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## Western Canada and Canadian Rockies with Alaskan Cruise

22 Day Conducted Tour

only **\$6,725** per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes & levies

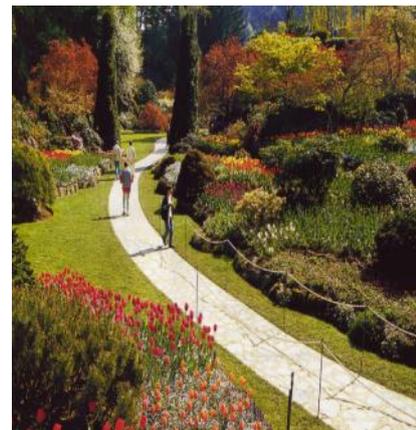
This is superb value for a tour of this magnitude as all of the following are included:

- Return air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Vancouver with Air Canada.
- A 13 day tour of Western Canada and the Rockies
- A wonderful 8 day Alaskan cruise of the Inside Passage in a great cruise ship Holland America's MS Koningsdam in an inside cabin. A window cabin would cost an additional \$1,041 per person twin share. A balcony cabin would cost an extra \$1200 per person twin share.
- A post cruise day tour along the Sea to Sky Highway outside of Vancouver.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3-4 star.
- All meals while on the cruise.
- All transport, 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 \$2,695 based on an inside cabin.

**Tour departs Australia  
11<sup>th</sup> May and returns  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**



*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

### **11.05.20 Australia – Vancouver**

Depart Melbourne at 6.30am on QF 406, arriving in Sydney at 7.55am.

Melbourne and Sydney passengers then depart Sydney at 10.10am on Air Canada flight AC 34, arriving in Vancouver at 7.30am the same day (we cross the International Date Line).

Depart Brisbane at 10.40am on flight AC 36, arriving in Vancouver at 7.15am the same day (we cross the International Date Line).

Upon arrival in Vancouver we are transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to do some independent exploring or recover from the flight.

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. Our tour director is on hand late this afternoon to answer any questions.

Please note that your hotel room may not be available today until the usual afternoon check in time.

### **12.05.20 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.

### **13.05.20 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, beautifully set on the lakeshore and surrounded by orchards and vineyards. Sample the local wines on the included winery tour this afternoon.

### **14.05.20 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. Later we reach Banff National Park, the gateway to the majestic Canadian Rockies. An orientation tour includes Banff's unspoiled beauty.

### **15.05.20 Banff National Park**

Banff is one of Canada's favourite year round resorts and home to 53 species of mammals. The most commonly seen are deer and big horn sheep. With our free day, the tour director will suggest an optional helicopter ride over the Canadian Rockies.

### **16.05.20 Banff - Lake Louise - Columbia Ice Field - Jasper National Park**

First we travel to Lake Louise, with its cold turquoise waters which are a perfect natural mirror reflecting the surrounding mountains and glaciers. Precipitous gorges, snow capped summits and lakes of exquisite blues and greens come into view as the

coach continues northward into Jasper National Park. 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 thick.

Enjoy an orientation tour of the town of Jasper upon arrival.

**17.05.20 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.

**18.05.20 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. We 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.

**19.05.20 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.

**20.05.20 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.

**21.05.20 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. We visit world famous Butchart Gardens, one of Victoria's most celebrated sites and rated among the most beautiful gardens in the world. Our sightseeing continues with Bastion Square and the Thunderbird Park with its unusual collection of totem poles.

**22.05.20 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.

**23.05.20 Victoria - Vancouver (Cruise Embarkation)**

**(D)** Board the ferry for a scenic crossing to the mainland. Upon arrival we are transferred to Canada Place to board Holland America's MS Koningsdam for an unforgettable Inside Passage Cruise. Ship departs at 4.30pm.

Ships Specification:

Launched: 2016 Ship's Registry: The Netherlands Gross Tonnage: 99,863 grt

Guest Capacity: 2650 Length: 975 feet Maximum speed: 22 knots

Ships Features:

The first of Holland America Line's Pinnacle-class ships, MS Koningsdam combines 21<sup>st</sup> century elegance and nautical tradition. Inspired by music, her design features fluid lines, light-filled spaces and innovative new dining and entertainment venues. From the dazzling two-storey World Stage to Music Walk, Lincoln Centre Stage, B.B. King's Blues Club and Billboard Onboard. Cruise with us on Holland America's largest ever ship.

**24.05.20 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.

**25.05.20 Juneau**

**(B/L/D)** This morning we have scenic cruising of Tracy Arm Inlet. Steep cliffs and glacier covered mountains flank this fjord, fringed by the largest intact coastal temperate rain forest in the USA. This is followed by 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. Ship departs late this evening for Skagway.

**26.05.20 Skagway**

**(B/L/D)** A full day in Skagway to 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.

**27.05.20 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.

**28.05.20 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. Ketchikan is one of the best spots along the Inside Passage to explore the rich cultural sights of Native Alaskan nations like the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian. See intricately carved totem poles at the Totem Heritage Centre and Totem Bight State Park. Make sure you leave time to explore the sights in the town itself, including historic Creek Street, a boardwalk built over the Ketchikan Creek, where you can shop for souvenirs, smoked salmon and local art, while exploring the gold rush era tourist attractions.

**29.05.20 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.

**30.05.20 Vancouver – Australia**

**(B)**

This morning we disembark the cruise ship. At 10am we are collected at the port and taken on an excursion to see some of the area's best mountainous terrain.

Comfortable walking shoes are advised for today's activities. Enjoy a comfortable coach drive north along the Sea to Sky Highway, a stretch of Highway 99 wedged between Howe Sound and the coastal mountains. We travel 58kms along the highway to Shannon Falls Provincial Park, just south of the town of Squamish, passing through the coastal village of Horseshoe Bay along the way to reach Shannon Falls, the third highest waterfall in British Columbia at 335 metres. We take a 10 minute walk through the forest to a lookout deck where we can feel the mist of the gushing waters that fall over the cliffs. We then head south to the Sea to Sky Gondola, where an included 10 minute ride will take us 885 metres above sea level and should provide panoramic views of Howe Sound, Shannon Falls, the mountains and lush coastal forest. When we get to the top there is some free time to explore one of the walking trails that lead to amazing view points, or perhaps get a drink or something to eat at the Summit Restaurant (own expense). Later we ride the gondola back down to our coach and travel to our last stop, the Britannia Mine Museum. This now defunct copper mine dates back to the late 1800s and is today a museum and National Historic Site. During our tour of the mine, go panning for gold and ride a mining car into the old mine. Following this we travel back to Vancouver for some hotel drop-offs before we are transferred to Vancouver airport for our flights home. Sydney passengers depart Vancouver at 11.45pm on flight AC 33, arriving in Sydney at 8.15am two days later (01.06.20 – you re-cross the International Date Line).

Brisbane and Melbourne passengers depart Vancouver at 11.45pm on AC 35, arriving in Brisbane at 7.25am two days later (01.06.20 – you re-cross the International Date Line).

**31.05.20 In Flight**

**01.06.20 Brisbane - Melbourne**

Our international flights arrive into Australia this morning.

Melbourne passengers depart Brisbane at 10.15am on QF615, arriving in Melbourne at 12.40pm.

**Note:** The ground operator in Western Canada is Cosmos



### Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour. Most tours require a moderate to good level of fitness, however there are others that are quite challenging. For your enjoyment of the tour, and also the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, please consider whether or not the suggested difficulty level for the tour you are interested in is compatible with your health and fitness.

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### **Tour Difficulty Level 3**

This tour rating typically involves a good level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and where necessary at hotels, walking distances of up to 500 metres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on tours with this rating as well as some early departures. This tour will likely involve a long waiting period when checking in / boarding the Holland America cruise.

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

**Deposits and Payments** - A non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 12 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.

**Airline Tickets** - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

**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. 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 e.g. phone calls, drinks, travel insurance, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the merchant fees charged by the credit card companies. There is a 2.75% surcharge for American Express.

**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 on this tour is \$150 per person plus any applicable increase in airfare and taxes. Please inquire with our office for specific prices on any tour extensions.

**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 person 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. Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your 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 of the cruise. For gratuities on the cruise, your credit card will also have a pre-authorised amount of 14.50 US per person per day (116 USD) for those passengers in an inside/window cabin. For passengers in verandah cabins an amount of 16.00 USD per person per day (total 128 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. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation on the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is 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 specific 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)

Cabin Type: **Inside / Window / Balcony** (Please circle)

(Please note window cabins may have partial obstructed ocean views).

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

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$600 per person and the Health & Fitness form.

**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.**

**HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE**

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

- 1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details and severity: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
- 3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No  
If no, please provide details about these limitations: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No  
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
- 10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No  
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
- 11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: \_\_\_\_\_

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

**DISCLAIMER**

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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