

## Alaska cruise and the Canadian rockies

Depart Cairns 7th August at 5.50AM arrive Brisbane 8.00AM – Virgin  
Depart Brisbane 7th August at 10.05AM arrive Vancouver 6.40AM – Air Canada

Accommodation: Ramada by Wyndham Vancouver Downtown IN: 7th August OUT: 8th August

Commence the following cruise on the Koningsdam on the 8th August in Vancouver and ending in Vancouver on the 15th August

- **Day 1:** Vancouver

Sat 8 Aug 2020 | Depart 4:30 PM

- **Day 2:** Scenic Cruising Inside passage

Sun 9 Aug 2020

- **Day 3:** Tracy Arm Inlet

Mon 10 Aug 2020 | 9:00 AM To 9:30 AM

- **Day 3:** Juneau

Mon 10 Aug 2020 | 1:00 PM To 10:00 PM

- **Day 4:** Skagway

Tue 11 Aug 2020 | 7:00 AM To 8:00 PM

- **Day 5:** Glacier Bay

Wed 12 Aug 2020 | 7:00 AM To 4:00 PM

- **Day 6:** Ketchikan

Thu 13 Aug 2020 | 11:00 AM To 7:00 PM

- **Day 7:** Scenic Cruising Insi

Fri 14 Aug 2020

- **Day 8:** Vancouver

Sat 15 Aug 2020 | Arrive 7:00 AM

Accommodation: Ramada by Wyndham Vancouver Downtown IN: 15th August OUT: 16th August

Commence the following tour with Intrepid in Vancouver on the 16th August and ending in Calgary on the 25th August

#### Day 1: Vancouver

Welcome to Canada! Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm. If you do arrive early, perhaps explore the happening neighbourhood of Yaletown, or head to Granville Island to visit the colourful markets full of fresh produce and handcrafts. Vancouver's coastal setting is beautiful, bordered by an ocean harbour to the north and a river to the south. The majestic Coastal Mountains, often snow-capped, provide the eastern horizon, making it a picturesque place to spend a few days before the tour begins. After your welcome meeting, perhaps wander around downtown Vancouver, seek out a cheap dumpling joint in Chinatown or a craft beer in the Gastown neighbourhood.

#### Accommodation

- Hotel (1 night)

#### Meals Included

There are no meals included on this day.

#### Special Information

It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information at this time. If you are going to be late please let your travel agent or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place. If you can't arrange a flight that will arrive in time, or if you simply wish to explore Vancouver independently, we can assist with securing extra accommodation for you at the time of booking.

#### Day 2: Whistler

On your way out of Vancouver today, check out Stanley Park's carved totem poles, representing the historical crests of First Nations families and their clans. During the drive to Whistler you'll stop at the beautiful Shannon Falls, then learn more about First Nations art, history and culture at Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre. If you choose, you can refuel with a late lunch at the onsite cafe, serving a modern take on traditional First Nations food. In Whistler Village, enjoy free time to wander the bustling hub of shops and award-winning restaurants, all surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery. Later, you may like to join in on the Whistler nightlife by sampling one of the town's lively bars.

#### **Accommodation**

- Lodge (1 night)

#### **Included Activities**

- Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre Visit

#### **Meals Included**

There are no meals included on this day.

#### **Day 3: Whistler**

Stunning Whistler is ready to be explored, up the mountain or back down in the village. Perhaps buy yourself a ticket to ride the PEAK 2 PEAK gondola to enjoy unparalleled views of towering volcanic peaks and surrounding forest on the world's longest and highest lift. Once at the top, check out the nearby scenic walking trails, mountaintop restaurants and indoor interpretive displays. Otherwise, you could hire a bike and ride along the Valley Trail to Lost Lake, or go wildlife or wildflower spotting. If you're after something a little more cultured, perhaps hit the Audain Art Museum to see a selection of First Nations and British Columbian artwork.

#### **Accommodation**

- Lodge (1 night)

#### **Optional Activities**

- Whistler - Zip Trek Tour (1.5 hrs) - CAD129
- Whistler – Standard Mountain Bike Rental (full day) - CAD90
- Whistler - PEAK2PEAK Gondola - CAD64
- Whistler - Audain Art Museum - CAD18
- Whistler - Regular Bike Rental (half day) - CAD40

#### **Meals Included**

There are no meals included on this day.

#### **Day 4: Sun Peaks**

Drive through the mountains to Sun Peaks (approximately 4–5 hours). Sun Peaks township is set on one of many peaks along the mountain range and the views from the top are incredible. On arrival you may have time to explore the area by bike or on foot prior to your evening adventure, where you'll head out by canoe to an outpost for a four-course feast consisting of salad, bannock, soup, salmon, ribs and cookies. This is a taste of how the old fur traders used to travel and what they ate along the way.

#### **Accommodation**

- Hotel (1 night)

#### **Included Activities**

- Sun Peaks - 4 Course Fur Trader's Feast & Voyageur Canoe experience

### **Meals Included**

- Dinner

### **Day 5: Jasper**

Head to Jasper, one of the most photographed places in Canada. Jasper is the largest of Canada's Rocky Mountain parks, famous for wildlife such as elk, moose, deer, coyotes, grizzly bears and mountain lions, as well as smaller mammals and birds. During your free time in Jasper you'll have options to explore including hiking Whistler Mountain, mountain biking in the Valley of Five Lakes and riding the Jasper SkyTram – the highest and longest aerial tramway in Canada. Climbing to 2300 metres, the SkyTram provides spectacular views of the Rocky Mountains.

### **Accommodation**

- Hotel (1 night)

### **Included Activities**

- Jasper National Park - Entrance Fee

### **Meals Included**

There are no meals included on this day.

### **Day 6: Jasper**

Today is a free day in Jasper. Join the group on a visit to Maligne Lake for some hiking, and perhaps book yourself a cruise on the lake's shimmering blue waters past the much-photographed Spirit Island. Alternatively, a ride on the Jasper SkyTram is highly recommended if you didn't do it yesterday, as it provides stunning views over the township and surrounding mountains. For adventure seekers, Jasper is an excellent destination to hire a mountain bike and explore the surrounding trails which weave through dense forest and pass stunning lookouts.

### **Accommodation**

- Hotel (1 night)

### **Included Activities**

- Visit to Maligne Lake

### **Optional Activities**

- Jasper - SkyTram - CAD50
- Jasper - Mountain Bike Hire - CAD75
- Jasper - Cruise on Maligne Lake - CAD79

### **Meals Included**

- Breakfast

### **Day 7: Banff National Park**

Buckle up for Banff. Today is a long day, with many scenic stops and visits along the way (in total, up to 12 hours). In the morning, travel towards Banff, stopping off at the Columbia Icefields Centre, Athabasca Falls and Sunwapta Falls. Head into Banff National Park in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Banff is considered the oldest national park in Canada, showcasing the Rockies' valleys and

mountain chains which began forming up to 75 million years ago. The group will stop by the cliffs of the Weeping Wall and the Crowfoot Glacier on the way to the evening's accommodation.

#### **Accommodation**

- Hotel (1 night)

#### **Optional Activities**

- Icefields Parkway - Athabasca Glacier tour - CAD110

#### **Meals Included**

- Breakfast

#### **Day 8: Lake Louise / Banff National Park**

Today pay a visit to Lake Louise with the group. Take a walk around the turquoise lake (season depending) or check out the interior of the luxury mountain resort, Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Later, don an old-fashioned swimsuit and soak in the hot mineral waters of the local hot springs. If there is extra time today, you may like to take part in one of the many adventure activities available within the park. With its coniferous forests, alpine meadows, icefields and glaciers, the park is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. There are opportunities for canoeing, mountain biking, hiking or riding the gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

#### **Accommodation**

- Hotel (1 night)

#### **Included Activities**

- Banff Upper Hotsprings
- Visit to Lake Louise

#### **Optional Activities**

- Buffalo Nations Luxton Museum - CAD10
- Banff - Canoe Hire - CAD50
- Banff - Sulphur Mountain gondola - CAD62
- Banff - Horse Riding (1 hour) - CAD60
- Banff - Mountain bike hire (full day) - CAD45
- Banff - Cruiser bike hire (full day) - CAD38

#### **Meals Included**

Breakfast

#### **Day 9: Calgary**

Complete your crossing of the Rockies today on a drive to Calgary. Home to the famous Calgary Stampede, the city is growing at a rapid rate, largely thanks to oil and mining. While it may not be the most picturesque of cities, Calgary makes up for it with a budding dining and nightlife scene. Enjoy free time to chill out in Prince's Island Park, head up the Calgary Tower for great views or learn a new sport at Canada Olympic Park. In the evening perhaps head for dinner at one of the city's great restaurants.

#### **Accommodation**

- Hotel (1 night)

## **Optional Activities**

- Calgary - Olympic Park Entrance - Free
- Calgary - Calgary Tower - CAD18
- Calgary - Studio Bell (home of the National Music Centre) - CAD18

## **Meals Included**

- Breakfast

## **Day 10: Calgary**

There are no activities planned for today and you can depart the accommodation at any time, though please be sure to comply with any hotel check-out times.

## **Meals Included**

- Breakfast

Depart Calgary 25th August at 7.50PM arrive Vancouver 8.25PM – Air Canada

Depart Vancouver 25th August at 11.35PM arrive Brisbane 27th August at 7.15AM – Air Canada

Depart Brisbane 27th August at 9.40AM arrive Cairns 12.10PM – Virgin

Cost per person \$8609.00 and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 2 nights accommodation in Vancouver
- 7 night cruise in a balcony cabin including all meals and entertainment
- 10 day tour including 5 breakfasts, 1 dinner and sightseeing as per itinerary