably according to the weather, and wearing flat-soled, closed toe shoes. Warm layers and water resistant outerwear is recommended.

8:30am Meet your Tourism Vancouver representative, Ada Ling, Director of Sales – Tour & Travel and Kelli Urbani, Sales Coordinator in the hotel lobby and enjoy a site inspection hosted by the Fairmont Waterfront.

10:00am Depart the hotel and head across the street to Canada Place. Proceed along the Canadian Trail to the end of the pier and check-in for your FlyOver Canada experience hosted by:

FlyOver Canada

201 - 999 Canada Place

Vancouver, V6C 3E1

Phone: 604.620.8455

<http://www.flyovercanada.com/>

FlyOver Canada is a breathtaking, all-ages, flight simulation ride like no other. At its core, your clients will take off into a huge dome screen with the latest in projection and ride technology creating a true flying experience, complete with wind, scents, and mist! Group rates for 15 people or more are available upon request.

11:15am Meet your sightseeing driver at Canada Place and enjoy a tour through Coal Harbour and Stanley Park. Stop at the famous totem poles and Prospect Point for photo opportunities.

Make your way to the Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver Harbourfront.

12:30pm Meet Davida Kanda in the hotel lobby for a site inspection and lunch hosted by:

Pinnacle Hotel Vancouver Harbourfront

1133 Hastings St West
Vancouver, V6E 3T3
Phone: 604.689.9211
<http://pinnacleharbourfronthotel.com>

Defining Vancouver flare with opulent accommodations, exceptional service and breathtaking harbour views, the Pinnacle Vancouver Harbourfront Hotel welcomes travelers to discover the vibrant atmosphere of Downtown Vancouver. Our 442 guestroom Coal Harbour location provides a well-designed harbourfront escape, with locally inspired full-service amenities and personalized services your stay in Vancouver will be one to remember. 24 Hour 2,300 sq. ft. fitness centre. 8000 sq. ft. Ballroom plus 20 meeting rooms for conference facilities.

2:00pm Hop back on the coach and make your way to the Westin Bayshore Hotel.

2:15pm Arrive at the Westin Bayshore and check-in for your Sea Vancouver zodiac tour hosted by Tourism Vancouver and:

Sea Vancouver

1601 Bayshore Dr Westin Bayshore Lobby
Vancouver, V6G 2V4
Phone: 604.633.6413
Website: <http://seavancouver.com/>

Get ready for the Adventure of a Lifetime! Whether you are a first time zodiac adventurer or a seasoned veteran, we guarantee that you will have a blast! Launching from the Westin Bayshore Hotel, our fleet of open-air, purpose built, zodiac-style vessels are Vancouver's fastest and safest way to view the city from the sea. Adventures begin cruising along the Vancouver Inner Harbour, then soaring up to 55kph as we cross the Burrard Inlet. Along the way our experienced, qualified and passionate skippers will provide a fascinating array of information, highlighting the sights of Vancouver's Coal Harbour, Northshore, English Bay, False Creek and Stanley Park. With over 30 possible points of interest, each adventure is tailored to the interests of our thrill seeking passengers.

4:00pm Make your way back at the Fairmont Waterfront and enjoy some free time before dinner.

6:15pm Meet your Tourism Vancouver representative in the hotel lobby and depart for dinner.

6:30pm Arrive at the Teahouse Restaurant and enjoy dinner hosted by Tourism Vancouver.

The Teahouse Restaurant

3rd Beach, Ferguson Point, Stanley Park
Vancouver, V6G 3E7
Phone: 604.669.3281
<http://www.vancouverdine.com/teahouse>

The Teahouse Restaurant offers an unforgettable dining experience. With towering trees in its backyard and the ocean at its front door, the breathtaking view of English Bay and the North Shore act as a backdrop to the exquisite West Coast cuisine and exceptional service. Just minutes from downtown Vancouver,

The Teahouse Restaurant boasts a complete "West Coast" experience, with their chefs using only the freshest, local produce, while the surroundings exude a comfortable, contemporary atmosphere in which to enjoy Vancouver's best and longest sunsets, visible from every seat.

8:30pm Return to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening on own.

Overnight at the Fairmont Waterfront

Saturday, Sept 24

Today's activities include walking and standing outdoors. Please ensure you are dressed comfortably according to the weather, and wearing flat-soled, closed toe shoes. Warm layers and water resistant outerwear is recommended.

7:45am Meet your Tourism Vancouver representative and sightseeing driver in the hotel lobby and depart for the majestic North Shore.

8:30am Arrive at the base of Grouse Mountain and meet your Ranger Guide for the Breakfast with the Bears Experience compliments of Tourism Vancouver and:

Grouse Mountain, The Peak of Vancouver

6400 Nancy Greene Way
North Vancouver, V7R 4K9
Phone: 604.984.0661
<http://www.grousemountain.com>

Grouse Mountain is an all season attraction with some of the best views of the city and is located only 15 minutes away from downtown Vancouver. From sophisticated entertainment to unspoiled nature, it is the pre-eminent all-in-one destination with something for everyone including six dining options, a lumberjack show, hiking trails, skiing, snowboarding, sleigh rides, helicopter tours, paragliding, falconry demonstrations and much more. Guests can experience the jaw-dropping 360 degree views from The Eye of the Wind, the world's first wind turbine with a view-POD accessible by elevator. Your clients can also witness the majesty of two orphaned grizzly bears in a 5-acre Wildlife Refuge or enjoy the thrilling rush of adrenaline as they soar on Grouse Mountain's dual-line, five-line zip line.

10:30am Enjoy some free time to explore before we depart.

11:00am Meet back at the Skyride and head back down to the coach.

11:30am Depart Grouse Mountain

11:45am Arrive at the Capilano Suspension Bridge Park and meet your guide for a tour of the attraction compliments of:

Capilano Suspension Bridge Park

3735 Capilano Road
North Vancouver, V7R 4J1
Phone: 604.985.7474
<http://www.capbridge.com>

Breathtakingly suspended 70 metres above and 137 metres across Capilano River, the Capilano Suspension Bridge is Vancouver's oldest attraction. Located

in the temperate rainforest on Vancouver's North Shore, the park features the world famous Suspension Bridge, Treetops Adventure, a series of seven mini suspension bridges suspended high in the tree tops, and the newest addition, Cliffwalk, a cliff-side journey through rainforest vegetation above the Capilano River. Visitors can enjoy a guided eco walk, a First Nations cultural experience, and voices from the past at the Story Centre. Shopping, dining, and seasonal entertainment complete this entertaining West Coast experience. A free shuttle to/from the park is offered from downtown Vancouver.

- 1:15pm** Conclude your tour and meet back on the coach. Return to downtown Vancouver.
- 2:00pm** Arrive at Granville Island and check in for your Granville Island Market Tour hosted by:
- Vancouver Foodie Tours**
170 - 422 Richards Street
Vancouver, V6B 2Z4
Phone: 604.295.8844
<http://foodietours.ca>
- Vancouver Foodie Tours offers food tasting and educational walking tours, introducing your clients to one-of-a-kind dishes that define Vancouver's culinary scene. Guests indulge in a feast for their eyes, belly and mind, tasting signature dishes at award-winning Vancouver institutions. There are four Foodie Tours to choose from including the multicultural Guilty Pleasures Gourmet Tour, a Granville Island Market Tour, Gastronomic Gastown Tour and the World's Best Food Truck Tour.*
- 4:00pm** Conclude the tour and enjoy some free time to explore the Public Market and boutique shops.
- 4:45pm** Hop back on the coach in front of the Ocean Cement Factory and continue your sightseeing tour through trendy Yaletown, colorful Chinatown and historic Gastown.
- 5:30pm** Arrive at to the Executive Hotel Le Soleil and check -in for your two night stay compliments of:
- Executive Hotel Le Soleil**
567 Hornby St
Vancouver, V6C 2E8
Phone: 604.632.3000
<http://www.lesoleilhotel.com>
- Executive Hotel Le Soleil is a AAA four-diamond all suite boutique hotel that balances an old world style with the needs of a modern traveller. Located in the heart of downtown; close to the entertainment and shopping districts and major attractions.*
- 6:45pm** Meet your Tourism Vancouver representative in the hotel lobby and depart for dinner.
- 7:00pm** Arrive at the Westin Grand and meet Sales Manager for a site inspection and dinner hosted by:

The Westin Grand Vancouver

433 Robson St
Vancouver, V6B 6L9
Phone: 604.602.1999
<http://www.westingrandvancouver.com>

Contemporary 4-star, all-suite hotel located downtown on Robson St. on the edge trendy Yaletown in the heart of Vancouver's entertainment district. Featuring 207 suites, outdoor lap pool, hot tub, fitness centre, Hidden Tasting Bar and Social Lounge. All suites feature convenience kitchens. High speed Internet and Wireless Internet available.

9:00pm Return to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening on own.

Overnight at the Executive Hotel Le Soleil.

Sunday, Sept 25**AMAZING RACE DAY!**

Today will be our Amazing Race day. Please wear comfortable shoes as you will be walking throughout the day.

- 9:00am** Meet in the board room for a hosted breakfast and an overview of today's activities. Breakfast this morning is hosted by the Executive Hotel Le Soleil.
- 10:00am** On your mark, get set, Go!! AMAZING RACE BEGINS!
- 3:00pm** Amazing Race concludes. Enjoy some free time before dinner this evening.
- 6:00pm** Meet your Tourism Vancouver representative in the hotel lobby and make your way to the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre.
- 6:15pm** Meet the Sales Manager in the hotel lobby and enjoy a site inspection and dinner hosted by:

Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel

1088 Burrard St
Vancouver, V6Z 2R9
Phone: 604.331.1000
<http://www.sheratonvancouver.com>

The Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel is an award-winning hotel located in the heart of downtown Vancouver. It is the largest hotel in Vancouver and British Columbia with 733 deluxe guestrooms and suites and own garden fountain square. It is a perfect location for business and pleasure. All guestrooms have floor-to-ceiling windows with panoramic views of the city, English Bay and North Shore Mountains. We provide Sheraton Sweet Sleeper beds and complimentary WIFI in guestrooms for total comfort. Sheraton guests will find themselves in the heart of Vancouver surrounded by the boutiques of trendy Robson Street and Yaletown, outdoor markets, clubs, art galleries, and theaters, along with a wide variety of local and international dining choices. Complimentary shuttle service between hotel and Canada Place is available from 7am to 7pm daily, first come first serve.

A summary of the day's Amazing Race will be presented by Tourism Vancouver.

Overnight at the Executive Hotel Le Soleil.

Monday, Sept 26

Today the group will be splitting into three groups to travel to our luxury wilderness resorts, Sonora Resort, Echo Valley Resort & Spa and the Wickinnish Inn. More details to come on who will be going to which resorts and which activities you will enjoy during your stay.

Note: All three groups will be flying to the resorts.

Sonora Resort Canada

625B 11th Avenue
Campbell River, V9W 4G5
Phone: 604.233.0460
<http://www.sonoraresort.com>

Sonora Resort is British Columbia's luxury wilderness retreat, specializing in all inclusive guided fishing packages for corporate, incentive and individual get a ways. Sonora Resort offers your clients luxurious suite accommodations, gourmet cuisine, outstanding personalized service and spectacular guided Salmon fishing.

Echo Valley Ranch & Spa LLP

PO Box 916 10635 Jesmond Road
Clinton, V0K 1K0
Phone: 250.459.2386
<http://www.evranch.com>

Located in 'cowboy country', BC's scenic Cariboo Region, Echo Valley Ranch & Spa entices those seeking a restorative sojourn, as well as those looking for a higher-octane activity. Trail ride through rolling hills, hike along grasslands, or spend a day at a world class spa. Echo Valley Ranch & Spa is a high-end lodge that places an emphasis its personal service and unique hospitality. Echo Valley Ranch & Spa is also an extraordinary location for weddings or family reunions - there is a special versatility about the valley, that makes it an ideal location for any group event. This secluded gem allows guests to connect and re-connect and make memories that span generations. Echo Valley Ranch & Spa is rated 2013 Canada wide #1 "Small Hotel" and #1 in "Service" in the Travelers' Choice category by TripAdvisor.

Wickaninnish Inn

Osprey Lane at Chesterman Beach
Tofino, V0R 2Z0
Phone: 250.725.3100
<http://www.wickinn.com>

The renowned Wickaninnish Inn on Vancouver Island's magnificent west coast, near Tofino, situated on a rocky point at the north end of Chesterman Beach. The Inn offers panoramic views of the open Pacific in a relaxed atmosphere.

Tuesday, Sept 27

Full day at the resorts. More info to come!

Wednesday, Sept 28

Today will be a travel day back to Vancouver from the lodges. All three groups will arrive at the airport by late afternoon.

Arrive at the Vancouver International Airport and make your way to the Fairmont Vancouver Airport located in the U.S. departures terminal.

Check-in for your one night's stay compliments of Tourism Vancouver and:

The Fairmont Vancouver Airport

3111 Grant McConachie Way PO Box 23798

Richmond, V7B 0A6

Phone: 604 691 1842

<http://www.fairmont.com/vancouverairport>

The AAA Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel is the only soundproofed luxury hotel and spa conveniently located within Vancouver International Airport. This hotel offers 392 luxurious guest rooms, meeting rooms, a Day Spa, health Club, Jetside Bar, and the award-winning restaurant Globe @ YVR.

Enjoy the rest of the evening on own. McArthur Glen Designer Outlet will be open until 9:00pm and is accessible by the Canada Line (no need for a ticket).

Overnight Fairmont Vancouver Airport.

Thursday, Sept 29

Departure day

- 8:30am** Meet Kim Gilbert, Sales Manager in the hotel lobby and enjoy breakfast and a site inspection compliments of the Fairmont Vancouver Airport.
- 10:00am** Enjoy the rest of the day on own prior to your flight departure.
- 1:15pm** German participants depart on AC214 via Calgary.
- 10:10pm** UK participants depart on AC896 (arrives into LHR at 14:40)
- ~11:45pm** Australia participants depart to either Sydney or Brisbane.

Thank you for visiting Vancouver!

Share your FAM photos with @inside_vancouver using #veryvancouver!