

Travelabout's Canadian Rockies & Alaskan Cruise

Your Itinerary

Day 1 Sun 07 Aug Sydney to Vancouver

Tour group meet at Sydney airport at 8.00am for group check-in for Canada Airlines direct flight AC34 to Vancouver departing at 10.25am. Arrive in Vancouver at 7.30am (same day) and transferred to the Sandman Hotel. Early afternoon join a Vancouver Grand City Tour, discovering the highlights of this beautiful city. Tonight meet your tour director and fellow travellers for a tour briefing. O/n Sandman Suites on Davie
NB All passengers get complimentary home to airport transfers within 20km radius of their airport Melbourne and Brisbane passengers depart from domestic terminals at 6.00am and join the group in Sydney at the Air Canada departure lounge. Luggage will be checked through to Vancouver with immigration and customs completed in Sydney

Day 2 Mon 08 Aug Vancouver – Frazer Canyon – Kamloops – via Rocky Mountaineer

Morning transfer to board the Rocky Mountaineer.

Follow the Fraser River through snow-capped mountains, eventually arriving at Kamloops. The Rocky Mountaineer travels through some of Canada's most spectacular scenery. Breakfast and lunch are included. All passengers need to pack an overnight bag for the train journey. Suitcases will be transported separately to Banff and collected the following day. Continental breakfast and a cold lunch are included on board the Rocky Mountaineer and snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are also provided free of charge. O/n Kamloops Ramada Inn

Day 3 Tue 09 Aug Kamloops – Yoho National Park – Banff – via Rocky Mountaineer.

Board your train this morning and witness spectacular sights such as Shuswap Lake, the Monashee Mountains, and Glacier National Park. Travel through the heart of the Selkirk Mountains before entering the spectacular domain of Yoho National Park. The train winds through the Spiral Tunnels before climbing Kicking Horse Pass. Cross the Continental Divide and enter the province of Alberta and Banff National Park.
O/n Banff Spruce Grove Inn

Day 4 Wed 10 Aug Banff sightseeing

Morning sightseeing includes a visit to Sulphur Mountain for a Gondola ride, complete with panoramic views of Banff's spectacular scenery. The balance of the day is at leisure. Play golf, horseback ride, hike the many wilderness trails in the area, stroll through Banff, or simply relax at the hot springs. Your Tour Director will suggest an optional helicopter ride over the Canadian Rockies and can offer recommendations for dinner.
O/n Banff Spruce Grove Inn

Day 5 Thu 11 Aug Banff – Lake Louise

A day of scenic grandeur. Travel to Lake Louise and Yoho National Park. See the Natural Bridge spanning Kicking Horse River. Also visit Emerald Lake and Moraine Lake. Overnight in Lake Louise, where green-blue waters form a perfect mirror reflection of Mount Victoria. O/n Lake Louise Inn

Day 6 Fri 12 Aug Lake Louise – Columbia Icefields – Jasper

Scale Bow Pass with splendid views of Peyto Lake, then climb Sunwapta Pass to savour stunning vistas of alpine meadows, waterfalls, and massive glaciers. Next stop: 1,200-foot (365-metres) thick Columbia Icefields for a thrilling Ice Explorer ride. O/n Marmot Lodge

Day 7 Sat 13 Aug Jasper – Sun Peaks

Stand at the base of awesome, 12,970-foot Mount Robson. Travel through British Columbia's Gold Rush and Cariboo regions, enjoying tantalising glimpses of the soaring granite mountains of Canada's Rockies. Watch for wildlife as you continue to the internationally renowned Sun Peaks ski resort. O/n Coast Sundance Lodge

Day 8 Sun 14 Aug Sun Peaks – Whistler

Head south following the once treacherous Cariboo Wagon Trail. From Lillooet - "Mile 0 of the Gold Rush Route" - your motorcoach will follow the shores of Seton and Duffey Lakes with a mid-afternoon arrival in Whistler. There are plenty of optional activities to choose from, including flightseeing by floatplane over the lakes and glaciated peaks of Garibaldi Provincial Park. O/n Listel Best Western Hotel

Day 9 Mon 15 Aug Whistler – Victoria

This morning, set sail across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver Island. In Victoria, sightseeing includes Butchart Gardens, Empress Hotel, Legislative Buildings, Bastion Square, and Thunderbird Park.
O/n Royal Hotel & Scot Suites

Day 10 Tue 16 Aug Victoria at leisure

A day at leisure gives you the chance to stroll around the harbour, go shopping on Government Street, or have lunch in one of the many pubs. Your Tour Director will suggest several optional excursions, including a whale-watching cruise. O/n Royal Scot Hotel & Suites

Day 11 Wed 17 Aug Victoria – Vancouver

Board your ferry this morning back to the Canadian mainland, where you will transfer to your luxurious Holland America cruiseliner MS Volendam for a 7-night voyage through the famed Inside Passage. (D)

Day 12 Thu 18 Aug Cruising Inside Passage

Spend the day cruising one of the world's most spectacular waterways. Located along the coast of British Columbia, the Inside Passage is the longest sheltered inland waterway in the world. Watch the water for orcas and humpback whales. (B,L,D)

Day 13 Fri 19 Aug Juneau

See what many consider to be the most beautiful capital in the nation-Juneau, Alaska. The terrain is hilly and winding, and narrow streets create a small town quaintness that exist side-by-side with cosmopolitan sophistication. (B,L,D)

Day 14 Sat 20 Aug Skagway

Peacefully seated at the base of a river valley bordered by the Coast Mountains, Skagway takes you back more than a century to a time when this native fishing village was teeming with prospectors. Today, wooden sidewalks, old-fashioned saloons, quaint gift shops, and horse-drawn carriages serve as reminders of the Alaska Gold Rush days. (B,L,D)

Day 15 Sun 21 Aug Cruise Glacier Bay

This protected national park is home to 15 active glaciers and abundant wildlife, including seabirds, otters, and humpback whales. If you're lucky, you may witness enormous walls of ice crashing thunderously into the sea. (B,L,D)

Day 16 Mon 22 Aug Ketchikan

Home to the largest concentration of Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian people in the state, Ketchikan on Revillagigedo Island boasts the world's largest collection of totem poles. Equally impressive is its selection of museums and cultural centres featuring native dance, carvings, and artefacts. (B,L,D)

Day 17 Tue 23 Aug Cruising Inside Passage

Travel through the Inside Passage, shaped by glaciers millions of years ago. Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous dinner and onboard entertainment. (B,L,D)

Day 18 Wed 24 Aug Vancouver at leisure – Inflight

Cruise ends this morning and disembarkation between 8.30 and 10am. The rest of the day is at leisure to further explore the city. Maybe visit Grouse Mountain and Capilano Bridge, revisit Gastown or take a ferry ride around the harbour. At 8.30pm a group airport transfer from Sandman Hotel. Tonight you depart Vancouver on Air Canada flight AC33 at 11.50pm. O/n Inflight (B)

This morning we suggest you take a short taxi ride to the Sandman Hotel, where you can leave your luggage until your airport transfer.

Day 19 Thu 25 Aug Inflight

Crossing International Dateline

Day 20 Fri 26 Aug Arrive in Sydney

Arrive in Sydney at 8.15am and sadly your wonderful tour comes to an end, but your memories and new found friendships will continue.

Again, all passengers get complimentary airport to home transfers within 20km radius of their airport Melbourne and Brisbane passengers depart Sydney around midday for their return flight home.