Discover the towering beauty of Alaska and Canada on this 17-day tour, cruise and rail package. The Canadian Rockies are the stunning backdrop for a rail journey aboard the Rocky Mountaineer, while the pristine waters and breathtaking mountain peaks of the Alaska Inside Passage are the outlook for a seven-night cruise aboard the Celebrity Eclipse.

**At a glance**

Your journey begins with a day at leisure in the cosmopolitan city of Calgary, before the stunning scenery of the Rocky Mountains takes your breath away on the journey to Banff, Lake Louise and across the surface of Athabasca Glacier in the Columbia Icefield. Climb aboard Rocky Mountaineer for the 'First Passage to the West' journey from Banff to Vancouver through winding river canyons, pristine forests, Kicking Horse Canyon, the Continental Divide, Cascade Mountains and the lush fields of Fraser Valley. Enjoy a day at leisure in the port city of Vancouver before embarking on the seven night Alaska Hubbard Glacier cruise through the Inside Passage in search of wildlife including mountain goats, bald eagles, bears, puffins and more. This awe-inspiring package includes return international flights, two day SilverLeaf service aboard Rocky Mountaineer, a seven night Celebrity cruise, seven nights hotel accommodation, 30 meals, and so much more.

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The itinerary

Day 1
Australia – Calgary, Canada
Today depart from Sydney for Calgary! Fly with Air Canada, Delta Airlines, United Airlines or American Airlines to name a few (subject to availability). Upon arrival be met and transferred to the hotel. Please note: due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the night before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation which you will receive prior to departure.

Overnight: Fairfield by Marriott or similar, Calgary
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 3
Calgary – Banff
Today is spent at leisure in Calgary, a cosmopolitan city that has grown out of the Canadian west. It is steeped in tradition with stampedes and rodeo festivals, but balanced by modern culture, cool eateries and lively nightlife year round.

Overnight: Fairfield by Marriott or similar, Calgary
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4
Banff – Lake Louise – Columbia Icefields Experience – Banff
This morning you'll travel north from Banff along the famous Icefield Parkway. Characterised by soaring rocky mountain peaks, vast valleys, icefields and turquoise lakes, this is one of the most captivating drives in the world. Upon arrival at the Columbia Icefield, you'll jump aboard the 'Ice Explorer': a huge snow coach and your transport across the surface of the Athabasca Glacier. The glacier is approximately 6km long, covers an area of 6km², and is between 90–300m thick. Afterwards you’ll head back towards Banff, stopping along the way at picturesque Lake Louise, one of Canada's most iconic photo opportunities. Enjoy the remainder of the day in Banff at leisure. Today journey includes about five hours of travel time, excluding stops along the way.

Overnight: Ptarmigan Inn or similar, Banff
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5
Banff – Rocky Mountaineer Rail Experience – Kamloops
This morning after breakfast you’ll be transferred to the railway station to begin your Rocky Mountaineer experience. You’ll travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from Banff to Kamloops, in the heart of the British Columbia Interior. Enjoy the spectacular array of scenery as you travel between the glacier and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies, over mountain passes and through remarkable tunnels, along rocky lakeshores and across the ranch lands of the interior. Today’s highlights include the Continental Divide, the Spiral Tunnels, Kicking Horse Canyon, Rogers Pass, and Craigellachie, where the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven. Upon arrival into Kamloops you will disembark the train and transfer to hotel accommodation. The rest of the evening will be spent at leisure.

Overnight: Thompson Hotel & Conference Centre or similar, Kamloops
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch

Day 6
Kamloops – Rocky Mountaineer Rail Experience – Vancouver
After breakfast transfer from the hotel to the railway station to continue your Rocky Mountaineer Experience. Your journey continues towards the Pacific Ocean and the coastal city of Vancouver. You will again see dramatic changes in scenery, from the desert-like environment of the interior, through winding river canyons and pristine forests, to the coast and Cascade Mountains and the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley. Highlights include the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River and the rushing waters of Hell’s Gate in the Fraser Canyon. Your rail journey ends on arrival in Vancouver where you will be met and transferred onwards to your accommodation in the suburb of Richmond, south of the city centre.

Overnight: Thompson Hotel & Conference Centre or similar, Kamloops
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch

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Day 7
Vancouver Free Day
Today is free at leisure to explore this beautiful coastal city. Diverse, cultural and beautiful, Vancouver is among the world’s most liveable cities. A culinary capital, treat yourself to fresh local seafood, farm-to-table produce and authentic Asian flavours. West Coast architecture — modernism with a woody bent — emerged here. But while downtown shines with steel and glass, its epicentre is green Stanley Park, a 1,000-acre oasis of spectacular beaches, trails, and views.

Please note: the accommodation is located in the suburb of Richmond, approximately 30-minutes’ drive south of the Vancouver city centre. Taxi transportation into the city centre can be arranged through your hotel reception (not included), or alternatively you can take advantage of the SkyTrain metro system (not included). The nearest station is 10 minutes’ walk from your hotel.

Overnight: Pacific Gateway Hotel or similar in Richmond, Vancouver
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8
Vancouver – Begin 7-Night Celebrity Cruises Alaska Hubbard Glacier Cruise
Today you’ll enjoy another morning at leisure before transferring to the cruise port around midday to board your home for the next 7 nights: the ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship. The cruise will depart at 4.30pm.

Overnight: Celebrity Cruises ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 9
Inside Passage Cruising
Today takes you beyond the Inside Passage into the more protected Alaska Inside Passage. Home to diverse wildlife — orca, mountain goats, bald eagles, bears, puffins, sea otters and more — the complex labyrinth of fjords and bays are where whales and sea lions find refuge during the summer months. You’ll never forget the sight of 40-ton whales frolicking in the water and breaching, putting on a full aerobatic display. If you’re especially lucky, you could see whales swimming together to create a bubble net, trapping and eating fish by enormous mouthfuls.

Overnight: Celebrity Cruises: ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 10
Icy Strait Point or Sitka
Please note: The port visited on this day is dependent on your departure date.

Icy Strait Point – 3.30 to 10pm (12 May and 8 September departures dates)
For thousands of years, the Tlingit Indians have called this place home. Located near the city of Hoonah and home to a historic cannery, Icy Strait Point also offers travellers the chance to view wildlife like humpback whales, orcas, seals, eagles and brown bears, or to explore monuments to the region’s fishing heritage.

Sitka, Alaska – 9.30am to 8pm (30 June and 28 July departures dates)
A Russian settlement until the Alaska Purchase of 1867, Sitka’s Russian heritage is still very much rooted in the city. Visit St. Michael’s Russian Orthodox Cathedral for a pristine example of period architecture (not included). A walk along the promenade in Whale Park offers a chance to view breaching humpback whales while a trek into Sitka Historical Park reveals stunning coastal trails and 100-year-old totem poles (not included).
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**Overnight:** Celebrity Cruises: ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship
**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Day 11**
**Hubbard Glacier Cruising**
Enjoy incredible picture-perfect views from just about anywhere onboard, as a dedicated onboard naturalist narrates your experience and keeps an eye out for the whales, harbour seals and otters that hunt and play in the waters of Yakutat Bay. With its dramatic and massive 7-mile-wide face and ever-changing wall of ice, the Hubbard Glacier lives long in the memory of any visitor to Alaska.

**Overnight:** Celebrity Cruises: ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship
**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Day 12**
**Juneau, Alaska – 7.30am to 8pm**
Alaska’s remote capital, Juneau, sits in the state’s panhandle at the base of 3,819ft Mount Roberts. Here’s your chance to take a glacial dogsled adventure in Alaska’s capital (not included), where cultured sophistication meets the ruggedness of the Last Frontier.

**Overnight:** Celebrity Cruises: ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship
**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Day 13**
**Ketchikan, Alaska – 2pm to 8.30pm**
You’ve never tasted salmon so fresh. Known as the ‘salmon capital of the world’, Ketchikan is also the ancestral home of the Tlingit people, who have carved the world’s largest collection of totem poles. If you’re up for an adventure, take a canoe and nature trail excursion through the rainforest or a wilderness exploration followed by sumptuous crab feast you’ll long remember (not included).

**Overnight:** Celebrity Cruises: ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship
**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Day 14**
**Inside Passage Cruising**
Head back through the Alaska Inside Passage for another chance at seeing the amazing wildlife that call this area home.

**Overnight:** Celebrity Cruises: ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship
**Meals included:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Day 15**
**Vancouver, British Columbia – Arrive 7am – Depart for Australia**
Today you’ll arrive back in Vancouver and disembark the cruise ship after breakfast. The Canada Place cruise terminal is in downtown Vancouver in conveniently close proximity to entertainment, restaurants, shopping and attractions, and only 30 minutes from the Vancouver International Airport (YVR). Luggage storage facilities are also available (not included) so you may explore downtown without the restrictions of your baggage.

**Please note:** Flights will depart back to Australia from Vancouver International Airport (YVR) from early afternoon, through to late evening depending on your departure city and the airline used. Please note your departure airport transfers are not included and will be your own responsibility. This will allow you time to explore the city at leisure and depart on your own accord depending on your flight time. Canada Place Cruise Terminal is located just three minutes’ walk from the Waterfront Station, where Vancouver’s famous SkyTrain runs to Vancouver International Airport in under 30 minutes (not included).

**Meals included:** Breakfast, in flight

**Day 16**
**In Transit**

**Day 17**
**Arrive in Australia**

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Tour inclusions

Highlights
- Enjoy a day at leisure in Calgary, Alberta
- Discover Banff in the scenic Canadian Rockies
- Enjoy an orientation tour of Banff
- Travel along the jaw-dropping Icefields Parkway
- Ride the Ice Explorer on the Athabasca Glacier
- Admire the turquoise waters of Lake Louise
- Journey by rail through Rogers Pass in the heart of Glacier National Park
- Enjoy sweeping views of the Fraser River Valley and Fraser Canyon
- Cruise the beauty of the famed Inside Passage in Alaska
- Spot awe-inspiring wildlife including humpback whales and orcas
- See the famous Hubbard Glacier
- Discover Alaska’s remote capital city of Juneau
- Dock in Ketchikan, Alaska – the ‘salmon capital of the world’

Flights
Return economy class international flights departing Sydney

Accommodation
7 nights’ hotel accommodation

Rail
- 2-day SilverLeaf Service onboard Rocky Mountaineer
- Experience the ‘First Passage to the West’ route from Banff to Vancouver
- Pre-paid gratuities/tipping onboard

Cruise
- 7-night ‘Alaska Hubbard Glacier’ cruise with Celebrity Cruises
- Sail aboard the amazing ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship
- Selected entertainment and standard (pre-paid gratuities)

Dining
30 meals including daily breakfast

Tour essentials
- Airline, rail and cruise taxes and surcharges
- English speaking driver/tour leader on days 1 to 5

Transport
Transportation by private vehicles

Transfers
Transfer airport to hotel (day 1)
Transfer hotel to train station (day 5)
Transfer train station to hotel (day 5)
Transfer hotel to train station (day 6)
Transfer train station to hotel (day 6)
Transfer hotel to port (day 8)
Important information

Booking information
After purchase, you’ll receive a receipt and a purchase confirmation directing you to an online Passenger Booking Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras must be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the schedule of fees below.

On purchasing this travel offer you’re bound by the General Terms and Conditions in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this important information.

Please note: All additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant (unless otherwise stated)

Offer essentials
• Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until 8 September 2019
• Travel offer is valid for one person based on twin share

Single traveller supplement
For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:
• Inside Stateroom: $3,000
• Ocean View Stateroom: $3,750
• Verandah Stateroom: $4,050

Departure dates (2018)
May: 12
June: *30
September: 8

Surcharges
Please note: Dates/months with an * incur a high season surcharge of $500 per person

Departure cities
Sydney

Rocky Mountaineer service upgrade
GoldLeaf: $730 per person
• Upgraded rail service on both days and upgraded accommodation in Kamloops on day 5

Please note: This upgrade is subject to availability and must be chosen and paid for upon purchase of the holiday through our online check out or with one of our friendly reservation consultants over the phone.

Flights
Full service airline(s) used
Air Canada, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, American Airlines, Air New Zealand, China Southern, China Airlines, Air China, Korean Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability)

Arrive early
Not available

Stay behind in Vancouver, Canada
+$300 per person, subject to availability

Please note:
• This fee does not include extra nights’ accommodation, meals or airport transfers
• No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued
• Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking

Stopover packages
Not available

Flight class upgrades
Please note: Upgrades are subject to request only. Availability and pricing will be confirmed once your Passenger Information Form is returned to the NRMA.
**Important information**

**Cruises**

**Cabins**
All cabins are subject to availability. Some cabins may have restricted views.

**Accommodation**

**Accommodation used**
3 star (self-rated):
- Calgary: Fairfield by Marriott
- Banff: Ptarmigan Inn
- Kamloops: Thompson Hotel & Conference Centre
- Vancouver: Pacific Gateway Hotel, Richmond
- Cruise: Celebrity Cruises: ‘Celebrity Eclipse’ ship

**Please note:** Rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed no later than two weeks prior to travel.

**Extra nights**
Not available

**Maximum room capacity**
3 people, subject to availability

**Child policy**
- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children/infants 12 years old and over

**Please note:** Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

**Triple share**
No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

**Please note:** Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding

**Bedding configuration**
2 x single or 1 x queen/king (subject to availability)

**Adjoining or interconnecting rooms**
Subject to availability and at the hotel’s discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

**General tour information**

**Minimum group size** 30, **maximum group size** 48 per vehicle

**Optional tours/activities**

**Please note:**
- Shore excursions can be booked/reserved directly with the cruise line prior to travel (subject to availability)
- Shore excursions can also be booked whilst onboard (subject to availability)

**Exclusions**
- Visa fees and requirements (An ETA for Canada and ESTA Visa Waiver for the USA are strict requirements if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals and beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)
- Gratuities/tipping: Recommended on land ($2 CAD per person/day payable on tour for the coach drive/tour leader), mandatory on cruise (additional gratuities are payable on additional items and services such as wines and spa treatments)
- Optional activities/tours (including any ‘onshore’ excursions as part of cruise)
- Personal expenses
- Mandatory travel insurance

**Please note:** A comprehensive travel insurance policy must be organised before all details can be finalised.
Important information

Other important information

Climate and average temperature

Vancouver
Vancouver usually enjoys excellent summer weather characterised by very pleasant, warm days with abundant sunshine. The average daytime temperature in July is 22°C.

Banff
The climate in Banff is cold and temperate due to its elevation (1,400m). There is significant rainfall throughout the year in Banff, even in the driest month. Summer months are the warmest and attract a pleasant average high of 21.6°C and an average low of 7.3°C. Snow has been recorded during all months of the year.

Alaska
Alaska’s Inside Passage region has a temperate summer climate. Dry in early summer, with slightly more rain likely from August onward, temperatures average between 4°C and 20°C. The weather is changeable. Expect long days of sunlight.

Tour guide vs tour leader

Tour guide
Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour and ensuring everyone has a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour leader
An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

Cruise
Disembarkation
- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Cruise loyalty discounts
Please note: Travellers booked via the NRMA will not be entitled to receive any cruise line customer loyalty discounts. Similar to airline frequent flyer programs, this is outside of the NRMA booking process. However, customers may contact the cruise line directly upon receiving their NRMA travel documents to request any membership benefits they are entitled to.

Coach tour
Meals
Some meals are included in the tour. For all other meals the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food, and if necessary advise...
meals to be to be prepared with any medication you require.

**Luggage**
You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. You must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

**Gratuities**
Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip for the tour leader and driver is $2 CAD per person per day, which will be collected during the tour. Pre-paid gratuities onboard the cruise are included in the package price. Any optional extras purchased onboard the cruise will have up to an 18% gratuity added.

**Fitness level required/mobility**
Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note:* A basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

**Visas**
If travelling on an Australian passport, the following tourist visas apply:

- An ESTA (Visa Waiver) for the USA is a strict requirement when travelling to or flying through the USA. Once a USA ESTA Visa Waiver is issued it is valid for 2 years or until your passport expires (whichever is sooner) and will allow multiple entries into the USA. For information on ESTA eligibility or to apply, please visit: https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/

- An ETA for Canada is a strict requirement as of 15 March 2016. Apply via this link: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp

- Canadian dual citizens must check their visa/passport requirements prior to purchase as there have been consular changes made on 10 November 2016. Follow this link for more information: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/dual-canadian-citizens.asp

*Please note:*
- Due to recent changes in the USA immigration policies, the NRMA recommend all travellers visit US Customs & Border Protection website: www.cbp.gov/
- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required

**Schedule of fees**

**Voluntary changes**
This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring airline ticket or travel voucher reissue.

- **1st change** - $100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider
- **2nd change** - $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider
- **Subsequent changes** - $250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider

**Changes within 30 days of departure**
- $350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/other travel provider

**Changes within 14 days of departure**
- $500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider

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**Name changes due to passenger error**
If the incorrect name has been advised to the NRMA, charges of $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/other travel provider will apply.