A superb selection of ideas and offers for sensational holidays in Canada
Whether you’re looking for a family holiday, a self-drive tour or a wilderness adventure, Canada is a perfect destination. Although you’ll find a number of different itineraries in these pages, our primary focus is on creating a luxury, tailor-made holiday dedicated to your individual requirements. Our years of experience and unrivalled, in-depth knowledge of Canada enable us to create unique holidays which combine iconic sights and authentic Canadian experiences. At Bridge & Wickers we are passionate about Canada. Our destination experts will always start by listening carefully to your ideas and interests before using their expertise to create your ultimate holiday. Award-winning, fully financially protected and at your service, Bridge & Wickers is part of The Ultimate Travel Company. And best of all: Canada offers great value in 2016.

Talk to our Canada experts

You’ll find our consultants are friendly and knowledgeable – and prepared to go the extra mile to ensure that you have the best holiday at the best possible price. Call us today!

CANADA
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KNOW HOW
The idea of the ‘open road’ could have been invented for Canada. Spanning six time zones, the country is criss-crossed by highways and long winding roads lined with incredible scenery. Here are just three of our “off-the-shelf” Canada self drives, each of which we are more than happy to adapt to suit your needs.

GO WILD IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

‘Extraordinary’ is a word you’ll find yourself repeating again and again in Canada. A quarter of all the planet’s trees are in Canada. The world’s biggest bears roam its wildernesses. Its unending open spaces; its soaring, sky-scraping mountains; its fathomless lakes stretching off beyond the scope of your eyes – they’re amongst the most impressive sights you’re likely to find anywhere on Earth.

Bears are big in Canada, both in terms of the size of grizzlies and polars, but also when measured by the number of species (including the White Spirit bear) and the range of places you can observe them. Our Canada Experts can help you find a place that fits in with your plans.

Cathedral Park, BC

Moraine Lake

WESTERN FAMILY ADVENTURE
17 DAYS FROM £3699 PP INCLUDING FLIGHTS

Western Canada is a king size holiday playground for families. The sheer scale of the scenery will score high on the ‘wow’ index, as will the likely sightings of wildlife, whales and bears included. There’s also an abundance of activities to thrill all ages, from white water rafting to kayaking, zip wiring to mountain biking, mostly organised from the resorts, where two bedroom apartments, cabins or suites are generally available.

THE MAGIC OF THE MARITIMES
13 DAYS FROM £3600pp INCLUDING FLIGHTS

The Maritimes plunges you into some awe-inspiring coastal scenery and immerses you in Canada’s rich history. Be warned, Canada’s Maritime region will definitely cast a spell on you. From Halifax and Mahone Bay, to Peggy’s Cove and Lunenburg, plus scenic Prince Edward Island, Pictou, the Cabot Trail, St Lawrence and Bras d’Or Lakes. And the charming seaside town of St Andrews and the Fundy National Park on New Brunswick. They will all work their magic.

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SPARKLING CITIES

Each of Canada’s major cities have their own distinctive style from the historic Gallic charm of Québec City to the sophisticated buzz of Toronto and west coast vibe of Vancouver. We can help you experience the very best of each.

This historic city is the heartland of Francophone Canada. Wander its cobbled streets, lined with galleries, bars and restaurants or take a tour by horse drawn carriage. The provincial capital also boasts magnificent state buildings. Stay at the Auberge St Antoine, a delightful hotel skilfully converted from three historic buildings.

Montreal exudes style; spectacular architecture rubs shoulders with elegant tree-lined boulevards which are home to fashionable boutiques, charming restaurants and lively bars. Our favourite place to stay is the elegant boutique Hotel Nelligan, in the heart of Vieux Montréal.

BREATHTAKING

The dramatic eastern edge of North America is just a five hour flight from the UK, but a million miles away from our gentle countryside. Wild and remote, landscapes have their own bleak beauty, while the coast is made jagged by deep fjords and peppered with fishing communities of friendly locals.

The wildlife is abundant, from seabirds and whales to caribou and bear, and the 18,000 miles of coast is where you’ll find fishing villages nestled around fjords, inlets, coves and gullies.

There’s culture and history aplenty including the only authenticated Viking settlement in North America, and fresh, local cuisine that will satisfy even the most discerning seafood lover.

Highlights include
• The picturesque capital, St John’s
• The Avalon Peninsula, Canada’s far east
• Bonavista Peninsula Bay, in the Terra Nova National Park
• Notre Dame Bay
• The Trans-Canada Highway
• Gros Morne National Park
• Blanc Sabon on the Québec/Labrador border
• Whales, sea-birds and massive ice structures in Iceberg Alley
• L’Anse aux Meadows National Historic site, a glimpse into Viking history

Newfoundland & Labrador

Self Drive - 12 Days from £1,995pp excluding flights

Newfoundland Labrador

The nation’s capital, Ottawa boasts grand buildings that befit its status. The Rideau Canal, which runs through the city, offers the perfect opportunity for a leisurely stroll. See the best of the city from the centrally located and beautifully appointed Fairmont Chateau Laurier.

Toronto, set on the shores of Lake Ontario is Canada’s largest city and commercial centre. This city does everything on a grand scale, like the CN Tower, until recently the world’s tallest free-standing building. See the best of the city from the Ritz Carlton, conveniently situated in the heart of Downtown Toronto.

Although it’s famous as the home of the legendary Stampede, the city has much more to offer than cowboys and covered wagons. Home the Cultural Capital of Canada in 2012, Calgary is a melting pot of galleries, theatre and events. Stay at the boutique Hotel Le Germain, and enjoy a unique brand of hospitality.

Vancouver occupies a spectacular location where the Fraser River meets the Pacific with the glorious backdrop of British Columbia’s Coast Mountains. As well as being a thriving cultural centre, the city invites outdoor pursuits of all kinds. Our recommended hotel in Vancouver is Hotel L’Hermitage.
Wild Canada with David Wickers, 12 day guided itinerary
from £5,995pp Departs 1 September 2016

Join David Wickers, Director of Bridge & Wickers, on journey to Canada’s magnificent west coast encompassing the waterfront city of Vancouver, the rugged, wildlife-rich Pacific coast and the mighty Rockies. Ride in GoldLeaf class aboard the scenic Rocky Mountaineer railway from Vancouver to Jasper. Travel by seaplane to the Sonora luxury resort and by RIB in search of bears, whales and eagles in the pristine environment of the Discovery Islands. Drive along the Ice-field Parkway, one of the most scenic highways in North America, through the Rockies to the Emerald Lake and take a walk on a glacier at the massive Columbia Icefield.

Canada’s west coast province, British Columbia offers a wealth of experiences; the cosmopolitan city of Vancouver, the elegant capital Victoria on Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, beautiful islands and fjords, the stunning Canadian Rockies and the Okanagan region with its beautiful lakes and world renowned wineries.

The Great Outdoors
With a coastline that edges the Pacific for almost 17,000 miles, thousands of islands and fjords and a massive interior, BC has more outdoors than anyone could ever explore. Wildlife watching, adventure sports, biking, hiking and skiing are all on the menu.

Uncork the taste of BC
Once you’re ‘coasted out’ it’s time to turn inland and head for the hills, the Chilcotin Mountains and the Canadian Rockies in this case. Along the way you’ll be able to tour the lush vineyards of the Okanagan valley, sit beside quiet lakes and wander around the charming towns of Field and Kicking Horse.

As well as driving, there are many other wonderful ways to explore Canada. You could take to the rails and let the train take the strain. Travel between the major cities or journey from coast to coast with Via Rail. Or ride the luxurious Rocky Mountaineer to experience the majestic Rockies at their best. Canada’s history has revolved around its waterways. Today you can still cruise the mighty St Lawrence from the Atlantic Coast through Montreal to Kingston, or sail the Inside Passage from BC to Alaska.

If you want to explore Canada’s more remote wilderness, a trip in a float plane offers a truly unique discovery experience.

TRAINS...

AND PLANES

Vancouver, gateway to British Columbia
This bustling seaport might be the gateway to British Columbia’s many delights but is also a rewarding destination in its own right. With a picturesque setting on the shores of the Pacific, it’s home to sophisticated restaurants and great shopping as well as fascinating city sights and tranquil parks.

AND BOATS

British Columbia

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WHAT SHALL WE DO NEXT?

Spot a bear
Cycle a trail
Visit a winery
Get a taste for NEW BRUNSWICK
Catch a whopper
Discover First Nations Culture
Go whale watching
Saddle-up
Take a hike
Meet a Mountie
Take a sleigh ride
Relax on the beach

The province of New Brunswick on Canada's Atlantic coast is one of Canada's best kept holiday secrets. In the Bay of Fundy, the huge tidal range means it's possible to walk on the floor of the ocean.

At Grand Manan Island you can watch in awe as whales burst through the surface of the sea. You can eat divine seafood in Shediac, the 'lobster capital of the world', listen to live jazz, stroll along Parlee Beach, go kayaking, windsurfing or explore the barrier islands, sand dunes, lagoons, salt marshes and forests of Kouchibouguac National Park.

In New Brunswick nature surrounds you, scenery inspires you and the warm welcoming people embrace you. Hike coastal trails, island hop between the Fundy Isles, dine on the freshest seafood, and dance at lively cultural festivals. You don't just experience New Brunswick, you become part of it.

The perfect way to discover the delights New Brunswick has to offer and includes the very best of the Province:
• The historic provincial capital, Fredericton.
• St Andrews, one of Canada's oldest seaside towns on the edge of Passamaquoddy Bay, a great place for watching whales.
• Hop over to the small island of Grand Manan, where you'll find a wealth of fishing villages and fresh seafood. Hike along the shore and watch humpback, minke and fin whales, as well as seals and white-sided dolphins.
• Take the picturesque Fundy Coastal Drive towards Saint John and Hopewell Rocks.
• Visit Shediac, the 'lobster capital of the world'.
• Stroll along the three kilometre Parlee Beach, or take a lobster fishing cruise.
• Kouchibouguac National Park has wildlife nature trails and a coast with some of the warmest waters in the region, perfect for beach sports, kayaking and windsurfing.

8 Day New Brunswick self-drive holiday from £1555 excluding flights

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CANADA À LA CARTE

With its diverse cultural heritage, it’s no wonder Canada is also a culinary melting pot offering a scrumptious smorgasbord to delight your taste buds. From authentic delis to gastronomic restaurants, and from world renowned vineyards to lobster festivals, a host of food and drink experiences await. We can help you cook up the perfect Canada holiday itinerary to help satisfy any foodie passion. So what’s on the menu?

CANADA in style

Food is big and beefy in Alberta’s cowboy country

Seafood is sensational in Canada’s Atlantic provinces

Gastronomy has a French accent in Quebec

If beer is your tipple, try a brewery tour in Toronto

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THE YUKON
Marvel at the magic of Canada’s wild north west

The Yukon is one of the most accessible northern destinations. Its jaw-dropping natural features are what set this place apart – a land rich with dramatic mountain vistas, wild rivers and crystal clear lakes. Close to 80 per cent remains pristine wilderness. Roughly the size of France, the Yukon is home to more than 160,000 caribou, 70,000 moose, 22,000 mountain sheep, 7,000 grizzly bears, 10,000 black bears and 250 species of birds... and only 36,000 humans!

With scenic drives into all corners of the Yukon, it's a driver’s dream and exhilarating combination of postcard scenery, historic communities, and cultural attractions. The Klondike Gold Rush of 1898 put the Yukon on the world map. Today, visitors can still experience this period in history by visiting Dawson City, a lively place bustling with heritage sites and attractions.

From Autumn to Spring, when darkness comes to Yukon skies, the Northern Lights come out. First you might see a hint of neon colour in the starry sky, then a jagged burst of green, and soon you're transfixed by an ethereal display of shimmering aurora borealis.

The Yukon is also the land of the midnight sun, where skies are glorious and summer light just won't quit. Life flourishes under hours of intense sunlight as the land hosts millions of migratory birds and explodes into wildflower blooms.

Discover the legendary allure of iconic wilderness parks, witness calving glaciers, mountain vistas and abundant wildlife. All year long its wild places host unforgettable journeys.

Yukon River – Small Group Canoe Trip
8 Day Adventure from £1530pp excluding flights

You won’t need any special canoeing skills on this tour, just a sense of adventure. From Whitehorse, with the compass needle set north, you’ll set off to explore the Yukon River and its relics of the historic 1897 gold rush. Travelling along this mighty river you’ll discover several abandoned settlements such as Hootalinqua and Big Salmon Village as well as passing through spectacular landscapes. Camps are set up each night on the banks of the river, and around the camp fire your guide will tell you all about the region and its fascinating wildlife. Moose are numerous in the forested foothills, and bald eagles nest along the river banks. You’ll see beavers getting in their winter supplies, and you’re quite likely to spot black bears on the riverbank. The adventure concludes in Carmacks, a small village where you’ll enjoy your first meal in a week that you haven’t had to prepare for yourselves! Say farewell to your canoe and companions and travel via the Klondike Highway back to Whitehorse.
Canada’s GREAT INDOORS

Canada’s wealth of natural wonders are only matched by the amazing variety of great places to stay. Hotels, lodges, resorts or wilderness retreats, they’re all on offer. At Bridge & Wickers, we have sampled many of them. Here are just a few of our favourites.

Sonora Resort, Sonora Island
Cabin-style five star luxury with amazing outdoor adventures set against the wild beauty of British Columbia’s West Coast. Located at the northern end of Desolation Sound, the resort has a main lodge with rustic feel, but state of the art movie theatre, games area and wine cave.

Nita Lake Lodge, Whistler
This five star property is tucked just five hundred metres from historic creek side Whistle and Whistler mountain creek side with a balcony overlooking the seventy seven deluxe studios, one lake or magnificent mountains, and a stone and wood fireplace.

Tremblant in the heart of Quebec’s Laurentian mountains.
Located in the heart of the forest bordering the Mastigouche Wildlife Reserve, Hotel Sacacomie is a spectacular log cabin which blends harmoniously with the scenery and overloeks a majestic lake. The hotel’s private beach has pedal boats, canoes and kayaks available free of charge and other activities, include hiking, fishing, horse riding, tours by float plane and bear and beaver observation tours.

QuatreSaisons Hotel, Quebec
This is a five star exclusive waterfront reveal on picturesque lake front near in the heart of Quebec’s Laurentian mountains. Offering unparalleled luxury and service, each of its thirty suites offers a superb lake view, screened terraces and private balcony or large terrace with screened fourth floor doors.

Wickaninish Inn, Tofino
On Vancouver Island, the inn offers direct access to Chesterman Beach, a gravel beach with stunning ocean or beach views from each of its 76 rooms and suites.

Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
This five star lodge, set deep in the Canadian Rockies, between majestic mountains and enchanting lakes, embodies the peace, tranquility and natural beauty that make these peaks so famous. There is an abundance of outdoor activities including golf or one of Canada’s best courses, fishing, hiking and paddling on the lake.

Siwash Lake Ranch, British Columbia
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