



TRIP ITINERARY

BC CANADA: SEA TO SKY

TYPE: ALL-MOUNTAIN

AMAZING ALL-MOUNTAIN RIDING IN NORTH AMERICA'S PREMIERE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUD – 10 DAYS, 9 NIGHTS.

TRIP DETAILS

Located in the southwest corner of British Columbia on the Pacific coast, the Sea to Sky Corridor region offers spectacular scenery and diverse geography and riding terrain. Sea to Sky riding has it all – rolling alpine meadows, lush rain forests, tight twisty singletrack, rippin' fast flowy trails, rock slabs, roots, bridges, steeps, stunts, logs, ladders, and drops. And we want to show you its very best – both the classics and the hidden gems that make British Columbia a world-class mountain biking destination. Come explore the legendary trails of Vancouver's North Shore Mountains, the lush mossy forests of the Sunshine Coast and Squamish, the world-renowned Whistler Bike Park, and the wild, untouched and semi-arid Chilcotin Mountain range. This is the ultimate mountain bike road trip - one that you will never forget.

2010 DATES

Sunday, August 15 to Tuesday, August 24

2010 LAND COST

\$2760 USD + Goods and Services Tax

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$530 USD

JOINING IN

Vancouver, Canada

ITINERARY

The following is a general outline for Sea To Sky trip.

Big Mountain reserves the right to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as weather or terrain conditions dictate or as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience, and well-being of our guests.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER, TRANSFER TO WHISTLER

Arrive in Vancouver Canada where you'll be greeted by your Big Mountain guides and meet the rest of your group. From Vancouver, we'll drive 2.5 hours north on the spectacular Sea to Sky highway to the charming alpine Whistler Resort. Once in Whistler, we will settle into our luxury chalet and then be free to explore the pedestrian-only Whistler Village. Tonight we stay at our Whistler Chalet.

DAY 2 – RIDE WHISTLER TRAILS

Today will be spent acquainting ourselves with Whistler's incredible network of awesome all-mountain trails which are accessible right from our chalet. You'll see why Whistler has the most passionate mountain bikers anywhere. Tonight we sleep at our Whistler Chalet.

DAY 3 – RIDE WHISTLER BIKE PARK

Today we will ride the Whistler Bike Park, featuring 250+km of lift-serviced descending mountain bike trails, hands down, the best mountain bike park in the world. Tonight we sleep at our Whistler Chalet.

DAY 4 – RIDE SQUAMISH

Squamish, dubbed the Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada, is a riding paradise and town that achieved cult status among mountain bikers. Depending on the group's energy level, we'll either shuttle or climb and ride a Squamish classic loop, or two! Tonight we sleep at our Whistler Chalet.

DAY 5 – RIDE PEMBERTON, DRIVE TO CHILCOTINS

After breakfast, we'll drive 25 minutes north of Whistler to the rustic town of Pemberton where we'll ride a local trail or two. Pemberton, which is located at the beginning of the transition from Coastal Mountain rain forest to semi arid desert, is much dryer and more open than Whistler or Squamish. And home to some sweetest undiscovered trails in the Corridor. Later in the afternoon, we will drive over the gravel Hurley Pass to the very remote and rugged Chilcotin Range. Tonight, we stay at a local lakeside wilderness lodge.

DAY 6 – RIDE THE CHILCOTINS VIA FLOAT PLANE

This morning we'll be in a Beaver float plane by 8am. The 15 minute flight will take us and our bikes up to Warner Lake, a green-blue high alpine lake. From Warner we will descend 40 kms of rolling remote and practically untouched wilderness singletrack, through wildflower-filled meadows, past cowboy camps, along glacial streams. We will return to our lodge.

DAY 7 – RIDE THE CHILCOTINS

After a well deserved sleep in, we will ride a fantastic loop that takes us into the high alpine and back to the lodge. Keep your eyes open for grizzlies in the area, along with wolves, mountain sheep and moose. Tonight we stay at the lodge.

DAY 8 – TRANSFER TO VANCOUVER, OPTIONAL NORTH SHORE RIDE

After breakfast, we will begin our journey back to the Coast where you'll have the balance of the day to chill. Or if you still have energy, maybe hit the Shore for a short ride. Or rent cruiser bikes and explore the city, beaches and Stanley Park (the third largest city owned park in North America) ? Or take a guided sea-kayaking tour of the inlets and waterways around Vancouver ? Tonight we're in the big city and we'll get to sample Vancouver's world-class restaurants. Sushi tonight? Stay at our Vancouver hotel.

DAY 9 – RIDE SUNSHINE COAST

Today's adventure begins with a short ferry traverse to the Sunshine Coast where we will find lush mossy forests full of fast, buffed singletrack through massive cedar and fir trees. We will finish our day with a final celebratory dinner before packing up for tomorrow's departures. Tonight, we stay in our Vancouver hotel.

DAY 10 – FLY HOME

This morning we'll drive you to Vancouver International Airport for your flight home. Good bye!

DETAILS

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Expert Leadership
- Airport transfers
- Accommodations in Whistler Chalet, lakeside log lodge and a hotel
- All breakfasts and six dinners
- Full-face helmet and armor for day at Whistler Bike Park
- All transportation including: shuttle vehicle, lifts, ferry and float plane
- Big Mountain t-shirt and detailed pre-departure information

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

International airfare; personal travel and medical insurance; optional downhill bike rental for Bike Park day; optional tipping to leaders and local staff; airport taxes and excess baggage charges (if any); your bike and related equipment needed to ride; personal items like drinks and snacks. We recommend \$20-30 USD per day for lunches and extras.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

The **technical ability** required for the Sea to Sky trip is rated as 'advanced and higher.' In other words, this trip is for those who are comfortable and confident on steeper and technical terrain. Having shin pads is highly recommended. The riding in BC is generally technical. Unlike other tour companies, we won't be focusing this trip on the hardest trails rideable but instead on the best trails available. There will be man-made obstacles and stunts to consider; some you will ride and others you will walk around. The beauty of the trip is that you will get to ride with a born and bred locals. With Big Mountain you'll truly unlock the door to this unique riding paradise.

For **fitness level**, even though we will be using lifts, vehicles and a float plane – and stopping quite often (to enjoy the view, take photos, eat and drink, wait for others, repair our bikes etc) – the accumulation of multiple, long days of riding will add up. You must be in good / very good shape to enjoy this trip.

BIKE AND EQUIPMENT

The perfect bike for the Sea to Sky is a 6" travel all mountain dual suspension with DH disk brakes. All participants are required to have their **bikes in excellent working order** before the trip begins. Also required: helmet, leg / arm armour, hydration pack, and clothing for all types of weather. All participants are required to bring extra brake pads, tubes, a patch kit, any other parts specific to your bike. We will send you a detailed list of required equipment and clothing before departure.

LODGING AND FOOD

During Sea to Sky, we will stay in a variety of accommodation. In Whistler we will spend 4 nights in a luxury home within walking distance the Village and meals will be prepared by local staff. In the Chilcotins, we will stay in a beautiful lakeside log lodge located lake-side for 3 nights. During the two nights in Vancouver, we will stay at a hotel. Please notify Big Mountain if you have any special dietary needs.

CLIMATE

We will be visiting several distinctly different climactic zones: from rainforest to desert. In big mountains, weather can change quickly and drastically - it could be 30 degrees celcius one day and then nearly freezing on a mountain top the next day. This region can also receive lots of rain – be prepared. Generally though, the weather during the summer is hot and sunny.

YOUR SAFETY

Our trips take place in remote to very remote regions with limited evacuation options available and there are always risks and hazards on the trails that we ride. If you choose to participate in our trips, it is up to you to ride well within your limits, to ride conservatively and to be safe as mountain biking is a dangerous sport. Participants must keep their bikes in good working condition, they must be hydrated and rested and alcohol and drugs are not permitted while riding. Our guides have basic first aid training and if a serious injury is suspected they will call helicopter search and rescue at the cost of the participant. Personal medical travel insurance is mandatory.

THE NEXT STEP

Call us toll free at 1-866-894-0220, or email at info@ridebig.com to confirm that there is space on this trip. Then, fill out our secure online registration form on our website. Make sure that you have read and understand our Terms and Conditions and Waiver. Upon booking, we will send you detailed pre-departure information to make sure that you are well prepared for the adventure ahead.

WHY BIG MOUNTAIN IS YOUR CHOICE

Big Mountain Bike Adventures is the pioneer for performance XC, all-mountain, DH and freeride mountain biking adventures. We know that to find the very best trails, you have to ride with locals. We aim to provide safe, quality trips and the best customer service to our participants.

REFERENCES

We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travellers.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to call us at 1-866-894-0220 or email info@ridebig.com if you have any questions or need any additional information. We are here to help!

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