



LAND TOUR

## ROCKIES EXPLORER AND ALASKA (CRUISE FIRST)

2025

UT20BEVVC



20 days / 19 nights Land Tour



Vancouver to Victoria

### 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.



### VANCOUVER TO VICTORIA

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DAY 1

#### Arrive Vancouver

Once you've landed in Vancouver, we'll meet you at the airport and bring you to your hotel.

**Stay:** Vancouver, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

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DAY 2

## Vancouver, Embark Ship

Today enjoy a welcome breakfast and meet your fellow travellers before you board your ship for a cruise through Alaska's Inside Passage. Settle in and explore the ship with time at leisure.

**Stay:** Seven Nights, Holland America Line's Koningsdam, in a Verandah Suite

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

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DAY 3

## Inside Passage

Spend today on board, gliding past rocky headlands and over the icy waters of the Inside Passage, one of the most picturesque sea lanes in the world.

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

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DAY 4

## 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

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DAY 5

## 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, enchanting 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

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#### DAY 6

### Glacier Bay National Park

Awaken to the striking scenery of 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

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#### DAY 7

### Ketchikan

Dock in Ketchikan today, a vibrant coastal town set on the tranquil Tongass Narrows, proudly known as the salmon capital of the world. Immerse yourself in Alaska Native culture and spend time exploring as you please. Perhaps discover the Totem Heritage Center's collection of 19th-century totem poles or stroll along historic Creek Street.

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

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#### DAY 8

### Inside Passage

Enjoy a final day on board and make the most of the ship's amenities. Marvel at the stunning views along the British Columbia Coast as you glide past rocky headlands and across the icy waters of the Inside Passage. This picturesque route offers the perfect opportunity to soak up the breathtaking beauty of one of the world's most famous sea lanes.

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

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## DAY 9

### Disembark Ship, Vancouver

After disembarking, enjoy a day at leisure in Vancouver before a special dinner.

**Stay:** Two Nights, Sutton Place Hotel Vancouver

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

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## DAY 10

### Vancouver

Today begins with an incredible Signature Experience. Then, embark 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 will also stop by Granville Island, the bustling heart of Vancouver's cultural scene. The rest of the afternoon and evening is yours to explore at leisure.

#### Signature Experience – Capilano Suspension Bridge Park

Enjoy a sensational visit to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park on the beautiful 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.

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

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## DAY 11

### Vancouver, Rocky Mountaineer, Kamloops

Begin your Rocky Mountaineer rail journey and soak up mesmerising views from the bi-level glass-dome carriage in GoldLeaf Service. Gaze up at the Coast Mountains and pass Hell's Gate. Follow the Thompson River on the way to Kamloops.

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

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Lunch

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## DAY 12

### Kamloops, Rocky Mountaineer, Banff

Today, your rail journey heads towards the Rockies. See the engineering marvel of the Spiral Tunnels and traverse Kicking Horse Pass. Once in Banff National Park, head for the 'Castle in the Rockies', Fairmont Banff Springs.

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

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Lunch

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## DAY 13

### Banff

Spend the day on your preferred Freedom of Choice activity, then choose your dining experience this evening.

#### 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

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#### DAY 14

### Banff, Moraine Lake, Lake Louise

Tour Banff and enjoy a Signature Experience, then travel via Moraine Lake (season permitting) to Lake Louise. As you arrive at the hamlet of Lake Louise, you will be in awe of the unique setting. Turquoise water is bordered by a jagged mountainscape, dotted with trees. Breathe in the crisp air as you enjoy your first day in this stunning location. Choose where to dine tonight from your hotel's exceptional 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

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#### DAY 15

### Lake Louise, Athabasca Glacier, Jasper

Join the Icefields Parkway, one of the world's most scenic stretches of road. Pause at Peyto Lake and stop at the Columbia Icefield, where you will embark on a memorable journey onto the Athabasca Glacier. Continuing via Athabasca Falls, your day ends in Jasper. Choose where to dine tonight at your lodge.

**Stay:** Jasper National Park, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

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DAY 16

## Jasper, Mount Robson, Sun Peaks

Take in Maligne Canyon before re-entering the province of British Columbia. Your journey follows the famous Yellowhead Highway. Pass Mount Robson, which is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, soaring at 3,954 metres above sea level. Later, arrive in the alpine village of Sun Peaks.

**Stay:** Sun Peaks Grand Hotel

**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

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DAY 17

## Sun Peaks, Whistler

Follow the tracks of early gold rush pioneers through the Cariboo region, stopping at Seton and Duffey lakes. Later, re-enter the Coast Mountains and learn why Whistler attracts so many outdoor enthusiasts.

**Stay:** The Westin Resort & Spa, Whistler

**Daily:** • Breakfast

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DAY 18

## Whistler, Georgia Strait, Victoria

Travel south along the Sea to Sky Highway, then take the BC Ferries service to Vancouver Island. Continue to Chemainus, a town famous for its vibrant outdoor murals, before arriving in the charming city of Victoria.

**Stay:** Two Nights, Victoria, Fairmont Empress

**Daily:** • Breakfast

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DAY 19

## Victoria, The Butchart Gardens

Begin the day with a memorable Signature Experience. Tonight, savour a special farewell dinner with your fellow travellers.



## Signature Experience – The Butchart Gardens Before Hours

Visit The Butchart Gardens before the public is granted access and enjoy an exclusive 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:

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**Daily:** • Breakfast • Dinner

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DAY 20

## Depart Victoria

Your journey comes to an end today. Following breakfast, say goodbye and be transferred to the airport.

**Daily:** • Breakfast

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