

# 16 DAY SPECTACULAR CANADA & ALASKA CRUISE

## DESTINATIONS

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KAMLOOPS  
KELOWNA  
VANCOUVER  
JUNEAU  
BANFF



## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination	Vancouver
Meals included	
Hotel	3 ★ Best Western Plus Sands, or similar

Welcome to Canada! On arrival, please make your own way to your downtown Vancouver hotel.

Vancouver airport is located approximately 15kms from the City Centre. There are a range of transportation options available. Taxis are readily available and approximately \$35-45. The Skytrain is also available.

### DAY 2

Destination	Vancouver
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Best Western Plus Sands, or similar

Today is a full day to enjoy Vancouver. From your central hotel, Vancouver is on your doorstep. This vibrant city has plenty to offer both on land and by sea.

### DAY 3

Destination	Vancouver 🚌 Kamloops
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Kamloops, or similar

Today's journey will take you through the fertile Fraser Valley, an important agricultural region and on into the desert-like country of the Thompson-Okanagan region. Sage brush and rolling hills dominate the landscape, making a startling contrast from the lush coastal mountain region of the Vancouver and lower mainland area.

*Please note: On this day, a portion of customers will be completing the next 2 days by train. They will rejoin you in Banff on Day 4. Your guide will accompany the customers by coach to Banff. Those joining the Rocky Mountaineer will be guided by the award winning on-board Rocky Mountaineer personnel.*

### DAY 4

Destination	Kamloops 🚌 Banff
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	3 ★ Elk & Avenue Hotel, or similar

Today we travel past Shuswap lake, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke before reaching Glacier National Park. Glacier National Park is a 1,583-sq.-mi. wilderness area in Montana's Rocky Mountains, with glacier-carved peaks and valleys running to the Canadian border. It's crossed by the mountainous Going-to-the-Sun Road. Continue on to Rogers Pass with it's tunnels, glistening glaciers, and snow capped mountains. Cross over the Continental Divide where we will view the unique Spiral Tunnels in Yoho National Park, a remarkable engineering achievement, the beautiful Emerald Lake, and the natural bridge of stone across Kicking Horse Pass prior to arriving in Banff.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Banff 🚗 Lake Louise 🚗 Lake Moraine 🚗 Banff
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Elk & Avenue Hotel, or similar

This morning begins with a short drive along the Bow Valley Parkway to Lake Louise. Highlights will include Johnston Canyon, Moraine Lake, the Valley of the Ten Peaks, and the Victoria Glacier, which shimmers on the icy blue-green waters of Lake Louise. Return to Banff for a tour of the Banff townsite passing the Bow River Falls, Tunnel Mountain Drive with the wind eroded hoodoos and Surprise Corner with views of Banff Springs Hotel and Bow River Falls.

### DAY 6

Destination	Banff 🚗 Kelowna
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Kanata Kelowna, or similar

Today we leave Banff west along the TransCanada Highway across the Continental Divide. En route to Kelowna we stop in Armstrong for a visit to the Armstrong Cheese Factory and sample their unique artisan cheeses. Founded in 1902 by Canadian dairy farmers, the region's very first creamery was born and soon, cheese artisans founded the Armstrong Cheese company. Using fresh milk, they made it their mission to create quality Cheddar cheeses so exquisite that the Armstrong brand soon travelled well beyond the meadows of their small community. Tonight we check in to our hotel in Kelowna.

### DAY 7

Destination	Kelowna
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Kanata Kelowna, or similar

Enjoy a full day sightseeing in the Okanagan Valley. Kelowna is surrounded by provincial parks, pine forest, vineyards, orchards and mountains. Several of the orchards in the Kelowna area offer guided tours and others offer U-Pick. At the Pioneer Country Market, an old-fashioned rural store, preserves and treats can be found. Today we enjoy a visit to a local winery followed by a tasting of some of the local Okanagan wines.



### DAY 8

Destination	Kelowna 🚗 Penticton 🚗 Vancouver
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Pacific Gateway Hotel, or similar

Today, we travel south of the Okanagan along the shores of Lake Okanagan to Penticton. Continue via the small towns of Keremeos and Princeton into Manning Park which offers spectacular views of the Cascade Mountains. As you enter the fertile plains of the Fraser River Valley you will see dramatically different scenery. The Fraser Valley is BC's most concentrated farming region. This afternoon we arrive back in Vancouver. Tonight's accommodation is situated close to the airport for those departing tomorrow, for customers continuing on the cruise, downtown Vancouver can be easily accessed by the Skytrain for those wishing to explore Vancouver by night.

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### DAY 9

Destination	Vancouver  Embark on Alaska cruise 
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Cruise	Serenade of the Seas, or similar


Today a morning sightseeing tour of Vancouver begins with a drive around Stanley Park, stopping at the Totem Poles. Continue on via Canada Place and the waterfront, Chinatown, North America's second largest and finally, historic Gastown with its 19th Century buildings, cobblestone streets and hidden passageways. You will also visit Granville Island with its famous public market and many crafts and artisans shops before transferring to Vancouver Cruise Terminal for your cruise departure.

*Please note: Your luggage will be stored on the bus today before departing on your cruise.*

*There are multiple cruise departures on this day. A portion of your group may be joining an alternative cruise based on their selection.*


*Ports of call may vary cruise to cruise based on ship schedules.*

### DAY 10

Destination	 Inside passage
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Serenade of the Seas, or similar



Your ship offers the perfect platform for viewing British Columbia's Inside Passage. This archipelago spans 25,000 miles from Seattle to Prince Rupert near the Alaskan border. Here you'll ply calm waters sheltered between the British Columbia mainland and Vancouver Island. Along the way catch a glimpse of breathtakingly rugged scenery, plus staggering wildlife like salmon sharks, white spirit bears, and millions of seabirds.

### DAY 11

Destination	 Ketchikan
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Serenade of the Seas, or similar

Ketchikan sits at the southern end of Alaska's Inside Passage – a gateway to the wild landscapes and seascapes of Misty Fjords National Monument. The canned salmon capital of the world, it's a hub for fishing and outdoor sports. It's also home to three tribes of Northwest Coast Indians, making it a great place to get a taste for the local culture. You'll see it in the colourful, hand-carved totems that line the city's streets and parks, and in the unique stilted homes that cling to Deer Mountain's slopes. If you want to get up close and personal with nature, venture into the Tongass National Forest, the largest in the United States. Or head to Ketchikan Creek Waterfall for amazing views of downtown Ketchikan and a glimpse at the yearly salmon runs.

### DAY 12


Destination	 Tracy Arm Fjord  Juneau
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Serenade of the Seas, or similar

Tracy Arm Fjord extends over 30 miles alongside the wilderness of Tongass National Forest. Sailing through this deep

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and narrow passage delivers some of the most breathtaking scenery you'll find in Alaska. See active glaciers carved into 7,000-foot-tall mountain peaks and plunging waterfalls burrowed into evergreen-clad cliffs. Glimpse native wildlife and watch deep blue icebergs float past the ship.

### DAY 13

Destination	 Haines
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Serenade of the Seas, or similar


If you're looking for an authentic taste of wild, rugged adventure, a cruise to Haines, Alaska is just the ticket. Located less than 70 miles north of Juneau, along the continent's longest and deepest fjord, Haines offers endless outdoor activities for intrepid explorers. Hike deep into misty coastal rainforests and ancient spruce woodlands. Set out on a rafting adventure along the rivers that thread the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. Learn about the gold rush era at Fort William H. Seward. And discover the area's rich cultural heritage in museums dedicated to the Native Tlingit People.

### DAY 14

Destination	 Sitka
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Serenade of the Seas, or similar

Sitka truly offers the best of Alaska. Its small-town appeal stems from a unique blend of Russian, Tlingit and American history. Its snow-capped peaks and volcanic Mount Edgecumbe pose amongst the state's most postcard-worthy scenes. And its rare wildlife astounds, from Saint Lazaria Island's orange-beaked puffins to Alaska Maritime Refuge's 40 million seabirds. This is off-the-beaten-track Alaska, where you can kayak Sitka Sound alongside swimming sea otters or fly-fish for the world's biggest halibut. Whether it's hiking along Baranof Island trails or listening to tribal stories passed down for generations, in Sitka the midnight sun never sets on adventure.

### DAY 15

Destination	 At Sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Cruise	Serenade of the Seas, or similar

Today is a full day to relax and enjoy the many activities, restaurants and entertainment your ship has to offer.

### DAY 16

Destination	Vancouver
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Welcome back to Vancouver. Your ship will arrive in port at approximately 7:00AM this morning. At the appropriate time, disembark your Alaska cruise and make your own way to the airport for your onward flight. We hope you have had an unforgettable experience in Canada.

*Please note: Flights should not be booked prior to 12:00PM midday to allow enough time for disembarkation. For customers departing later, there are paid luggage storage facilities at Canada Place cruise terminal which will allow you to store your luggage and sightsee in Vancouver prior to your flight departure.*

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing, uncover the dramatic beauty of Western Canada, enjoy a perfect city tour of Vancouver, take in the scenery of Banff National Park, enjoy visiting Lake Louise
- 8 nights accommodation in 3-4 star hotels
- 7 nights cruising the Inside Passage and Alaska with Royal Caribbean on board the Serenade of the Seas in an inside cabin (upgrades available) with gratuities included
- Breakfast daily, 6 lunches and 7 dinners
- Fully escorted by a dedicated professional guide through the Rockies (Note: Guide services start on Day 3)
- Dedicated coach transportation
- Unforgettable sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All national park fees

#### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy vibrant Vancouver and visit Stanley Park and Gastown with its 19th century buildings and cobblestone streets
- Enjoy 2 nights in Banff, with postcard perfect surrounds and stunning alpine scenery
- Travel to Lake Louise known for its turquoise, glacier-fed lake ringed by high peaks and overlooked by a chateau
- Enjoy witnessing the Banff National Park, one of Canada's most spectacular landscapes
- Journey to the summer town of Kelowna, perched on the eastern shore of Okanagan Lake
- Board a deluxe cruise to travel the Inside Passage and up in to Alaska
- Get an up-close view of Alaska's wild seascapes, no matter which direction you look
- Feel the pioneer spirit of Alaska, from First Nations tribes to early Russian settlers to Gold Rush prospectors.

#### CRUISE LINE DETAILS AND UPGRADES

You will enjoy waking up onboard Serenade of the Seas, a dreamlike ship that's sleek and sunlit, with panoramic vistas and wide-open spaces at every turn. Acres of glass enclose a nine-story central atrium, while glass elevators and floor-to-ceiling windows ensure incredible views throughout the day. Here you can bask at the tranquil Solarium pool, recharge at Vitality Spa, or reach new heights on the signature Rock Climbing Wall. When the sun goes down, the night heats up with Broadway-style shows, Casino Royale, and 16 bars and lounges.

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### Stateroom Details;

Each stateroom aboard Serenade of the Seas includes the following services and amenities;

- Complimentary 24-hour In-Room Dining
- Daily Housekeeping
- Nightly turndown service
- Generous Storage
- Safes for your valuables

### Stateroom Bedding;

#### INSIDE - **Included**

Two lower beds convertible to one Royal King bed— Much larger than your regular cruise room, with seating and a desk. Each room includes a private bathroom, vanity area, hair dryer, TV and phone. (Approximately 20 square metres).

#### OCEAN VIEW - **Additional \$400 per person, twin share (Single \$750)**

These staterooms include two lower beds convertible to one Royal King bed—includes seating and a desk, with a window allowing natural light into the room. Each room includes a private bathroom, vanity area, hair dryer, TV and phone. (Approximately 15 square metres).

#### OCEANVIEW BALCONY CABIN UPGRADE - **Additional \$1,000 per person, twin share (Single \$1,650)**

Sliding glass doors open onto your private balcony from this comfortable stateroom, which includes two lower beds convertible to one Royal King bed. Each room includes a private bathroom, vanity area, hair dryer, TV and phone. — (Approximately 18 square metres with a 4sqm balcony).

## Fine Print

### BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

Inspiring Vacations has been globally recognised and awarded for its handling of COVID-19 during the pandemic. The safety and wellbeing of our guests is our highest concern during this time of uncertainty, and we are continuously monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation.

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We have adopted the advice of the WHO to ensure all customers can travel with the knowledge of how to travel safely and with confidence.

### **Australian owned and operated with 100% Australian Customer Service support**

We are proudly 100% Australian owned and operated, with our head office located in Melbourne, Victoria. When you make your booking, you will receive dedicated and ongoing support from our team of travel professionals throughout your booking, up until you are due to depart.

### **Flexible Date Change Option**

Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option. You may select this \$99pp option at time of purchase, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 65 days before your original selected departure date\*. Once inside 65 days of departure, date changes are not permitted.

\*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

Please refer to our 'Book with Confidence' section for terms and conditions.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

### **Cooling off period**

If you change your mind within 7 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 7 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to [support@inspiringvacations.com](mailto:support@inspiringvacations.com), including the reason for cancellation.



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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with only a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1,200 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

### EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping (required)
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- Shore excursions

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers. As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available. This particular tour is categorised as a "3":

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3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Tipping is not compulsory on your trip, but they can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry. If you feel that your guide and driver have done an impeccable job, you can choose to give a gratuity, but this is entirely your decision. For the services of your guide, it is suggested that you budget for CAD\$5 per person, per day. Tipping of your driver is also appreciated and we would suggest CAD\$4 per person, per day. We do have an option to pre-pay the tipping for the coach portion of your itinerary at a cost of \$100AUD per person, which can be added to your booking.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is \$3,299 per person in addition to the twin-share price.

### **Triple share**

Not available.

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

### **Visa & Passport Information**

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return to Australia.

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CANADA - An E-Visa waiver is required.

To begin your visa application please click [HERE](#).

Information required:

- Visa type (tourist)
- Entry type (single)
- Arrival date and departure date (no specific flight details are required)
- Passport information
- Pay CAD \$7pp by credit card

Wait for it to be approved and you will be notified via email within approximately 48 hours.

USA - An E-Visa waiver is required.

To begin your visa application please click [HERE](#).

Information required:

- Visa type (tourist)
- Entry type (single)
- Arrival date and departure date (no specific flight details are required)
- Passport information
- Pay USD \$14pp by credit card

Wait for it to be approved and you will be notified via email within approximately 48 hours.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation including e-tickets and hotel details will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

20-52 people

### **Trip Style - Group Tour**

Our Group Tours offer unparalleled value for money and are the perfect style of travel for those on a budget, though still eager to pack as much in to their itinerary as possible. These tours tick all the boxes with an abundance of inclusions such as sightseeing highlights, expert tour guides, quality accommodation, transfers, coach transportation, some

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meals and more. Please note that the maximum group size will vary between deals and will be mentioned within the Fine Print of each deal page.

### **Children**

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).