

Canadian Rockies Circle and Alaskan Cruise

- Journey aboard the Rocky Mountaineer Train
- Two night stay in Victoria

Accommodation	Quality Accommodation
Tour Code	URJWIV18
Tour Duration	18
Style	Escorted Touring & Cruising
Quality Meals	Includes 37 Meals
Tour Highlight	Stay overnight at The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Itinerary



Day 1. Arrive Vancouver, Victoria

Upon arrival at Vancouver International Airport, be transferred to the ferry for a scenic Georgia Strait cruise. Travel to Victoria, the charming capital city of British Columbia, famous for its distinct British feel. This evening join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for an informal Welcome Reception.

2 Night Stay: Victoria, Queen Victoria Hotel and Suites.

Day 2. Victoria Sightseeing

This morning visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens where you have ample time to explore the wonderful floral displays that have been delighting visitors for over 100 years. The remainder of the day is free to do as you please on Vancouver Island. Perhaps take a whale-watching cruise in search of orcas or enjoy a horse-drawn carriage your of the inner harbour and surrounds. Alternatively you could indulge in the famous English High Tea at the ivy-clad Empress Hotel. (All at own expense.)

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Day 3. Victoria, Vancouver

This morning board the ferry and return to the mainland. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vancouver, including the Waterfront, Gastown and Stanley Park. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore.

Vancouver, Blur Horizon Hotel

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Day 4. Sun Peaks

Travel out of Vancouver city and into the Cariboo area of British Columbia. Arrive at the summer playground of Sun Peaks.

Sun Peaks, Hearthstone Lodge

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Day 5. Yoho National Park, Banff

Travel through Glacier and Mt Revelstoke national parks, over the Kicking Horse Pass and through Yoho National Park. Arrive at the mountain town of Banff late this afternoon.

Two Night Stay: Banff National Park, Banff Park Lodge.

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Day 6. Banff Sightseeing

Today take a ride on the Banff Gondola on the shoulder of Sulphur Mountain and enjoy incredible views of the Canadian Rockies. With the rest of the day at leisure, perhaps visit the Fairmont Banff Springs or participate in a Banff Experience to view and learn more about the local township (own expense).

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Day 7. Banff, Lake Louise

Travel the short distance to arrive at the jewel of the Rockies, Lake Louise. This tranquil lake is renowned for its captivating turquoise waters, and breathtaking alpine backdrop.

Lake Louise, The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

What's Included

Tour Price Includes

- Seven night cruise of Alaska's coast
- Air-conditioned coach travel
- An experienced Tour Director & Driver
- Ten nights quality accommodation
- 37 delicious meals - 17 breakfast (B), 8 lunches (L) and 12 dinners (D).
- All must-see attractions
- Local airport transfers on the first and last day of your tour
- A special travel bag and a handy wallet containing touring documents

Tour Highlights

- Two nights in Victoria
- Sightseeing in Vancouver
- Stay in the village of Sun Peaks
- Explore Mt Revelstoke and Yoho national parks
- Stay overnight at The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
- Spend two nights in scenic Banff
- Drive into Athabasca Glacier
- Traverse the Rockies aboard the renowned Rocky Mountaineer train
- Cruise the Inside Passage
- Visit Juneau and Skagway
- Drive onto the Athabasca Glacier
- Visit Juneau

Day 8. Icefields Parkway, Athabasca Glacier

Journey along the spectacular Icefields Parkway, with vistas of glaciers, lakes and wildlife. Stop at Athabasca Glacier for an Explorer ride.

Jasper Tonquin Inn

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Rocky
Mountaineer
GoldLeaf
Upgrade

Day 9. Rocky Mountaineer, Kamloops

Early today board the Rocky Mountaineer train and relax in the comfort of RedLeaf class. Pass by Mt Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies at 3,954 metres. View the expansive glaciers of the Alberta Icefields and Pyramid Falls. See the snow-capped Monashee Mountains before following the Thompson River through the rolling plateaus arriving in Kamloops late this afternoon. Tonight perhaps take in an optional entertaining dinner show (own expense).

Kamloops, hotel assigned by Rocky Mountaineer Vacations

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- On the Rocky Mountaineer, you have the option to upgrade to GoldLeaf Service - the premier class. The glass-domed carriage is truly the ultimate way to traverse the spectacular landscape of the Rockies.

Day 10. Rocky Mountaineer, Vancouver

Rejoining the Rocky Mountaineer, continue westward towards the Pacific Ocean. See the thundering waters of Hell's Gates before entering the Fraser Canyon. View the towering peaks of the Coast Mountains and pass through the fertile fields of Fraser Valley. On today's journey you will see dramatic changes in scenery, from the desert-like environment of the interior, winding river canyons and forests surrounded by the peaks of the Coastal Ranges, to the lush green fields of the Fraser River Valley. Arrive into Vancouver late this afternoon.

Vancouver, Blue Horizon Hotel

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Day 11. Vancouver, Holland America Line Cruise

Board your Holland America Line cruise ship and settle into your comfortable inside stateroom as you sail north.

7 Night Stay: ms Zuiderdam

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Day 12. Inside Passage

Enjoy a day at sea as your ship wends its way past rocky headlands, over the still blue waters of the Inside Passage. Enjoy your cruise ship.

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Day 13. Juneau

Juneau was named after gold prospector Joe Juneau, after originally being known as Rockwell and the Harrisburg. Juneau has been Alaska's capital since 1906. This afternoon you'll have the chance to experience a dog sled ride over a glacier, sample salmon baked over a fire or pan for gold (own expense).

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Day 14. Skagway

At the northernmost point of the Inside Passage, Skagway's history as a frontier town and gate for the gold rush is still evident. Enjoy free time discovering what gold prospecting was like back then or take in the wildlife (own expense).

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Day 15. Glacier Bay

Wake up to the breathtaking sight of Glacier Bay National Park with its rivers of ice. Have your camera poised to catch glaciers calving. Rangers come on board to explain the geological wonders and point out the diverse wildlife.

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Day 16. Ketchikan

As the salmon capital of the world, Ketchikan is the place to indulge in all the things to do with salmon. Enjoy time at leisure and maybe join a walking tour of the town including a visit to the busy fishing harbour and the historic red light district, where the wooden houses that still stand today were built on stilts over the water. Or you can immerse yourself in the Tlingit Indian culture at Saxman Native Village (own expense).

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Day 17. Inside Passage

Heading south through the Inside Passage, watch the majestic landscape slip by.

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Day 18. Depart Vancouver

Disembark in Vancouver after breakfast. Enjoy time at leisure before you transfer to the airport.

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