

16 Day Canada Rockies Rail & Alaska Cruise

Vancouver - Jasper - Banff - Ketchikan - Juneau - Skagway - Calgary - Kamloops - Victoria

From **\$6,699** Typically \$8,899 pp twin share



2 Day, all-day light journey from Jasper National Park to Vancouver on the Rocky Mountaineer

A thrilling ride aboard an Ice Explorer on the Columbia Icefield

Visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens in Victoria

Keep an eye out for spouting whales, soaring eagles, barking seals and other amazing wildlife on your Alaska cruise

Description



2024 Dates NOW AVAILABLE!

Create a lifetime of incredible memories travelling through the unforgettable Canadian Rockies! You'll overnight in Calgary, Banff National Park, Jasper National Park, Kamloops, Vancouver, and Victoria, and you'll enjoy a 7-night Alaska cruise.

Along the way, witness spectacular scenery and explore western Canada's most famous cities. Two nights in both Banff National Park, one of Canada's favourite resorts, and Jasper National Park, Canada's largest national park, give you time to be amazed at the majestic scenery, explore on your own, or take optional outings. Between Banff National Park and Jasper National Park, stop in Lake Louise and marvel at this world-famous location with its glacial waters reflecting the surrounding mountains and glaciers.

You'll also stop for a highlight of this western Canada tour—a thrilling ride aboard an Ice Explorer on the Columbia Icefield, the largest expanse of ice in the Canadian Rockies. Another highlight of this western Canada tour is a 2-day, all-daylight journey from Jasper National Park to Vancouver on the Rocky Mountaineer. This train ride through breathtaking scenery takes you back to a time when getting to your destination was part of the fun. Along the way, pass Mount Robson, the Canadian Rockies' highest mountain; wild rivers; majestic mountain ranges; and beautiful Hell's Gate. More scenery awaits on your ferry crossing from Vancouver through the spectacular Gulf Islands to Victoria. In Victoria, enjoy world-famous Butchart Gardens with its 55 acres of floral displays.

But that's not all...watch for spouting whales, soaring eagles, barking seals, and other wildlife on your Alaska cruise. Marvel at glaciers and witness the amazing spectacle of thunder and spray as tremendous slabs of ice break off



and “calve” into the sea. This is an unforgettable, value-minded holiday with an amazing itinerary full of beautiful scenery and once-in-a-lifetime activities.

Itinerary

Day 1

Calgary

Welcome to Calgary! Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Day 2

CALGARY-BANFF NATIONAL PARK

The discovery of oil converted this cattle-ranching town into a thriving, sophisticated city. Sightseeing highlights downtown, Fort Calgary, Stampede Park, the Saddledome, and Canada Olympic Park. Next, drive west through the foothills of the Rockies into Banff National Park. On arrival, enjoy an orientation tour.

Day 3

BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Today is at leisure. Play golf, horseback ride, hike the many wilderness trails in the area, stroll through Banff, or simply relax at the hot springs. The park is the perfect place for wildlife watching, and you may spot some of these amazing creatures in their natural habitat. The most commonly seen are deer and big horn sheep.

Day 4

BANFF NATIONAL PARK-LAKE LOUISE-COLUMBIA ICEFIELD-JASPER NATIONAL PARK

First stop is Lake Louise, with its cold waters reflecting the surrounding mountains and glaciers. Precipitous gorges, snowcapped mountain ranges, and exquisite lakes come into view as your motorcoach scales three mountain passes. Another highlight is a stop at the Columbia Icefield to experience the Ice Explorer, an all-terrain vehicle that travels on ice measuring 750 feet thick. Late this afternoon, join our optional float trip down the historic Athabasca River. In Jasper, an orientation tour showcases the area's unspoiled beauty. Accommodation for the next two nights is in Jasper National Park.

Day 5

JASPER NATIONAL PARK

Join the optional narrated cruise on Maligne Lake to Spirit Island. On the return journey, you'll be mesmerised by dramatic Maligne Canyon. With much of the afternoon and evening free, consider hiking or exploring Jasper's local charm. While exploring the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies keep an eye out for native wildlife, including grizzly bears, moose, caribou, and wolves

Day 6

JASPER NATIONAL PARK-MOUNT ROBSON-ROCKY MOUNTAINEER- KAMLOOPS

An exciting morning as you board the Rocky Mountaineer for a 2-day, all-daylight, classic rail journey from the Canadian Rockies to the Pacific Coast. En route, pass Mount Robson, the highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies. Follow the North Thompson River and enjoy vistas of the Monashee Mountains. Free time in Kamloops this evening.

Day 7

KAMLOOPS-ROCKY MOUNTAINEER- VANCOUVER

Reboard your train and head through the ranchlands along the Thompson River. Continue through the stark beauty of Fraser Canyon and the turbulence of mighty Hell's Gate. After an early evening arrival in Vancouver, transfer to your hotel

Day 8

VANCOUVER-FERRY CROSSING-VICTORIA

Morning sightseeing focuses on Vancouver's Chinatown, Gastown, and lovely Stanley Park. Afterward, sail through the spectacular Gulf Islands, known for their Mediterranean-like climate. Afternoon sightseeing in Victoria includes world-famous Butchart Gardens, Bastion Square, and Thunderbird Park with its collection of totem poles.

Day 9

VICTORIA-FERRY CROSSING-VANCOUVER

Morning departure for Vancouver. After arrival in Vancouver, transfer to Canada Place and board your cruise ship

Day 10

SCENIC CRUISING: INSIDE PASSAGE

Spend the day cruising one of the world's most spectacular waterways. Located along the coast of British Columbia, the Inside Passage is the longest sheltered inland waterway in the world. Watch the water for orcas and humpback whales

Day 11

JUNEAU

Located at the foot of grand mountain peaks on Gastineau Channel, Alaska's capital city of Juneau has massive Mendenhall Glacier and the Juneau Icefield at its back door. Visit the rustic shops in town-or get out and kayak, raft, hike, whale watch, flightsee, or fish. There is no end to the adventure because of the long daylight hours

Day 12

SKAGWAY

In winter, the sidewalks are all but rolled up in Skagway, so you can imagine the frightful conditions endured by gold prospectors who passed through enroute to the Yukon. Take your time and poke your head into every little shop, from the Trail Bench to Lynch & Kennedy's Dry Goods. The Red Onion Saloon, with its honky-tonk piano and costumed barmaids, is a treasure trove of memorabilia featuring pictures of Klondike Kate, Peahull Annie, and other historic characters. To complete the picture of those rip-roaring days, visit the nostalgic Trail of '98 Museum

Day 13

SCENIC CRUISING: GLACIER BAY

Glacier Bay has more actively calving tidewater glaciers than anyplace else in the world. How does it feel when a colossal chunk of ice splits off a glacier and crashes into the sea? The sound is like thunder. The impact shoots water hundreds of metres into the air. You hold your breath as you capture the moment on camera, then you wait for it all to happen again

Day 14

KETCHIKAN

Alaska's "First City" of Ketchikan is so named because it is the first major landfall for most cruisers as they enter the picturesque fjords of the Inside Passage, where the town clings to the banks of the Tongass Narrows, flanked by green forests nurtured by abundant rain. An important hub of the salmon-fishing and -packing industries- visitors can try their luck on a sport-fishing excursion or simply savour the fresh seafood at one of the local restaurants. It is also one of the best spots along the Inside Passage to explore the rich cultural sights of Native Alaskan nations like the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian

Day 15

SCENIC CRUISING: INSIDE PASSAGE

Arguably one of the greatest cruising routes in the world, the Inside Passage stretches through stunning landscapes, from Misty Fjords National Monument to famed Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. Sailing the Inside Passage offers opportunities to spot some of Alaska's most iconic wildlife, with humpback whales and orca plying the bountiful waters alongside the ships, bald eagles soaring overhead and brown bears lumbering on the shoreline

Day 16

VANCOUVER (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends this morning. Please schedule flights after Noon.

Inclusions & Exclusions

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- Tour Guide throughout the trip
- Coach tour from Calgary to Jasper
- Rocky Mountaineer Silverleaf from Jasper to Vancouver
- Ferry Crossing to Victoria and Bchart Gardens
- 7 nights Alaska Inside Passage Cruise with Holland America in an Interior Cabin
- Meals as indicated: 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners

Cruise Cabin Upgrades

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Exclusions

- Visas, where required
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Meals not mentioned
- Transfers where not mentioned
- Tips (driver, representative & guide)

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