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Canadian contrasts

On Canada's west coast, British Columbia combines city chic and untamed landscapes. In the first instalment of a two-part feature, Norman Wright enjoys its diverse delights.

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Discoveries

A Vancouver Aquabus arrives to ferry us around town.
Right: White water on a mountain river as we drive on from Whistler towards Clinton and the remote Echo Valley Ranch and Spa.
Bottom right: Bakery students at the Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts in Vancouver show they could give Holly Berry and Paul Hollywood a run for their money.

“Leaving the city tower blocks behind, we found nature’s skyscrapers as we walked among the treetops of mighty forests of larch and Douglas firs.”

Winter sports are the principal attractions in season but the resort, with hotels, lodges, shops and restaurants, has lots to offer in the summer.

There are hundreds of walking routes and organized treks as well as plenty for the thrill-seeker. Several companies offer zip line adventures where you plunge, attached to a harness, down a steel cable through the trees. We took the gentler option of a Tree Tour, a wonderful 90-minute tour along wooden walkways suspended among the tops of giant pines.

The minibus took us up to the start-point alongside the Olympic heli-skiing run and the route was mainly downwards. There are a few steps up and down but it was pretty easy going. Our guide explained what we were seeing in just the right amount of detail.

The Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre at Whistler demonstrates the art, culture and history of these two First Canadian Nations. We explored here in the clear mountain air and then strolled around the village and had a coffee in the Olympic Plaza where the opening and closing ceremonies were held.

A night in Whistler we set off further into the mountains heading for Echo Valley Ranch and Spa. We didn’t realise just how remote this valley was. The last 20 miles or so were along a gravel road through forest and some gravel valleys where the cattle graze freely. We caught a rare glimpse of a lynx on this drive. At first we thought it was a small deer but the distinctive light colouring and long back legs confirmed it was one of these wild cats.

The nearest town is Clinton, once a hideout for...
Discoveries

Majestic peaks of the Coastal Mountains on the way up the Sea to Sky highway to Whistler.

Right: Tree-top trek at Whistler. The treehouses around the tops of Douglas firs and firs are just one of many unique activities available. Walking and there are zip-line runs if you’re adventurous.

“Taking in the clear, pure air of this remote valley – one-time hideout of fugitives pursued by the Mounties – was the latest of the very diverse aspects of the Canadian province we were able to discover.”

outflanks on the run from the Mounties. Rumour is there are still some bad ‘uns in the forest cabins and remote valleys.

The Echo Valley Ranch is an amalgam of west, east and... Esus. The first voice we heard was Sharien, the receptionist from Southend, and the next person was her husband, who is the wrangler at the ranch, looking after the horses and taking customers out on treks.

The eastern influence is from co-owner Nnn, who is Thai and founded the resort with her husband Nnn. This staff the spa and cooks a Thai menu every week. The resort can sleep up to 50 people but usually around 24 are in residence. The food is prepared by a professional chef and is eaten around a large table.

Guests can ride, fish (we were the two anglers mentioned earlier – the boat wasn’t hiring), walk, pan for gold and relax with a range of beauty and spa treatments.

It’s a peaceful place to chill out and take a walk accompanied by the ranch’s collection of free-ranging sheep dogs. A couple of days there and you could imagine yourself as a backwoodsman. Great food and wine, a comfortable log bed and the spa pool rather put end to that daydream.

After the ranch we headed through a desert to sample great wine, just missed meeting a bear in a vineyard, and enjoyed food supplied by an Indian family from Southamton and an Italian coffee export from Esus.

All will be revealed in part two of this feature next month, as well as more stunning British Columbia scenery.

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British Columbia

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  - In Whistler we were at the village centre Hilton Resort and Spa. Tel: 001 604 932 1282, website: www.hiltonwhistler.com
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