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CANADA, ALASKA CRUISE AND USA NATIONAL PARKS – 19 DAYS includes flights ex Australia and 7 day cruise.

The Itinerary

Day 1: Australia - Vancouver (In-Flight Meals)

Depart from either Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide or Perth to Vancouver! Fly with either Delta Airlines, United Airlines or American Airlines (subject to availability). Upon arrival be met with a transfer to your hotel.

Overnight: Pacific Gateway Hotel Richmond Vancouver, British Columbia

Day 2: Vancouver – Vernon (B)

This morning start the day in the historic seaport city of Vancouver, the cosmopolitan city of Western Canada and travel through the Trans-Canada Highway, pass through Fraser Valley and head east for Kelowna, the heart of the Okanagan Valley, home to world-class vintners and a vibrant wine community. At Lake Okanagan, listen to its legendary story and search for the lake monster “Ogopogo.” Settle down in Vernon in the evening.

Overnight: Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, Vernon British Columbia

Day 3: Vernon – The Unspoiled Wilderness of National Parks – Lake Louise – Moraine Lake– Banff (B)

Journey through four of Canada's most breathtaking National Parks: Mount Revelstoke, Glacier, Yoho and Banff. On the way stop at the Eagle Pass and visit the “Last Spike” of the transcontinental railway where it connects the east and the west. Enjoy a walk along the shore of Lake Louise and soak in the tranquil beauty, history and geography of the area. Later, see another great icon of the Canadian Rockies, Moraine Lake, crowned by ten notable peaks. Stay overnight in Banff.

Overnight: Banff Inn, Alberta

Day 4: Banff – Icefields Parkway—Athabasca Glacier—Columbia Icefield – Canmore (B)

From the comfort of your motorcoach, enjoy a sightseeing drive of Banff including Bow Falls, featured in 1953 Marilyn Monroe's film 'River of No Return' and the historical Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. Then, head for the Icefields Parkway in Banff and Jasper National Parks. For an extra special experience, ride the “Ice Explorer” onto the surface of the stunning Columbia Glacier (not included). Considered the most beautiful drive in the world, the jaw-dropping scenery is punctuated by more than 100 ancient glaciers, waterfalls cascading from dramatic rock spires and turquoise lakes set in sweeping valleys. Views of Crowfoot Glacier, Bow Summit, Mistaya Canyon are sure to please all who journey to this amazing part of the world.

Overnight: Ramada Inn & Suites Canmore, Alberta

Day 5: Canmore – Calgary – Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump – Shelby, Montana (B)

This morning drive to Calgary and enjoy an orientation tour of the city's highlights. Travel south along the Macleod Trail. Just outside the town of Fort Macleod, visit Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This historic site bears witness to a method of buffalo hunting practiced by native people of the North American plains for nearly 6,000 years. Then, cross the Canada-US border and



experience 'Big Sky Country' Montana. Enjoy the thousands of stars visible this evening in Shelby, Montana.

Overnight: Comfort Inn Shelby, Montana

Day 6: Shelby – Yellowstone (B)

Onward to Yellowstone, established in 1872 as the world's first National Park. You could spend a year in Yellowstone and still only scratch the surface of its wonders. Watch in awe as Old Faithful's waters arc nearly 100 feet (30 metres) into the air - as it has done approx. every 90 minutes since the Washburn Expedition discovered it in 1870. Take a guided walk with a Local Specialist among the spouting geysers, bubbling mudpots and turquoise hot springs and learn about the geothermal dynamics of this amazing wonderland.

Overnight: Yellowstone National Park

SPECIAL FEATURE: Enjoy a 2 night stay near Yellowstone National Park. Each lodge has

its own unique setting and atmosphere. Lodges featured are Absaroka Lodge, Super 8, Rodeway Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn and Stage Coach Inn. Specific lodges will be confirmed in your documents.

Day 7: Yellowstone National Park Sightseeing

Spend the day exploring Yellowstone and be swept away by the complexity and natural beauty of this unique environment. View the geologic and natural wonders of Yellowstone such as the painted mud pots, geysers, prismatic pools, and the abundance of wildlife. The routing and areas visited within Yellowstone are subject to favourable weather and/or road conditions. When conditions are unfavourable, routing may be adjusted accordingly.

Overnight: Yellowstone National Park

Day 8: Yellowstone National Park – Coeur d'Alene Region

Put on your boots, we are riding through Cowboy country today on our way from Montana to Idaho! This scenic drive is filled with American history; meandering rivers once brimming with gold and an abundance of wildlife attracting rugged mountain men, gold miners, and pioneers of the Frontier Days in American history. Sparsely inhabited, one can picture the romantic American West as it was and remains today. Finish your day in the beautiful region of Coeur d'Alene. Locals of this area boast they are surrounded by dozens of lakes left behind by glaciers of the ice age. You will find there's something magical about this day that's difficult to describe.

Overnight: Days Inn Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Day 9: Coeur d'Alene Region – Winery – Seattle (B)

Depart for the rolling wheat fields and wine country of Eastern Washington State as you travel towards the vibrant city of Seattle. Washington is now the second largest wine producing state in the US, right behind California. Make a stop at a local winery to taste the best wines Washington State has to offer. Pass by the Columbia Gorge, partially tracing the historic route of Lewis and Clark before entering the gorgeous mountain passes as you travel westward into Seattle.

Overnight: Hotel Ramada Tukwila, Seattle Washington

Day 10: Seattle - Alaska Inside Passage Cruise (B, L, D)



After breakfast transfer to Seattle Pier for the 8 day 7 night Alaska cruise onboard Royal Caribbean's 'Explorer of the Seas' ship. Everything in Alaska is bigger. Including the adventures. From the awe inspiring blue ice of a massive glacial field to the expansive grandeur of its wildlife and nature, Alaska is a land of natural wonders. Today we set sail at 4:00pm.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean 'Explorer Of The Seas' Ship

Day 11: At Sea (B,L,D)

Overnight: Royal Caribbean 'Explorer Of The Seas' Ship

Day 12: Alaska Inside Passage Cruising - Juneau, Alaska - 12:00pm to 9:00pm (B,L,D)

Marvel at the mind blowing scenery of the famed Inside Passage this morning as the cruise sails majestically toward Alaska's capital, Juneau. Docking in Juneau at approximately 12:00pm, enjoy an afternoon exploring this beautiful seaside city.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean 'Explorer Of The Seas' Ship

Day 13: Skagway, Alaska - 7:00am to 8:30pm (B,L,D)

When gold was discovered in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory (just across the border from Alaska), it resulted in the historic Gold Rush of 1898. As thousands of gold-crazed adventurers sought the best starting point for their arduous trek, they found the deepest penetration possible by boat was at the northern tip of the Lynn Canal. This is how Skagway was born.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean 'Explorer Of The Seas' Ship

Day 14: Tracy Arm Fjord, Alaska (Scenic Cruising) - 7:00am to 12:00pm (B,L,D)

Nestled between 914 metre (3,000 ft) high granite walls, the narrow, twisting slice of ocean called Tracy Arm Fjord weaves through the Tongass National Forest for roughly 35 miles. The coastline is dotted with waterfalls created by melting snowcaps and trees sprouting at odd angles from rocky outcrops. You will have ample time to admire the landscape and perhaps catch sight of a few native animals as you cruise through this port.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean 'Explorer Of The Seas' Ship

Day 15: At Sea (B,L,D)

Overnight: Royal Caribbean 'Explorer Of The Seas' Ship

Day 16: Victoria, British Columbia - 9:00am to 6:00pm (B,L,D)

Located on the southern tip on the island of Vancouver in British Columbia, the city of Victoria is probably best known for its mild climate and active outdoor lifestyle. (In fact, the city has been named the 'fittest city' in Canada more than once.) As the capital of British Columbia, the city is very tourist-friendly. Among the many attractions are world-famous gardens, its 150 years of British history, gourmet dining and fantastic shopping.

Overnight: Royal Caribbean 'Explorer of the Seas' Ship

Day 17: Arrive in Seattle - City Tour - Depart for Home (B)



The ship will dock at 6:00am and after a final breakfast disembark and enjoy your final day in beautiful Seattle - the city that never sleeps! Seattle is surrounded by majestic mountains, beautiful lakes and the Puget Sound. Seattle is an urban city with a bustling downtown and unique neighbourhoods full of interesting sites, shops and restaurants. It is home to some of the most recognisable global companies, like Amazon, Boeing, Microsoft and Starbucks. Pick up from Seattle pier and enjoy a Seattle sightseeing tour to see Seattle's essential sights in one fun, busy day on this full day adventure. Start with a city sightseeing tour of top attractions like the Space Needle, Pioneer Square, Lake Union and the Ballard Locks. Then enjoy 60 minutes of free time at Pike Place Market to explore and buy lunch, and visit Queen Anne. Transfer to Seattle Airport for a homebound flight after an experience you'll never forget!

Day 18: In Transit (In-Flight Meals)

Day 19: Arrive in Australia

CONDITIONS

- \$5499pp – EX MEL/BNE/SYD. Interior Stateroom
- \$5899pp – EX PER/ADL Interior Stateroom
- \$6199pp – EX MEL/SYD/BNE Ocean View Stateroom
- \$6599pp – EX PER/ADL Ocean View Stateroom
- **Single Supplement**
For solo travelers a mandatory single supplement applies:
 - Interior Stateroom: \$2700
 - Ocean View Stateroom: \$3300
 - Balcony Stateroom: \$4000
- **Departure Dates (2017)**
May: 10, 17, 24, 31
June: 7
July: 12, 19, 26
August: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- **Departure Cities**
Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth

FLIGHTS

- **Airline(s) Used**
Delta Airlines, United Airlines or American Airlines (subject to availability)

ACCOMMODATION

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Vancouver, BC: Pacific Gateway Hotel Richmond
- Vernon, BC: Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
- Banff National Park, AB: Banff Inn
- Canmore, AB: Ramada Inn & Suites
- Shelby, Montana, USA: Comfort Inn
- Yellowstone, USA: Absaroka Lodge/Super 8/Rodeway Inn & Suites/Comfort Inn and Stage Coach Inn
- Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, USA: Days Inn
- Seattle, Washington, USA: Hotel Ramada Tukwila



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- Cruise: Royal Caribbean: 'Explorer of The Seas' Ship

Extra Nights

- Vancouver: \$260 per room including breakfast (pre tour only)
- Seattle: \$220 per room including breakfast (post tour only)

Thank you for your interest in this holiday. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact me, Anna Curran

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