

Brits 'Round BC 2012
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Welcome to the BRBC 2012 web site

Some years ago the magazine Road & Track carried a monthly feature entitled 'Sports Car Country', in which drives on roads suitable for a Fun drive in a sports car were featured. From what I have seen, most of BC would qualify as 'Sports Car Country'! The route I have selected for BRBC 2012, though not as long as previous tours, does feature fun roads and I think scenery bordering on the spectacular, more than making up for the shorter distance. I believe that those of you who choose to take part in BRBC 2012 will enjoy a part of our beautiful 'Sports Car Country'.

The beginning of BRBC V coincides with the end of the AGM in Vancouver. For those attending the AGM, we will enjoy a back roads drive on Sunday, June 24, to Hope for a good start to the tour.

Day	Destination	Duration	Accommodation	Time hrs./min.	Distance km./mi.
Sunday, June 24	Hope	1 nt.	Skagit Valley Inn	3+20	160/100
Monday, June 25	Osoyoos	1 nt.	Westridge Inn Resort	3+40	250/155
Tuesday, June 26	Kaslo	1 nt.	Kaslo Motel	6+00	370/230
Wednesday, June 27	Kimberley	2 nt.	Trickle Creek Inn	4+30	260/160
Thursday, June 28	Kimberley				
Friday, June 29	Revelstoke	1 nt.	Coast Hotel	5+40	380/235
Saturday, June 30	Nakusp	2 nt.	Kuskanax Lodge	1+50	105/65
Sunday, July 1	Nakusp				
Monday, July 2	Kelowna	1 nt.	Okanagan Seasons Resort	3+50	240/150
Tuesday, July 3	Kamloops	1 nt.	Hospitality Inn	3+20	180/110
Wednesday, July 4	Pemberton	1 nt.	Pemberton Valley Lodge	3+50	265/165
Thursday, July 5	HOME (mileage to Vancouver)			2+00	125/75
Totals		11 nts.		38 hrs.	2335/1445

There are only 2 longish days and the average speed is only 62 km/hr or 38 mi/hr, so slower cars should be able to complete the daily route. There are a couple of 'long' climbs, most notably out of Osoyoos and Grand Forks but we should be able to complete these when the morning is still cool. Additionally, for those who wish 'bonus' driving time, there are 2 opportunities; on the extra day in Kimberley a drive to Fernie for lunch, or Fairmont Hot Springs, for lunch/soak. Also there is an additional 'loop' on the Kelowna to Kamloops day.

ACCOMMODATIONS

20 rooms are being held until May1 under the Old English Car Club, with exceptions. See notes.

Breakfast is not included except in Kelowna . Taxes extra. BOOK EARLY to get your desired room!!

Date	Destination	Room Type	Rate	Contact
June 24	Hope, Skagit Motor Inn www.skagit.ca	1 or 2 bed	\$75-\$85	Matthew, 1-888-869-5228
June 25	Osoyoos, Westridge Inn Resort www.westridgeinn.com	1 or 2 bed	\$90	Gordie, 1-800-977-8711
June 26	Kaslo, Kaslo Motel www.kaslomotel.ca	small cabins or motel rooms - there are only 17 rooms at this motel so those who cannot get a room here please see www.hellobc.com/Kaslo-BC as there B&Bs etc. in the area. ROOMS HELD UNTIL APRIL 1 (no joke!)	\$63-\$80	Caroline, 1-877-353-2431
June 27, 28	Kimberley, Trickle Creek Lodge www.skikimberley.com	1 bedroom suite limited 2 bdrm	\$139 \$205	Jill Bellm, 1-877-754-5426 1-250-427-3389
June 29	Revelstoke, Hillcrest Hotel info@hillcresthotel.com	2 Queen 2 Queen, balcony 1 king or queen	\$133 \$143	Brenda Murray, 1-250-837-3322
June 30, July 1	Nakusp, Kuskanax Lodge	19 rooms, AC 1 room, no AC	\$105 \$95	Maureen McPhee, 1-800-663-0100
July 2	Kelowna, Okanagan Seasons Resort info@okseasons.ca, Group # 207 www.okseasons.ca - ROOMS HELD UNTIL MARCH 1	20 various	\$109 \$129	Tiffany, 1-800-860-3033 1-250-860-5707
July 3	Kamloops, Hospitality Inn www.hospitalityinn.kamloops.com	20 various	\$85	1-800-663-5733
July 4	Pemberton, Pemberton Valley Lodge www.pembertonvalleylodge.com	TBA		1-877-894-2800

MEALS AND SUGGESTED THINGS TO DO

No breakfasts are included except in Kelowna. If there is enough interest we will have a group buffet in Revelstoke.

Hope: Dinner - potluck? Pizza? Chicken? Chinese?

Hope - Osoyoos: Lunch: Manning Park Lodge, picnic or restaurant; Dinner, Ridge Brew House (pub at motel)

Osoyoos - Kaslo: Lunch: Nancy Greene Provincial Park , picnic; Dinner: Nico's Restaurant at Kaslo Golf Course, set price on salad with steak, chicken or limited options due to the size of the group. In Kaslo there is a tour of the SS Moyie (www.klhs.bc.ca), the last lake sternwheeler, a very good restoration.

Kaslo - Kimberley (we lose 1 hour to MDT on this sector): Lunch: Creston Museum (www.creston.museum.bc.ca), an interesting Museum, catered sandwiches; Dinner: 1st night a group dinner at Trickle Creek Lodge?; 2nd night on your own (there are good Bavarian restaurants in Kimberley). The second day is a free day. Visit Fort Steele, a restored fort in the morning, drive to Fernie (240 km./150 mi. round trip) for lunch or to Fairmont Hot Springs (180 km./110 mi.) for lunch and a soak.

Kimberley - Revelstoke (we regain the hour we lost): Lunch: not too many picnic spots at lunch time distance, so a pub lunch in Golden is a possibility; Dinner: on your own or the Village Idiot Bar & Grill looked ok for our group; Breakfast at the Hillcrest Hotel. Please see the descriptions of the three breakfast options. Everyone needs to vote on their preference of the three options. If 25 want any one option, that option becomes available. If fewer than 25 want an option, it is not available. I need a reply, so please choose. See the Hillcrest Hotel page and cast your vote.

Revelstoke - Nakusp: As this is a short drive, no lunch is planned; Dinner: 1st. night an option is a limited group menu at the Leland Hotel with our section overlooking Arrow Lake; Breakfast on Day 2: the firemen host a pancake breakfast as a beginning to Canada Day Celebrations; Lunch and Dinner; no plans. Canada Day Parade: we will play a BIG part as we will be new to the parade so bring decorations! The Mayor e-mailed me to let me know they are very excited about our coming. Breakfast: the Kuskanax Lodge is used to getting heli-skiers out early so serving us should be easy! Arrival in Nakusp will be quite early so a suggestion is a soak at Nakusp Hot Springs. There is a fun 'hill-climb' road up to the Springs.

Nakusp - Kelowna: Lunch: there are several golf courses and cafes, or a picnic along the way; Dinner: on your own with plenty of spots in Kelowna. You are in 'Wine Country' so I'm sure you can find something to do.

Kelowna - Kamloops: Breakfast: a continental breakfast is included; Lunch: Rt. 97 Diner in Westwold. This is part of a restoration shop, mostly hot-rod stuff but classics as well. May be able to see some of their work and at last count there were over 200 old cars for parts or awaiting a 're-birth!' Dinner: there are BBQs at the motel so maybe some sort of pot-luck with the Kamloops Branch. For those who wish a 'bonus drive' (me), from Kamloops we head south on Highway 5A to Quilchena/Merritt then by Highway 97C to Logan Lake , along Tunkwa Park to Savona and back to Kamloops. This adds 239k/145mi and 3+ ½ hr. to the day. This is a very good drive!

Kamloops - Pemberton: Lunch: Marble Canyon Provincial Park is a scenic stop for a picnic; -Dinner: potluck as we may have exclusive use of the BBQ area around the pool. If not we will improvise, something old English car people must be adept at! As I write this the Pemberton Lodge has not yet confirmed a rate, but an update will follow ASAP.

By this time I hope all of you will have enjoyed a Fun Drive and an Adventure!

Registration cost is not yet determined as I am awaiting costs of license plate/ printing of the route book, but I think \$28 give or take.

Your early confirmation will be appreciated as I will most likely be away from early January until the end of March, though I will be reachable by e-mail or cell.

So, it's not too early to get out your maps, get on the web sites and have a look places on this tour.

DISCLAIMER: This document contains options and suggestions for your enjoyment. You may pick and choose the options as you please. BRBC is not a forced march - it is a fun tour that we want everyone to enjoy!

Privileged to be your Wagonmaster,

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