

# Canada Tour and Alaska Cruise



For **SINGLES 50 Years and Over**

16 August to 4 September 2010 (20 days / 19 nights)

Vancouver • Sunshine Coast • Victoria • Kelowna • Yoho National Park • Banff National Park • Jasper National Park • The Canadian Train • Alaskan Cruising (optional)

## Canada and Alaska

Enjoy a 13 day Canadian Rockies tour plus there's the option to extend with a 7 day Alaskan Glacier Bay Inside Passage cruise on board a Holland America cruise liner, for the ultimate 20 day experience.

While touring Western Canada, aside from Alberta's stunning national parks, there is a chance to explore the remote Sunshine Coast and charming Victoria Island. Then, after a scenic rail journey through the British Columbian wilderness, unwind on a seven-night luxury cruise through Alaska's Inside Passage.

## Tour Highlights

- Enjoy breakfast at the Vancouver Aquarium and learn about indigenous marine life
- Relax with breakfast at Butchart Gardens and explore the spectacular floral displays
- Tour a renowned winery and taste local vintages in the scenic Okanagan Valley
- Gather around a bonfire overlooking Emerald Lake to roast s'mores and enjoy a liqueur
- Climb aboard a specially-designed Ice Explorer to ascend part way up Athabasca Glacier
- Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer train for one of the world's great rail journeys.
- Visit the Capilano Suspension Bridge and Park and join the Treetops Adventure

## Tour Pace

Enjoy a leisurely tour with two-night stays in Vancouver, Victoria, Banff and Jasper and the option to unwind on a seven-night luxury cruise through Alaska's scenic Inside Passage.

There is the comfort of knowing you'll be sharing the tour with other like-minded singles with our special group booking 'for singles'. Plus, we 'go the extra mile' and offer a pre-departure contact service to our group of guests (see itinerary page for details).

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**Bookings close  
15 April 2010**  
or before places sell out



## TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

### Tour Inclusions

- Airport arrival and departure transfers on the first and last day of your tour
- Professional Tour Director (Days 1-13)
- 12 nights first-class hotels with all service charges, taxes and portage
- 7 nights onboard luxury Holland America cruise liner ms Zuiderdam (use of all facilities included)
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with extra legroom and restroom facilities
- RedLeaf Service onboard the Rocky Mountaineer train
- Tips to restaurants where a meal is included on the itinerary
- Service charges and local taxes on services provided on the itinerary\*
- Maximum tour group size of 40 people
- Travel wallet with tour documentation
- Quality dining including 11 Full Breakfasts, 3 Hotel Dinners, 2 Highlight Dinners Plus Dine-Around selection of restaurants at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel (Canada Tour)
- 1 Continental Breakfast and 1 Dinner (The Canadian Train)
- 7 Full Breakfasts, 6 Lunches and 7 Dinners aboard the MS Zuiderdam (Cruise)

\* except local airport and border taxes.

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### Tour Prices

Prices Per Person*	Twin Share	Single Supplement
13 Day Tour Only	\$5999	\$2099
20 Day Tour and Cruise		
<i>Inside Stateroom</i>	\$7050	\$3025
<i>Ocean View Stateroom</i>	\$7475	\$3250
<i>Verandah Stateroom</i>	\$8050	\$4450
<i>Cruise Fees, Taxes and Tips</i>	\$572	\$572
Pre & Post Tour Accommodation		
<i>Fairmont Pacific Rim, Vancouver</i>	\$153	\$304

### Early Payment Discount

Pay In Full 10 Months Prior To Your Tour departure date and **SAVE \$385**

Pay In Full 6 Months Prior To Your Tour departure date and **SAVE \$257**

\* All prices are in Australian Dollars

### About Us

At A Rendezvous for Singles we offer holiday groups for single travellers, visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe. From short tropical escapes, adventure trips and leisurely touring, all trips are age-matched and enjoyed with a group of like-minded people.

### Contact Us

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# Itinerary for Canada Tour and Alaska Cruise

**Day 1 (Arrive Vancouver).** Welcome to Vancouver! Your tour begins with a complimentary transfer from Vancouver International Airport to your hotel. After meeting with your Tour Director this afternoon, please join us at 6 p.m. for a Welcome Drink. Meet your fellow travellers and prepare yourself for an adventure like no other. **Hotel:** Fairmont Pacific Rim.

**Day 2 (Vancouver to Sunshine Coast).** This morning enjoy breakfast at the Vancouver Aquarium, where there is an opportunity to also view beluga and orca killer whales. Then explore Vancouver; stop in the evergreen oasis of Stanley Park and learn the significance of the park's famous totem poles to the aboriginal people. Discover the eclectic community of English Bay and explore Chinatown, North America's second largest Chinese community after San Francisco. Visit historic Gastown, where Vancouver was originally built in 1867. Later stop at the Cypress Mountain Lookout and marvel at the stunning views of Vancouver and the surrounding region. The spectacular wilderness of the Sunshine Coast is just a ferry ride away as you cross Howe Sound. Delight in some of British Columbia's most beautiful marine landscapes and arrive at your unique wilderness retreat situated in protected Halfmoon Bay. This evening enjoy a delectable dinner at your oasis nestled between the majesty of the rainforest and the Pacific Ocean. **Hotel:** Rockwater Secret Cove Resort.

**Day 3 (Sunshine Coast to Victoria).** Ferry across the Strait of Georgia to Vancouver Island and journey to the charming village of Chemainus, where antique stores, art galleries, quaint cafes and gift shops appear on every corner. Follow the yellow footprints to the world's largest outdoor art gallery where artists from around the world painted huge heritage murals on the sides of buildings. Continue on to delightful Victoria, where an orientation tour introduces you to the Inner Harbour, the ornate Parliament Buildings and Bastion Square. As an option this evening, why not experience the magic of Old Chinatown on a guided walking tour, complete with a Chinese banquet? **Hotel:** Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour.

**Day 4 (Victoria Sightseeing).** Start the day with breakfast at the famous Butchart Gardens, 55 acres of exquisite floral displays, meandering paths and spectacular views. A representative from Butchart Gardens will give a brief talk on the gardens and the history of the Butchart family. There is ample time to explore these gardens which have delighted visitors from around the world for over one hundred years. The rest of the day is yours to leisurely explore Victoria. Popular optional activities include a whale watching cruise and horse-drawn carriage ride. Dinner tonight is served at one of Victoria's restaurants.

**Day 5 (Victoria to Kelowna).** After returning to the mainland, travel alongside the Coast Mountains and over the Cascade Mountain range into the Okanagan Valley to Kelowna, one of Canada's most beloved vacation spots. The

lush Okanagan region is Canada's wine capital with some 60 wineries producing world-class vintages. Visit a beautiful winery and estate and sample an array of outstanding local wines. **Hotel:** Delta Grand Okanagan Resort.

**Day 6 (Kelowna to Banff National Park).** Journey through four of Canada's most spectacular national parks: Mount Revelstoke, Glacier, Yoho and Banff. Travel from primeval forests to Ice Age glaciers, from spectacular waterfalls to soaring peaks. At Giant Cedar in Mount Revelstoke, enjoy a guided walk through a stand of 1,000-year-old red cedars (weather permitting). At Kicking Horse Pass, cross the Continental Divide, where all the rivers of North America are diverted to the Pacific or Atlantic Oceans. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Banff before arriving at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, a grand Scottish baronial castle, for a two-night stay in the heart of Banff National Park. This evening, exemplary service and a variety of restaurants await you for your Dine-Around pleasure. **Hotel:** The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

**Day 7 (Banff at Leisure).** Enjoy leisure time in Banff. Perhaps enjoy an optional float trip down the Bow River or a helicopter tour of Mount Assiniboine. This evening, why not partake in a fun and entertaining dinner show?

**Day 8 (Banff to Yoho National Park).** Enjoy an interpretive walk along the shore of Lake Louise, Canada's "Diamond in the Wilderness," and learn about the history and geography of this breathtaking area before moving on to another great icon of the Canadian Rockies—Moraine Lake, crowned by ten notable peaks. As you approach Yoho National Park, stop at the Spiral Tunnels viewpoint and learn about the construction of these famous tunnels. Pass by the spectacular Natural Bridge, patiently carved by the Kicking Horse River, and arrive at exquisite Emerald Lake, one of Canada's most outstanding wilderness settings. Your home tonight is the historic Emerald Lake Lodge, built of hand-hewn timber and featuring massive stone fireplaces. After dinner, enjoy an informative presentation on the local history of the region. Later stargaze under the night sky and savour a liqueur and s'mores, a traditional American campfire treat, by a lakeside bonfire. **Hotel:** Emerald Lake Lodge.

**Day 9 (Yoho to Jasper National Park).** Today motor along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway and witness amazing scenery such as Crowfoot Glacier hanging improbably from a cliff face some 900 feet above and Columbia Icefield, North America's largest sub-polar ice pack. At Athabasca Glacier, one of the icefield's six principal "toes," climb aboard a specially-designed Ice Explorer for a once-in-a-lifetime guided tour over steep grades, snow and ice as you ascend partway up the glacier. En route to Jasper, perhaps join an optional gentle float trip down the Athabasca River. Your home for the next two nights is the picturesque Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge in the heart of Jasper National Park, an alpine wonderland of immense forests, jewelled lakes, soaring waterfalls, soothing mineral hot springs, rugged glaciers, colourful meadows

and majestic mountains. After dinner a local wildlife expert will lead an informative presentation about some of the park's most interesting residents which include elk, moose, mountain goat, bighorn sheep, grizzly bear, black bear, beaver and caribou. **Hotel:** The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge.

**Day 10 (Jasper National Park Sightseeing).** Join your Tour Director for an interpretive walk at Maligne Canyon, one of the most beautiful gorges in the Canadian Rockies. Stroll along the canyon's trail, past beautiful waterfalls, astounding rock formations, and learn about the underground river system. The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. Jasper is the base for a host of optional tours and activities. Perhaps enjoy a boat cruise on Maligne Lake or join a guided nature walk at Mount Edith Cavell along the "Path of the Glacier." The choice is entirely yours!

**Day 11 (Jasper to Rocky Mountaineer to Kamloops).** Relive the golden age of rail travel aboard the Rocky Mountaineer train, one of the world's great rail journeys. For the next two days, enjoy travelling in your choice of RedLeaf or GoldLeaf Service as the train journeys from Jasper in the Rocky Mountains to Vancouver and the Pacific Ocean. View spectacular scenery as the train journeys across the Continental Divide and over the Yellowhead Pass back to British Columbia. On arrival in Kamloops, transfer to your Rocky Mountaineer hotel. **Hotel:** Assigned by Rocky Mountaineer.

**Day 12 (Kamloops to Rocky Mountaineer to Vancouver).** Continue your journey onboard the Rocky Mountaineer train and follow the river into the Thompson Canyon with its rugged walls and dry sagebrush landscape until it dramatically merges with the Fraser River. On arrival in Vancouver, transfer to your hotel. End the day with dinner at a local restaurant before retiring to your hotel for the night. **Hotel:** Fairmont Pacific Rim.

**Day 13 (Alaska Glacier Bay Inside Passage Cruise).** Vancouver and the Capilano Suspension Bridge and Park. Cross the spectacular suspension bridge, 230 feet above the Capilano River, and join the award-winning Treetops Adventure, a guided nature tour along a series of elevated walkways. Then 13-day tour guests take a complimentary transfer to Vancouver International Airport, or for those extending their stay in Vancouver, back to the hotel. (B) Please do not schedule flights before 2 p.m. Guests on the 20-Day Land Tour & Cruise are transferred to Canada Place to board Holland America Line's ms Zuiderdam for an unforgettable Alaska Glacier Bay Inside Passage Cruise.

**Day 14 (Scenic Cruising, Inside Passage).** Enter a region so isolated, it can only be accessed by sea or air. Come face-to-face with the grandeur of the Ice Age. Slowly glide past a maze of bays, glacier-carved fjords and waterways protected from the open sea by islands and other land masses. The ms Zuiderdam is designed for Alaskan cruising with its airy lounges, teak decks and roomy verandahs, allowing for comfortable observation of the ever-changing panorama of unspoiled virgin forests and vast wilderness that stretch from British Columbia to Skagway, Alaska.

