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## Western Canada and Canadian Rockies with Alaskan Cruise

25 Day Conducted Tour

only **\$6,995** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

This is superb value for a tour of this magnitude as all of the following are included:

- Return air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Vancouver with Cathay Pacific.
- A wonderful 8 day Alaskan cruise of the Inside Passage in a great cruise ship Holland America's MS Nieuw Amsterdam in an inside cabin. An outside cabin would cost an additional \$585 per person twin share. A verandah cabin would cost an extra \$1027 per person twin share.
- A 12-day tour of Western Canada and the Rockies.
- A 3 night stopover in Hong Kong.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3-4 star.
- All meals while on the cruise.
- All transport and transfers.
- Port charges & fees.
- Prepaid gratuities to the tour director and driver (not included on the cruise ship).
- Services of local tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have a travel partner but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try to assign you with another person, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra charge of \$2,415 based on an inside cabin or \$3,584 based on an outside cabin.

**Tour departs Australia  
5<sup>th</sup> May and returns  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2017**



*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for Western Canada & Canadian Rockies with Alaskan Cruise**

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### **05.05.17 Australia - Hong Kong**

Depart Sydney at 2.05pm on CX 100, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.35pm.

Depart Melbourne at 2.20pm on CX 104, arriving in Hong Kong at 9.50pm.

Upon arrival we are met and transferred to the Hotel Panorama by Rhombus, for a three night stay.

### **06.05.17 Hong Kong**

**(B)**

Today there will be a half day Hong Kong Island Tour.

Our first stop is Man Mo Temple, which was built in 1847 and dedicated to the gods, Man (Literature) and Mo (Martial Arts). The temple is notable for its many fine, well-polished brass and pewter incense burners. Our next stop is Victoria Peak, overlooking the west of Hong Kong Island. It is the highest peak on the island and the most enduring tourist attraction in Hong Kong. We take a ride on the city's oldest transport, the 112 year old Peak Tram. In the early colonial rule, Victoria Peak was accessible only to Hong Kong's high society while the commoners could only visit the peak by permit from the colony's governor. Today Victoria Peak is a world renowned scenic spot. Our ride on the Peak Tram ascends to Victoria Peak, which is 1805 feet above sea level. On the peak we will experience the dazzling panorama of Hong Kong Island, the harbour, Kowloon Peninsula and the hills beyond.

We also visit Aberdeen, located on the southern tip of Hong Kong Island. It is the largest satellite town with a population of about 60,000. It was a pirates den two centuries ago and later turned into a simple fishing village. In recent years, with local high rise building developments, Aberdeen has modernised and now it has become a vibrant waterfront resort for people from metropolitan Hong Kong. Despite modernization, traditional fishing life still prevails. Hundreds of junks and sampans serve as floating homes for thousands of people. They crowd in the narrow harbour, dramatically juxtaposed against the modern high rise buildings that spread up the nearby hillsides. We take a sampan ride in the harbour to truly appreciate this fascinating place, followed by a visit to a prestigious jewellery factory, where we can find famous hand-crafted jewellery.

We also stop at Stanley Market. Stanley is a coastal village on the southern side of Hong Kong Island. It is a must see place for visitors to Hong Kong. Stanley used to be a small fishing village but in recent years, a series of restaurants and pubs have been established here. Now this village is bustling with throngs of people. Stanley Market is located up the road from the harbour and is the highlight of Stanley. Over the years it's become known for its bargains, which includes silk garments, sportswear, art, Chinese costumes, souvenirs, ornaments and a host of fantastic crafts. It is one of the famous open-air markets in Hong Kong. Strolling in this street and bargaining with the shrewd vendors is something most travellers find amusing to try.

Afterwards we are returned to the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure.

### **07.05.17 Hong Kong**

**(B/D)**

Today is at leisure to further explore fascinating Hong Kong. In the evening we transfer from the hotel to the pier for a cruise onboard the MV Rainbow Star to Lamma Island, which is located on the south west side of Hong Kong Island. Here we will enjoy a seafood dinner with award winning dishes at the Rainbow Seafood

Restaurant. Visitors from all over the world flock to the island to enjoy fresh seafood at a plethora of terraced restaurants raised on stilts above the bay. After dinner we cruise back to the mainland while enjoying the world class multimedia light and sound show 'A Symphony of Lights'. This show has been awarded the world's largest permanent light and sound show by Guinness World Records. After disembarking the ship we are transferred back to the hotel.

**08.05.17 Hong Kong – Vancouver, Canada**

**(B)** Breakfast at the hotel. This morning there is some free time for last minute Hong Kong shopping, before being transferred to the airport for our flight to Canada. Depart Hong Kong at 4.20pm on flight CX 838, arriving in Vancouver at 1.15pm the same day (we cross the International Date Line). Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to do some independent exploring or recover from the flight. Our tour director is on hand this evening to answer any questions.

**09.05.17 Vancouver**

This morning we have an included city highlights tour showcasing Stanley Park, Chinatown, the harbour, beaches and more. The remainder of the day is free to further explore the city. Shoppers and browsers might like to take a water taxi to lively Granville Island with its outdoor markets, street musicians and waterfront cafés. Or you might like to visit historic Gastown with its steam-powered clock, antique shops, art galleries and street vendors.

**10.05.17 Vancouver - Kelowna**

This morning our journey begins in British Columbia's fertile valleys and continues through rich mountain forests to Lake Okanagan. Travel along the lake to the resort city of Kelowna, attractively set on the lakeshore and surrounded by orchards and vineyards. Sample the local wines on the included winery tour this afternoon.

**11.05.17 Kelowna - Banff National Park**

Motor north through the Okanagan Valley, famous for its peaches and vineyards. Then begin the climb up 1,335 metres high Rogers Pass, in Glacier National Park. Take a break at the pass, a perfect spot for photos of the impressively rugged mountains, glaciers and waterfalls. Enter Yoho National Park and scale Kicking Horse Pass at an altitude of 1,652 metres. This evening, reach Banff National Park, the gateway to the majestic Canadian Rockies.

**12.05.17 Banff National Park**

Banff is one of Canada's favourite year round resorts, with activities ranging from skiing in the winter to hiking, boating and fishing in the summer. With our free day, the tour director will suggest an optional helicopter ride over the Canadian Rockies.

**13.05.17 Banff - Lake Louise - Columbia Ice field - Jasper National Park**

A day of scenic grandeur. First we travel to Lake Louise, with its cold turquoise waters which are a perfect natural mirror reflecting the surrounding mountains and glaciers. A highlight on today's agenda is a stop at the Columbia Ice Field to experience the Ice Explorer, an all-terrain vehicle that travels on ice that is 365 metres (1,200 ft) thick. Precipitous gorges, snow capped summits and lakes of

exquisite blues and greens come into view as the motorcoach continues northward into Jasper National Park. Enjoy an orientation tour of the town of Jasper upon arrival.

**14.05.17 Jasper National Park**

Today you might like to join the optional excursion to Maligne Lake and Spirit Island, where you embark on a narrated cruise of the lake. The rest of the day is free to enjoy everything Jasper has to offer, from guided hikes and quaint shops to meandering wildlife.

**15.05.17 Jasper National Park - Mount Robson - Sun Peaks**

Leave Jasper and follow the Fraser River to the base of Mount Robson, the highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies, peaking at 3,953 metres. Follow the Yellowhead Highway south along the North Thompson River, a route pioneered by fur trappers a century ago. Overnight at the mountain resort of Sun Peaks.

**16.05.17 Sun Peaks - Lillooet - Whistler**

Head south following the once treacherous Cariboo Wagon Trail, via Lillooet - 'Mile 0 of the Gold Rush Route'. Our motorcoach will follow the shores of Seton and Duffey Lakes with a late afternoon arrival in Whistler. Tonight, wander the many alpine trails or enjoy the shopping and great selection of restaurants and nightlife.

**17.05.17 Whistler**

Today is spent in the alpine resort of Whistler, nestled at the base of breathtaking Blackcomb Mountain. There is free time to explore many of the 2010 Winter Olympic sites, or join one of the many optional excursions.

**18.05.17 Whistler - Ferry Crossing - Victoria**

This morning we sail across the Strait of Georgia and through the spectacular Gulf Islands, an archipelago known for its Mediterranean-type climate. We have an afternoon arrival in Victoria. Sightseeing today includes Marine Drive, Bastion Square and the Thunderbird Park with its unusual collection of totem poles. Then visit world famous Butchart Gardens, one of Victoria's most celebrated sites and rated among the most beautiful gardens in the world. Once there, stroll through the colourful arrangements of the Sunken Garden, the Japanese and Italian Gardens, the English Rose Garden and the magnificent Ross Fountain.

**19.05.17 Victoria**

Today is at leisure to discover some of the attractions this splendid city has to offer. You might like to visit the Royal British Columbia Museum, have afternoon tea at the Empress Hotel, see an IMAX presentation at the National Geographic Theatre, go whale watching on the Strait of Juan de Fuca or enjoy fine shopping along Government Street.

**20.05.17 Victoria - Vancouver (Embarkation)**

**(D)** Early this morning, board the ferry for a scenic crossing to the mainland. Upon arrival we are transferred to Canada Place to board Holland America's MS Nieuw for an unforgettable Inside Passage Cruise.

### Ships Specification:

Launched: 2010 Ship's Registry: The Netherlands Gross Tonnage: 86,700 grt  
Guest Capacity: 2106 Crew members: 929 Length: 935 feet Beam: 105 feet  
Maximum speed: 23 knots

### Ships Features:

With an inspired interior design, the MS Nieuw Amsterdam's art ranges from antiques, Dutch masters and creations by renowned contemporary artists to an eye-catching inverted New York skyline sculpture that celebrates the glamour and history of the 'Big Apple'. The ship is equipped with new concepts such as the innovative pan-Asian Tamarind Restaurant and Silk Den Lounge surrounded by panoramic views overlooking the ocean expanse and the Lido pool. Other additions are an Explorer's Lounge Bar, a premium wine-tasting lounge, an elegant luxury jewellery boutique, new atrium bar area, Showroom at Sea and a new photographic and imaging centre. The ship provides several much-admired Holland America Line features, including outside-view glass elevators at midship, the Explorations Café, a cyber-coffee house powered by The New York Times, the Pinnacle Grill and Pinnacle Bar, the innovative Culinary Arts Centre presented by Food & Wine Magazine, where culinary experts provide cooking demonstrations and intimate classes in state-of-the-art onboard show kitchens, an expanded Greenhouse Spa and Salon with thermal suites and hydro-pool and one of the largest gymnasiums ever built for Holland America Line.

- 21.05.17 Cruising Inside Passage**  
**(B/L/D)** Spend the day cruising one of the world's most spectacular waterways. Located along the coast of British Columbia, the Inside Passage is the longest sheltered inland waterway in the world. Be sure to watch the water for orcas and humpback whales.
- 22.05.17 Juneau**  
**(B/L/D)** An afternoon arrival in Juneau, Alaska's capital. The city has a Gold Rush story to rival that of the Klondike, and is only accessible by aircraft or boat.
- 23.05.17 Skagway**  
**(B/L/D)** Take your time and poke your head into every little shop, from the Trail Bench to Lynch & Kennedy's Dry Goods. The Red Onion Saloon, with its honky-tonk piano and costumed barmaids, is a treasure-trove of memorabilia featuring pictures of Klondike Kate, Pea Hull Annie and other historic characters. To complete the picture of those rip-roaring days you may wish to visit the nostalgic Trail of '98 Museum.
- 24.05.17 Glacier Bay Scenic Cruising**  
**(B/L/D)** Glacier Bay has more actively calving tidewater glaciers than anywhere else in the world. What's it like when a colossal chunk of ice splits off a glacier and crashes into the sea? The sound is like thunder. The impact shoots water hundreds of feet into the air. You hold your breath as you capture the moment photographically. Then you wait for it all to happen again.
- 25.05.17 Ketchikan**  
**(B/L/D)** Built out over the water and up weathered stairways, Ketchikan clings to the shores of Tongass Narrows and drapes the mountains with a hospitable air.

**26.05.17 Cruising Inside Passage**  
**(B/L/D)** Return through the Inside Passage and cruise through more of this awe-inspiring scenery. Keep your cameras ready for spouting whales, soaring eagles and other wildlife. Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous dinner and onboard entertainment.

**27.05.17 Vancouver - Hong Kong**  
**(B)** Disembark the ship this morning and transfer to Vancouver International Airport for our flights home. Depart Vancouver at 2.45pm on CX 837, arriving in Hong Kong at 7.15pm the following day (we re-cross the International Date Line).

**28.05.17 Hong Kong - Sydney**  
Transfer to your next flight.  
Sydney passengers depart Hong Kong at 9.30pm on CX 161, arriving in Sydney at 8.45am the next morning (29.05.17).

**29.05.17 Hong Kong - Melbourne**  
Melbourne passengers depart Hong Kong at 12.10am on CX 105, arriving in Melbourne at 11.30am the same day.

**Note:** The ground operator in Canada & Alaska is Cosmos



## **Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Canada & Alaska Tour**

**Deposits and Payments** - A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 14 weeks prior to departure.

**Refunds and Cancellations** - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

**Insurance** - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

**Passports** - All travelers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia.

A visa waiver is required for travel to the United States of America for all Australian passport holders. At present the cost for a visa waiver is USD \$14 per person. From the 15 March 2016 passengers entering Canada will require an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA), which is applied for online and requires your passport details, credit card and an email address. The current cost for this ETA is \$7 Canadian Dollars and is valid for five years.

**Basic Tour Price and Taxes** - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

**Not Included in the Cost** - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, travel insurance, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

**Breakaway Fee** - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$150 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

**Booking through other Agents** - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

**Accreditation** - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

**Twin Share Bookings** - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

**Holland America Cruise** - Holland America requires you to register your credit card as a guarantee for any purchases whilst onboard the ship. Your credit card will be pre-authorised for the amount of 60 USD per person for each day (total 420 USD) of the cruise. For gratuities on the cruise, your credit card will also have a pre-authorised amount of 12.50 US per person per day (total 100 USD) for those passengers in an inside/outside cabin. For passengers in verandah cabins an amount of 13.50 USD per person per day (total 108 USD). Please note that "Travel Cards" are not accepted as payment on the ship.

If you do not want to use a credit card, the ship will collect a cash deposit from you at the time of boarding for the same pre-authorisation amount USD \$60 per person per day plus the total gratuities.

Any excess deposit money paid will be refunded to you at the end of the cruise. If the service exceeds or fails to meet your expectations, you are free to adjust the amount of gratuities at the end of the cruise.

**Health and Fitness** - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

**Limitation of Liability** - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

**MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM**

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

**A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM**

Name of Tour : \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 1** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 2** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PostCode** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone / Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Passport Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

**Single room / Twin beds / Double bed:** (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Extensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person.

**DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.**