

**2022 CANADIAN ROCKIES, ROCKY
MOUNTAINEER & ALASKAN CRUISE
SMALL GROUP TOUR**



22-day Tour Fully Escorted from Maitland by Curly Gladman
13 August - 03 September 2022

\$15,500* pp twin share

Single supplement \$1,800pp

Earlybird Special: Book before 31 December 2021 & save \$1,000 per couple!

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Day 1 Sat, 13 Aug. Depart Maitland for Sydney
Overnight at a Sydney airport hotel.

Day 2 Sun, 14 Aug. Depart Sydney for your flight to Calgary, Canada
On arrival transfer to your hotel. Afternoon city tour of Calgary. (D)

Day 3 Mon, 15 Aug. Arrive Banff (B,D)
Today we will travel to Banff in the majestic Rocky Mountains. Banff is a picturesque town located within Banff National Park. With Mount Rundle and Mount Cascade dominating the skyline, it is the quintessential Rocky Mountains town. This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a tour briefing and Welcome Dinner. Please book your flight to arrive no later than 3pm. Two Night Stay: Ptarmigan Inn or similar

Day 4 Tue, 16 Aug. Banff and Lake Louise Sightseeing (B)
Make your way out of Banff and prepare yourself for one of the highlights of your journey, Canada's "Diamond in the Wilderness", the gorgeous Lake Louise. Spend time relaxing and exploring the surrounds of this iconic and beautiful area. Take a walk around the edge of the lake and gaze at the towering mountains or venture inside the phenomenal Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise Hotel. Return to Banff and enjoy a sightseeing tour including the Bow River, the Hoodoos and Bow Falls.

Day 5 Wed, 17. Aug Glacier 'Ice Explorer' – Jasper (B,D)
This morning, we travel north along the Icefields Parkway, acclaimed as one of the most spectacular journeys in the world. Enjoy breathtaking mountain scenery as you pass rugged peaks and glaciers fringed by thick forest and shimmering lakes. We make a stop at the Columbia Icefield, North America's largest sub-polar ice pack, where you'll climb aboard the 'Ice Explorer' for a once-in-a-lifetime journey onto the mighty 300 metre thick Athabasca Glacier. The day's end finds us in Jasper National Park, an alpine wonderland of pristine wilderness with an abundance of wildlife that can often be spotted roaming around the town. You're Invited: Walk above the Rockies deepest canyon; Maligne Canyon, then dine at Wilderness Kitchen an original Canadian smokehouse located at the canyon trailhead. Overnight Stay: Lobstick Lodge or similar

Day 6 Thu, 18 Aug. Rocky Mountaineer – Kamloops (B,L)
Today set off on "The Most Spectacular Train Journey in the World". Settle back in your SilverLeaf carriage (upgrade to GoldLeaf at additional expense) and enjoy stunning views of the soaring mountains as you journey towards Kamloops. Overnight Stay: Kamloops Hotel (as assigned by Rocky Mountaineer)

Day 7 Fri, 19 Aug. Rocky Mountaineer – Vancouver (B,L)
Continue our journey onboard the Rocky Mountaineer following the Thompson River and passing through the magnificent Fraser Valley. Late afternoon, we arrive into Vancouver.
Two Night Stay: Residence Inn by Marriott

Day 8 Sat, 20 Aug. Vancouver Sightseeing (B,D)
Enjoy a Vancouver sightseeing tour including Chinatown, Gastown and waterfront area with its lively shops and restaurants. This evening, visit Stanley Park. See the intricately carved totem poles before soaking in the sublime views at Prospect Point where you'll enjoy dinner.

Day 9 Sun, 21 Aug. Vancouver – Seattle – 7 Night Alaskan Cruise (B,D)
Transfer south and cross the US border. Enjoy coastal scenery and forested countryside before arriving in the "Emerald City", Seattle. Farewell your Tour Director as you board your luxurious cruise ship and check into your comfortable ocean view staterooms on the Holland America Cruise Ship ms Oosterdam. Settle in for an unforgettable 7 night voyage through the famed Inside Passage.

Day 10 Mon, 22 Aug. Scenic Cruising (B,L,D)
Relax as you cruise one of the world's most spectacular waterways. Take advantage of the ship's many outstanding facilities, or simply relax on deck and watch unmatched scenery glide by.

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Day 11 Tue, 23 Aug. Stephens Passage – Juneau (B,L,D)

Sail picturesque Stephens Passage, known for its wildlife and dramatic beauty before arriving into Juneau. Perched on a thin strip of land at the mouth of Gold Creek, Juneau is arguably one of America's most beautiful state capitals, with the looming summits of Mt. Juneau and Mt. Roberts providing a gorgeous backdrop.

Day 12 Wed, 24 Aug. Hubbard Glacier (B,L,D)

Enter the narrow inlet of Deception Bay and sail up to the impressive Hubbard Glacier. Known for its sheer size and high levels of activity, it's not uncommon to see a large piece of ice calve from the face of this gnarled glacier and land with a thunderous boom in the bay. Wildlife is prolific in this area and chunks of ice that break off become floating islands for seals who like the icebergs because orca sonar doesn't work well among them.

Day 13 Thu, 25 Aug. Sitka (B,L,D)

In and around Sitka, you'll witness a unique slice of Alaskan history not found anywhere else. Russia controlled Alaska from the mid-1700s until the United States purchased it in 1867. You'll still see vestiges of Russia's influence, including the unmistakable onion dome of St. Michael's Cathedral and the Russian Bishop's House, both National Historic Landmarks.

Day 14 Fri, 26 Aug. Ketchikan (B, L, D)

Welcome to the salmon capital of the world! Part of the town is built along a steep hillside and part is built on pilings over the water. Rich native history and an outstanding collection of totem poles makes the town an essential stop for anyone interested in native art.

Day 15 Sat, 27 Aug. The Inside Passage – Victoria (B,L,D)

Today is a day of relaxation. Take advantage of the ship's many outstanding facilities, or simply relax on deck and watch unmatched scenery glide by as you travel south through the Inside Passage. Approximately 6.00 pm disembark in Victoria for a 3 night stay in this fantastic city.

Day 16 Sun 28 Aug. Victoria BC (B, D)

Hop on Hop off tour of Victoria. Don't miss the Water Ballet on Victoria Harbour at 10.45 am.
Dinner tonight is at Frankie's Diner

Day 17 Mon 29 Aug. Victoria BC (B)

This morning visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens, a 22 hectare showplace of magnificent, colourful gardens. Learn about the history and flora while exploring the gardens. The BC Museum is a must see.

Day 18 Tue 30 Aug. Depart Victoria for San Francisco (B,D)

Disembark early this morning and transfer to Victoria Airport to board your flight to San Francisco. Arrive San Francisco, clear immigration and customs and transfer to our hotel near Fisherman's Wharf for our 2 night stay. (Dinner tonight at Bubba Gump's)

Day 19 Wed 31 Aug. San Francisco. (B)

After breakfast board your Hop on Hop off Big Bus for a City Tour. The pass is valid for 48 hours. After lunch (own expense) we take a tour of Alcatraz. Tonight, explore Fisherman's Wharf and have dinner at one of the many food outlets (Own Expense) or take the Big Bus Night tour. Departs at 6.30 pm

Day 20 Thr 1 Sep. San Francisco – Home (B)

Our Last day in San Francisco. Get in any last minute shopping and sightseeing. Using you Big Bus pass. We have our hotel rooms until 6.00 pm when we will be transferred to the airport for our flight home.

Day 21 Sun 2 Sep. In flight, cross the international date line and lose a day.

Day 22 Mon 3 Sep. Arrive in Sydney and transfer back to Maitland.

Meals Included: Dinner, Breakfast inflight.

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Inclusions:

- Fully escorted from Maitland by Curly Gladman
- Private transfer to Sydney and return
- 7-day Canadian Rockies Experience including the services of an Evergreen Tour Director, Welcome and Farewell Dinners, and all tipping and gratuities
- 7-night luxury Holland America Line cruise
- 2-day Rocky Mountaineer Rail Experience (SilverLeaf)
- 3 nights in Victoria, British Columbia
- Premium First Class hotels including all hotel service charges and portage while on Rockies Tour.
- Return airport transfers
- Port taxes and charges
- Cruise the famed Inside Passage
- Travel along the Sea to Sky Highway
- Discover Vancouver's famous sights
- Ride the Ice Explorer onto Athabasca Glacier
- Explore Jasper National Park with a guided walk through Maligne Canyon
- Wander through Butchart Gardens
- Experience Alaska's number one glacier viewing attraction, Hubbard Glacier in Deception Bay
- Travel along the incredible Icefields Parkway
- Two full days to explore fabulous San Francisco including City Tour and Alcatraz
- 39 superb meals including: 18 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 13 Dinners & 2 Highlight Dinners
- Minimum group size 15, maximum 23.



Lake Louise, Banff



Ketchikan



Vancouver

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