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and Sundays from 08 August to 05 September 2017**

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Price Includes:

- Return airfares from Australia flying to Calgary, Canada & Seattle, USA.
- Flying economy class with United Airlines, Delta Airlines or Virgin Australia.
- Including all prepayable airport departure taxes.
- 5 day **Canada Rockies Rail & Coach Tour**, visiting Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff. VIA Rail Travel on the iconic Canadian Train overnight train service from Jasper to Vancouver in a upper and lower berth sleeper car.
- 4 nights hotel accommodation. 3-day fully narrated motorcoach tour
- 2 nights Century Plaza Hotel, Vancouver, standard room, twin share
- All domestic ground transportation via air-conditioned deluxe vehicle
- English Speaking Tour guide. All taxes and fees included
- Award Winning "Holland America Cruise Lines" – Ship "Nieuw Amsterdam".
- 7 nights **Ultimate Alaska Glacier Cruise** from Seattle round trip.
- Choice of cabin on ship including entertainment & meals on board the ship.
- All cruise taxes, port charges on board are included
- **Ports of Call: Juneau, AK Skagway, AK Tracy Arm AK, Ketchikan, AK Victoria, BC, Canada**
- **All prepayable airport taxes cruise taxes, & port charges are included in the cost.**

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1 - Calgary to Banff (Coach)

Fly into Calgary, Canada and depart the Stampede City on an express service to Banff where you will have ample opportunity to take in the sights. Overnight Banff Voyager Inn for 3 nights.

Day 2 – Free day Banff.

Free day to explore Banff at leisure. Banff is a beautiful resort town in the province of Alberta, within Banff National Park. The peaks of Mt. Rundle and Mt. Cascade, part of the Rocky Mountains, dominate its skyline. There are many great restaurants and stores in Banff. The surrounding 6,500 square kilometres of parkland are home to wildlife including elk and grizzly bears.

Day 3 – Discover Lake Louise Tour

This morning, is free to explore Banff at leisure. This afternoon guided sightseeing tour you will visit the "Jewel of the Canadian Rockies", Lake Louise, and the world renowned Moraine Lake, both of which are part of a UNESCO world heritage site. You will have enough time to take some souvenir photos at both lakes and walk to the Rockpile, a spectacular viewpoint at Moraine Lake. Story telling abounds on this trip as you learn of the mountaineering history and local legends of the area. Cameras are essential to capture bragging rights and proof of visiting two of Canada's most iconic locations.

Day 4 – Banff to Jasper (Coach)

Travel by coach today via one of the most scenic highways in North America - the Icefields Parkway. Visit the Columbia Icefield that covers an area of nearly 125 sq mi (325 sq km) and reaches a depth of 1050 ft (320 m). Time allows for an Ice Explorer ride (included) on the Athabasca Glacier, then a stop at the award-winning Glacière Skywalk (included) experiencing a glass-floored observation platform 918 ft (280 m) over spectacular glacier-formed valleys and rushing waterfalls. Photo stops along the Parkway will be made at Bow & Peyto Lakes, the Crowfoot Glacier and the Athabasca Falls. This highway is renowned for sightings of bears, elk, moose & mountain sheep, so keep your camera handy. Please note: mountain lakes in this region will be frozen through to mid-June. (picnic lunch included today)
Overnight Whistler Inn Hotel.

Day 5 Jasper to Vancouver (Rail) Spend the morning relaxing in the mountain town of Jasper before boarding VIA Rail Sleeper Touring Class to Vancouver. Leaving Jasper National Park, travel the 'Yellowhead' route past the sprawling grandeur of Mount Robson, then follow the mighty Thompson River all the way to the Fraser Valley and the coastal city of Vancouver. Exclusive to Sleeper Touring Class: In the evening attendants transform your quarters into cozy bunks or a bedroom. Visit the Dome Car where you will experience the true essence of travelling by train as a panoramic scene sweeps by. In Sleeper Touring Class some of the amenities include thick towels, plump pillows, cozy down duvets and a shower kit. (dinner is included today)



**Day 6 Arrive Vancouver (Rail) Tour ends upon arrival in Vancouver at 9.45am.
(breakfast is included today)**

The VIA Rail Rockies train arrives in Vancouver and you will be transferred to your hotel by taxi. Today is a free day for you to explore Vancouver at leisure. Blessed with a spectacular Pacific Rim location, Vancouver is a study in contrasts and cohesion. Set between the mountains and the sea, the city blends cultures and landscapes, allowing visitors to enjoy a modern, cosmopolitan city alongside the great outdoors.

Day 7 – Transfer from Vancouver to Seattle for Alaska Inside Passage Cruise

Today you will be transferred by coach to the Seattle cruise port to check in for Alaska Inside passage Cruise on Holland America Nieuw Amsterdam ship.



ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sat	May 13	Vancouver, BC, Canada		4:30pm
Sun	May 14	Inside Passage, AK (Cruising)		
Mon	May 15	Tracy Arm (Twin Sawyer Glaciers), AK	10:00am	10:30am
Mon	May 15	Juneau, AK	1:00pm	10:00pm
Tue	May 16	Skagway, AK	7:00am	9:00pm
Wed	May 17	Glacier Bay National Park, AK (Cruising)		
Thu	May 18	Ketchikan, AK	10:00am	6:00pm
Fri	May 19	Inside Passage, AK (Cruising)		
Sat	May 20	Vancouver, BC, Canada	7:00am	

Day 14 – Depart Seattle for Australia.

Transfer to Seattle airport for flights back to Australia. Tour Concludes – Memories Begin.



Seattle Guide

Bounded by the Puget Sound to the west and Lake Washington to the east, and surrounded by forests and mountains, Seattle boasts a stunning location. But the largest city in the Pacific Northwest is as much an homage to human ingenuity as it is to natural beauty. From logging to shipbuilding to aircraft manufacturing to modern-day software and biotech development, the Emerald City has worn a succession of industrial hats, birthing the likes of Amazon and Starbucks—not to mention music legends Jimi Hendrix and Nirvana—along the way. Visitors are spoiled for choice, with iconic attractions like the waterfront, Space Needle, Chihuly Garden and Glass and Pike Place Market all easily accessible. "Local" and "sustainable" are words to live by in Seattle, an ethos reflected in the profusion of fresh-seafood restaurants, independent coffee roasters and quirky boutiques that are dotted around the city, awaiting exploration.

Ketchikan Guide

Alaska's "First City" of Ketchikan is so named because it's 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. Ketchikan has long been an important hub of the salmon-fishing and -packing industries—visitors can try their luck on a sportfishing excursion or simply savor 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 cultures of Native Alaskan nations like the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian. You can see intricately carved totem poles at the Totem Heritage Center and Totem Bight State Park, while Saxman Village just outside of town offers the chance to see Tlingit culture in action, with working carvers and a dance show in the clan house. And leave time to explore the town itself, including historic Creek Street, a boardwalk built over the Ketchikan Creek, where you can shop for souvenirs, smoked salmon and local art, while exploring gold rush–era attractions li

Tracy Arm Guide

Steep cliffs and glacier-covered mountains flank this fjord, fringed by the largest intact coastal temperate rain forest in the United States. Old-growth trees colonized Tracy Arm's mouth long ago as the Ice Age retreated. But further up the sinuous 48-kilometer waterway, its icy grip lingers a little. There, the twin Sawyer Glaciers flow from the peaks down to the sea, sloughing off stories-high chunks of water frozen decades or even centuries before. Even more glorious than nearby Glacier Bay, Tracy Arm is part of the 5.7 million acres (or around 23,000 square kilometers) of pure wilderness sheltered by the Tongass National Forest (America's biggest). Visitors often see bears, whales and mountain goats roaming across various corners of this pristine area—not to mention chubby baby seals resting on the ice floes. Summer temperatures average 35 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit (0 to 16 degrees Celsius), so pack warm clothing. And don't forget waterproof gear, even when traveling by cruise ship: More than a meter and a half of rain falls here each year! We also recommend a water bottle, thermos or reusable coffee cup: On scenic cruising days, cruise ships ban paper and disposable plastic products that could litter this unsullied environment.

Juneau Guide

Juneau may well be the most remote, most beautiful and strangest state capital in the United States. Surrounded by water, forests and mountains, visitors can hike a glacier, eat fresh-caught fish on a seaside patio and tour a grand capitol building all in one day. The city itself is pleasant, but the real highlight of a visit to Juneau is tracking down some wildlife. You can hike up Mount Roberts to chance upon wild deer and bald eagles. Most whale-watching tours head north to Auke Bay—bring a good pair of binoculars to get the best view of these

majestic and surprisingly graceful creatures. If you prefer land mammals, catch a floatplane to a nearby wildlife reserve such as Chichagof or Admiralty Island to spy some bears lolling around. The sleepy, misty city of around 32,000—mostly fishermen and small-business owners—has a frontier town vibe, but welcomes more than a million visitors each summer, cementing Juneau as Alaska's number-one tourist destination.

Skagway Guide

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At the height of the Klondike Gold Rush, the port town of Skagway served as the primary gateway to the legendary gold fields, and quickly grew into Alaska's largest settlement. It was then a raucous frontier hub packed with trading posts, saloons and guesthouses. As the gold rush faded into the 1900s, so did Skagway—but today it has been reinvigorated as a gateway for a new kind of visitor: those looking to explore Alaska's colorful history, pristine wildlife and unrivaled natural beauty. At every turn, you'll find yourself immersed in gold rush lore, from the infamous Red Onion Saloon that still keeps a pistol that Wyatt Earp left behind en route to the Klondike, to the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad, a classic narrow-gauge railway that traverses rugged mountains and passes cascading waterfalls and towering glaciers as it connects Skagway to Whitehorse deep in the Yukon. Much of the town has been preserved as part of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, where rangers offer free walking tours around the historic district. Here you'll also find a vibrant local community, home to a rich collection of local galleries, curio shops and restaurants serving seafood plucked fresh from nearby waters.

Victoria, British Columbia Guide

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Of all the cities in Canada, Victoria may be the furthest from Great Britain, but it has the most British vibe. Between sipping afternoon tea, visiting flower gardens and castles and stopping in at pubs, one could easily forget about the Pacific Ocean lapping at the other side of Vancouver Island. The influence of the First Nations culture is also strong here, with totem poles taking a front-and-center position on the Inner Harbour and in Beacon Hill Park. Extensive galleries are devoted to the history of the First People at the Royal British Columbia Museum, too. Other waves of immigration besides that of the English are evident in the streets of Canada's oldest Chinatown here, as well as on the menus of the city's many

restaurants, pizzerias and tavernas. Start your visit at the Inner Harbour. Whale-watching cruises and floatplanes take off and return from their excursions here and government buildings, museums, the Visitor Centre and the grand Fairmont Empress provide a dignified welcome. Just around the point, Fisherman's Wharf offers a lively contrast with working fishing boats, barking harbor seals and busy seafood restaurants serving up the catch of the day. Take time for a jaunt to the famous Butchart Gardens, a truly stunning show garden developed on the site of a depleted quarry. Enjoy afternoon tea or a walk in the park or a shopping trip to Market Square or along Government Street. However you choose to spend your day here, Victoria's civilized delights will charm you.

Nieuw Amsterdam

Ship Rating: ★★★★★

As the fourth in the Nieuw Amsterdam line, the ms Nieuw Amsterdam continues the proud tradition of her name. With a design reflecting the glamour and history of New York City, she pairs new additions with old favorites to provide the ultimate cruising experience. The ship boasts 11 guest decks, featuring new additions such as an Explorer's Lounge Bar, a premium wine-tasting lounge, an elegant luxury jewelry boutique and a new atrium bar area. Not forgotten, however, are many of the much-loved Holland America features, including premium stateroom amenities; glass elevators at midship; a cyber-coffee house; the innovative Culinary Arts Center, where culinary experts provide cooking demonstrations and intimate classes in state-of-the-art kitchens; and a youth facility that includes the teens-only Loft. Other amenities include in-room fruit baskets and flowers, an expanded Greenhouse Spa and Salon with thermal suites and hydro-pool, the largest gymnasium ever built for Holland America Line, a new photographic and imaging center, and state-of-the-art navigation and safety systems.



[Nieuw Amsterdam Pictures](#)

Detailed Information



Ship Statistics	
Year Built	2010
Tonnage	86,000 tons
Registry	The Netherlands

Services & Amenities	
Bars/Lounges	18
Beauty Salon/Barber Shop	Yes
Casino	Yes

Length	936 feet	Chapel	No
Beam	106 feet	Disco/Dancing	Yes
Passenger Capacity	2,104	Elevators	10
Crew Size	800	Hot Tub	7
Total Inside Cabins	147	Cell Phone Service	Yes
Total Outside Cabins	875	Internet Center	Yes
Cabins & Suites w/ verandas	688	Wireless Internet Access	Yes
Suites	114	Note: Available in certain areas	
Maximum Occupancy per room	4	Laundromats (self service)	No
Age Restrictions	One person must be 21 or older	Laundry/Dry Cleaning	Yes
Dinner Seatings	2	Library	Yes
Seating Assignments in Main Dining Room	Assigned and open seating available	Movie Theatre	Yes
Dining Hours	5:45 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.	Outdoor Movie Screen	No
Dining Room Dress Code	Dining	Onboard Weddings	Yes
Tipping Recommended?	Yes	Shops	Yes
Tipping Guidelines	\$13.50 per guest, per day for suites and \$12.50 per guest, per day for all other staterooms automatically charged to onboard account (amount can be adjusted according to quality of service received). 15% tip included on beverage orders.	Showroom	Yes
Onboard Currency	US Dollar	Spa	Yes
		Video Arcade	Yes
		Fitness & Sports Facilities	
		Basketball Court	Yes
		Fitness Center	Yes
		Golf Driving Net	No
		Golf Simulator	No
		Ice Skating Rink	No
		Jogging Track	No
		Mini-Golf Course	No
		Rock Climbing Wall	No
		Swimming Pool	3
		Note: 1 Heated	
		Tennis Court	No

Water Slide	No
Water Sports Platform	No

Cabin Features & Amenities

24-Hour Room Service	Yes
Hair Dryer	Yes
Safe	Yes
Telephone	Yes
Television	Yes

Kids Facilities

Babysitting	Yes
Children's Playroom	Yes
Kiddie Pool	No
Supervised Youth Program	Yes
Teen Center	Yes

Special Needs & Requests

Adjoining Cabins (private connecting doors)	Yes
Kosher Meals	Yes
Single Occupancy Cabins	No
Single Share Program	No
Wheelchair-Accessible Cabins	30

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Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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