

# 18 Days | Premium Alaska Cruise and Rockies | With Flights

Vancouver - Sitka - Juneau - Glacier Bay - Haines - Tracy Arm Fjord - Ketchikan - Jasper - Banff - Lake Louise - and more...

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Return Economy Class Airfares from Australia to Vancouver

10 Nights on board CUNARDS Queen Elizabeth exploring Alaska's Inside Passage

**Canadian Rockies Coach Tour** 

A range of AMAZING Sightseeing and Experiences across the program

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# **Description**







Discover the Inside Passage and Canadian Rockies on this INCREDIBLE Deal cruising on Cunards Queen Elizabeth Cruise Ship in 2024!

Embarking on a journey to Vancouver opens the door to a captivating exploration of the city's diverse offerings. From the bustling streets of downtown to the serene landscapes of Stanley Park, Vancouver showcases a harmonious blend of urban vibrancy and natural beauty. The city's multicultural ambiance is evident in its neighborhoods, each contributing a unique flavor to the overall tapestry.

Leaving the vibrant cityscape behind, your adventure will take a majestic turn as you board Cunard's Queen Elizabeth cruise ship in Vancouver. The luxurious vessel will set sail, navigating through the pristine waters of the Pacific Northwest. The first stop on this enchanting maritime odyssey is Sitka, where history and culture unfolded against the backdrop of stunning coastal landscapes.

Continuing the maritime journey, Juneau beckons with its charming blend of Alaskan wilderness and state capital bustle. Glacier Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, reveals nature's grandeur as colossal glaciers and icy landscapes command attention. Haines, a quaint Alaskan town, provides an authentic experience, surrounded by towering mountains and wildlife-rich terrain.

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The cruise will then navigate through the awe-inspiring Tracy Arm Fjord, a glacier-carved masterpiece where towering cliffs and icy waters create a surreal atmosphere. Misty Fjords, with its mist-shrouded landscapes, presented a cinematic panorama of fjords, waterfalls, and rugged cliffs.

As the ship gracefully sails into Ketchikan, the vibrant cultural scenes and totem poles underscore the rich heritage of the indigenous peoples. Finally, the return journey to Vancouver marks the completion of a maritime voyage that seamlessly blends adventure, nature, and luxury.

Transitioning from sea to land, the adventure continues with a coach tour of the Canadian Rockies. Jasper, nestled within the expansive Jasper National Park, welcomes with its untamed wilderness and iconic mountain views. Banff, a charming mountain town, exuded alpine charm, and Lake Louise, with its turquoise waters and majestic peaks, provided a serene respite.

The journey through the Canadian Rockies unfolds like a living postcard, with each destination unveiling a new chapter in the story of Canada's majestic landscapes. As the tour concludes, the memories of Vancouver, the maritime expedition, and the Rockies will linger, creating a tapestry of experiences that celebrate the diverse and breathtaking beauty of Western Canada.





# **Itinerary**

Day 1

#### Australia X Vancouver, Canada

Today you will fly and arrive in Vancouver! Make your way to your hotel, check in and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Meals: Inflight Menu

Accommodation: Moda Hotel, Burrard Hotel or Quality Inn Hotel

Day 2

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This morning is free to explore Vancouver, so why not take a relaxing walk to Gastown or Stanley Park. When it's time, please catch a taxi to the Vancouver cruise dock to Check in for your 10-night Alaska Glacier cruise on Queen Elizabeth.

The Ship will depart at 5PM.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'

Day 3

# Day at Sea

Today is a full day at sea. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the ships facilities.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'

Day 4

# â Sitka, Alaska

The ship will arrive at 1PM.

Just across the water from snowcapped Mount Edgecumbe, Sitka displays its brilliant history. Tourists will find the onion-domed Russian Orthodox Cathedral reminiscent of its czarist past. The charming town is known for its picturesque views and thriving fishing industry. Shore excursions are plentiful, including wildlife viewing, sea kayaking, sportfishing and cruising Silver Bay, but the city also lends itself to adventures by foot or bike.

The ship will depart at 8PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'



#### 🚊 Juneau, Alaska

The ship will arrive at 9AM.

Accessible only by air or sea, Alaska's capital city entices travelers with its beauty, tranquility and outdoor activities. The Mendenhall Glacier, the jewel of the Juneau Icefield, can be discovered on scenic drives, hikes, boat rides, rafting trips, kayaking excursions and helicopter tours. Thrill-seekers get their adrenaline fix while ziplining above alpine forests, and culture lovers learn about landmarks such as the governor's mansion and St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church during explorations of downtown. A prospector-led panning adventure to Last Chance Basin allows you to strike gold, just as folks did in the late 19th century. Juneau's waters are a hot spot for humpback whales, and daily cruises afford the opportunity to witness these majestic creatures-a truly unforgettable experience. Brush up on local history with a visit to the Alaska State Museum, and cap off the day's adventures with a sampling of freshly caught salmon and locally sourced beer.

The ship will depart at 8PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'

# Day 6

# Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Alaska (Cruising Day)

A popular tour destination on cruise itineraries, Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve wows with its icy wilderness and grand glaciers in southeastern Alaska. Cruise ships, sailboats, kayaks and more navigate the 65-mile bay for picturesque vantage points of more than 1,000 glaciers, but they can't draw too near to the frozen giants since chunks of ice often break off, or calve, from glaciers and thunder down into the water, creating icebergs. Glaciers of note include the park's largest tidewater glacier, John Hopkins; the elongated 21-mile Margerie; and the rapidly receding Muir. The park also is home to an amazing world of marine life, including humpback whales, sea otters, giant Pacific octopuses and harbor porpoises. An array of species resides on land, from brown and black bears to moose, mountain goats, wolves and prickly porcupines, while the bird variety includes bald eagles, tufted puffins and trumpeter swans.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'

# Day 7

#### Alaska Haines, Alaska

The ship will arrive at 6AM.

Haines, with a population of under 3,000, lies in the upper northern reaches of the Inside Passage and is an important access point to the Yukon Territory and Interior Alaska. While the town itself may lack the charm of Sitka or Petersburg, the surrounding scenery is stunning. Travelers arriving by boat will see Lynn Canal, the longest and deepest fjord in North America, close in on them. Once you are in town, mountains seem to surround you on all sides. Looming over Fort Seward are the jagged Cathedral Peaks of the Chilkat Mountains.

The ship will depart at 8PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'

# Day 8

#### Tracy Arm, Twin Sawyer Glaciers, Alaska (Cruising Day)

Tucked away in Tongass National Forest about 45 miles south of Juneau, Tracy Arm boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in North America. This 30-mile fjord, formed centuries ago by glacial activity, is flanked by colossal granite cliffs, with snow-capped mountains looming beyond. Boat cruises, Zodiac expeditions and kayaking adventures lead you past cascading waterfalls and a diversity of wildlife, from goats and whales to brown bears and bald eagles. Come springtime, you can spot harbor seals tending to their newborns. At the end of the waterway are the main attractions-the twin Sawyer Glaciers, which calve every hour or so, sending slabs of clear blue ice plummeting into the water below. Witnessing these purges is a memorable experience, one that allows you to see, hear and feel the full force of nature.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'



# 🏯 Misty Fjords National Monument, Alaska

The ship will arrive at 11AM.

Misty Fjords National Monument is an area protected by the United States Forest Service in Alaska. It is characterized by its glacial valleys, and is sometimes referred to as the "Yosemite of the North." Scenery within the monument ranges from sky-blue lakes, waterfalls, and tidewater estuaries to mountains shrouded in mists and evergreen forests. Watch for brown and black bears, killer whales, mountain goats, and deer, which are often spotted in the area.

The ship will depart at 6PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'

#### Day 10

### 🌲 Ketchikan, Alaska

The ship will arrive at 6AM.

With its boat-filled harbor and colorful waterfront, Ketchikan welcomes visitors to southeastern Alaska's Inside Passage. Fishing opportunities abound in the self-proclaimed salmon capital of the world, and bear viewing spots often find the creatures munching on their catch of the day. The Totem Heritage Center displays 33 19th-century totem poles, making it the largest collection in the U.S. Expeditions to the country's largest national forest, Tongass, explore its 16.7 million acres by Jeep, canoe or on foot, while floatplane tours provide a bird's-eye view of Misty Fjords National Monument. Other outings explore the town's past as a Native American settlement and gold rush hub or take to the water with kayaks or paddleboards for encounters with harbor seals and the occasional humpback or killer whale.

The ship will depart at 6PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'

#### Day 11

#### â Day at Sea

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Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: CUNARD 'Queen Elizabeth'

# Day 12

#### Vancouver

The ship will arrive at 7AM.

After breakfast, check out and disembark the Queen Elizabeth. Make your way to your hotel and check in. The rest of the day is yours at leisure and you can enjoy the hop on hop off bus service.

Explore the entire downtown area of Vancouver including Stanley Park, the Shopping District, Yaletown, Gastown and Granville Island!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Moda Hotel, Burrard Hotel or Quality Inn Hotel



#### Vancouver

Today is a day of leisure to explore Vancouver or experience an optional tour to Victoria and Butchart Gardens for an extra \$350 per person.

Discover the best of BC's beautiful greenery and coastal scenery on this adventurous Victoria and Butchart Gardens Tour, from Vancouver. Watch for seals and whales from the comfort of your BC Ferry on the Georgia Strait crossing. Stroll among Butchart Gardens' verdant flowerbeds, where colourful flowers bloom across the seasons, and hit the historic sites of Victoria's Inner Harbour. Along the way, your expert guide shares knowledge of the region's rich history and heritage.

Meals: None

Accommodation: Moda Hotel, Burrard Hotel or Quality Inn Hotel

# Day 14

# Vancouver A Jasper

Start your Vancouver to Rockies tour with a scenic drive through the charming farming communities of the Fraser Valley with a memorable photo stop in the quintessential town of Hope. As you continue, you'll ascend into the majestic Coastal Mountains and follow the picturesque Coquihalla Highway to Kamloops.

After the lunch break, you'll retrace the historic route of the famous Overlanders, following the course of the North Thompson River to Jasper. Along the way, you'll have a stop to marvel at the spectacular Mount Robson, which is British Columbia's tallest peak. Overnight in Jasper.

Meals: None

Accommodation: Mt Robson Inn Lodge or similar

#### **Day 15**

#### Jasper 🖨 Banff

Start your morning with a refreshing hike (optional) through the Maligne Canyon, a remarkable limestone gorge adorned with six narrow bridges and picturesque waterfalls. Continuing our journey south along the magnificent Icefield Parkway, often hailed as one of the most beautiful highways in the world, we will explore its must-see attractions, including Athabasca Falls, Peyto Lake, and Crowfoot Glacier. At the Columbia Icefield, ride the Ice Explorer on Athabasca Glacier or visit the Glacier Skywalk (both activities are subject to weather conditions). Overnight in Banff.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Banff Aspen Inns Hotel or similar

#### Day 16

# Banff 🖨 Lake Louise 🖨 Banff

Prepare yourself for another exhilarating day of sightseeing and activities in Banff National Park. As we make our way to Lake Louise, we will pause at Johnston Canyon for a leisurely hike (optional) along the trail that guides us to the breathtaking Lower Falls. While at Lake Louise, you'll find numerous viewpoints offering splendid photo opportunities of the majestic Victoria Glacier towering over the lake. In the afternoon, our adventure continues as we explore other notable attractions in the Rockies, including Moraine Lake, Banff Springs Hotel and Bow Falls. Don't forget to take advantage of the gondola ride up Sulphur Mountain (weather permitting) for a breathtaking panoramic view of Banff town and its surroundings or Upper Hot Springs for a soothing soak in the hot, mineral-rich water. Overnight in Banff.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Banff Aspen Inns Hotel or similar



# Banff A Vancouver

Heading west, your journey will take you across the Continental Divide, which serves as the geographical boundary separating waters flowing to the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. As you make your way towards Rogers Pass, the highest point in the Canadian Rockies, keep an eye out for the fascinating Spiral Tunnels. These tunnels are a remarkable achievement in railway engineering, strategically designed to navigate the steep gradient of the mountains and facilitate the safe passage of trains. Arrive in downtown Vancouver in the evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Moda Hotel, Burrard Hotel or Quality Inn Hotel

Day 18

# Vancouver **₹** Australia

Today your adventure comes to and end! Make your way to the airport and check-in for your return flight home. We trust you have enjoyed this amazing experience discovering the Inside Passage and Canadian Rockies!

Meals: Inflight Menu



# **Inclusions & Exclusions**

#### **Inclusions**

- Return Economy Class Airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide\*, Hobart\*, Canberra\* and Perth\* (\*surcharges apply, please enquire for further details) to Vancouver
- 7 Nights Hotel accommodation on a twin share basis with private bathroom facilities
- 10-night Alaska Inside Passage Cruise onboard Cunard Queen Elizabeth in an Inside cabin on a twin share basis with private bathroom facilities (upgrades to Oceanview or Balcony cabins available at an additional charge)
- Meals as indicated: 10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches and 7 Dinners
- CANADA ROCKIES COACH TOUR via air-conditioned deluxe vehicle
- English Speaking Tour guide
- All taxes and fees included
- All prepayable airport taxes cruise taxes, & port charges are included in the cost

#### **Exclusions**

- Any visas or ESTA as required
- Transfers
- Meals not mentioned
- Gratuities and Tips
- Any additional requests
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a Personal Nature

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Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click HERE.