

## Peaks & Glaciers with Alaska Cruise - ms Volendam

13 Days / 12 Nights Calgary to Vancouver or Vancouver to Calgary

From CAD\$4,177 per person

**Tour highlights: Cruising Alaska | Vancouver | VIA Rail | Jasper | Lake Louise | Banff | Calgary** | See the best of Alaska by cruise and experience the majestic Canadian Rockies on this 13 day independent cruise, coach & rail tour. Cruise the Inside passage, Glacier Bay and Tracey Arm and visit the port cities of Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan. Stay in the Rocky Mountain resorts of Banff, Lake Louise & Jasper and travel by train in a sleeper berth on-board VIA Rail train between Vancouver & Jasper.

- ✓ 7 day round-trip cruise from Vancouver to Alaska
- ✓ Travel the scenic Icefield Parkway between Banff and Jasper, stopping for a picnic lunch
- ✓ Evening Wildlife Tour in Jasper
- ✓ Banff Gondola
- ✓ Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- ✓ Glacier Skywalk

### Early Booking Bonus

Book by 27 April, 2018, receive up to \$400 per couple in added value which can be used for additional hotel nights, city sightseeing tours, activities or private transfers.

[See Terms & Conditions](#)



## Inclusions

### Package Includes:

- 7-day Alaska Cruise on-board Holland America's ms Volendam, round-trip
- Sleeping berth onboard VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 1 night
- 4 nights hotel accommodation
- Scheduled coach transfer between Calgary and Banff hotel
- Full day tour between Banff and Jasper with picnic lunch included
- Ice Explorer ride onto Athabasca Glacier
- Glacier Skywalk
- Vancouver Lookout
- Grouse Mountain & Capilano Suspension Bridge Tour
- Transfer from Vancouver hotel to cruise terminal
- Rail station transfers in Jasper & Vancouver
- National Park fees
- Total # of meals: 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners (Calgary departures)
- Total # of meals: 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 7 dinners (Vancouver departures)
- Travel Documentation

### Not Included:

- Onboard ship gratuities
- Port charges and taxes
- Fuel surcharges

### Hotel, Cruise Ship & Rail Information: (Moderate Grade)

- Banff - Elk+Avenue Hotel (Standard Room)
- Jasper - Lobstick Lodge (Standard Room)
- VIA Rail (Semi Private Sleeper Bedroom)
- Vancouver - Rosedale on Robson (One Bedroom Deluxe)
- Holland America - ms Volendam (Ocean View Stateroom)

### Hotel, Cruise Ship & Rail Information: (Superior Grade)

- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge (Standard Room)
- Jasper - Sawridge Inn (Outside Room with Balcony)
- VIA Rail (Cabin)
- Vancouver - Pinnacle Vancouver Harbourfront Hotel (City View Room)
- Holland America - ms Volendam (Ocean View Stateroom)

### Hotel, Cruise Ship & Rail Information: (Deluxe Grade)

- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel (Fairmont Room)
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge (Fairmont Room)
- VIA Rail (Cabin)
- Vancouver - Fairmont Waterfront (Fairmont Room)
- Holland America - ms Volendam (Verandah Suite)

## Itinerary

The below itinerary is only a suggestion, we offer tailor-made personal service and solutions to help you plan your perfect vacation. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.

### Departs Calgary

**Day 1 Calgary to Banff (Coach)** Leave the Stampede City of Calgary on the express service to Banff where you will have ample opportunity to take in the sights.

**Day 2 Banff to Jasper (Coach)** Travel by coach today via one of the most scenic highways in North America - the Icefields Parkway. Visit the Columbia Icefield that covers an area of nearly 125 sq mi (325 sq km) and reaches a depth of 1050 ft (320 m). Time allows for an Ice Explorer ride (included) on the Athabasca Glacier, then a stop at the award-winning Glacier Skywalk (included) experiencing a glass-floored observation platform 918 ft (280 m) over spectacular glacier-formed valleys and rushing waterfalls. Photo stops along the Parkway will be made at Lake Louise, Bow & Peyto Lakes, the Crowfoot Glacier and the Athabasca Falls. This highway is renowned for sightings of bears, elk, moose & mountain sheep, so keep your camera handy. (Picnic lunch included today) Please note: mountain lakes in this region will be frozen through to mid-June.

**Day 3 Jasper to Vancouver (Rail)** Spend the morning relaxing in the mountain town of Jasper before boarding VIA Rail Sleeper Touring Class to Vancouver. Leaving Jasper National Park, travel the 'Yellowhead' route past the sprawling grandeur of Mount Robson, then follow the mighty Thompson River all the way to the Fraser Valley and the coastal city of Vancouver.

Exclusive to Sleeper Touring Class: In the evening attendants transform your quarters into cozy bunks or a bedroom. Visit the Dome Car where you will experience the true essence of travelling by train as a panoramic scene sweeps by. In Sleeper Touring Class some of the amenities include thick towels, plump pillows, cozy down duvets and a shower kit. (Dinner is included today)

**Day 4 Arrive Vancouver (Rail)** Upon arrival in Vancouver this morning you will be transferred to your downtown hotel (included). The remainder of your day is at leisure to explore Vancouver on your own. Canada's third-largest metropolitan centre, Vancouver is a busy port city with a thriving multi-cultural ambiance. The city is located in a spectacular setting with the Coast Mountains across Burrard Inlet to the north, and the waters of the Strait of Georgia to the west. Restaurants, shopping, nightlife, a mild climate and a cosmopolitan atmosphere make Vancouver a favourite tourist destination. (Breakfast is included today)

**Day 5 Grouse Mountain & Capilano Suspension Bridge Tour** Enjoy a six-hour sightseeing tour of Vancouver's magnificent North Shore. Travel across the Lions Gate Bridge and into the mountains to visit the original Vancouver tourist attraction - Capilano Suspension Bridge. Spend time exploring our temperate rainforest and learn all about Salmon at the Fish Hatchery. Your tour coach continues its climb up Grouse Mountain where you'll take the Skyride to the Peak of Vancouver with breathtaking views over the Lower Mainland and Coast Mountain Range. After time well spent in Vancouver's back yard, your guide will drive you back to downtown and your hotel.

**Day 6 Embarkation in Vancouver** Your Alaska journey starts early this afternoon at the Vancouver cruise terminal where you board the ms Volendam. (Dinner is included today)

**Day 7 Scenic Cruising the Inside Passage** The fabled Inside Passage is one of the most scenic sea-lanes in the world, and one of the few where deep-draft vessels can sail close to steep mountain walls. The scenery is unbelievable, with forests in a hundred shades of green, tumbling turquoise glaciers, and evocative towns loaded with history, culture and adventure. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner are included today)

**Day 8 Port of Call Juneau** No roads lead to Juneau, which gives the Alaskan capital a misty inscrutability. You need to come by air or water, but when you arrive, the place will delight you with its bounty of water, forests, and mountains. Squeezed between the Gastineau Channel and Coast Mountains, Juneau offers a lot of variety in close proximity. The massive Mendenhall Glacier and the immense Juneau Icefields are at its back door. The vast Tongass National Forest stretches away to the northeast. You can shop downtown or get out and kayak, dogsled, raft, hike, whale watch, flightsee or fish. The adventures are as bountiful as the daylight. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner are included today)

**Day 9 Port of Call Skagway** Some of the aspiring Klondike gold rushers who made it to Skagway took a look at the 500-mile journey that still lay ahead of them and decided a change of profession was in order. So many of them set up shop as provisioners that Skagway was the largest city in Alaska by the end of the 19th century. Booms fade and dreams move on, but the glory days still reverberate through the town. Ride the antique White Pass & Yukon narrow-gauge railway, step into the Red Onion Saloon or peruse the restored buildings and wooden boardwalks of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner are included today)

**Day 10 Cruise Glacier Bay** A cruise to Glacier Bay National Park with Holland America Line will show you a UNESCO World Heritage Site that protects a unique ecosystem of plants and animals living in concert with an ever-changing glacial landscape. When a monumental chunk of ice splits off a glacier and thunders into the sea the impact shoots water hundreds of feet into the air. You hold your breath as you catch the moment on film. Then you wait for it all to happen again. And it does: Glacier Bay has more actively calving tidewater glaciers than any place else in the world. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner are included today)

**Day 11 Port of Call Ketchikan** Ketchikan clutches the shores of the Tongass Narrows, with many shops and houses built right out over the water. The stairways are weathered and the vibe is cheerful in the town that calls itself the Salmon Capital of the World. Besides the main attractions - Creek Street, the Tongass Historical Museum, Totem Bight State Park and Saxman Village - try a flightseeing trip to Misty Fjords National Monument. These deep-water fjords were gouged out by retreating glaciers, leaving granite cliffs towering thousands of feet above the sea and countless waterfalls plunging into placid waters. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner are included today)

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**Day 10 Vancouver to Jasper (Rail)** This evening (7.30pm), check in at the Pacific Central Station and board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' for the famous train journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Travel back in time to the days of classic rail travel. The original stainless steel 'streamliner' railcars (made famous by the 'Canadian' in the 1950) are totally refurbished with air conditioning, a café car, lounge car, and access to the dome car.

**Day 11 Canadian Rockies by daylight onboard VIA Rail; arrive Jasper late afternoon (Rail)** By the time you awake this morning the train will have just departed Kamloops to begin a day of travelling towards the Canadian Rockies and Jasper. Enjoy breakfast (included) while surrounded by dramatic scenery as you follow the banks of the North Thompson River through the Monashee and Cariboo Mountains. Around lunchtime the 'Canadian' begins its passage into the Canadian Rockies with views of snow-capped peaks, Pyramid Falls and the expansive glaciers of the Albretha Icefields. Pass by Mount Robson, which at 3954 metres is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Arrive in Jasper at 4.00pm and transfer to your hotel. The balance of the afternoon is yours to explore this unique mountain community. (breakfast & lunch included today onboard VIA Rail)

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**Day 13 Banff to Calgary (Coach)** This morning is free to explore Banff before your scheduled coach to Calgary departs midday. Follow the Trans-Canada Highway and leave the Rocky Mountains to the Great Central Plains that roll to the east for 2000 kilometres and extend as far south as Mexico. This is 'cattle ranching country' and the breadbasket of Canada. Arrive Calgary mid-afternoon with drop-off at Calgary Airport or downtown hotels.



## Departure dates

(Tour Code: CR241)

Departs from Calgary: Fridays

May 4, 11, 18, 25  
 Jun 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
 Jul 6, 13, 20, 27  
 Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
 Sep 7, 14

(Tour Code: CR240)

Departs from Vancouver: Wednesdays

May 9, 16, 23, 30  
 Jun 6, 13, 20, 27  
 Jul 4, 11, 18, 25  
 Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
 Sep 5, 12, 19

## Pricing All pricing is in CAD\$

	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Semi-Private Bedroom on-board VIA Rail				
<b>Calgary Departures</b>	\$4,177	\$6,942	\$3,716	\$2,008
04 May 2018	\$4,353	\$7,295	\$3,834	\$2,008
11 May - 18 May, 2018	\$4,930	\$8,181	\$4,309	\$2,277
25 May - 24 Aug, 2018	\$4,768	\$7,857	\$4,201	\$2,277
31 Aug - 14 Sep, 2018				
<b>Vancouver Departures</b>	\$4,419	\$7,427	\$3,878	\$2,008
09 May - 16 May, 2018	\$4,930	\$8,181	\$4,309	\$2,277
23 May - 29 Aug, 2018	\$4,768	\$7,857	\$4,201	\$2,277
05 Sep - 19 Sep, 2018	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
Port Charges				
<b>Upgrade to Private Cabin</b>	\$359	\$359	\$359	\$359
04 May - 19 Sep, 2018				
Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
<b>Calgary Departures</b>	\$4,588	\$7,456	\$4,110	\$2,318
04 May 2018	\$4,765	\$7,809	\$4,228	\$2,318
11 May - 18 May, 2018	\$5,439	\$8,785	\$4,801	\$2,690
25 May - 24 Aug, 2018	\$5,277	\$8,461	\$4,693	\$2,690
31 Aug - 14 Sep, 2018				
<b>Vancouver Departures</b>	\$4,851	\$7,981	\$4,285	\$2,318
09 May - 16 May, 2018	\$5,439	\$8,785	\$4,801	\$2,690
23 May - 29 Aug, 2018	\$5,277	\$8,461	\$4,693	\$2,690
05 Sep - 19 Sep, 2018	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
Port Charges				
Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
<b>Calgary Departures</b>	\$6,396	\$11,025	\$2,526	
04 May 2018	\$7,044	\$12,321	\$2,526	
11 May - 18 May, 2018	\$8,191	\$14,243	\$2,898	
25 May - 24 Aug, 2018	\$7,543	\$12,947	\$2,898	
31 Aug - 14 Sep, 2018				
<b>Vancouver Departures</b>	\$6,720	\$11,673	\$2,526	
09 May - 16 May, 2018	\$8,191	\$14,243	\$2,898	
23 May - 29 Aug, 2018	\$7,543	\$12,947	\$2,898	
05 Sep - 19 Sep, 2018	\$350	\$350	\$350	
Port Charges				

Prices are per person and include all land taxes, cruise ship port taxes are not included. Child age 10 yrs & under



## Speak to a consultant



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