

# 19 NIGHT | ULTIMATE CRUISETOUR ALASKA & CANADIAN ROCKIES

6 Night Pre-Cruise Escorted Alaska Land Tour to Fairbanks (2nts.), Denali (2nts.), Talkeetna & Anchorage followed by a 7 Night Southbound Alaska & Hubbard Glacier Cruise onboard *Radiance of the Seas®* followed by a 6 Night Post-Cruise Canadian Rockies Land Tour - Vancouver, Jasper, Banff & Calgary.

2017 DEPARTURES - May 20, June 3 & 17, July 1, 15 & 29, August 4, August 12 & 26

# PRE-CRUISE ALASKAN LAND TOUR BEGINS

**ALASKA LAND TOUR INCLUSIONS:** Riverboat Discovery Cruise, Museum of the North, Rail Fairbanks to Denali, Tundra Wilderness Tour, Rail Denali to Talkeetna, Rail Talkeetna to Anchorage & Alaska Native Heritage Center.

# DAY 1 | SATURDAY | FAIRBANKS

Upon your arrival in Fairbanks, you will transfer to your Fairbanks hotel and be greeted by your Tour Director. Enjoy a relaxing overnight stay in Fairbanks.

### DAY 2 | SUNDAY | FAIRBANKS

After breakfast, you'll enjoy a fun-filled day in Fairbanks, including a Fairbanks City Tour and a cruise down the Chena River on the Riverboat Discovery Sternwheeler. You will also visit the Museum of the North situated on the campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Here you will find a large collection of Alaskan artwork and historical exhibits. Spend a second night in Fairbanks.

# DAY 3 | MONDAY | FAIRBANKS/DENALI

In the morning, enjoy a cup of cappuccino and some amazing views as you travel on the Wilderness Express\*, our glass-domed traincars, to Denali. Upon arrival, you'll have free time to book an optional land excursion or relax. Be sure to consult with your Adventure Specialist on the many options available such as the Husky Homestead Tour or Cabin Nite Dinner Theater. Overnight in Denali.

## DAY 4 | TUESDAY | DENALI

In the morning, head out on the Tundra Wilderness Tour deep into Denali National Park. Look for Alaska's "big five": caribou, moose, bear, grey wolves and Dall sheep. The afternoon is open to participate in an optional activity such as white-water rafting or helicopter flightseeing. Overnight a second night in Denali.

### DAY 5 | WEDNESDAY | DENALI/TALKEETNA \*\*\*\*

Your morning is open to book an optional land excursion, such as Nenana River Rafting. In the afternoon, sit back and relax onboard the Wilderness Express on a scenic journey to Talkeetna. Then enjoy a relaxing evening in front of the fireplace at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge. Overnight at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge.

#### DAY 6 | THURSDAY | TALKEETNA/ANCHORAGE

Your day is open for exploration or participating in optional activities, such as a float trip on the Talkeetna River. Late in the afternoon, take in the amazing scenery from the Wilderness Express on your way to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Stay overnight at the Anchorage Downtown Marriott.

#### DAY 7 | FRIDAY | ANCHORAGE/SEWARD

As you depart Anchorage in the morning you'll make a visit to the Alaska Native Heritage Center to learn about the various Native cultures that call Alaska home. Your journey continues south to the harbor town of Seward where you will board the Radiance of the Seas for your Alaska Cruise adventure.

### DAY 7-14 | CRUISE

Ship: Radiance of the Seas® - 7 Night Southbound Alaska & Hubbard Glacier Cruise.

## POST-CRUISE CANADIAN ROCKIES LAND TOUR BEGINS

**CANADIAN ROCKIES INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:** Vancouver City Tour and Lookout! Tower & Harbour Center, Overnight Rail Vancouver to Jasper, Columbia Icefields Parkway Tour, Mountain Lakes & Waterfalls Tour, Explore Banff Sightseeing, Banff Gondola and Calgary Tower & Butchart Gardens.

ALL CANADIAN ROCKIES ITINERARIES ARE INDEPENDENT TRAVEL ITINERARIES AND DO NOT INCLUDED AN ESCORT. INDEPENDENT TRAVEL OFFERS ALL THE FEATURES OF A STRUCTURED GROUP VACATION PLUS THE ADVANTAGES ONLY TRUE INDEPENDENCE CAN OFFER. ALL TOURS AND ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISETOUR VACATION. UPGRADES FOR TRAVEL ON VIA RAIL ARE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE. CONTACT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT FOR DETAILS.

### DAY 14 | FRIDAY | VANCOUVER

Debark your ship in the morning to begin your Canadian Rockies adventure with a scenic city tour of Vancouver, introducing you to such sights as the English Bay Vancouver Harbor, historic Gastown, Stanley Park, Granville Island and much more. After your tour, you'll head to the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver in the heart of the city center. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are yours to spend at leisure, with options to enjoy independent sightseeing, shopping, and dining. In Vancouver, you'll also be treated to 360-degree views of the harbour, mountains, and downtown area from the Lookout! Tower and Harbour Centre (admission included). Overnight at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

### DAY 15 | SATURDAY | VANCOUVER / VICTORIA

Today's adventure will take you to Victoria, the capital city of British Columbia. In the morning, you'll embark on a journey through the Fraser River delta to Tsawwassen, where you'll board a B.C. Ferry for a scenic sail through the Gulf islands to Victoria Island. Upon arrival at the ferry terminal, you'll travel to the world-renowned Butchart Gardens and explore this botanical showcase, famous for its colorful and authentic series of formal gardens. Your sightseeing guied tour of Victoria continues as you explore the University of Victoria, Royal Victorian Yacht Club, Beacon Hill Park, and the attractions of the Inner Harbour. Enjoy free time to explore Victoria independently before returning to Vancouver, where you'll spend a second night at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

### DAY 16 | SUNDAY | EN ROUTE TO JASPER

Enjoy a relaxing morning, taking in the local sights as you explore Vancouver on your own. The excitement continues in the evening as you transfer to Vancouver's Pacific Central Station and board VIA Rail's legendary 'Canadian' train for a spectacular journey through the Rockies eastward to Jasper.

Experience old world charm on rails as you relax for the evening in your private cabin while enjoying marvelous views of the stunning natural scenery along the way. In the evening, you'll retire to your Sleeper Plus Class private cabin and enjoy a restful night's sleep in your premier accommodations.

Please Note: Please pack an overnight bag for the train portion of your package as you will not have access to your luggage once you board the train.

# DAY 17 | MONDAY | JASPER

Begin your morning with a delightful breakfast in the dining car as you pass between the stunning Monashee and Cariboo mountain ranges. Meander to the domed car for majestic views of Mt. Robson and Cariboo Falls. Lunch will be served in the dining car prior to arrival in Jasper, where you'll enjoy leisure time in the late afternoon and evening for sightseeing and dining. Overnight at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. Breakfast & Lunch are Included in the 'Canadian' dining room.

### DAY 18 | TUESDAY | JASPER/BANFF

Travel through the famous Icefields Parkway, one of the most spectacular highways in North America, stopping at the Columbia Icefield for a "Glacier Experience". This unique excursion will place you on the 1,200-feet-thick icy slopes of the Athabasca Glacier aboard a specially-designed Ice Explorer. Venture to the middle of the glacier as your experienced guide explains how glaciers are formed and points out interesting geological features. After this unique ice adventure, you'll enjoy free time at the Columbia Icefield Centre to relax over a buffet lunch and visit the new and expanded Parks Canada Interpretive Centre. Upon arrival in Banff, you'll transfer to the Fairmont Banff Springs, where you can relax in your accommodations or enjoy the rest of your evening with a scenic stroll through this charming Bavarian-like town. Overnight at the Fairmont Banff Springs. Lunch Included.

### DAY 19 | WEDNESDAY | BANFF/CALGARY

Start your day with a guided motorcoach tour through the towering mountains of Rundle, Tunnel, Cascade, and Norquay while discovering the natural attractions of Hoodoos Surprise Corner and breathtaking valley views from Tunnel Mountain Drive. After, you'll enjoy sweeping views of the landscape aboard the Banff Gondola as you make your way to the top of Sulphur Mountain. Later, you'll depart Banff and set off to Calgary, the largest city in the province of Alberta. Upon arrival, you'll be dropped off at the Fairmont Palliser, where you'll enjoy leisure time to relax before your afternoon's adventures, featuring a visit to the Calgary Tower, the tallest 360-degree observation deck in the world (admission included). Soak in panoramic views of the city and marvel at the sights below from the observatory's remarkable glass floor, which looks straight down the side of the tower. After, you'll head back to your hotel and enjoy an overnight stay in Calgary.

# DAY 20 | THURSDAY | CALGARY

According to your flight schedule a transfer to the Calgary International Airport for your return flight home is included.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES AS DESCRIBED, OTHER THAN OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES,
ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISETOUR VACATION.