

LAND TOUR

THE ROCKIES AND ALASKA'S NATURAL WONDERS

2025

UTAH24

24 days / 23 nights Land Tour



Victoria to Anchorage

## **ITINERARY**

To view the itinerary in greater depth, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list to unveil its details. Discover daily activities, immersive experiences and insider local tips that make your travel unforgettable.



# VICTORIA TO ANCHORAGE

24 days / 24 nights Land Tour

DAY 1

#### **Arrive Victoria**

On arrival in Victoria, be transferred to your hotel. Settle into your room and enjoy a welcome dinner this evening.

Stay: Two Nights, Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort, in a Deluxe Water View Room



Daily: • Dinner

DAY 2

#### Victoria, The Butchart Gardens

Today begins with an incredible Signature Experience. The rest of the day is free for you to spend at leisure.

## Signature Experience – The Butchart Gardens Before Hours

Visit The Butchart Gardens before the public is granted access and enjoy breakfast in the original Butchart residence. More than 100 years in the making with a former quarry as the initial canvas, this space was transformed by Jennie Butchart into a haven overflowing with lush greenery and colourful blooms. Relish the opportunity to wander among the floral displays without the crowds.

Signature Experience:

These all-inclusive, once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises.

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 3

## Victoria, Georgia Strait, Whistler

Take your BC Ferries service across the Georgia Strait and then travel along the Sea to Sky Highway to beautiful Whistler, stopping at spectacular Shannon Falls on the way.

Stay: The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 4

## Whistler, Sun Peaks

Travel through the Coast Mountains and stop at Duffey and Seton lakes en route to Sun Peaks.

Stay: Sun Peaks Grand Hotel

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner



#### DAY 5

## Sun Peaks, Banff

Continue your journey onwards to Banff. On arrival, enjoy a guided tour of this breathtaking alpine town.

Stay: Two Nights, Banff National Park, Fairmont Banff Springs, in a Fairmont Mountain View Room

Daily: • Breakfast

#### DAY 6

#### **Banff**

Explore Banff during your preferred sightseeing activity today, then dine at the restaurant of your choice tonight.

#### Freedom of Choice - Banff Experience

Join this exclusive small-group tour and venture off the beaten path to discover Banff National Park's hidden gems. You'll also enjoy more time to explore Johnson Lake, Two Jack Lake and the stunning Lake Minnewanka.

#### Freedom of Choice - Gondola Ride

Head to the top of Sulphur Mountain and take in Banff from above, climbing nearly 700 metres in elevation as you are carried through the pines. Once you reach the peak, you can head off for a stroll along the boardwalk.

#### Freedom of Choice - Heli Flightseeing

Take to the skies for a bird's-eye view of the Rocky Mountains. Soar past snowy peaks and jagged mountains, enjoying breathtaking views of pristine lakes and alpine meadows.

#### Freedom of Choice – Bow River Float Trip

Embrace the tranquil atmosphere as you float down the serene Bow River, keeping your eyes peeled for any signs of cheeky wildlife on the banks. This activity is suitable for most fitness levels.

### Freedom of Choice – Hockey Player Experience

When in Canada, it's only fitting that you experience a day in the life of an ice hockey player. Get to know the Canmore Eagles as you tour their dressing rooms, try on their gear and step onto the ice.

#### Freedom of Choice - Fairmont Spa Entry

Harking back to the hot spring that first called travellers some 100 years ago, soothe your tired muscles in the mineral pool and pulsating waterfalls at Fairmont Banff Springs.



Freedom of Choice:

Give your holiday a personal touch with a choice of included sightseeing or dining options to suit your interests.

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 7

## Banff, Moraine Lake, Lake Louise

Enjoy a unique Signature Experience before heading to the picturesque Lake Louise. On your way, travel through three iconic national parks and marvel at Canada's awe-inspiring natural wonders. Stop at Moraine Lake (season permitting), which is nestled in the incredible Valley of the Ten Peaks. Upon arrival at your final destination for the day, settle in at the luxurious Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Choose where to dine tonight from the hotel's superb collection of restaurants.

#### Signature Experience - Meet a Mountie

On an exciting morning in beautiful Banff National Park, you'll have the chance to meet one of Canada's renowned Mounties and hear tales from the iconic Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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Stay: Banff National Park, Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 8

## Lake Louise, Athabasca Glacier, Jasper

Travel along the Icefields Parkway and visit the Columbia Icefield, where you'll take a thrilling Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca Glacier. Later, arrive in the spectacular mountain town of Jasper and enjoy one of your lodge's restaurants for dinner this evening.

Stay: Jasper National Park, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 9

## Jasper, Rocky Mountaineer, Kamloops



Begin your Rocky Mountaineer rail journey in GoldLeaf Service and soak up the views from your bi-level glass-dome carriage on the picturesque route to Kamloops.

**Stay:** Kamloops, hotel as assigned by Rocky Mountaineer (three-star accommodation)

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch

DAY 10

## Kamloops, Rocky Mountaineer, Vancouver

Your Rocky Mountaineer rail journey continues. Following along the Thompson River, pass the waters of Hell's Gate, and gaze up at the Coast Mountains on your way to Vancouver.

**Stay:** Two Nights, Vancouver, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch

DAY 11

#### Vancouver

Begin your morning with a Signature Experience. Afterwards, e

mbark on a sightseeing tour of beautiful Vancouver, where you'll be introduced to the city's must-see attractions, including the cobblestone streets of historic Gastown, vibrant Chinatown, and vast Stanley Park. You'll also stop by Granville Island, the bustling heart of Vancouver's cultural scene.

Tonight, savour a special dinner with your fellow travellers.

#### Signature Experience – Capilano Suspension Bridge Park

Enjoy a sensational visit to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park on the lush outskirts of Vancouver. After breakfast at the Cliff House Restaurant, you'll join an insightful nature exploration through the grounds and across the suspension bridge.

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DAY 12

#### Vancouver, Embark Ship



Head to the harbour where your ship awaits, and take a moment to settle in, ready for your unforgettable Inside Passage cruise. Enjoy your first dinner on board this evening.

Stay: Seven Nights, Holland America Line's Noordam or Nieuw Amsterdam in a Verandah Stateroom

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 13

## **Inside Passage**

Relish life on board with a full day at sea today. Perhaps take in the sweeping coastal views, enjoy your ship's facilities, savour the delicious dining options or simply relax.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 14

#### Ketchikan

Dock in Ketchikan today, set on the tranquil shores of the Tongass Narrows, and spend some time exploring as you please.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 15

## Juneau

Alaska's capital, Juneau, sits at the foot of Mount Roberts and Mount Juneau on the Gastineau Channel. Flowing from the Juneau Icefield, the magnificent Mendenhall Glacier lies just beyond the city's doorstep. Widely regarded as one of the most remote and breathtaking state capitals in the United States, this picturesque destination is surrounded by pristine waters, lush forests and rugged mountains, offering endless opportunities for outdoor adventure. Disembark and explore at your leisure, or join an optional excursion to discover more of Juneau's wonders (additional expense).

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner



DAY 16

## Skagway

Arrive in Skagway, the Inside Passage's northernmost point. During the peak of the

Klondike Gold Rush

, this bustling port town became the main gateway to the goldfields, rapidly growing into Alaska's largest settlement. It's the perfect place to discover Alaska's rich history, breathtaking landscapes and abundant wildlife. See

heritage buildings, now protected as part of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, and perhaps set off on an excursion (additional expense).

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 17

## **Glacier Bay National Park**

You might need to pinch yourself this morning as you awaken to the spellbinding beauty of World Heritage-listed Glacier Bay National Park. Take in the calving tidewater glaciers and learn about the area's geological wonders from local rangers.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 18

# College Fjord

Cruise amid the stunning setting of College Fjord, a magnificent stretch of water home to five tidewater and large valley glaciers.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 19

## Whittier, Disembark Ship, Denali National Park

Disembark your ship in Whittier and journey north through pristine Alaskan landscapes aboard the deluxe McKinley Explorer train. Settle into your bi-level, glass-domed railcar or step onto the open-air platform for panoramic views. As you pass through Talkeetna, take in the breathtaking sight of Denali from your seat. Arrive at Denali National Park and savour a choice of dining options at your resort this evening.



Stay: Three Nights, Denali National Park, McKinley Chalet Resort, in a Denali Suite

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 20

#### **Denali National Park**

Choose how you'd like to discover Denali National Park today with a range of Freedom of Choice sightseeing activities on offer. Later, learn more about the park during a private presentation at the Denali Education Center.

#### Freedom of Choice - Covered Wagon Adventure

Travel back in time during this splendid journey across the Alaskan tundra on a horse-drawn covered wagon, reminiscent of those used by pioneers, while you explore the great Alaskan wilderness.

#### Freedom of Choice - ATV Wilderness Tour

Get ready for an adventure in the Alaskan wilderness on an automatic side-by-side ATV. You'll ride along trails surrounded by Denali National Park, at speeds of up to 50 km/h.

#### Freedom of Choice - Tundra Mountain Golfing

Hit the green on a spirited expedition to Black Diamond Golf Course. Built directly on top of the Alaskan tundra, this is a one-of-a-kind lakeside course.

# Freedom of Choice – Wilderness Wave Rafting

Get a front-row seat to the breathtaking Alaskan wilderness with panoramic views and mild whitewater. Float along the natural boundary of Denali National Park and immerse yourself in the untouched beauty of this rugged landscape.

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Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 21

#### **Denali National Park**

An incredible Signature Experience reveals the magnificent wildlife of Denali National Park today. Afterwards, savour free time in the afternoon.



#### Signature Experience – Tundra Wilderness Tour

Journey into the heart of Denali National Park and embark on a phenomenal wilderness tour. Enjoy a spectacular opportunity to spot Alaska's diverse wildlife in the national park, including moose, grizzlies, caribou, eagles and wolves.

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DAY 22

## Denali National Park, Talkeetna, Anchorage

Set out on the road via motorcoach to Anchorage, stopping at the charming town of Talkeetna on the way before heading to the Happy Trails Kennel. Here, you'll meet playful puppies and learn all about sled racing. Find out what it takes to train sled dogs and compete in the iconic Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Later, continue to Anchorage.

Stay: Anchorage, The Hotel Captain Cook

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 23

#### **Anchorage**

Set out on a morning sightseeing tour around Anchorage, then enjoy a Signature Experience. This evening, gather for a farewell dinner with your newfound friends.

#### Signature Experience – Alaska Native Heritage Center

Discover Alaska's Indigenous cultures as you delight in an in-depth visit to the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Enjoy a talk from an elder, then take a cooking class and learn how to make traditional akutaq (Alaskan ice cream) before tasting your unique creation.

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Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner



DAY 24

# **Depart Anchorage**

Your incredible journey through Alaska concludes today as you are transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

Daily: • Breakfast