



## Why Zag?

Zag, Noun: “Zag” by most definitions is defined as a sudden change of direction. In familiarizing oneself with Zag Sports it is important to understand the culture of Zag. We at Zag Sports hope our international sports experiences and adventures provide our teams, youth, and their families a change of direction or a “Zag” in their life. Travel is a wonderful educational tool and our experiences are carefully designed to allow our athletes to stretch themselves, whether it is on the field of play, through adventure activities, through cultural interaction, or through volunteer experiences. Our sincere hope is to provide international experiences which will positively impact the lives of those participating.

**Why are so many great international, college, high school, and club hockey teams turning to Zag to develop their international touring experience? Here’s why we are different?**

### **Hockey tours by hockey people.**

We are leaders in that we are the only team touring organization whose majority ownership, operating staff abroad, and other critical staff are current high level hockey people. Many are D1 coaches or former D1 coaches who understand the needs of our U.S. teams on the field and more importantly have a passion game and for the athletes they work to develop.

### **Changing lives and giving back.**

We are pioneers in a new breed of hockey tour we have coined “Philanthropic Hockey Tours”. We feel a responsibility to develop international hockey experiences which also serve as vehicles to serve a greater good. Every Zag experience has a required element of international community service. It may be working with Habitat for Humanity for ½ day, giving hope to Argentine orphans, working with Aboriginal children in Australia, or working with villagers in South Africa. International service has been a part of our fabric since our inception. Not only do we work to give back on tour we also give a portion of proceeds to our not for profit partners at World Vision and others. **Whatever the hockey playing country we visit...there is opportunity... opportunity to make a difference.**

### **Interactive cultural and adventure experiences.**

We strive to develop creative activities which work to expose the athletes to the culture from the inside out. Seeing history and culture is important, but experiencing it is what we do at Zag! Whether it be “homestay” with an Argentine family, a pizza making lesson with an Italian Pizza chef, surfing like an Aussie, or taking on the rapids of the Swiss Alps, we hope that our experiences challenge our athletes to grow in ways they have never thought possible.

### **Passion.**

We do this because we have a passion for what we do. A passion to make a difference in some small way. A passion to develop the whole person off the field and the elite athlete and team on the field.

## Zag Vancouver(7 day program)

\*Vancouver and Whistler have some fantastic opportunities for adventure, nature, and team building. Please visit: [www.tourismvancouver.com](http://www.tourismvancouver.com). Located on the South-Western coast of British Columbia, Vancouver City sits just off of the Pacific Ocean and is bordered by the Fraser River to the South, the Coast Mountains to the North, and the Fraser Valley to the East. As the third largest City in Canada, and the largest in British Columbia, Vancouver has a population of approximately 600,000 people.



**Day 1(Sat, August 11th):** On Day 1 of your Adventure Vancouver tour you will be departing the East Coast for Vancouver. Arrive at PHL around 9:30am for your United Flight 1150 at 12:30pm. Arrive in Vancouver at 9pm via Houston on United Flight 1078. Meet your tour manager Michelle. Load the bus and transfer to the hotel for a check in at the The Hampton Inn Downtown around 10:30pm. Upon arrival, check in and overnight.

**Day 2(Sun, August 12th):** 9am and 9:15 breaky in breakfast lounge(or whenever they would like to go down. Ideally not all at once). Free morning(10usd lunch meal money provided) to shop on Robson street, Granville Island markets or visit Stanley park and its beaches. Return to hotel and grab a quick bite to eat(on your own) before a 3pm transferring to Rutledge Field,(corner of Marine Drive and 13th Street in West Vancouver) for your first clinic/game. Late afternoon clinic at 3:30 with current Canadian National team star(most caps of any current player) Thea Cully. 5:30pm game vs Vancouver Fury club side. Dinner on your own on the return.

**Day 3(Mon, August 13th):** 8am breaky. 8:45am transfer to your 9:30am sea kayaking experience at Jericho beach(Jericho Beach Sailing). 12pm return to the hotel. Lunch on your own nearby the hotel. 2pm transfer to your afternoon clinic with Thea from 3-5pm at Rutledge field Return to hotel at 5:30pm. Team dinner at Yaletown Brewery at 7pm.

**Day 4:(Tues, August 14th)** 8:30/8:45am breaky. 9:30am transfer to your white water rafting trip to the Chilliwack River! Arrive at lodge around 12 pm and check in. 12:30pm lunch included. Enjoy the thrill of white water rafting in Scenic BC! Return to hotel around 5pm or thereabout. Quick dinner on your own en route, at the lodge, or on the return.





**Day 5, Wed, August 15th:** Morning breakfast. Transfer to Lynne Canyon Suspension Bridge ([lynncanyon.ca](http://lynncanyon.ca)) around 10am. Hike and have a swim at the 30 foot pool. Return and a bit of relaxing on your own. 4pm transfer to Eric Hamber HS turf field(Oak Street and 37th Ave.) for your 6pm game vs. Vancouver Jokergs. Transfer to the Vancouver Rowing Club after the game(7:45) for an included pizza dinner with the Jokergs(tentative). Return to hotel around 10.



**Day 6, Thurs, August 16th:** 8:30/45am breakfast. 9:30am transfer to your Grouse Mountain climb and begin with a team hike up Grouse Mountain. Grouse Mountain is home to the “Grouse Grind.” The Grouse Grind, originally developed by hikers to find an aerobic climb using time-worn animal trails, has turned into an established hiking trail with an annual competition for participants of all ages. The 2.9km (or 1.8 mile) trail has an official course record set by Michael Simpson during the 2007 competition of 26:19. The hike may take you from 10am-12pm(2 hours). After our hike, take a moment to enjoy the views. Skyride back down(10cad per person). The Skyride is not only North America’s largest aerial tramway, but also will provide us with breathtaking views of Vancouver! Try to arrive at the bottom of the Mountain at 1pm. Return to hotel. Early team dinner at 5pm at hotel. 7:15pm transfer to Eric Hamber HS turf field. 8:15pm final game vs. the Vancouver Hawks! Return to the hotel at 9:45pm!

**Day 7, Friday, August 17th:** 8am airport transfer for your 11:30am United Flight 1191. Arrive in Philly on United Flight 506 at 11:41pm. We hope you had an amazing, enriching experience!

