

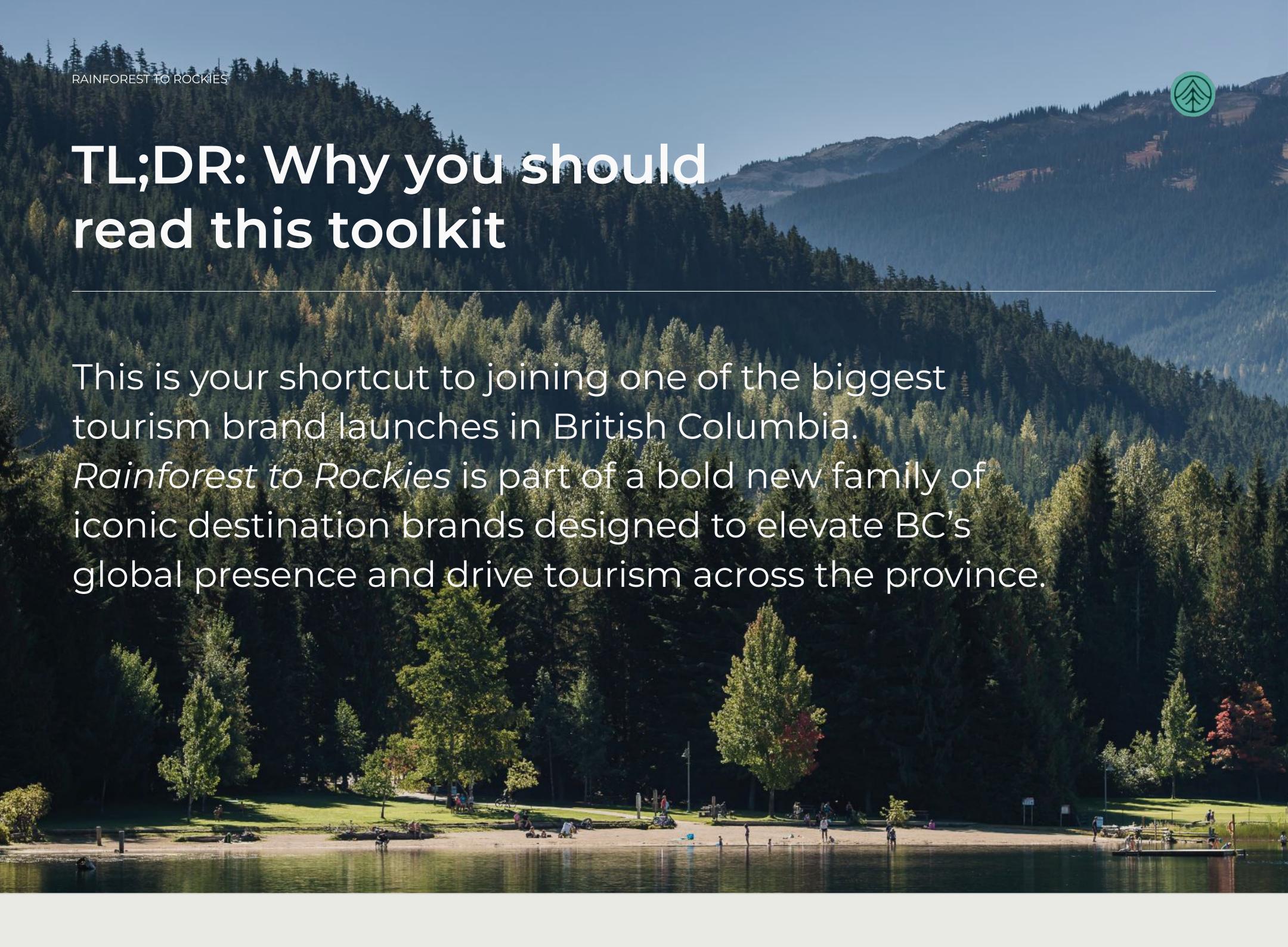


Land Acknowledgement

Destination British Columbia acknowledges with gratitude the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam Indian Band), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) on whose shared territories we operate our main office.

We respectfully recognize that we carry out our work on the territories of Indigenous Peoples throughout BC. We honour our ongoing and developing relationships with First Nations (status and non-status), Inuit, and Métis Peoples. We are on a path of learning and are committed to working together.





WHY IT MATTERS?

- **Tap into global marketing** Participate in the consumer brand launch for your chance to access 2.4M+ social followers
- Reach responsible travellers See who we're targeting.
 Connect with travellers who spend more, stay longer, and seek authentic experiences.
- **Use ready-made tools** Save time with plug-and-play assets. Find messaging, images, and templates you can drop straight into your marketing.
- Boost your visibility Connect your business or community to a bigger provincial story.



YOUR NEXT STEP

Participate in the brand launch on social, kicking off from September 15-21! Now is the time to review the tools, prepare your content, and be ready to ride the wave of attention as Rainforest to Rockies goes live.



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Welcome

Dear Tourism Partners,

The tourism industry in BC is entering an exciting new chapter with the launch of the full family of Super, Natural British Columbia® brands. Six bold new destination brands—Rainforest to Rockies, Birthplace of Adventure, The Infinite Coast, Nature's Heartland, Valleys & Vineyards and The Great Wilderness—will reshape how the world sees and experiences Super, Natural British Columbia for many years to come.

Each brand was developed in collaboration with Indigenous Tourism BC, regional and community partners. Together with Vancouver and Area and Destination Ski, we now have a full complement of brands that will drive geographic and seasonal growth for tourism in British Columbia. This toolkit shows you how to integrate the Rainforest to Rockies brand across your materials, messaging, and offerings. Each brand has its own toolkit, designed with flexibility in mind to allow you to express the brand in ways that feel authentic to your organization.

Whether you run a small cafe, lead a community DMO, or market to international travellers, let this toolkit be your source of inspiration. When we come together as Team BC, we create something far greater than any of us could achieve alone—a unified destination that competes and wins on the global stage, delivering a stronger market presence that benefits everyone. Dive into the toolkit, use the tools, and help us strengthen British Columbia as a unified, competitive global destination.



Maya Lange
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Destination BC



Introducing the SNBC Brand Family

SNBC - THE PARENT BRAND

Super, Natural British Columbia® (SNBC) is the provincial brand that represents BC to the world. It sets the purpose, values and tone for how BC shows up in marketing.

THE ICONIC DESTINATION BRANDS

BC's new destination brands, including Rainforest to Rockies, are part of the SNBC brand family. Think of SNBC as the parent, and the iconic destination brands as the children, each with their distinct look and personality.

Each iconic destination brand highlights a different part of BC and helps tell a bigger story about what makes our province special. Aligning with the destination brands helps you reach more travellers by connecting your business to a powerful story that's already gaining attention internationally.



















PURPOSE We Bring People and Nature Closer Together

VALUES		
Sustainability	Community	
Adventure	Respect	
Adventure	Respect	

ESSENCE
The Wonder
of Nature

VOICE			
Evocative	Uplifting		
Open	Unpretentious		



Target Traveller

Through Destination Canada's new Traveller Segmentation program, we have identified two high-potential audiences for BC. They offer a mix of strong responsible travel values and high economic impact:

- Outdoor Explorers adventurous spirits who crave the thrill of unknown places, physical challenge, and connection with locals.
- Refined Globetrotters passionate travellers seeking immersive, exclusive experiences, and cultural connection.

Refined Globetrotters have been identified as the primary audience for the Rainforest to Rockies brand.

For more details on the Destination Canada traveller segmentation program, visit <u>www.tourismdatacollective.ca/segmentation.</u>



WHY IT MATTERS FOR YOU

- The new segments help us focus on the travellers who bring the highest positive impact to BC, through strong responsible travel values and high economic impact.
- These segments show up strongly both internationally and domestically, which means aligning to them helps us reach the right people, wherever they're coming from.
- By applying the segments to your communications, creative and/or media targeting, it ensures that we're focusing our collective efforts towards the highest-potential audiences (whether domestic or international), as backed by Destination Canada's extensive research.

HOW TO USE THIS

To align your experience or destination with the Refined Globetrotters segment, consider:

- Dialing up exclusivity: highlight the areas of your experience that feel unique and premium.
- Lean into the unique history and culture in your area.
- Elevate unique culinary and wellness experiences.
- Make it easy: offer seamless booking, curated itineraries, or partner with travel trade to provide a complete package.

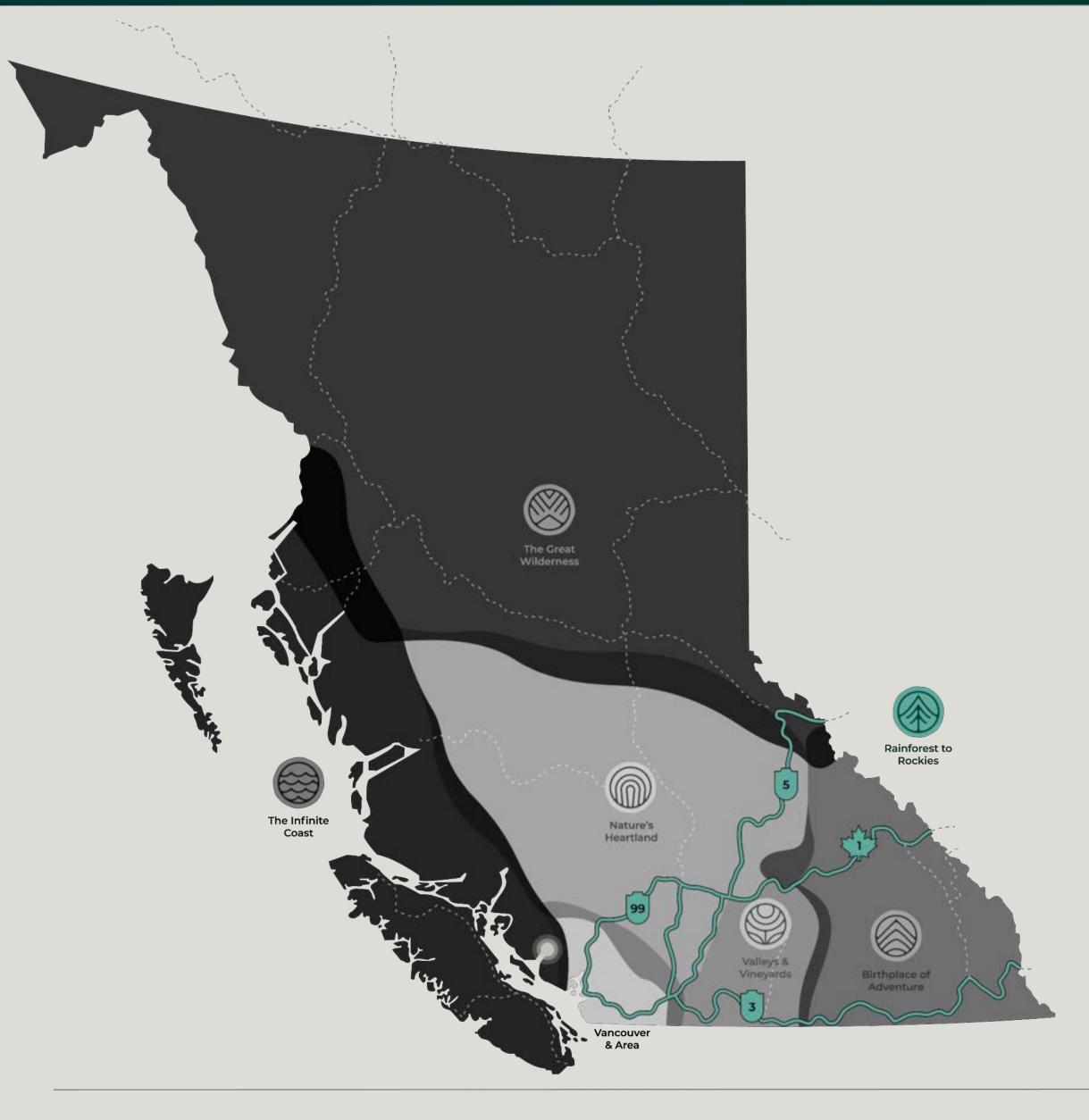


Overview

Rainforest to Rockies is a journey from the Pacific Ocean to the Canadian Rockies, passing through ever-changing landscapes—from lush coastal rainforests to arid deserts, rolling grasslands, and dramatic mountain peaks.

This signature British
Columbia journey follows
three main routes:

- Highway 99 from
 Vancouver through
 Whistler and Pemberton
 to Lillooet, then to
 Kamloops, and north
 along Highway 5 to Mount
 Robson, the highest peak
 in the Canadian Rockies.
- Highway I from
 Vancouver to Hope,
 through the Fraser Canyon
 to Kamloops, then on to
 Revelstoke, Golden and
 Yoho National Park.
- Highway 1 from Vancouver to Hope, then along
 Crowsnest Highway 3 to Osoyoos. On to Cranbrook, and east to Fernie, or north to Golden along Highway 93/95.



Along these routes, visitors encounter vibrant cities, welcoming small towns, and authentic cultural experiences, with accessible options for travellers of all abilities.



POSITIONING

The iconic Canadian journey between the Pacific Ocean and the Canadian Rockies where ever-changing landscapes unfold at every turn.

The Rainforest Rockies brand is built on a clear positioning and a set of pillars that guide how we tell our story.

Download the brand one pager at **DestinationBC.ca/R2R**

PILLARS

NATURE

Ever-Changing

Diverse landscapes: Ocean, rainforest, desert, glaciers, and grasslands: the many natural worlds of BC connected together into one journey.

Transforming wonders: Every turn in the road reveals nature's wonder, as landscapes transform around you, inviting you to slow down and take it all in.

Famous landmarks: Begins and ends in world-renowned urban and natural landmarks.

CULTURE

Connection to Cultures

Living in Nature: Encounter ocean cities and rustic communities set against stunning and diverse natural backdrops.

Links many cultures: Diverse cultures unfold from east to west, from First Nations with deep knowledge of the land to passionate locals and newcomers filling the journey with connection.

ADVENTURE

Choice & Ease

Quintessential BC: Experience everything that makes BC famous in one journey from welcoming cultures to dazzling landscapes to winding waterways and the wildlife within.

Choice and personalisation: A route with so many loops and offshoots, each revealing local gems and surprising encounters, that travellers can stitch together a personalized adventure at their own pace.

Easy to access: A range of activity available through easily accessible roads and diverse geography.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR YOU

- The brand strategy provides a shared, insights-backed framework to tell consistent, compelling stories that resonate with responsible travellers.
- By aligning your communications and creative with the brand positioning, you help create a cohesive, impactful experience - from first introduction to planning and booking.

HOW TO USE THIS

- The pillars serve as storytelling themes you can use to link your experiences to the broader *Rainforest to Rockies* narrative.
- Show what you're best at by connecting your message and offering to the most relevant pillar(s).



Brand Elements

The Rainforest Rockies brand identity features a colour palette, pattern, badge and wordmark inspired by unique characteristics along the route.

Watch the brand elements come to life in video format: DestinationBC.ca/R2R

We will be developing guidelines for tourism industry usage of the brand identity elements soon.

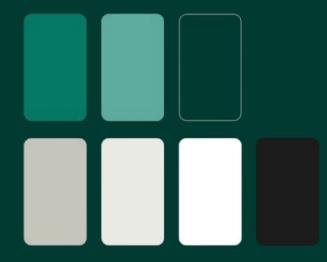
In the meantime, please leverage the social media templates shared in this document, or connect with us to discuss any other ideas or opportunities to collaborate at brand@destinationbc.ca

ENDORSED LOGO



BRITISH COLUMBIA 🍁

COLOUR



TYPOGRAPHY

GREAT FOREST

Montserrat

BADGE

PATTERN







How to Get Involved

The launch of the SNBC brand family this Fall is the first step towards building global awareness of *Rainforest to Rockies*, and you can be a part of the story.

Participate in the Consumer Launch on social

Are you interested in the opportunity to access 2.4 million followers? This September marks the official launch of the iconic destination brands—an integrated initiative spanning paid, earned, and owned media, as well as travel media and trade. See <u>page 12</u> for how to join the launch on social and for the opportunity to be featured on @SuperNaturalBC

O2 Continue the momentum beyond launch

Miss out on launch week? No stress—this is a long term play and there will be lots of opportunities to join the momentum. See <u>page 13</u>

Fuel Your Marketing with Brand Tools Use tools such as consumer messaging

Use tools such as consumer messaging & Canva templates to enhance your marketing and visitor experience. Find these on <u>page 14</u>.

O4 Sign up for Decals & Other Future Merch

Starting this Fall, get a free decal to put up in your business. Sign up on **DestinationBC.ca** to get yours.

List Your Business on SuperNaturalBC.com

Want a free listing to start to connect with global travellers this Fall? Visit the <u>Tourism Business Portal</u> to learn more and check your eligibility.

Already listed on our previous website, HelloBC.com? Your listing has been carried over to the new website. Make sure your info is current and, where relevant, highlight how your business connects to the *Rainforest to Rockies* brand and target traveller.

O6 Connect with your RDMO

Regional DMOs are key partners in this project, helping to shape the brands and bring them to life on the ground. Reach out to explore local opportunities and share your questions, updates, or ideas. The Rainforest to Rockies route travelers pass through four tourism regions:

Vancouver Coastal Mountains Tourism Region
Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism
Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association
Kootenay Rockies Tourism



Join the Social Media Brand Launch

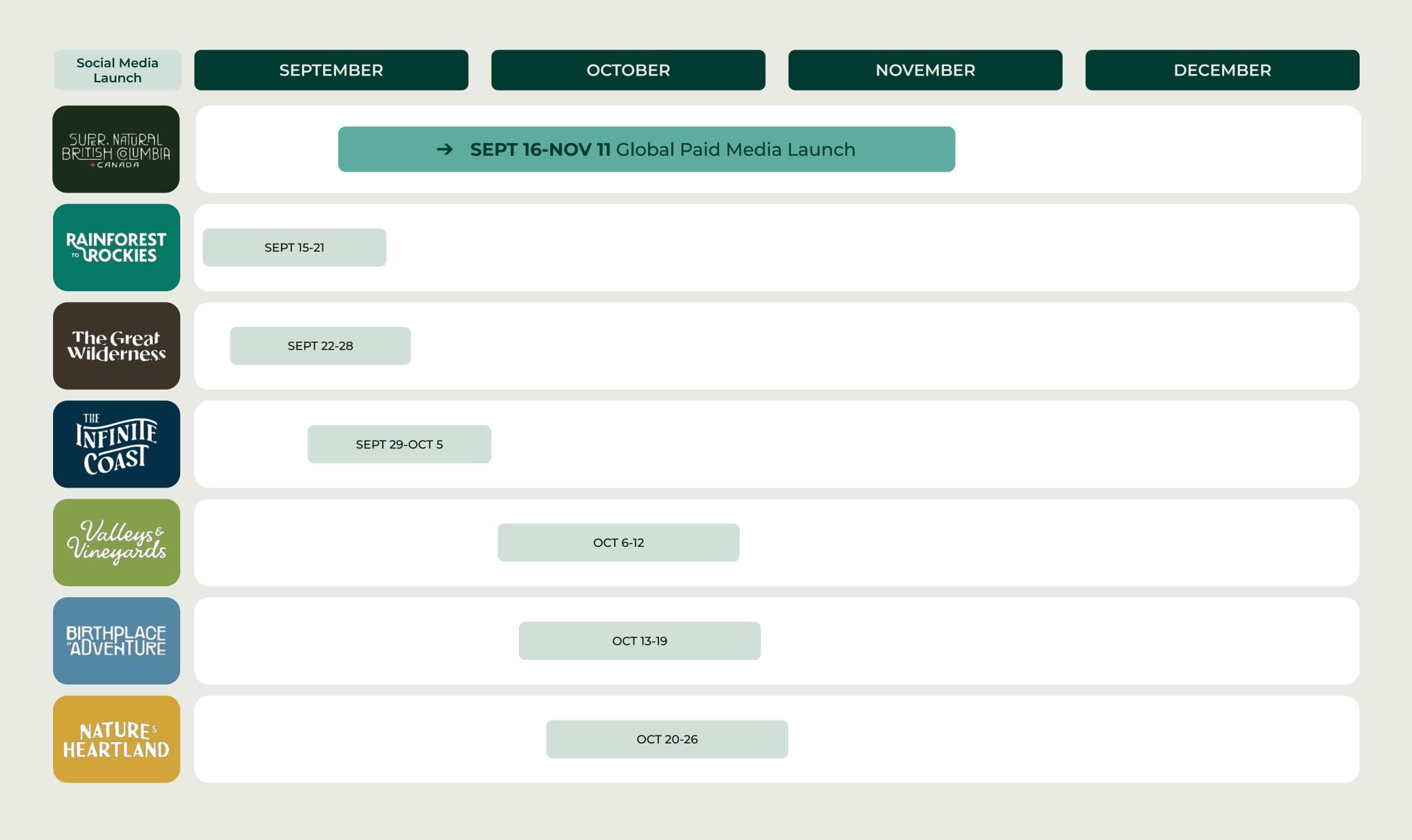
The global brand launch kicks off in early
September with media and trade events,
the new website, and trade co-op programs.
Mid-September brings the start of paid
media, alongside additional tactics to sustain
momentum through the fall.

Don't miss the chance to tap into 2.4M followers by joining the global rollout, one week at a time, across our social platforms.

This timeline outlines when each brand will go live, so you can plan to amplify content from our **@SuperNaturalBC** accounts, engage in the conversation, and share stories by using #exploreBC and #RainforesttoRockies and tagging **@SuperNaturalBC**.

Social media opportunities for industry during launch week:

- **Share content:** Amplify SNBC launch posts by resharing to your Stories.
- **Post your own content:** Send a collaborator request to *Super, Natural BC* on Facebook (one per day, space limited) for a chance to be featured.
- **Tag us:** Use @supernaturalbc, #exploreBC, and #RainforesttoRockies on Instagram and TikTok for future feature opportunities.
- **Use templates:** Bring the Rainforest to Rockies brand to life by using our <u>pre-made social templates</u> and tag us for an opportunity to be featured soon.
- **Get engaged:** Jump in on posted social comments—help hype our audience and answer trip planning questions where relevant.
- **'Add Yours' Fridays:** Each Friday, we'll invite you to share images/videos in our Instagram and Facebook Stories "Add Yours" chain to showcase *Rainforest to Rockies* alongside our content.





Beyond Launch Plans

Miss out on launch week? No stress—this is a long term play and there will be lots of opportunities to join the momentum.

Here we've identified some ongoing social media opportunities for tourism businesses and communities. Stay tuned for other opportunities over the coming months.

Amplify @SuperNaturalBC Content:

- Reshare our posts to your
 Stories to extend reach.
- As content becomes more practical, CDMOs and partners may receive collaborator requests on IG/FB when space allows.
- TIP: We'll occasionally add @explorecanada as a collaborator for added visibility.

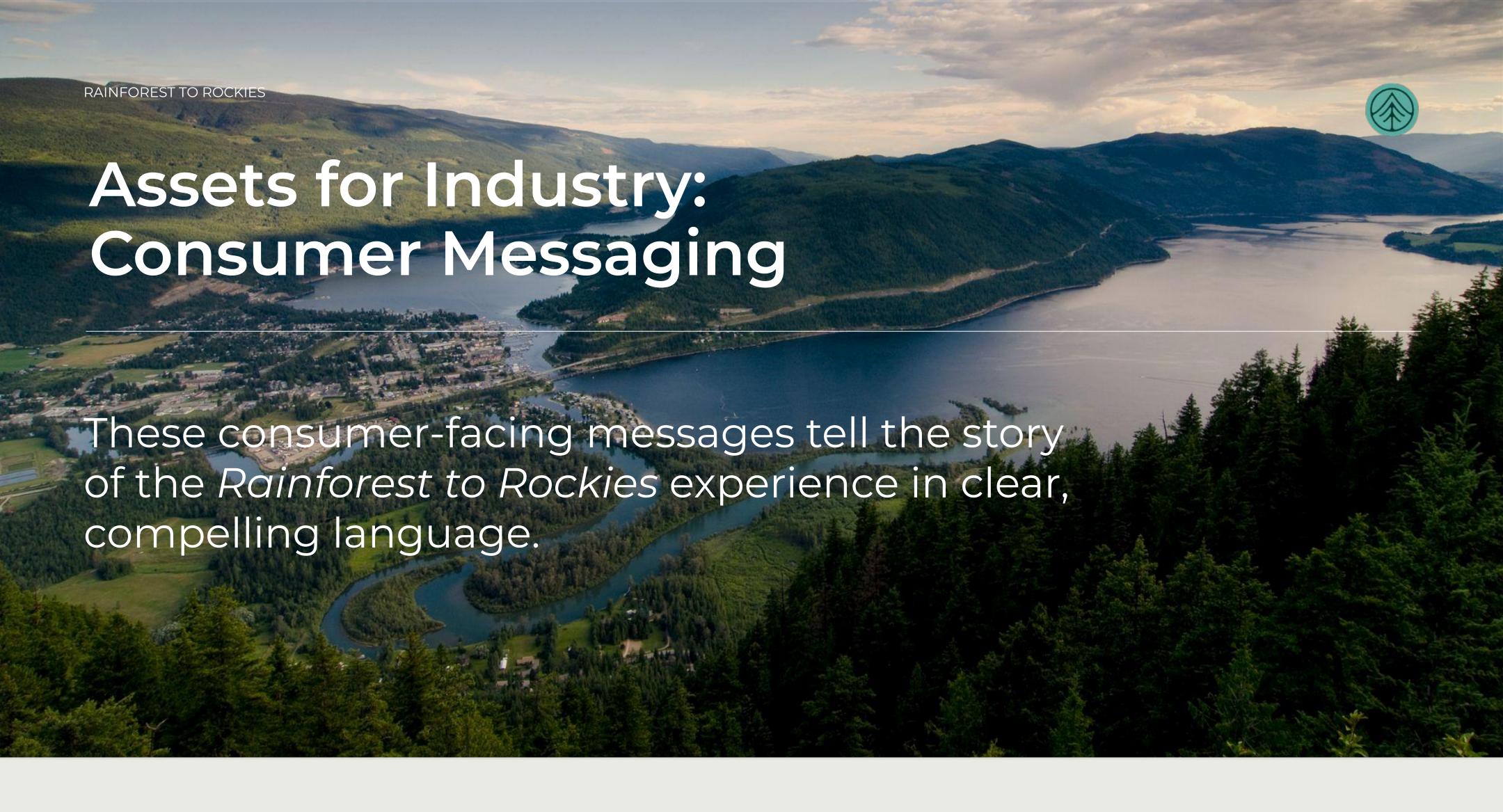
Share Your Content:

- Tag us in your posts and Stories on IG/FB/TT using @supernaturalbc, #exploreBC, and #RainforesttoRockies for a chance to be featured.
- Use the premade template to showcase the brand and tag us for potential Story features.

Engage with the Community

 Join the conversation on posted social comments and help answer trip planning questions.





122 WORDS

Rainforest to Rockies is an extraordinary journey along ever-changing landscapes from Vancouver on the Pacific Coast to the Canadian Rockies. Rugged shorelines meet lush rainforests at the edge of vibrant cities. Fertile valleys shift into arid desert and golden grasslands. Rivers rush from alpine lakes and waterfalls, through steep canyons and towering mountains before meandering to the sea. This is one of the world's most iconic journeys, taking travellers from sea to sky, by road, rail, or trail. Highway loops and offshoots are an invitation to find tucked-away places, see wildlife in its natural habitat and connect with welcoming locals and diverse cultures along the way. Rainforest to Rockies is the quintessential Canadian road trip, where natural wonder unfolds at every turn.

80 WORDS

Rainforest to Rockies is the quintessential Canadian journey along ever-changing landscapes from Vancouver on the Pacific Coast to the Canadian Rockies. Experience rugged shorelines, lush rainforests, sophisticated cities, fertile valleys, arid desert, golden grasslands, and towering mountains as you make your way from sea to sky, by road, rail, or trail. This trip is packed with adventure. It's an invitation to find tucked-away places, see wildlife in its natural habitat, and meet welcoming locals and diverse cultures along the way.

28 WORDS

Rainforest to Rockies is the quintessential Canadian journey along ever-changing landscapes, from Vancouver on the Pacific Coast to the Canadian Rockies, where natural wonder unfolds at every turn.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR YOU

 These messages help unify how the route is presented across channels, making it easier for travellers to understand and connect with the journey.

HOW TO USE THIS

- Feature on your website to introduce the brand and show how your business or organization fits into the story.
- Adapt the messaging to your business—whether in day-to-day operations, shaping a product or experience, or inspiring your marketing content like social posts and captions.
- Turn key phrases into speaking points for frontline staff, interviews, or presentations to help tell the broader Rainforest to Rockies story and highlight your organization's connection to it.

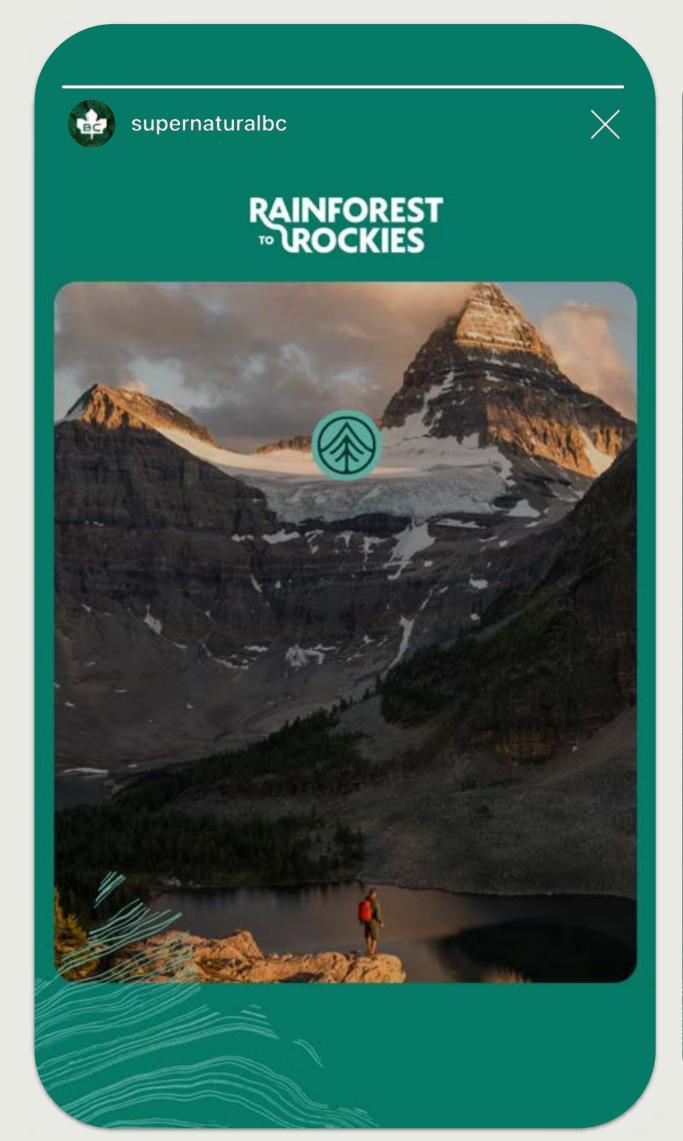


Assets for Industry: Social Media Stories

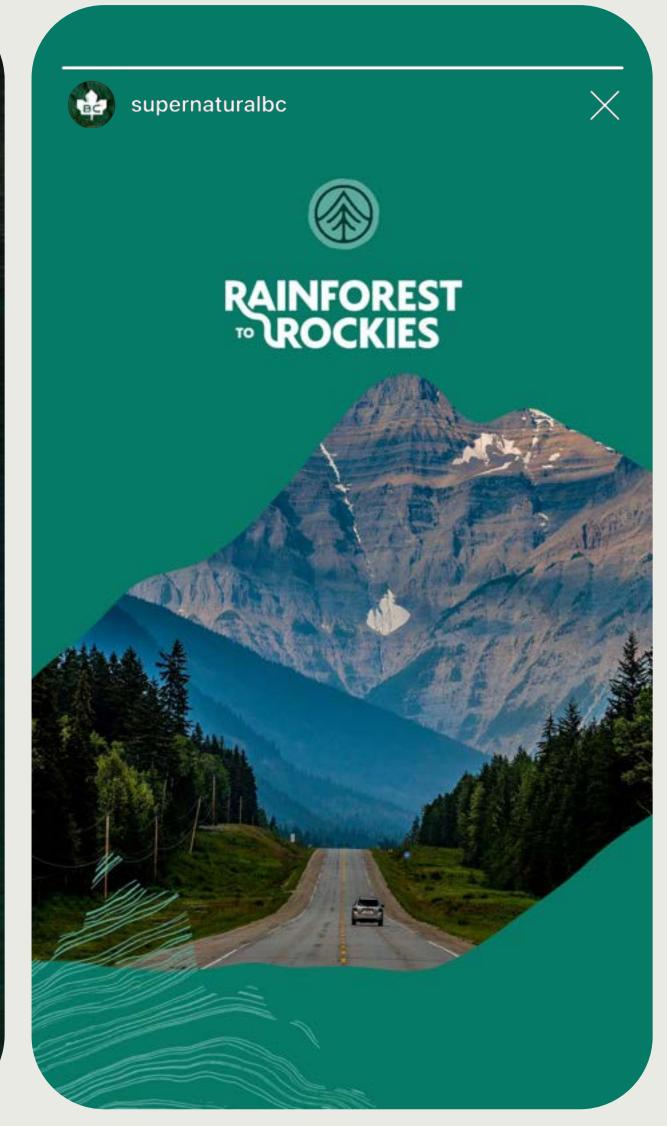
Share the *Rainforest Rockies* on your social channels with our ready-to-use stories, and help spark excitement for the brand launch.

NOTE: Please do not share until September, 15 2025, 10am PT

INSTAGRAM STORIES TEMPLATES







WHY IT MATTERS FOR YOU

By sharing brand-aligned content, you can increase visibility for your business or community, tap into a larger audience, and show travellers how your experience fits into the journey.

HOW TO USE THIS

- Simply <u>download</u> and share these Stories on your social channels
- Tag @SuperNaturalBC to increase your chances of being re-shared and featured.

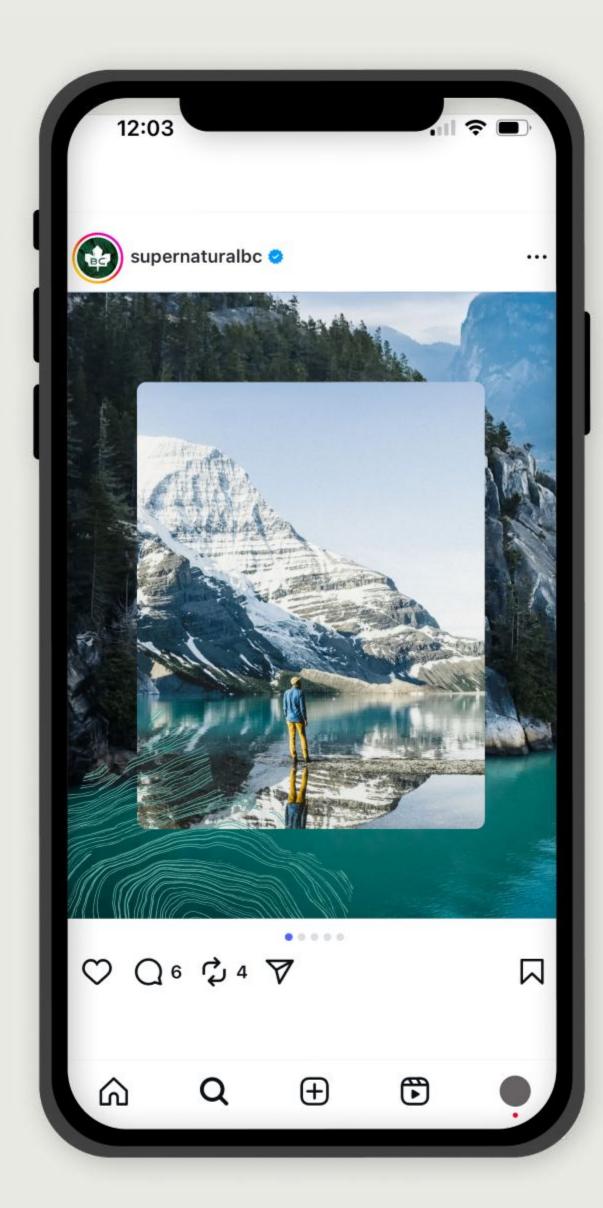


Assets for Industry: Canva Social Templates

These easy-to-use Canva templates will help you create posts that align with the Iconics launch campaign from September onwards.

NOTE: Please do not share until September, 15 2025, 10am PT

CANVA TEMPLATES



Download 4:5 Template

Best for in-feed Facebook & Instagram posts



Download 9:16 Template

Best for story templates on various social platforms

WHY IT MATTERS FOR YOU

Simple templates to help you connect and take part in the R2R brand launch!

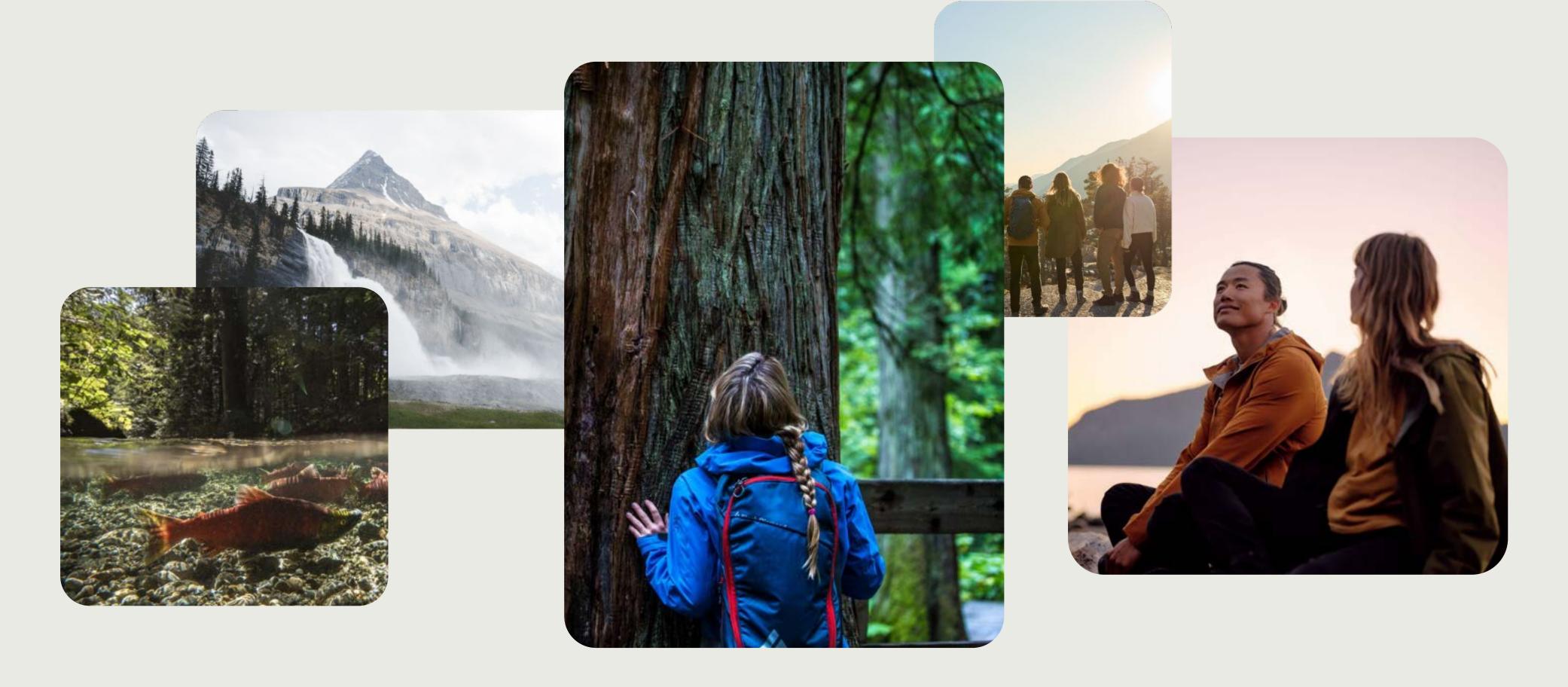
HOW TO USE THIS

- Open the template link
 Click the Canva link provided
 in this toolkit. This will open
 the template in your browser.
- Make a copy
 Select "use template" to create
 your own editable version in
 your Canva account.
- Add your images
 Drag and drop your own
 photos or use ones from our
 image library into the image
 frames. Adjust cropping to
 make sure the focus is clear.
- Customize the text
 Replace the placeholder text
 with your own messaging.
 Keep it short and engaging to suit social channels.
- Check the design
 Ensure any logos & branding are visible.
 Preview the post to confirm everything looks balanced.
- Download and post
 Download in the
 recommended file type (PNG
 or JPG). Upload directly to your
 social media platform.



Assets for Industry: Image and Video Library

Access a collection of curated images representing the *Rainforest to Rockies* brand through the links below.



LINKS

Key Selects: Rainforest to Rockies Imagery

Additional photo and video assets can be found on the **BC Content Hub**.

Note: Where the creative tactic allows, please include a credit and location with the image.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR YOU

High-quality visuals are essential for capturing attention and inspiring travel.

HOW TO USE THIS

Incorporate relevant visuals into your website, social media, and marketing materials to elevate your storytelling and connect with the brand.

 Feature visuals in visitor centres, presentations, or digital ads to immerse audiences in the brand.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is the Super, Natural British Columbia brand being retired? How do the new destination brands fit with the provincial brand?

A: Super, Natural British Columbia will continue to play a critical role in building awareness and demand for tourism in BC. The new destination brands join Super, Natural BC as our globally compelling, competitively positioned reasons to visit BC. Please see **page 06** for more on this.

Q: How do I know which destination brand my business/community should align with?

A: Please refer to the <u>Community Look Up Tool</u> on the Destination BC website to find the destination brand(s) your community is part of. We're still developing this tool, and it will soon include the ability to search by regional district and First Nation.

Q: If my community is in multiple destination brands, which one do I use?

A: We encourage you to leverage the brand that you feel presents the biggest opportunity for or best alignment with your business or community.

Q: Do the Destination Brands replace the tourism regions?

A: No, the new destination brands are consumer-facing brands, designed to help international travellers easily and quickly understand the offering for British Columbia. They do not reflect a change in current administrative boundaries for the BC tourism industry. The regional DMOs are key partners in this project; they have helped to create the brands and play a critical role in implementing the brands moving forward. Some RDMOs support several of the new destination brands.

Q: Can I use the brand identity (logo, typeface, colour, badge) for my business or community?

A: We will be developing guidelines for tourism industry usage of the brand identity elements soon. In the meantime, please leverage the social media templates shared in this document, or connect with us to discuss any other ideas or opportunities to collaborate at **Brand@DestinationBC.ca.**









Frequently Asked Questions





Q: Are there training resources or webinars for tourism partners to understand and leverage?

A: Yes, please visit the website to find a variety of tools and assets including brand videos, brand strategy one-pagers and information on ordering merchandise. Stay tuned for more resources to be added.

Q: My business was already listed on the HelloBC website. Will this be transferred across to the new consumer website?

A: Yes! All existing business listings will be migrated over to the new **SuperNaturalBC.com**.

Q: I'd like to learn more about experience and destination development for this area. How do I find out more?

A: Take a look at the <u>destination development</u>
<u>strategy</u> for this brand. You can also contact
<u>DestinationIndustryDevelopment@DestinationBC.ca</u>
to find out more.

Q: I am interested in learning more about the Invest in Iconics strategy, where can I find more information?

A: Please visit **DestinationBC.ca/Iconics** to find videos, tools, FAQs, contact information, and more.



