# Canada Rockies & Alaska

Depart Cairns 11 September at 1.40PM arrive Sydney 4.35PM – Qantas

Accommodation: Quality Hotel CKS Sydney Airport IN: 11 September OUT: 12 September

Depart Sydney 12 September at 10.10AM arrive Vancouver 7.30AM – Air Canada Depart Vancouver 12 September at 9.00AM arrive Calgary 11.25AM – Air Canada

Commence the following tour in Calgary on the 12 September and ending in Vancouver on the 21 September

## Calgary

Welcome to Calgary! Your Tour Director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

## 2 Calgary - Banff National Park

The discovery of oil converted this ranching town into a sophisticated city. It is also home to the world-famous Calgary Stampede. Tour many of the city's attractions, including Canada Olympic Park, and the Saddledome. Motor west through the foothills and into BANFF NATIONAL PARK, gateway to the majestic Canadian Rockies. An orientation tour includes Banff's unspoiled beauty.

## 3 Banff National Park

Banff is one of Canada's favourite year-round resorts, with summer activities such as hiking, boating, and fishing. With a free day, your Tour Director will suggest an optional helicopter ride over the Canadian Rockies.

4 Banff National Park - Lake Louise - Columbia Icefield - Jasper National Park
Enjoy a day of scenic grandeur. First stop is Lake Louise, whose turquoise waters create a natural
mirror that reflects the surroundings. Up next: a stop at the COLUMBIA ICEFIELD to experience the
Ice Explorer, an all-terrain vehicle that travels on ice that is 750 feet (230 metres) thick. Then,
journey north into JASPER NATIONAL PARK, where precipitous gorges, snowcapped summits, and
lakes of exquisite blues and greens come into view as the motorcoach scales two mountain passes.
Later, your Tour Director suggests an optional float trip down the Athabasca River. Enjoy an
orientation tour of Jasper townsite upon arrival.

# 5 Jasper National Park

Today, join our optional excursion to Maligne Lake and Spirit Island, where you embark on a narrated cruise of the lake. The balance of the day is free to enjoy everything Jasper has to offerfrom guided hikes and quaint shops to meandering wildlife.

6 Jasper National Park - Mount Robson - Kamloops

Depart Jasper and follow the Fraser River to the base of Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. The Yellowhead Highway continues south along the mighty Thompson River, with spectacular views of the Monashee Mountains. Overnight in Kamloops.

## 7 Kamloops - Ferry Crossing - Victoria

As you travel through British Columbia's Coast Mountain Range to its majestic Pacific coastline, the vegetation changes from desert landscape to lush alpine forests. Board your ferry for the spectacular crossing to Vancouver Island. Sightseeing in Victoria includes worldfamous BUTCHART GARDENS, the Inner Harbour, Bastion Square, and Thunderbird Park. This evening, consider a stroll along the lively Waterfront Promenade.

## 8 Victoria

Today is free to explore on your own. You may choose to join an optional wildlife and whale-watching trip cruising the beautiful waters of the San Juan and Gulf Islands, looking for whales, porpoises, seals, and eagles. Your Tour Director will have ideas for enjoying this most British of Canadian cities.

## 9 Victoria - Ferry Crossing - Vancouver

This morning, set sail across the Strait of Georgia and through the spectacular Gulf Islands, an archipelago known for its climate. In Vancouver, city sightseeing includes STANLEY PARK, Gastown, Chinatown, and other famous landmarks. The remainder of the day is free to explore Robson Street and experience British Columbia's premier shopping and entertainment location.

#### 10 Vancouver

Your holiday ends this morning. You can extend your holiday with extra nights and explore Vancouver further with a variety of exciting excursions

Accommodation: Howard Johnson Hotel by Wyndham Vancouver IN: 21 September OUT: 22 September

Commence the following cruise in Vancouver on the Westerdam on the 22 September and ending in Vancouver on the 29 September

22nd Sep 2019

## Vancouver, Canada (more information)

Galleries, boutiques, colorful public markets, restaurants of every ethnicity: this vital port city has them all. Visit vibrant Chinatown and Stanley Park, with its 1,000 acres of forests, gardens, lakes and lawns in the heart of the city. Sample shore excursions: Highlights of Vancouver & Granville Island; Stanley Park & Scenic Grouse Mountain.

#### **Arrive**

#### **Depart**

16:30

23rd Sep 2019

Scenic Cruising the Inside Passage (more information)

#### **Arrive**

#### **Depart**

24th Sep 2019

Juneau, United States (more information)

Located at the foot of grand mountain peaks on the Gastineau Channel, the town of Juneau has the massive Mendenhall Glacier and the immense Juneau Icefields at its back door. Juneau is the place to let your imagination run wild. Explore the lush Tongass National Forest. Visit the rustic shops in town. Or get out and kayak, dogsled, raft, hike, whale watch, flightsee or fish. There s no end to the adventure because of the long daylight hours. Climb aboard the Mt. Roberts Tramway for a great spot to hike and shoot a souvenir photo.

#### **Arrive**

13:00

## **Depart**

22:00

25th Sep 2019

Skagway, United States (more information)

The sidewalks are all but rolled up in Skagway come winter, so you can only imagine the frightful conditions endured by the gold prospectors who passed through en route to the Yukon, with a mandatory ton of supplies to be hauled with them over the steep and treacherous Trail of '98. Today, summertime visits to Skagway require nothing of the sort, but you can still ride the antique White Pass & Yukon narrow-gauge railway up through silvery-purple rock faces, past Deadhorse Gulch, to see what it was like back then. Take your time and poke into every little store from the Trail Bench to Lynch & Kennedy's Dry Goods. The Red Onion Saloon, with its honky tonk piano and costumed barmaids, is a treasure trove of memorabilia featuring pictures of Klondike Kate, Peahull Annie and other vintage characters. To complete the picture of those rip-roaring days, visit the nostalgic Trail of '98 Museum. The Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park boasts restored buildings and wooden boardwalks that invite you to take a stroll into the past.

# Arrive

07:00

# Depart

21:00

26th Sep 2019

Scenic Cruising Tracy Arm (more information)

#### **Arrive**

08:00

# **Depart**

14:00

27th Sep 2019

Ketchikan, United States (more information)

Built out over the water and climbing weathered stairways, Ketchikan clings to the shores of Tongass Narrows

and drapes the mountains with a cheerful air. Besides the main attractions - Creek Street, the Tongass Historical Museum, Totem Bight State Park and Saxman Village, try a flightseeing trip to breathtaking Misty Fjords National Monument--a transformational adventure not to be missed. These deep water fjords left by retreating glaciers left granite cliffs towering thousands of feet above the sea and countless waterfalls cascading into placid waters. The souvenir photos you'll take from the pontoons of the plane are worth the trip alone.

## **Arrive**

08:00

# **Depart**

18:00

28th Sep 2019

Scenic Cruising the Inside Passage (more information)

#### **Arrive**

## **Depart**

29th Sep 2019

Vancouver, Canada (more information)

#### **Arrive**

07:00

Depart Vancouver 29 September at 11.45PM arrive Brisbane 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7.25AM – Air Canada

Accommodation: Airport Ascot Motel IN: 01 October OUT: 02 October

Depart Brisbane 02 October at 6.30AM arrive Cairns 8.55AM – Jetstar

Cost per person \$6,113\*pp and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 1 nights accommodation in Sydney
- 10-day tour including sightseeing as per itinerary
- 1 nights accommodation in Vancouver
- 7-night cruise in an ocean view cabin including all meals and entertainment
- 1 nights accommodation in Brisbane