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## ITINERARY

### **Alaska and Canada – 18 Day Glacier Cruise and Canadian Rocky Mountain Tour – International Flights Included**

#### **Day 1: Arrival in Seattle**

Fly to Seattle via Los Angeles or San Francisco. Upon arrival, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in Seattle: Ramada Hotel Tukwila

#### **Day 2: Explore Seattle's collection of neighbourhoods and the Boeing Company**

Visit the world's largest airplane manufacturer, the **Boeing Company**. Announcing in 1966 that it would build the world's largest jet airliner, the 747, the company was required to construct an equally impressive manufacturing complex. The complex is recognised in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest building in the world by volume. The building has grown over the years to enclose 472 million cubic feet of space and its footprint covers 39.8 hectares and houses the assembly for Boeing wide-body aircrafts – the 747, 767, and 777. On the Boeing flight line, you will see airplanes in various stages of flight testing and manufacturing for airline customers around the world.

Return to **Seattle** to visit all the must-sees plus a few places off the beaten path. Begin downtown with a drive along the major avenues and corridors leading to each portion of the tour.

Once out of the downtown area you will be treated to the many distinct neighbourhoods that make up Seattle's character, some of which are located high on the hilltops that surround the city, some that actually float on the calm waters of Lake Union while others are in places often overlooked by the average tourist.

Along the journey the coach will stop at scenic overlooks, as well as the **Salmon Ladder** and **Ballard Locks** where you will have the opportunity to view the summer



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passage of migrating salmon and the ingenuity of gravity fed locks filled with an endless variety of boats.

Overnight in Seattle: Ramada Hotel Tukwila  
Meals included: Breakfast

### **Day 3: Begin your 7 night cruise of the spectacular Alaskan coast**

Spend the day in Seattle at your leisure. Soak up the city's scene in one of the many coffeehouses or head down to the lively Pike Place Market to feast on artisanal and local foods. Transfer to Pier number 8 to begin your **8 day Alaska Cruise**. Depart at 4pm.

Overnight on board the cruise: Explorer of the Seas  
Meals included: Breakfast lunch and dinner.

### **Day 4: At Sea**

Whether you are seeking activity or total tranquillity, the Explorer of the Seas cruise ship has it all. Try rock climbing, ice skating and mini golf on green that overlooks a sea of blue. Melt away land-based stress with a spa massage, build a scrapbook of memories or simply relax by the side of the pool.

Overnight on board the cruise: Explorer of the Seas  
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### **Day 5: Cruise the Alaska Inside Passage and arrive in Juneau**

Have your camera ready to capture the rugged beauty of the islands and mainland coast of Southern Alaska. The views include glaciers, fjords, soaring cliffs and misty Northern rainforest.

Arrive in **Juneau** at 12pm. Surrounded by fjords, forest and snow-capped mountains, Juneau is one gorgeous state capital. Its historic city centre harkens back to its gold-rush origins and you can still pan for gold. But nature is the priceless treasure. Depart at 9pm.

Overnight on board the cruise: Explorer of the Seas  
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.



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## **Day 6: Step back in time in Skagway**

Arrive in **Skagway** at 7am. The great Klondike Gold Rush lives on in Skagway's charming city centre of restored 19th-century buildings and its historic railway. From the vintage train admire the mountains and see the 1898 trail that fortune seekers travelled on foot. Depart at 8.30pm.

Overnight on board the cruise: Explorer of the Seas  
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 7: The magnificent Tracy Arm Fjord**

Arriving at 7am, just South of Juneau lies the amazing **Tracy Arm Fjord**, carved by glacier activity. Among the sights to admire from the icy waters are waterfalls cascading down 900m (3,000-ft) high granite walls. Depart at 12pm.

Overnight on board the cruise: Explorer of the Seas  
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 8: At Sea**

The Explorer of the Seas boasts a bounty of holiday possibilities for every guest. Like the chance to learn Salsa dancing and Italian or the opportunity to conquer the rock wall, ice skate on the equator, slow things down with a hot stone massage or indulge in a feast of duty-free designer shopping. See, do and learn more at sea than you ever thought possible.

Overnight on board the cruise: Explorer of the Seas  
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

## **Day 9: Port of Call: Victoria, British Columbia**

Arrive at 9am in **Victoria**. The capital of British Columbia is filled with blooming gardens, heritage architecture and historic charm. The heart of Victoria is its scenic harbour and Old Town, compact areas that are made for strolling and easily explored on foot. Depart 6pm.

Overnight on board the cruise: Explorer of the Seas  
Meals included: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.



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## **Day 10: Shopping, followed by Harrison Hot Springs**

After arriving in Seattle you will be collected from the pier and driven North to **Seattle Premium Outlet** where you can find the world's finest outlet shopping with over 120 stores at incredible prices. In the afternoon cross the border and head to the Fraser Valley where you will find the small community of the village of **Harrison Hot Springs**.

Overnight in Harrison Hot Spring: Ramada Harrison Hot Springs

Meals included: Breakfast

## **Day 11: Scenic drive to Jasper via Mount Hobson**

Enjoy the scenic drive through the Fraser Valley and its farming communities. Ascend the Coastal Mountains and follow the Coquihalla Highway to **Kamloops**, in the arid interior of British Columbia. After lunch, retrace the route of the famous Overlanders along the North Thompson River and make a stop at Mount Robson Visitor Center to see **Mount Robson**, the most prominent mountain in the Rocky Mountain range. Arrive in **Jasper** in the evening.

Overnight in Jasper: Mount Robson Inn

## **Day 12: Enjoy the natural wonder of Jasper National Park**

Start your day with a scenic hike through **Maligne Canyon** before heading South. Travel along the world-famous **Icefields Parkway** in **Jasper National Park** to take in some of nature's most spectacular mountain scenery. Have your camera ready for possible wildlife sightings! Highlights include **Athabasca Falls**, **Peyto Lake**, and the **Columbia Icefield**. Ride the "Ice Explorer" on Athabasca Glacier.

Overnight in Banff: The Juniper Hotel

## **Day 13: Discover the delights of Banff – Lake Louise, Johnston Canyon...**

Enjoy a full day of sightseeing in **Banff National Park**. Start with a leisurely hike in **Johnston Canyon** and stroll along the shores of picturesque **Lake Louise** and **Moraine Lake**, voted one of the most beautiful lakes on the earth! Later, visit the world famous **Banff Springs Hotel** and **Bow Falls**. Enjoy some free time in Banff.



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Overnight in Banff: The Juniper Hotel

### **Day 14: Travel to Vernon via the Okanagan Valley**

Re-board your coach bound for the world-famous wine country of the **Okanagan Valley**, home to sandy beaches, wineries, orchards, and gardens. On the way pass **Yoho National Park** and **Glacier National Park** for beautiful scenery. Arrive in **Kelowna** in the afternoon. Enjoy a refreshing tour of one of the best wineries in the region. Your tour continues South through the sunbelt cities of **Peachland** and **Summerland**. Take in the spectacular views of **Okanagan Lake** before arriving in **Vernon**.

Overnight in Vernon: Village Green Hotel

### **Day 15: Relax on the shores of the scenic Okanagan Lake**

After breakfast, relax on the sandy beaches of **Okanagan Lake** or stroll along the heritage downtown core lined with shops, parks, and outdoor cafés. For outdoor enthusiasts, there are many opportunities for parasailing, canoeing, kayaking, and paddle-boating. Arrive in Vancouver in the evening.

Overnight in Vancouver: Executive Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre Richmond

### **Day 16: Explore Vancouver**

Spend the day exploring the city of **Vancouver**, the bustling seaport with a rich cultural diversity. Set amongst a ring of mountains and ocean it is one of the world's most scenic cities. Combined with a cosmopolitan air and European feel, Vancouver is sure to delight.

In the afternoon, transfer to Vancouver International Airport for your flight home.

### **Day 17: In Flight**

### **Day 18: Arrival in Australia**