# ALASKA CRUISE, YELLOWSTONE & CANADIAN ROCKIES TOUR



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Alaska Cruise with Canadian Rockies Tour & Flights

**Duration:** 17 days

**Stay:** 7 nights in hotels, 7 nights on cruise ship, overnight flights

Travel style: Cruise & escorted tour

Booking code: CRHALY17M

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# 17 days Alaska, Yellowstone & Rockies with Flights

## About the holiday

This spectacular Canada and Alaska journey starts in Seattle and travels overland to Vancouver, then connects with an incredible Glacier Bay cruise!

Begin with a 7-day escorted tour that will take you across 3 states of America, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Plus, in Canada explore Alberta and British Columbia. Experience the natural beauty of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Yellowstone, the world's oldest national Park, with its geothermal wonders, diverse ecosystems and amazing wildlife. Cross into Canada and visit the famous resort town of Banff. Travel along the breathtaking Icefields Parkway to take in spectacular mountain scenery talk a short walk along the shore of idyllic Lake Louise.

The tour ends in Vancouver, where you'll board the 7-night cruise aboard *Koningsdam* ship. Witness amazing views and wildlife as you sail through the magical Inside Passage to Tracy Arm with the famous Twin Sawyer Glaciers. The first stop is 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 Glacier Bay National Park. Here offers a breathtaking experience for passengers to view 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.

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

## **Travel dates**

2025 - Departs 26 April; 03, 10, 17 & 24 May

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 alternative dates.

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## Cruise & tour holiday includes:

Flights - Return economy airfare to Seattle & from Vancouver Full-service airline with luggage included Fly from Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne (other cities on request)

Hotels - 7 nights quality hotel accommodation, standard rooms

1 night Seattle

1 night Wallace

1 night Yellowstone area

1 night Great Falls

2 nights Canmore

1 night Abbotsford or Chilliwack

**Tour** - 7 days Yellowstone & Canadian Rockies tour from Seattle to Vancouver English-speaking tour leader

Transportation by private, air-conditioned coach

National Park fees

Transfer to Vancouver cruise terminal at end of tour

Cruise - 7 nights Alaska Inside Passage Cruise, roundtrip from Vancouver Choice of cabin aboard Holland America Line's Koningsdam All non-chargeable meals & entertainment on board

Cruise taxes and port fees

## Package excludes:

Visa/ESTA fees for USA & Canada

Airport & cruise port transfers on day 1 and day 15

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

Subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels, cruise line, tour company & local operators. Booking conditions apply.

## Highlights

- See Yellowstone National Park's steaming geysers, bubbling mud and hot springs
- Discover the 'cowboy country' of Idaho and Montana
- Explore the picturesque Canadian Rockies and beautiful Banff
- Travel along the jaw-dropping Icefields Parkway
- · Admire the stunning turquoise waters of Lake Louise
- Experience the picture-perfect national parks of Canmore, Yoho, Glacier and Mount Revelstoke
- Sightseeing tour of Vancouver includes Chinatown, Gastown and Stanley Park
- · Alaska cruise through the famous Inside Passage from Vancouver
- Cruise to the remote capital of Alaska, Juneau
- · Visit the gold rush town of Skagway
- · Cruise to the wide tidewater glaciers of spectacular Glacier Bay
- · Visit Ketchikan, known as The Salmon Capital of the World
- Keep a look out for incredible wildlife and marine animals, including bears, otters, humpback whales and seals

## **Itinerary**

## Day 1 - Fly from Australia to USA

It's time to check in for your flight bound for Seattle, USA. Thanks to crossing the international dateline, you'll arrive on the same day. On arrival at Seattle Airport, please make your own way via taxi or shuttle bus to the hotel and check-in. The remainder of the day is free to explore this vibrant city.

Note: Depending on flight schedules, you could need to be at the airport the night before and your room may not be available for check-in on arrival, but luggage can be stored at the hotel until your room is available.

Overnight: Ramada Tukwila or similar

## Day 2 - Tour begins from Seattle to Wallace

The first day on tour is a scenic journey from the Pacific Northwest to Wallace, Idaho. If you were to drive straight through it would take around 5.5 hours, but we'll be making stops along the way as we travel east through the wine country of Washington State. Witness the tall timber and spectacular landscapes of Columbia Gorge and follow part of Lewis and Clark's historic expedition in 1804. On arrival in Wallace, this evening is free to explore and dine at your leisure.

Distance travelled: Approximately 570 km.

Overnight: Stardust Motel or similar

#### Day 3 - Wallace to Yellowstone National Park, Montana

Get set for an unforgettable day, travelling through cowboy country to Yellowstone National Park. Feel like you are on the set of a classic American movie, with a backdrop of rivers that once flowed with gold and frontier towns that tell the tales of America's rugged history. Then the star of the epic journey is the world's first national park, Yellowstone. Established in 1872, this park is full of incredible experiences, like famous Old Faithful, one of nearly 500 steaming geysers in the park, as well as colourful hot springs, bubbling mud pools and amazing landscapes where animals have roamed since prehistoric times. The route that we'll take through Yellowstone will be determined by the weather on the day and road conditions. Similarly, we'll stay overnight around Gardiner or West Yellowstone, Montana, depending on what will give us the most favourable itinerary.

Distance travelled: Approximately 680 km.

Overnight: Big Rock Inn or similar

#### Day 4 - Yellowstone National Park to Great Falls

It's worth getting up early this morning to discover more of Yellowstone's natural beauty and look out for the park's unique wildlife. Then continue our adventure to Great Falls, Montana, on a drive through majestic mountains and verdant forests. Distance travelled: Approximately 380 km.

Overnight: The Great Falls Inn or similar

#### Day 5 - Cross the border to Canada

Today we continue heading north and cross from the USA into Canada. The scenic journey leads to the mountain resort town of Banff, where a sightseeing drive takes us to nearby Bow Falls, that featured in Marilyn Monroe's film River of No Return, and the famous Banff Springs Hotel. Continue to the nearby town of Canmore in Alberta's Rocky Mountains for a free evening and two-night stay.

Distance travelled: Approximately 650 km.

Overnight: Canmore Inn & Suites or similar

## Day 6 - Icefields Parkway, Columbia Icefield & Lake Louise

Make sure your camera is fully charged for today's sightseeing! This morning we begin with a drive along Icefields Parkway, that's hailed as one of the most beautiful highways in the world. The jaw-dropping scenery in Banff and Jasper National Parks is highlighted by more than 100 ancient glaciers, waterfalls cascading down dramatic rock faces, sweeping valleys and ultra-blue lakes. This amazing region boasts breathtaking views of Crowfoot Glacier, Bow Summit and Mistaya Canyon. Here, there's option to ride the specially designed "Ice Explorer" onto the surface of Columbia Glacier (not included - approx. \$120 CAD Per person & subject to suitable weather conditions). This afternoon, enjoy a short walk along the shore of Lake Louise and soak in the area's tranquil beauty, history and geography.

Distance travelled: approximately 420 km.

Overnight: Canmore Inn & Suites or similar

#### Day 7 - British Columbia National Parks to Abbotsford

Today is a big 9 hours of driving, but the journey will be punctuated with beautiful snow-capped mountain scenery and rest stops along the way. Travel westwards through three of Canada's most breathtaking National Parks: Mount Revelstoke, Glacier and Yoho. Take time to stop at the Eagle Pass and visit the 'Last Spike' of the transcontinental railway, which connects the East and the West. The final destination for our overnight stay will be the Abbotsford/Chilliwack area Distance travelled: Approximately 800 km.

Overnight: Comfort Inn or similar

#### Day 8 - Arrive Vancouver to board the Inside Passage Cruise

The last day on tour takes us to Vancouver, a bustling seaport on British Columbia's west coast. The culturally-diverse city boasts a thriving art, theatre and music scene. Its picturesque setting and mountain backdrop have made it a popular filming location. Enjoy an introductory tour of the city, including Chinatown, Gastown and Stanley Park. Then transfer to Canada Place in Downtown Vancouver in time to embark on your spectacular Alaska cruise aboard Holland America Line's 'Koningsdam'.

#### Cruise Itinerary

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Day 8	Vancouver, BC, Canada		4:00pm
Day 9	Inside Passage, AK (Cruising)		
Day 10	Tracy Arm (Twin Sawyer Glaciers), AK (Cruising) Service call only. Access to shore limited to shore excursion guests.		
Day 10	Juneau, AK	1:00pm	10:00pm
Day 11	Skagway, AK	7:00am	8:00pm
Day 12	Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve, AK (Cruising)		
Day 13	Ketchikan, AK	11:00am	7:00pm
Day 14	Inside Passage, AK (Cruising)		
Day 15	Vancouver, BC, Canada	7:00am	

## Day 15 - Disembark in Vancouver, BC, Canada - Fly to Australia

After breakfast, disembark *Koningsdam* at your designated time and make your own way to the airport for your flight home.

Please note: If you flight departs late in the evening, luggage storage is available at both the cruise port and Vancouver International Airport (fees apply).

Day 16 - In-Transit, Cross the International Date Line

Day 17 - Arrive in Australia

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

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## 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. Explore 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, 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.

#### **Glacier Bay**

On your day cruising Glacier Bay, see frosted peaks towering over green forests, view wide tidewater glaciers and take in the sounds - the creaks and groans of "living" ice, the calls of soaring birds or the splash of a humpback whale. Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve is carefully managed, with the number of ships limited each day. It pays to prepare for inclement weather, even in summer and dress for rain. Pack a hat, gloves, warm layers and waterproof gear to comfortably admire the landscape from the open deck of your ship. There are glaciers, fjords, inlets, rivers, streams and wildlife galore on Glacier Bay cruises, so bring those binoculars.

#### 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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