

# canada & alaska

CRUISE – TOUR



“On our own we would never have been to half the places we visited on tour. We loved it all! – S DOAK”

Spectacular scenery, a leisurely pace and pleasant summer weather makes this one of our most popular tours. This will be our 8th tour to the amazing **Calgary Stampede** followed by a tour through the majestic **Rockies** on our private coach to fabulous **Banff Springs, Lake Louise, Jasper, Sun Peaks** and **Whistler**. We'll ride a Snocoach onto the Athabasca Glacier, walk the Capilano suspension Bridge and ride to the top of Grouse Mountain in the vibrant city of **Vancouver**. Enjoy 7 days cruising the **Inside Passage** visiting quaint Alaskan towns and featuring the breathtaking **Hubbard Glacier**. Beautiful **Victoria** and the acclaimed **Butchart Gardens** await us along with numerous options for post tour add ons in the USA and Canada.

“A traveller without observation is a bird without wings.” – ANCIENT PROVERB

## PRICE & INCLUSIONS

from

# \$11,931

ex CHC, WLG or AKL  
p/person share twin

### Included:

- Return Air Travel from Christchurch, Auckland or Wellington as shown
- Breakfasts throughout
- 5 Dinners and 3 Lunches through the Rockies
- All sightseeing as shown including reserved Calgary Stampede tickets
- Superior Grade Accommodation
- Transfers as specified
- 7 night Cruise (Inside Cabin) including all meals & entertainment
- Porterage and Tipping (while on land)
- Services of Travel 2 U tour escort (except for optional stopovers)
- Travel 2 U Tour pack

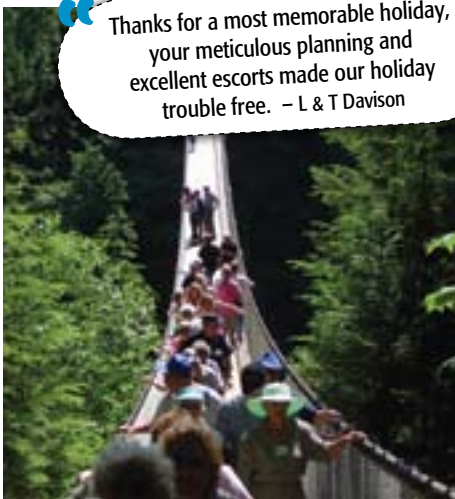
### Not Included:

- Items of a personal nature including spending money, laundry etc
- Meals other than those listed in the itinerary
- Airline, port taxes and fuel surcharges (approx \$760 per person)
- Optional tours and tips on the cruise (US\$80.50 per person)

### Optional (per person):

- Upgrade to Outside (window) Cabin on Cruise from \$480
- Upgrade to Premium Economy flights (limited space) \$1,800
- Upgrade to Business class flights \$6,900
- Single Room supplement from \$3,805

Thanks for a most memorable holiday, your meticulous planning and excellent escorts made our holiday trouble free. – L & T Davison



## CANADA & ALASKA CRUISE –TOUR



8 – 30 JULY • 22 DAYS

### NEW ZEALAND – VANCOUVER – CALGARY

**Day 1:** Today we depart for our journey of discovery into the best of Canada & Alaska.

#### VANCOUVER

*two nights in Vancouver*

**Day 2:** Today we have a full day of sightseeing. Our tour encompasses many of the attractions that make Vancouver such a special place, besides the natural beauty of its mountain backdrop and blue Pacific waters. Enter **Stanley Park**, with 1000 acres of majestic evergreens. Described by one local writer as a “thousand-acre therapeutic couch”, and boasting 10 kms of scenic seawall. Experience the city’s kaleidoscope of cultural heritage with visits to West Coast Native Totem Poles, British-flavoured **Gastown** (named after Yorkshire born ‘Gassy’ Jack) with its unique steam clock, and colourful Chinatown, second in size only to San Francisco’s. Also highlighted in the day’s sightseeing will be **Lion’s Gate Bridge**, **Prospect Point** and **English Bay**. Later this morning we take a ride up to **Grouse Mountain** for spectacular views of Vancouver, an entertaining Lumber Jack Show and hopefully your chance to see some bears!

We then go on to the historic **Capilano Suspension Bridge**, one of the world’s longest suspension bridges – 450 feet across and 230 feet above the Capilano Canyon! While enjoying our visit, time will be allowed to explore the surrounding Nature Park which offers meandering trails through an old-growth forest.

#### CALGARY

*two nights in Calgary*

**Day 3:** This morning we fly to Calgary and on arrival take a ride to the top of the Calgary Tower for a view of the city and surrounding area. Experience the fever that holds Calgary in its grip during the annual Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, universally acclaimed as **“The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth”**. This evening we have reserved tickets for the Chuck Wagon Races and Show. (The show is a highlight in itself and runs for approx 3 hours, including fireworks.)

**Day 4:** Today we return to the Stampede which showcases the best in Rodeo with numerous events, exhibits and diverse entertainment, We have reserved afternoon Rodeo tickets.

#### CALGARY – BANFF

*two nights in Banff*

**Day 5:** Today we travel from Calgary to Banff following the Trans-Canada Highway. Watch the Olympic city dissolve into the foothills, as the majestic Rockies rise ahead. Pass by the **Three Sisters, Fairholme and Rundle Ranges** enroute to the charming mountain resort town of Banff. Banff is a thriving, four season resort of wood and stone, with activities all year round. Today we have an included lunch at the famous **Banff Springs Hotel** then time to explore downtown Banff before settling into our hotel.

**Day 6:** Sightseeing today will highlight many local delights including Bow River Falls, the Hoodoo Lookout, Lake Minnewanka, a ride on the **Sulphur Mountain Gondola** and a visit to beautiful **Lake Louise**.

#### BANFF – JASPER

*one night in Jasper*

**Day 7:** We depart for one of the longer but certainly most spectacular days. Our journey takes us along the Icefields Parkway to the Columbia Icefield. Included today is an unforgettable trip aboard the **‘Snocoach’** on the **Athabasca Glacier**. This tour operation was recognised by Attractions Canada as Canada’s best natural outdoor site larger than 100 hectares! We visit the spectacular Athabasca Falls and continue on to Jasper for the evening.

#### JASPER – SUN PEAKS

*one night in Sun Peaks*

**Day 8:** We continue our journey via the Gold Rush and Cariboo Regions, along the way passing amongst other things, **Mt Robson**, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies and a visit to the **Dawson and Helmcken Falls** where lunch is included. In addition to clean air and beautiful scenery, the area is teeming with a variety of mammals and bird life.

**SUN PEAKS – WHISTLER**

*two nights in Whistler*

**Day 9 – Day 10:** Following breakfast we travel from Sun Peaks to Whistler, both well known ski resort towns. En-route we'll visit historic *Hat Creek Ranch* and experience frontier life as it existed in the early days of British Columbia. This is a popular attraction incorporating both the native Indian cultures and early European settlers. We'll also have lunch here.

Only steps from the spectacular *Whistler and Blackcomb mountains*, in beautiful Whistler, our hotel for the next two nights is located in the 'village common' area amongst restaurants, shops and other fine resorts. Our time in Whistler will allow for an optional Gondola ride up Whistler Mountain the next morning before we depart. It's a beautiful ride as the Gondola climbs to altitudes where snow is frequently experienced year round, and bears can sometimes be sighted in the summer months!

**WHISTLER – VANCOUVER PORT**

**Day 11:** Today we will begin the final leg of our journey through the Rockies. We will experience the scenic trip through the Coastal Mountains and southwards along Howe Sound. On arrival in Vancouver we will be taken to Canada Place to board our Alaskan bound Cruise Ship.

**CELEBRITY CRUISE TO ALASKA'S HUBBARD GLACIER**

**Day 11 – Day 18:** Over the next 7 days we will experience the pleasure only cruising can offer of complete comfort with every modern amenity at your fingertips. All meals are included onboard the cruise ship, and entertainment that would satisfy almost every taste! Ports of Call and points of interest will include *Ketchikan, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau and Sitka*.

Whilst in the Ports of Call, optional shore excursions are available or you may wish to just do your own thing. This cruise destination still remains one of the most popular in the world for the spectacle of the small townships and the abundance of native Flora and Fauna in this region.

**VANCOUVER – VICTORIA**

*two nights in Victoria*

**Day 18:** This morning we disembark our ship and travel by coach and then Ferry through the Gulf Islands to Victoria on Vancouver Island. Lots of time to wander around the colourful and lively waterfront area, surrounded by stately buildings, most notably the *Legislative Buildings* adorned with 3333 lightbulbs. Magnificent by night, and glorious by day. A free day in Victoria to shop for last minute souvenirs and explore this very 'English' city. Take a stroll through the famous *Empress Hotel* or pay a visit to the amazing '*Miniature World*'.



*The whole tour was most enjoyable everyday there was something new. The vastness of the Rockies is beyond imagination! – D & M Watson*

**Day 19:** Awakening to what is sure to be a beautiful morning on Vancouver Island, we make our way to the famous *Butchart Gardens* this morning. What was once an old quarry has been lovingly and quite remarkably transformed into the beautiful gardens we see today. An inspiration to many other quarries and abandoned mines around the world.

*one night in Vancouver*

**Day 20:** This morning we travel to Vancouver by ferry and coach for a final night in Canada followed by a homeward flight to New Zealand or one of the optional stopovers.

**VANCOUVER – NEW ZEALAND**

**Day 21 – Day 23:** Sadly our journey together has come to an end, but the memories, friendships and experiences of the trip will live on well after we have settled back into life at home.



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OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

**HONOLULU**

**6 nights from \$1450 per person**

Includes share twin accommodation, return airport transfers and a Pearl Harbour Sightseeing Tour.

**LAS VEGAS**

**4 nights from \$1895 per person**

Includes share twin accommodation, return airport transfers, Deluxe Air/Ground Grand Canyon Day tour.

**LOS ANGELES**

**4 nights from \$1100 per person**

Includes share twin accommodation, return airport transfers and either a 2 day Disney Hopper Pass or a Universal Studios Tour & San Diego Seaworld Tour or Medieval Times Dinner and Show.

*Many other options available. Please call us to discuss your requirements.*

