# ALASKA CRUISE & CANADIAN ROCKIES COACH TOUR



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**Duration:** 13 days

Stay: 5 nights in hotels, 7 nights on cruise ship

Travel style: Cruise & escorted tour

Booking code: CRRPC13M

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# About the holiday

This special Alaska cruise and Canada tour package is simply spectacular!

Begin in Vancouver, where you'll board the 7-night cruise aboard Ruby Princess. Witness amazing views and wildlife as you sail through the magical Inside Passage to Juneau, Alaska's remote capital. Then dock at Skagway, the small town that's big on adventure with options to go hiking, kayaking, wildlife watching or travel by train to White Pass.

A highlight will be the scenic cruising in Endicott Arm, a narrow 30-mile-long fjord that's part of the Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness Area. Here offers a breathtaking experience for passengers to view Dawes Glacier and the mammoth rivers of ice. Sail past evergreen-clad cliffs and floating frozen "bergy bits" on this scenic voyage. Final stop is a beauty, in the culturally-rich town of Ketchikan, with its towering totem parks and fun lumberjack show.

Upon returning to Vancouver, join the Canadian Rockies coach tour and ascend the Coastal Mountains and travel to the interior of British Columbia. Overnight in Jasper and then travel along the breathtaking Icefields Parkway to take in spectacular mountain scenery. Enjoy two nights in the famous resort town of Banff, with a day trip to Lake Louise and picturesque Moraine Lake.

With the easy of cruising and escorted touring, don't miss your chance to see the USA's and Canada's remarkable landscapes in one unbeatable package!

#### **Travel dates**

2024 - Departs select dates from May to August

Note: Departures are subject to availability and prices will vary depending on travel dates. View our website for lead-price dates and contact us for the latest details.

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# Cruise & tour holiday includes:

Hotels - 5 nights hotel accommodation, standard rooms2 nights Vancouver1 night Jasper2 nights Banff

Cruise - 7 nights Alaska Inside Passage Cruise, roundtrip from Vancouver Choice of cabin aboard Princess Cruises' Ruby Princess All non-chargeable meals & entertainment on board All pre-payable cruise taxes and port fees

Canadian Rockies Tour - 4 days escorted coach tour Visit Jasper, Banff & Lake Louise Sightseeing as per the itinerary

# Package excludes:

Visa/ESTA fees for USA & Canada
Flights to Vancouver - contact us for the latest airfare deals
Airport & cruise port transfers
Meals, except for those on the ship or specified in the itinerary
Optional shore excursions, sightseeing & activities
Chargeable entertainment & specialty dining on the ship
Tipping for tour guides, drivers and cruise crew
Other personal items, such as drinks, shopping, laundry, WiFi etc.
Travel insurance, including cruise cover, is essential
Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to currency fluctuations and confirmation by the airlines, hotels, cruise line, tour companies & local operators. Booking conditions apply.

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# **Itinerary**

#### Day 1: Depart on Alaska Inside Passage Cruise

Today, make your way to Vancouver cruise port to board the Alaska Inside Passage Cruise on Princess Cruises' 'Ruby Princess' ship.

#### Sailing Itinerary

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Day 1	Vancouver, BC, Canada		4:00pm
Day 2	At Sea, Inside Passage		
Day 3	Juneau, AK	1:00pm	10:00pm
Day 4	Skagway, AK	7:00am	8:30pm
Day 5	Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier, AK (Scenic Cruising)	7:00am	12:00pm
Day 6	Ketchikan, AK	7:00am	6:00pm
Day 7	At Sea		
Day 8	Vancouver, BC, Canada	7:30am	

#### Day 8: Cruise Arrives back in Vancouver

Your Alaska cruise arrives back in Vancouver this morning and make your way to your downtown hotel. Vancouver, a bustling west coast seaport in British Columbia, is among Canada's densest, most ethnically diverse cities. A popular filming location, it's surrounded by mountains, and also has thriving art, theatre and music scenes. Vancouver Art Gallery is known for its works by regional artists, while the Museum of Anthropology houses preeminent First Nations collections. The remainder of the day is free to explore.

# Day 9: Vancouver to Jasper Scenic Drive - Canada Rockies Coach Tour Start your Vancouver to Rockies tour with a scenic drive through the charming farming communities of the Fraser Valley with a memorable photo stop in the quintessential town of Hope. As you continue, you'll ascend into the majestic Coastal Mountains and follow the picturesque Coquihalla Highway to Kamloops.

After the lunch break, you'll retrace the historic route of the famous Overlanders, following the course of the North Thompson River to Jasper. Along the way, you'll have a stop to marvel at the spectacular Mount Robson, which is British Columbia's tallest peak. Overnight in Jasper.

#### Day 10: Jasper to Banff Sightseeing

Start your morning with a refreshing hike (optional) through the Maligne Canyon, a remarkable limestone gorge adorned with six narrow bridges and picturesque waterfalls. Continuing our journey south along the magnificent Icefield Parkway, often hailed as one of the most beautiful highways in the world, we will explore its must-see attractions, including Athabasca Falls, Peyto Lake, and Crowfoot Glacier. At the Columbia Icefield, ride the Ice Explorer on Athabasca Glacier or visit the Glacier Skywalk (both activities are subject to weather conditions). Overnight in Banff. [B]

#### Day 11: Banff & Lake Louise Sightseeing

Prepare yourself for another exhilarating day of sightseeing and activities in Banff National Park. As we make our way to Lake Louise, we will pause at Johnston Canyon for a leisurely hike (optional) along the trail that guides us to the breathtaking Lower Falls. While at Lake Louise, you'll find numerous viewpoints offering splendid photo opportunities of the majestic Victoria Glacier towering over the lake. In the afternoon, our adventure continues as we explore other notable attractions in the Rockies, including Moraine Lake, Banff Springs Hotel and Bow Falls. Don't forget to take advantage of the gondola ride up Sulphur Mountain (weather permitting) for a breathtaking panoramic view of Banff town and its surrounding or Upper Hot Springs for a soothing soak in the hot, mineral-rich water. Overnight in Banff [B]

#### Day 12: Banff to Vancouver Scenic Drive

Heading west, your journey will take you across the Continental Divide, which serves as the geographical boundary separating waters flowing to the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. As you make your way towards Rogers Pass, the highest point in the Canadian Rockies, keep an eye out for the fascinating Spiral Tunnels. These tunnels are a remarkable achievement in railway engineering, strategically designed to navigate the steep gradient of the mountains and facilitate the safe passage of trains. Arrive in downtown Vancouver in the evening. [B] Overnight Barclay Hotel Vancouver or similar.

#### Day 13: Depart Vancouver

This morning, check out of your hotel and if you're departing today, make your own way to the airport in time for your flight.

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, ocean, road and rail conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

#### Important to know

For the Canadian Rockies tour, the minimum group size is 25 and the maximum is up to 40 passengers per vehicle.

Optional activities include Columbia Icefield 'Ice Explorer' which is approx. CAD\$100 per person.

Activities are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.
- Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line prior to travel (subject to availability)
- Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability).

#### Gratuities/tipping:

While on tour: \$10 USD per person/day in total for driver and guide is recommended. On the Cruise: Princess charges a gratuity of US\$16 per person per day. Guests staying in Suites pay US\$17-\$18 per person per day.

#### **About Ruby Princess**

Ruby Princess is a romantic jewel at sea. She offers nearly 900 spacious balconies so you can see the world as you sail towards new adventures. Every stateroom features plush beds, a refrigerator, a flat screen TV, 100% cotton high thread count linens, complimentary 24-hour room service, a desk, a hair dryer and a safe. Choose from a variety of dining options, including two award-winning specialty restaurants, SHARE by Curtis Stone and the Crown Grill steak and seafood restaurant. Areas just for children spark curiosity and fuel creativity while adults enjoy their own tranquil retreat, The Sanctuary. The Lotus Spa offers a variety of rejuvenating treatments such as facials, aroma stone therapy massages and an aromatherapy thermal suite. Be entertained and mesmerized by featured guest entertainers, original music productions and Movies Under the Stars. Other hot spots include the library, the Internet café, Skywalkers Nightclub, Club Fusion, the sports court, a fully equipped fitness centre, a casino and much more.

# Alaska cruise ports

# Vancouver, B.C.

Between the colourful architecture of Chinatown and the Native American influences rooted in Totem Pole Park, Vancouver boasts a cosmopolitan of ethnicities. Hop on board a comfortable motorcoach to the bustling Chinatown with its delicious dining. Or, unwind on the sandy shores of Stanley Park - Vancouver's very own oasis in the heart of the city - and revel in visions of expansive forestry and mesmerizing horizons. In Gastown, walk in the footsteps of bygone settlers as you wander down groomed streets and listen for the regal chimes from the steam clock each hour.

#### Juneau

Rolling mountains — standing over 3,000 feet tall — overlook the still waters below, waiting for the majestic 20-foot Orcas to break the tranquil surface and make their grand debut. Meanwhile, the sweeping, 12-mile long Mendenhall Glacier rests nearby, slowly retreating under the steadfast sun.

Nothing about Juneau is small. From the gaping landscapes to the dignified wildlife, there's more than meets the eye in this unique port of call. Home to some of the largest gold mines in the world, Juneau has experienced its fair share of movement and continues to do so as the emblematic capital of Alaska. Relish in panoramic views of these precious lands atop Mount Roberts or immerse yourself in it all as you zipline through breathtaking elevations, dogsled along a trail and hike across serene meadows.

#### Skagway

Though it's small in terms of population, Skagway is plenty big when it comes to adventure. Sail among waterfalls and wildlife on Lynn Canal, one of the longest, deepest fjords in North America, or take a helicopter tour over glaciers before trying your hand at dog sledding. A kayaking expedition down the Inside Passage will have you paddling past seals, sea lions, porpoises and possibly humpback whales. Hikers can trek the Chilkoot Trail, the primary route prospectors followed in Alaska's 19th-century gold rush, while photographers will marvel at the jaw-dropping photo ops from atop White Pass summit, which is accessible via railway or a picturesque drive on the Klondike Highway. Amid the scenery and stillness of Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, keep your eyes peeled for the rare and endangered birds during a river float.

#### Ketchikan

Small white boats, with slender fishing reels suspended over the stern, float together in uniform lines off the coast of Ketchikan. As the "Salmon Capital of the World", this port of call harvests a collection of personalities, all yearning for the refreshing taste of salmon varieties. Fisherman donning nylon jumpsuits and rubber boots readily trot down the wooden pier to their aquatic abodes. Meanwhile, grizzly bears enrobed in chestnut-coloured fleeces meander through the shallow waters in search of their next meal.

Past the multi-coloured homes lining the tranquil shores lies an emblem of Ketchikan's antiquities — Totem Bight State Historical Park. Embellished in vibrant colours and chiselled faces, hand-carved totem poles stand tall around the replica Native clan house, inviting visitors to experience Alaska's past and present. Down on Creek Street, dollhouse-style homes line the wooden boardwalk inviting visitors to explore what's left of the city's red-light district days. With all that remains in this lively port of call, it's no wonder why Ketchikan is one of the most sought-after destinations in Alaska.

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