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Cruise/Tour	(Standard Inside Cabin)	\$9,499.00 per person.
Cruise/Tour	(Standard Outside Cabin)	\$9,999.00 per person.
Cruise/Tour	(Standard Balcony Cabin)	\$10,999.00 per person.

Price Includes:

- Return airfares from Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney or Brisbane to Vancouver & Calgary.
- Flying economy class with United, Virgin Australia, Delta Airlines & Alaska Airlines. Including all prepayable Airport taxes. (Fly with Qantas for an extra \$350 per person)
- 2 nights at the Ramada Limited Hotel, Vancouver, twin share.
- Award Winning "Holland America Lines" – Ship "Zaandam".
- 7 nights Alaska Glacier Inside Passage Cruise. From Vancouver to Anchorage.
- Choice of cabin including entertainment & meals on board the ship. All cruise taxes, port charges & gratuities on board are included
- Ports of Call: See below itinerary.
- Canada Rockies coach Tour inclusions:
- 2 nights Calgary, 2 nights Waterton Lake, 2 nights Banff, 2 nights Jasper, 1 night Sun Peaks, 1 night Whistler, 2 nights Victoria.
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers
- Canada Coach Tour - 15 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Special Features
- Journey to Waterton Lakes National Park, where the "prairies meet the mountains"
- Excursion to Glacier National Park, a symbol of U.S. and Canada friendship
- Explore wondrous Banff National Park, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Ascend by gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain with its stunning views
- Drive amidst stunning vistas to Jasper National Park
- Travel on the Icefields Parkway past glaciers, ice fields and a cornucopia of mountains
- Ride the all-terrain Ice Explorer to the surface of the massive Athabasca Glacier
- Tour of Whistler, the charming alpine village that hosted the 2010 winter Olympics
- Travel on the Sea-to-Sky Highway through spectacular coastal landscapes in British Columbia
- Tour of Victoria on Vancouver Island



Alaska, & Canada Tour Itinerary.

DAY 1, Sunday – Arrive Calgary Canada

Arrive in Calgary. Please catch a taxi to the Delta Bow Valley Hotel for 2 nights. The rest of the day is free for you to rest, relax and discover Calgary at leisure.



DAY 2, Monday –Free Day Calgary

Free day to explore Calgary, Alberta's major city and gateway to the Canadian Rockies. This rising city that grew out of the Canadian West, balances a modern and traditional lifestyle with a pioneer charm. Tonight, a Welcome Drink and meet your Tour Manager, who will introduce you to the exciting tour of Canada that awaits you. **Overnight:** Calgary

DAY 3, Tuesday - Waterton Lakes National Park

Journey south this morning to Waterton Lakes National Park, where the "prairies meet the mountains". Travel through the famous ranching and farming area of southern Alberta. Later, we're surrounded by lakes as the Canadian Rockies fill the horizon in this area. Historians believe that the park has great historical significance based on archaeological finds proving that Aborigines first populated the area over 11,000 years ago. Stop to enjoy the upper lake with its gorgeous mountain ranges towering over both sides. After lunch on your own, join the *optional* boat cruise on the lake with its amazing views of towering cliffs, unique geological formations, waterfalls, snow-clad peaks and rich wildlife. Tonight, a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers celebrates your arrival in Western Canada and quaint Waterton

Optional: Boat Cruise on Waterton Lake (PM)

Overnight: Waterton

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4, Wednesday - Glacier National Park, Waterton Lakes

Today, an extraordinary excursion to Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana, where the American and Canadian Rockies meet. In 1932, the U.S. and Canada joined these two national parks as a symbol of their longtime peace and friendship. In recognition of this historic agreement, the parks were officially designated as the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. When possible, travel on the "Going-to-the-Sun" Road (road and weather permitting) into dramatic Glacier National Park along the sparkling lake's shore, continuing to the historic Many Glacier Hotel on crystal-clear Swiftcurrent Lake before returning to Waterton. An evening at leisure offers a choice of cafes and local restaurants featuring traditional English fare

Overnight: Waterton

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Thursday - Kananaskis Valley, Two Jack Lake, Lake Minnewanka, Banff National Park

We travel northwest through the lush Kananaskis Valley (road permitting), a recreational playground and gateway to the national parks. After a stop in Canmore, continue on a scenic drive to Lake Minnewanka ("Water of the Spirits"), a gorgeous glacial lake in the eastern area of Banff. Then, view freshwater Two Jack Lake, a mecca for anglers from around the world, en route to cascading Bow River Falls in a valley eroded by glacier activity. Keep your camera ready as we look for wandering Big Horn sheep! Return to Banff for leisure time to discover the delights of this charming village with its trendy shops and local delicacies. There's so much to do in this stunning alpine setting

Overnight: Banff

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Friday - Banff National Park, Gondola to Sulphur Mountain

Enjoy the unparalleled mountain scenery as we explore wondrous Banff National Park, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nestled in the very heart of the magnificent Canadian Rockies, the snow-capped mountains, glistening glaciers and sweeping panoramas are just one part of the allure of Banff. Here we ascend by gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain experiencing stunning views at every turn of six mountain ranges and the village below. Truly an exhilarating experience! Then, at your leisure, walk along the boardwalk to the Observation Deck (weather permitting), or shop for gifts. Afterwards, return to Banff for lunch on your own and afternoon at leisure, or participate in the *optional* Float Tour on the Bow River. The gentle raft float offers great views of a variety of wildlife and a chance to learn more about the area's natural history from expert guides. Tonight, perhaps explore the dining scene in Banff with a wide choice of western saloons, English pubs and international restaurants

Optional: Float Tour on Bow River (PM)

Overnight: Banff

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Saturday - Lake Louise, Icefields Parkway, Jasper National Park

A day filled with unmatched beauty! We pass glacially-fed Moraine Lake (weather and road permitting) with its indigo blue waters on the way to magnificent Lake Louise, symbol of the quintessential Canadian mountain scene. Known for its sparkling blue waters, and nestled at the base of impressive glacier-clad peaks, this area is one of the most picturesque of Banff National Park. Listen to the history and fascinating geology of this area during the specially designed Ice Explorer that takes us to the surface of the massive Athabasca Glacier (weather permitting). On the journey, hear about the formation of glaciers, the interesting geological features of the area and step-out onto the surface of the powerful ancient ice. Afterwards, we journey north along the iconic Icefields Parkway to Jasper, amidst stunning vistas of deep green forests, snow covered mountains and towering peaks. Tonight, after dinner with the group, stroll the quaint streets of the town of Jasper

Overnight: Jasper

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Sunday - Jasper National Park, Maligne Canyon

We explore Jasper today, the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. The beauty of this area will leave you breathless! We begin at a section of the park known for its abundant wildlife, home to North America's healthiest population of grizzly bears, moose, and elk. Drive up the valley to see "disappearing" Medicine Lake, which exists only during the summer months when melting glaciers bring water into the valley. Then, on to majestic Maligne Canyon to learn about the unique features of this underground river system. Time to walk along the canyon's trails with breathtaking views of waterfalls and unusual rock formations. Return to Jasper, the turn-of-the-century railroad town, for the remainder of the day at leisure

Overnight: Jasper

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Monday - Sun Peaks

Today enjoy a day of scenery as we depart Jasper for Sun Peaks. Heading West of Jasper towards the Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies at 12,972 ft, then South on the Yellowhead Highway (named after a fur trader who had yellow streaks in his hair). Enter the beautiful province of British Columbia by following the Fraser river then the North Thompson river towards Kamloops. Pass through the communities of Clearwater and Blue River, home to heli-logging in the summer and heli-skiing in the winter, before arriving in Sun Peaks, the famous Swiss-style alpine village of British Columbia. Arrive at this European-style village nestled in the center of three mountains. Enjoy the delightful village atmosphere along with a selection of shops and restaurants to satisfy the "foodie" in you. Time to enjoy all of the delights of this area independently

Overnight: Sun Peaks

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Tuesday - Whistler

On the route to Whistler, travel along Duffey Lake, a road that twists and weaves through beautiful mountain ranges, fir tree lined valley and the lake's dramatic shoreline. Stop in Lillooet, a community on the Fraser River, for lunch on your own. Afternoon arrival in Whistler, the charming alpine village that

hosted the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. A guided tour acquaints you with in the village and surrounding areas. The many art galleries, eclectic boutiques and fine restaurants all add to the village's sophisticated atmosphere. Tonight, treat yourself to an evening of fine food in the enchanting village

Overnight: Whistler

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11, Wednesday - Sea-to-Sky Highway to Victoria

Travel this morning on the Sea-to-Sky Highway, heading south through spectacular coastal landscapes. At Horseshoe Bay, hop aboard a ferry that takes us across the Strait of Georgia to Nanaimo and onwards by coach to Victoria, capital city of British Columbia. Upon arrival, a brief orientation tour introduces you to this charming city, apparent in the horse-drawn carriages, formal gardens and tearooms. Time on your own to independently enjoy the city's center with its lively entertainment scene and great attractions

Overnight: Victoria

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12, Thursday - Full Day in Victoria

This morning's tour of Victoria, with its maritime heritage, starts at the Legislative Building overlooking the majestic Inner Harbor; the guided tour reveals the city's fascinating history. Continue to Beacon Hill Park, the carved totem poles at Thunderbird Park adjacent to the Royal BC Museum, and Canada's oldest Chinatown. Later, continue to the world famous Butchart Gardens. Here, you'll see one of the world's greatest floral displays in the amazing 55 magnificent acres of flowers and show gardens, including the Japanese, Italian and Rose gardens

Overnight: Victoria

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13, Friday - Depart Victoria for Vancouver

The last stop on our Western Canada adventure is the coastal seaport city of Vancouver with its spectacular vistas. Travel by ferry to Vancouver, known for its temperate climate, it is one of the few places in the world where you can ski in the morning and sail in the afternoon. The city tour is highlighted by English Bay, a favorite recreational center, and Gastown, the city's oldest neighborhood, designated a National Historical Site in 2009. On Granville Island, enjoy the buzzing artists' quarter, waterside restaurants, top galleries, and a huge fresh food market. A perfect place for leisure time and lunch on your own! Later, on to Stanley Park, home of the famous aquarium and Canada Place with its iconic five white sails. Time to relax before tonight's festive Farewell Dinner. Share memories (and photos!) together of our astonishing journey through magnificent Western Canada

Overnight: Vancouver at the Ramada Limited Hotel, Vancouver.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14, Saturday - Depart Canada on Alaska Inside Passage Cruise

Transfer to the Vancouver cruise dock by taxi to board your Alaska Inside Passage Cruise Ship – Holland America Zaandam for your 12 day cruise to Alaska – Anchorage and Denali National Park.

Meals: Breakfast



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DAY	DATE	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
14		Cruise begins in Vancouver, BC, Canada		4:30pm
15		Inside Passage, AK (Cruising)		
16		Ketchikan, AK	7:00am	3:00pm
17		Juneau, AK	10:00am	10:00pm
18		Skagway, AK	7:00am	9:00pm
19		Glacier Bay National Park, AK (Cruising)		
20	t	At Sea		
21		Anchorage (Seward), AK	6:00am	
21		Tour begins in Anchorage (Seward), AK / Anchorage, AK Disembark and enjoy a scenic motorcoach journey along Turnagain Arm en route to Anchorage.		
22		Anchorage, AK / Denali National Park, AK Board the luxurious domed rail cars of the McKinley Explorer to Denali for an unforgettable stay at this magnificent national treasure.		
23		Denali National Park, AK / Fairbanks, AK Today you'll head to Fairbanks, Alaska's Golden Heart City.		
23		Fairbanks, AK Your Land + Sea Journey concludes this morning in Fairbanks.		

DAY 23, Sunday - Depart Alaska

Bon Voyage! Transfer to Fairbank Airport for the departure flights to Australia

Meals: Breakfast

How to book:

Our office is located in Richmond in Melbourne.

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You can call our office and make an appointment to come and meet with one of travel consultants.

Once you make your reservations we need you to fill our tour confirmation form.

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A deposit of \$3500 per person is due upon confirmation of your reservations.

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We will advise you if a midterm payment is required in writing.

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Booking conditions and cancellation fees apply.

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Travel Insurance is essential

