

27 Day Fully Escorted from Melbourne Magnificent Rockies & Alaskan Cruise Tour Departing 12th June 2009

Day 1 : Home Port – Vancouver

Join your flight to Vancouver. On arrival you will be met and transferred to the heart of one of Canada's most beautiful cities and your hotel.

Two Night Stay: The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver



Day 2 : Home Port – Vancouver (D)

Free day to explore this picturesque city or rest and recover from your Pacific Flight. Visit Grouse Mountain or explore quaint Gastown. Tonight enjoy a "Welcome to Canada" reception and dinner (flight not included in Land Content Only price, please schedule your flight arrival no later than 5.00pm).

Day 3 : Whistler Village (B,D)

Today enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vancouver including the waterfront, Gastown, Chinatown, Stanley Park and Granville Island. Continue to the alpine resort of Whistler Village with time to explore the village's cobbled pathways and plazas. EXCLUSIVE to Scenic Tours

this evening, step into the world of the Black Bear with Michael Allen, a world leader in Black Bear research. Scenic FreeChoice Dining. This evening choose where to dine from a selection of restaurants in Whistler. Choose from either (1) Portebello or (2) The Wildflower at the Chateau or (3) The Clubhouse, (4) The Keg

Two Night Stay: The Fairmont Chateau Whistler - EXCLUSIVE to Scenic Tours

Day 4 : Whistler - Scenic Freechoice (B)

This morning you are free to choose one of the following Scenic Freechoice activities included in the tour at no extra cost. Choose from (1) Dog Sled Adventure; or (2) River of Golden Dreams Canoe Tour; or (3) Nature Walk; or (4) Peak to Peak Gondola; or (5) Glacier 4WD Tour; or (6) TreeTrek Adventure. This afternoon enjoy time at leisure.



Day 5 : Hat Creek Ranch - Sun Peaks (B,D)

Stop at Historic Hat Creek Ranch to learn about the Shuswap people. Continue to SunPeaks, this evening enjoy dinner and a historic look into the fur trading industry and life as a pioneer - EXCLUSIVE to Scenic Tours.

Overnight Stay: DeltaSunPeaks Resort or similiar

Day 6 : Cariboo Mountains - Tete Jaune Cache - Jasper National Park (B,D)

Travel through British Columbia's Cariboo region, enjoying tantalising glimpses of the soaring granite mountains of Canada's Rockies. Stand at the base of awesome, 3,954 metre Mt Robson before arriving into Jasper. This afternoon relax and perhaps enjoy a stroll around Lac Beauvert. Scenic FreeChoice Dining. This evening choose where to dine from a selection of restaurants in Jasper. (applicable to tours accommodated at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge only). Choose from either (1) The Emerald Lounge or (2) The Edith Cavell or (3) The Moose Nook Northern Grill or (4) Meadows Restaurant.

Two Night Stay: The FairmontJasperPark Lodge



Day 7 : Jasper Scenic FreeChoice (B)

This morning you are free to choose one of the following Scenic FreeChoice activities, included in the tour at no extra cost. Choose from (1) Guided walk on the 'Path of the Glacier'; or (2) Maligne Canyon and Lakes Tour; (3) Canoe on Pyramid Lake ;or (4) Rafting down the Athabasca River or (5) Maligne Lake Cruise; or (6) Motorcycle Tour; (7) Jasper Tramway. This afternoon enjoy time at leisure.

Day 8 : Icefields Parkway - Glacier 'Ice Explorer' (B,D)

Today as you continue south enjoy breathtaking mountain scenery along the Icefields Parkway, acclaimed as one of the most spectacular journeys in the world. Board the 'Ice Explorer' onto the mighty Athabasca Gla-



acier. Upon arrival at the beautiful Lake Louise enjoy a nature walk along the shoreline of the lake before dinner. Scenic FreeChoice Dining. This evening choose from a selection of restaurants at Chateau Lake Louise. Choose from (1) Fairview Dining Room, (2) Poppy Brasserie, (3) Glacier Saloon, (4) Walliser Stube, Tom Wilson Steakhouse.
Two Night Stay: The FairmontChateauLake Louise

Day 9 : Lake Louise at leisure (B)

Relax and enjoy a day at leisure Canada's "Diamond in the Wilderness". Perhaps enjoy Afternoon tea whilst overlooking the Aqua jeweled lake or if you want to get outdoors take a walk to the 'Tea House' one of the most walked trails in the Canadian Rockies.



Day 10 : Emerald Lake - Banff (B,D)

A relaxing morning before visiting Emerald Lake and Natural Bridge enroute to the township of Banff. Scenic FreeChoice Dining. This evening choose where to dine from a selection of restaurants in Banff. Choose from either (1) Bow Valley Grill or (2) Waldhaus Restaurant or (3) Castello Ristorante or (4) Grapes Wine Bar, (5) Samurai Sushi Bar and Restaurant.

Two Night Stay: The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

Day 11 : Banff - Scenic FreeChoice (B)

This morning you are free to choose one of the following Scenic FreeChoice activities, included in the tour at no extra cost. Scenic FreeChoice Inclusions. Choose from (1) Guided Nature Hike; or (2) Golf at Banff Springs Golf Course; or (3) Sulphur Mountain Gondola ride; or (4) BowRiver float trip; or (5) Lake Minewanka Cruise; or (6) Heli Flightseeing.

Day 12 : The Rocky Mountaineer Train – Kamloops (B,L,D)

Early morning transfer to Banff Railroad Station for a 2 day rail experience on 'The Most Spectacular Train Trip in the World.' Relax in your guaranteed Goldleaf carriage and experience unsurpassed levels of Dome Car service. Cross KickingHorsePass and view the glaciers and snowcapped mountains of RogersPass before arriving into Kamloops. Tonight, perhaps enjoy dinner and a show at Two River Junction or Lumberjack Show (optional dinner-show at own expense. Book with your travel agent).

Overnight Stay: Kamloops Hotel (as assigned by Rocky Mountaineer Vacations)

Day 13 : The Rocky Mountaineer – Vancouver (B,L)

Transfer back to The Rocky Mountaineer to continue your journey west. Follow the Thompson River and pass through the magnificent Fraser Canyon and Fraser River Valley before arriving into Vancouver.

Overnight Stay: The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Day 14 : EXCLUSIVE Capilano Suspension Bridge Nature Walk - Butchart Gardens - Victoria (B)

Today be the first to see the sunlight warm the dewed foliage and timbers of the forest with an early morning Exclusive Guided Nature Walk through the rainforest at Capilano Suspension Bridge. Later board the ferry to Vancouver Island and cruise through the Georgia Strait to Victoria.

Upon arrival visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens. Enjoy 22 hectares of wonderful floral displays including the spectacular Japanese, Italian and Rose Gardens at your own pace before returning to Victoria. Check in to the exclusive Fairmont Empress Hotel. While others come to photograph this hotel, you will be staying here for the next two nights.
Two Night Stay: The Fairmont Empress Hotel - EXCLUSIVE to Scenic Tours

Day 15 : Victoria Scenic FreeChoice (B,D)

Scenic FreeChoice Inclusions. Choose from (1) Historic Walking Tour and Afternoon Tea at the Empress; or (2) A Horse & Carriage Tour or (3) Salmon Fishing ; or (4) Whale Watching cruise in either a comfortable covered boat; or (5) or by high speed Zodiac inflatable boat; or (6) Scenic Floatplane Flight; or (7) Explore Victoria's Historical Past.

Day 16 : Vancouver - 7 Night Alaskan Cruise (B,D)

This morning transfer by ferry to the mainland to join your luxurious cruise ship for your 7 night voyage through the famed Inside Passage to Alaska. Check into your Verandah Stateroom on Holland America's ms Zuiderdam and settle-in for an unforgettable cruise.



Day 17 : Cruising the Inside Passage (B,L,D)

Spend the entire day cruising the Inside Passage one of the worlds' most spectacular waterways as your ship threads her way past forests of spruce and hemlock, mountains, islands and inlets.

Day 18 : Juneau, Alaska's Capital (B,L,D)

Arrive into Alaska's scenic capital city, Juneau. Learn the city's Gold Rush story, drop into the Red Dog Saloon or visit the fascinating Alaska State Museum. (Shore excursions are at own expense).

Day 19 : Skagway (B,L,D)



Sail into Skagway with plenty of free time to go ashore and stroll the weathered boardwalks and false-fronted buildings as you step back to the Days of 1898.

Day 20 : Glacier Bay (B,L,D)

Early this morning your cruise ship enters the iceberg-strewn waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, where 13 spectacular glaciers flow from surrounding mountains into the waters of the bay. Perhaps you will be lucky enough to see a pinnacle of ice 'calve' or break away from the face of a glacier to plunge into the bay. A National Park Service Ranger onboard the ship will help you spot wildlife, while pointing out sights and explaining glacier activity.

Day 21 : Ketchikan (B,L,D)

Arrive into picturesque Ketchikan. Take the opportunity to visit Totem-Bight State Park and walk through the forest to a replica Tlingit Indian Village. (Shore excursions are at own expense).



Day 22 : The Inside Passage (B,L,D)

A relaxing day as you travel south through the Inside Passage, shaped by glaciers millions of years ago.

Day 23 : Vancouver (B)

Disembark early this morning and transfer* to Vancouver Airport to board your flight to San Francisco. Two Night Stay.

Day 24: San Francisco

Free day to explore the sights of this magnificent city. From the Golden Gate Bridge, Fishermans Wharf and Pier 39, Union Square, ride the Cable Cars or take a ferry out onto the Bay to Alcatraz

Day 25: San Francisco

Spend the day at leisure exploring more of the sights or on last minute shopping before catching your evening flight home

Day 26 : Cross International Dateline

In flight, cross the international dateline.

Day 27 : Arrive Home Port

Your tour finishes upon arrival into your home port.

