

16 NIGHTS VISITING THE ROCKIES, YELLOWSTONE, THE INSIDE PASSAGE AND MORE, WITH FLIGHTS INCLUDED.



This North American wilderness explorer takes you to the spectacular Yellowstone National Park, before discovering the majesty of the Canadian Rockies and cruising Alaska. With unbeatable scenery and breathtaking experiences, this once in a lifetime journey showcases the natural splendour of Canada and the USA.

At a glance Multiple bucket list adventures come together in this incredible 18 day tour of Yellowstone National Park, the Canadian Rockies, and Alaska's Inside Passage. Witness the beauty of Banff, Yoho and Glacier National Parks, and pause to admire Bow Falls and the turquoise waters of Moraine Lake. You'll visit the unique Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, cross the border into Montana, and head on to Yellowstone. Here, spouting geysers, bubbling mud pots and spectacular multi-coloured hot springs are just the beginning of this geological wonderland. When it seems the trip can't get any better, you'll set sail on a thrilling 7 night Alaskan cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas. With return flights, air conditioned transportation, all transfers included and more, this trip will prove to be a life changing adventure.

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Offer available for a limited time or until sold out.



# The itinerary

# Day 1

## Australia – Vancouver

Today you depart from either Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide<sup>\*</sup> or Perth<sup>\*</sup> to Vancouver. You'll fly with either Delta Airlines, United Airlines or American Airlines, subject to availability. Upon arrival, you'll be met with a transfer to your hotel.

*Overnight*: Pacific Gateway Hotel, Coast Vancouver Airport Hotel or Sandman Hotel, Richmond. *Meals included*: Inflight meals.

# Day 2

#### Vancouver – Vernon

This morning you start the day in the historic seaport city of Vancouver – also the cosmopolitan capital of Western Canada – before travelling along the Trans-Canada Highway. You'll pass through Fraser Valley and head east towards Kelowna, the heart of the Okanagan Valley and home to worldclass vintners and a vibrant wine community. You'll hear the legendary story of Lake Okanagan, including the mythical 'Ogopogo' lake monster before settling in Vernon for the evening.

*Overnight*: Holiday Inn Express, Best Western or Village Green Hotel, Vernon.

# Day 3

#### Vernon – Lake Louise – Moraine Lake – Banff

Today you journey through four of Canada's most breathtaking National Parks; Mount Revelstoke, Glacier, Yoho and Banff. On the way, you'll stop at Eagle Pass and visit the 'Last Spike' of the transcontinental railway, where the east is connected with the west. Enjoy a walk along the shore of Lake Louise, soaking up the tranquil beauty, history and geography of the area. Later, explore another great icon of the Canadian Rockies – Moraine Lake – crowned by ten notable mountain peaks.

Overnight: Banff Inn, The Banff Centre, Inns of Banff, Banff.

# Day 4

### Banff – Icefields Parkway—Athabasca Glacier—Columbia Icefield – Banff

From the comfort of your coach, enjoy a sightseeing drive of Banff including Bow Falls – featured in the 1953 Marilyn Monroe film 'River of No Return' – and the historical Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. Then you'll head for the Icefields Parkway in Banff and Jasper National Parks. For an extra experience, you can choose to ride the 'Ice Explorer' onto the surface of the Columbia Glacier at an additional cost. Considered one of the most beautiful drives in the world, the scenery is punctuated by more than 100 ancient glaciers, waterfalls cascading from dramatic rock sprees and turquoise lakes set in sweeping valleys. Views of Crowfoot Glacier, Bow Summit, Mistaya Canyon are the cherries on top of this amazing part of the world.

*Overnight*: Banff Inn, The Banff Centre Hotel, Inns of Banff, Banff.

# Day 5

## Banff – Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump – Shelby, Montana

This morning you travel south along the Macleod Trail. Just outside Fort Macleod you'll pay a visit to Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This historic site bears witness to a method of buffalo hunting practiced by native people of the North American plains for nearly 6,000 years. Then you'll cross the Canada-US border and step into the 'Big Sky Country', where you'll enjoy the starry canopy for the evening in Shelby, Montana.

Overnight: Comfort Inn or Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites, Shelby.

# Day 6

#### Shelby – Yellowstone

Today it's onwards to Yellowstone, established in 1872 as the world's first National Park. You could spend a year in Yellowstone and still only scratch the surface of its wonders. Watch in awe as the Old Faithful geyser erupts water nearly 30m into the air and take a guided walk with a local specialist



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to learn all about spouting geysers, bubbling mudpots and turquoise hot springs.

*Overnight*: Absaroka Lodge, Super 8, Rodeway Inn & Suites, Big Rock Inn or Comfort Inn – all situated near Yellowstone National Park. Lodge will be confirmed in your documents.

# Day 7

#### Yellowstone National Park sightseeing

Spend the day exploring Yellowstone and be swept away by the complexity and natural beauty of this unique environment. View geologic and natural wonders including painted mudpots, geysers, prismatic pools, and an abundance of wildlife. The routing and areas visited within Yellowstone are subject to favourable weather and road conditions. When conditions are unfavourable, routing may be adjusted accordingly.

*Overnight*: Absaroka Lodge, Super 8, Rodeway Inn & Suites, Big Rock Inn or Comfort Inn – all situated near Yellowstone National Park. Lodge will be confirmed in your documents.

# Day 8

#### Yellowstone National Park – Coeur d'Alene/Spokane region

Put on your boots, today we're riding through cowboy country on our way from Montana to Idaho. This scenic drive is filled with American history; meandering rivers once brimming with gold and an abundance of wildlife attracting rugged mountain men, gold miners, and pioneers of the frontier days. Sparsely inhabited, it's easy to imagine the American West as it was and remains today. You'll finish the day in the beautiful region of Coeur d'Alene. The locals are very proud of the dozens of lakes that characterise the area, left behind by glaciers of the ice age.

Overnight: My Place Hotel or Days Inn, Coeur d'Alene/Spokane Region.

# Day 9

#### Coeur d'Alene region – winery – Seattle

Depart for the rolling wheat fields and wine country of the eastern

Washington state as you travel towards the vibrant city of Seattle. Washington is now the second largest wine producing state in the US, and you'll make a stop at a local winery to taste the best wines the state has to offer. Pass by the Columbia Gorge, partially tracing the historic route of Lewis and Clarks' expedition before entering gorgeous mountain passes heading west for Seattle.

*Overnight*: Hotel Ramada Tukwila, Ramada Hotel Kent, Comfort Inn Kent or Quality Inn & Suites, Seattle.

# Day 10

#### Seattle – Alaska Inside Passage cruise

After breakfast catch your transfer to Seattle Pier to board your home for the next 7 nights – the Explorer of the Seas. Everything in Alaska is bigger, including the adventures. From the awe inspiring blue ice of glacial fields to the expansive grandeur of its wildlife and nature, Alaska is a land of natural wonder.

*Overnight*: Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas, departing at 4pm. *Meals included*: Lunch and dinner.

# Day 11

#### At sea

Spend the day exploring the ship and admire the scenery passing by aboard the comfort of the Explorer of the Seas.

*Overnight*: Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. *Meals included*: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

# Day 12

#### Alaska Inside Passage cruising – Juneau, Alaska

This morning you'll marvel at the mind-blowing scenery of the famed Inside Passage as the cruise heads on to Alaska's capital, Juneau. Arriving at around midday, you have the afternoon free to spend exploring this beautiful seaside city.

*Overnight*: Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. *Meals included*: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.



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# Day 13

### Skagway, Alaska

Skagway was founded when gold was discovered just across the border from Alaska in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory, spurring the historic Gold Rush of 1898. As thousands of gold-crazed adventurers sought the best starting point for their arduous trek, they found the best way in by boat was at the northern tip of the Lynn Canal, which became Skagway.

*Overnight*: Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. *Meals included*: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

# Day 14

#### Scenic cruise of the Tracy Arm Fjord

Nestled between 914m high granite walls, the narrow, twisting slice of ocean called Tracy Arm Fjord weaves through the Tongass National Forest for roughly 55km. The coastline is dotted with waterfalls created by melting snowcaps and trees sprouting at odd angles from rocky outcrops. You'll have ample time to admire the landscape and perhaps catch sight of a few native animals as you cruise through this port.

*Overnight*: Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. *Meals included*: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

# Day 15

#### At sea

Spend the day exploring the ship and admire the scenery passing by aboard the comfort of the Explorer of the Seas.

*Overnight*: Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. *Meals included*: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

# Day 16 Victoria, British Columbia

Located on the southern tip of Vancouver Island, the city of Victoria is probably best known for its mild climate and active outdoor lifestyle. In fact, the city has been named the 'fittest city' in Canada more than once. The capital of British Columbia is very tourist friendly and among its attractions are world famous gardens, 150 years of British history, gourmet dining and fantastic shopping. Today you can spend the hours between 9am and 6pm exploring everything this scenic city has to offer.

*Overnight*: Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas. *Meals included*: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

# Day 17

#### Seattle – Australia

The ship arrives at Seattle Pier around 6am and you'll enjoy breakfast before disembarking. You'll be met at the pier to begin a full day sightseeing tour of Seattle's highlights. These include attractions like the Space Needle, Pioneer Square, Lake Union and the Ballard Locks. You'll have the lunch hour to explore Pike Place Market and taste what's on offer before meeting the Seattle Airport transfer to catch your return flight to Sydney.

Meals included: Breakfast.

# Day 18

In transit Meals included: Inflight meals.

## Day 19 Arrive back in Australia.

Please see important information for more details.



# Inclusions

# **Flights**

• Return economy flights from either SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL\*/PER\*.

# Accommodation

• 9 nights hotel accommodation.

# Cruise

- 7 night cruise of Alaska's Inside Passage with Royal Caribbean Cruises.
- Sail aboard the Explorer of the Seas.
- All onboard meals, entertainment and prepaid gratuities included.

# **Highlights**

- Visit Okanagan Valley, home to worldclass winemakers.
- Journey through breathtaking national parks including Banff, Yoho, Glacier and Mount Revelstoke.
- Stop at Eagle Pass and visit the 'Last Spike' of the Transcontinental Railway.
- Soak up the tranquil beauty of Lake Louise and Lake Moraine.
- See Bow Falls and the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.
- Enjoy the stunning scenery of Jasper National Park.
- Discover UNESCO listed Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump.
- Experience 'Big Sky Country' of Montana.
- Explore Yellowstone, the world's first national park.
- Visit the reliable 'Old Faithful' geyser.
- Travel through cowboy country from Montana to Idaho.
- Learn about the frontier days and American history.
- Go wine tasting in Washington.
- Dock in Juneau, Skagway and Victoria, British Colombia.
- Experience the beauty of the inside passage.
- Discover Alaska's remote capital city of Juneau.
- Explore the gold rush town of Skagway.

- See the waterfalls and mountain peaks of Tracy Arm Fjord.
- Visit British Columbia's capital city, Victoria.
- Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Seattle.
- Explore Seattle's vibrant Pike Place Market.

# **Tour essentials**

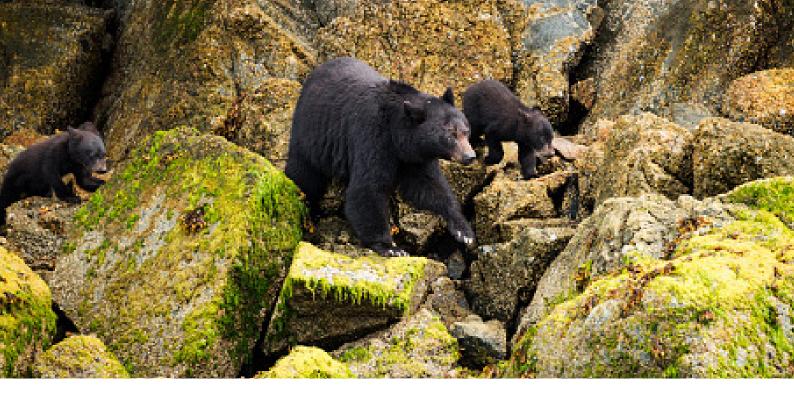
- Professional English speaking guides.
- Includes airline and cruise taxes and surcharges, and national park fees.

# **Transport**

• Transportation by A/C vehicles.

# **Transfers**

• All transfers.



# **Booking information**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a 'Purchase Confirmation' email. You will also be directed to an online passenger information form. You must complete your passenger information form 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 are bound by the suppliers standard 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 the NRMA (unless otherwise stated).

# **Offer essentials**

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### Single traveller supplement

- For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies
  - Interior Stateroom: \$2,900
  - Ocean View Stateroom: \$3,600
  - Balcony Stateroom: \$4,400

## **Departure cities**

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide\* or Perth\*.

## Departure dates

16, 30 May, 6 June & 22 August 2018

#### Interstate surcharges

Adelaide or Perth: \$350 per person.

# **Flights**

## Airline(s) used

Delta Airlines, United Airlines or American Airlines (subject to availability).

## Arrive early in Vancouver, Canada.

- Not available between 15 June 20 July.
- \$300 surcharge per person, subject to availability.

*Please note*: This fee doesn't include extra night's 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.

## Stay behind in Seattle, USA.

- Not available between 1 July 26 July and 25 September 18 October.
- \$300 surcharge per person, subject to availability.

*Please note*: This fee doesn't include extra night's 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.

## Flight upgrades

All upgrades are subject to availability. Please request a quote from your consultant or include the request on your passenger information form.

# **Cruises**

## Cabins

All cabins are subject to availability and some cabins may have restricted views.

# Accommodation

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## 3-4 star (self-rated)

- Vancouver, BC: Pacific Gateway Hotel, Coast Vancouver Airport Hotel or Sandman Hotel, Richmond.
- Vernon, BC: Holiday Inn Express, Best Western or Village Green Hotel.



- Banff National Park, AB: Banff Inn, The Banff Centre or Inns of Banff.
- Shelby, Montana, USA: Comfort Inn or Best Western Shelby Inn & Suites.
- Yellowstone, USA: Absaroka Lodge, Super 8, Rodeway Inn & Suites, Big Rock Inn or Comfort Inn.
- Coeur D'alene, Idaho or Spokane Washington, USA: My Place Hotel or Days Inn.
- Seattle, Washington, USA: Hotel Ramada Tukwila, Ramada Hotel Kent, Comfort Inn Kent or Quality Inn & Suites.
- Royal Caribbean cruise: Explorer Of The Seas.

*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 less than two weeks prior to travel.

#### Extra nights (pre/post tour)

- Vancouver (pre-tour): \$280 per room.
- Seattle (post-tour): \$220 per room.

*Please note*: Extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability at the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

#### Maximum room capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

#### **Child policy**

- No child discounts available. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Tour is strictly valid for children/infants more than one year old.

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

#### **Triple share**

No discounts apply for travelling with a third person. Full price applies and is subject to availability.

#### **Bedding configuration**

Double or twin bedding (subject to availability).

#### **Adjoining rooms**

Subject to availability and at the hotels' discretion. Please enquire when booking if you require this option.

## **General tour information**

Minimum group size is 10, with a maximum group size of 52 per vehicle.

#### **Optional activities/tours**

- Columbia Icefield 'Ice Explorer' ride in the Jasper National Park: \$80 CAD (approx. \$79 AUD).
- Prices are per person, subject to availability, time and weather permitting, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.
- Shore excursions can be booked or 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 (ESTA Visa Waiver for the USA and an ETA for Canada are strict requirements if travelling on an Australian passport).
- Meals and beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants on board cruise).
- Gratuities/tipping: Recommended land gratiuities are \$10 USD per person/day (\$10 USD in total for driver and guide). Mandatory cruise gratuities on any additional purchases made onboard.
- Optional activities and tours, including any onshore excursions as part of cruise.
- Personal expenses.
- Mandatory travel insurance: A comprehensive travel insurance policy must be organised before all details can be finalised.



# Other important information Cruise

- Disembarkation usually begins 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.

# **Coach tour**

#### Meals

- No meals are included on the land tour, however the tour manager will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants.
- You can also enquire about any allergies and if necessary advise meals to be to be prepared with any medication you require.

#### Luggage

- You are responsible for all personal belongings while 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 offloading of luggage from the coach.

#### Gratuities

- Tips are not included in the tour price for services of the tour manager and driver throughout the tour.
- The recommended tip for the tour manager and driver is \$10 USD per person/day, which will be collected by the tour manager whilst on tour.

#### Fitness level/mobility required

• Our coaches are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

• Please note that a basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase and travel.

#### Visas

- If you're travelling on an Australian passport, an ESTA (Visa Waiver) for the USA is a strict requirement when travelling to or through the USA.
- Once a USA ESTA Visa Waiver is issued, it's 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, visit esta.us/australia.html
- An ETA for Canada is also a strict requirement as of 15 March 2016. To apply, visit cic.gc.ca
- Due to recent changes in USA immigration policies, it's recommended that all travellers research US Customs and Border Protection before travel.
- 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.

### 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.