

Hiking near the Peak 2 Peak



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TRIP IDEAS

WHISTLER VACATION

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games have come and gone, but Whistler's feel-good mountain vibe remains steadfast. Enjoy canoeing, golfing, biking, hiking, shopping, spas and dining, and soak up the year-round alpine aura in Whistler Village.

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Canoeing

Canoe on the serene waters of Alta Lake as moose, deer, the occasional bear, and other critters scamper along the shores. Or, paddle along the River of Golden Dreams, a short and relaxing popular canoe trip. Numerous operators can provide gear and guides.

Whistler Golf Courses

Whistler is a mountain golf nirvana. Play golf on four outstanding courses – Whistler Golf Club, Fairmont Chateau Whistler Golf Club, Nicklaus North Golf Course and Big Sky Golf and Country Club.

Bike Park and Ziplining

The bike park at Whistler Mountain is one of the best in the world, with terrain for all levels of bikers. Join Ziptrek or WildPlay to zipline high above lush, old-growth forests, and reach speeds of 100kph/60mph on lines that span up to 670m/2,200ft.

Whistler Hiking

Check out the Peak 2 Peak Gondola that links Blackcomb and Whistler mountains. For an additional thrill, try to grab a silver gondola with a glass-bottomed floor. At the top, explore more than 50km/30mi of alpine hiking trails.

Shopping and Cultural Centre

Shopping in Whistler is amazing. Find everything from hand-crafted jewellery to bathing suits and chocolatiers in the European-styled village. Some of the most popular stores include: Ruby Tuesday (for jewellery and accessories), Evolution (for ski, skate, bike and snowboard fashion) and Blake Jorgenson Gallery (for beautiful outdoor adventure photography). A unique attraction near the Main Village is the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre. It features stunning First Nations art in a beautiful 2,824sq-m-/30,400sq-ft-complex.

Whistler Spas

Spas are one of Whistler's fortes. Unwind and rejuvenate at the ScandinaVe Spa, which offers outdoor Scandinavian baths, 14 treatment rooms and a health café. The Spa at Four Seasons Resort Whistler uses only the finest natural ingredients in their luxurious treatments. Seaweed, fresh fruits, wildflowers and clay harvested from nearby glacial lakes are all utilized.

Finally, the Taman Sari Royal Heritage Spa is the only authentic Javanese spa in North America. Settle into a signature massage, which features a unique blend of Indonesian essential oils that stimulate blood circulation and loosen muscles.

Restaurants and Pubs

Whistler has more than 90 restaurants, cafés, pubs and bars in town. Enjoy an intimate dinner at one of Whistler's many award-winning restaurants, or test-drive a few different establishments with Whistler Tasting Tours. Places to try include the following:

- Creekbread (on Highway 99 by the Creekside Market): Natural pizza baked in a wood-fired oven. The homemade sausage pizza is tops.
- The Lift Coffee Company (three locations): Eggs benedict, paninis and breakfast burritos.
- Bearfoot Bistro (Whistler Village): An iconic Whistler dining experience featuring modern Canadian cuisine – and one of the finest wine cellars and Champagne collections in North America.
- Araxi (Whistler Village): Fresh Pacific seafood, local meats and ingredients from the nearby Pemberton Valley. The internationally acclaimed restaurant has a constantly evolving menu that reflects the seasons.
- Relax on a sun-warmed patio in the village (try The Longhorn Saloon & Grill) and people watch. When evening comes, stop by Buffalo Bills or the GLC – Whistler's night life is legendary!

Whistler Accommodation

Looking for accommodation in the heart of Whistler? Delta Whistler Village Suites offers the convenience of restaurants, nightclubs and shops nearby.

Located at the entrance to Whistler Village, Aava Whistler Hotel boasts affordable rates and on-site dining at White Spot restaurant, a local institution.

Whistler Transportation

Follow the two-hour Sea-to-Sky Highway driving route from Vancouver to Whistler. Cool stops en route include the Britannia Mine Museum and the West Coast Railway Heritage Park.

Like trains? Ride the Rocky Mountaineer's Whistler Sea to Sky Climb train from Vancouver to Whistler. Or go by floatplane: Whistler Air flies from downtown Vancouver to Whistler's Green Lake in about 30 minutes (May to September). Combine the train and plane for a great round trip. Once in Whistler, it's easy to get around by foot, bus or bike.



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