

BREATHTAKING CANADIAN ROCKIES & ALASKA CRUISE

CALGARY - BANFF - JASPER - VANCOUVER - JUNEAU - SKAGWAY - VICTORIA BC - SEATTLE



16 DAYS FROM

\$5999



per person twin-share

From the stunning alpine mountains, glacier-fed turquoise lakes & charming towns of the majestic Canadian Rockies to a luxurious Alaska Glacier Cruise, totally immerse yourself in a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Nexus Holiday's itinerary guarantees the most direct route to the Rocky Mountains, meaning less time driving, more time sightseeing. Designed for your comfort, the itinerary takes you to the very best of the Rockies, staying centrally in the alpine resort towns of Banff and Jasper, with seamless city tours of Vancouver and Seattle, en route to a relaxing Alaska Glacier Cruise.

Image: Celebrity Solstice® Alaska Cruise

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Revel in the unspoiled natural beauty of iconic **Banff National Park**
- Reminisce in the tranquil serenity of glacier-fed **Lake Louise**
- Lose yourself in the pristine alpine surrounds of **Jasper National Park**
- Venture into Grizzly Bear Valley on a jaw-dropping **Blue River Safari**
- Explore cosmopolitan metropolis **Vancouver & 'Emerald City' Seattle**
- Indulge in a luxurious week-long **Inside Passage Cruise of Alaska**
- Extend your trip to **Yellowstone National Park & Grand Canyon USA**

FEATURES

- Choose your cruise! either **Celebrity Solstice®** OR **Ovation of the Seas®** (surcharge applies)
- Less time driving, more time exploring the Rocky Mountains
- Stay centrally in Banff and Jasper
- Vancouver and Seattle day tours
- Cruise Gratuities included
- More departure dates

Day 1: Arrive in Calgary

Fly to Calgary via connecting cities and take a shuttle transfer to your hotel for rest.

Day 2: Calgary 🚗 Banff 🚗 Lake Louise Banff (B)

Transfer to Banff and embark on a scenic road trip of breathtaking Banff National Park along the Bow Valley Parkway, between the iconic mountain resort towns Banff and Lake Louise. Marvel at glorious **Moraine Lake** with a panoramic view of the Valley of the Ten Peaks, followed by a leisurely hike to the Lower Falls of **Johnston Canyon**. Then stroll along the picturesque shores of **Lake Louise**, crowned as the 'Jewel of the Rockies'. Conclude the day with a quick stop at world famous **Bow Falls** before riding the **Banff Gondola** ▲ (at your own expense) to the top of Sulphur Mountain, with breathtaking panoramic views of the Rockies.

Day 3: Banff 🚗 Columbia Icefield 🚗 Jasper (B)

Today's highlight is a jaw-dropping road trip to **Jasper National Park**. Be prepared to take in the world's most scenic glaciers, lakes and mountain peaks as we traverse the Icefields Parkway, passing by subalpine forests on the way to the immense **Columbia Icefield**. Here, embark on a glacier adventure ride aboard the massive **Ice Explorer** ▲ (at your own expense) snow coach onto the surface of **Athabasca Glacier**, and experience an exhilarating cliff-edge **Glacier Skywalk** ▲ (admission at your own expense). Next is a quick stop at the powerful waterfall of **Athabasca Falls** before heading into the beautiful alpine town of **Jasper**.

Day 4: Jasper 🚗 Blue River 🚗 Kamloops (B)

Step into UNESCO World Heritage Site **Mount Robson Provincial Park**, home to the highest peak in the **Canadian Rockies** and recognised for its vast natural beauty and mountain landscapes containing rare species, peaks, glaciers, lakes, waterfalls, canyons, limestone caves, and fossils. Then take off to Blue River for an exciting **River Safari** ▲ (at your own expense) to stunning **Grizzly Bear Valley** where you are likely to witness active wildlife on the riverbank.

Day 5: Kamloops 🚗 Hope 🚗 Vancouver (B)

Set out on a fun hike at **Othello Tunnels**, a series of old train tunnels and bridges that cut through the solid granite walls and pass over the wild Coquihalla River near the town of Hope, location of the film 'Rambo - First Blood'. After lunch, enjoy a mini tour of cosmopolitan **Vancouver city**, stopping by bustling **Granville Island Public Market**, a food lover's paradise.

Day 6: Vancouver 🚗 Seattle 🚗 Alaska Glacier Cruise (B, Onboard Meals)

Cross the border into the U.S. of America through to the Port of Seattle to embark on your luxury week-long **Alaska Glacier Cruise** for your chance to witness the undisturbed wildlife and jaw-dropping natural wonders of the Alaskan wilderness.

Day 7: 🚢 At Sea (Onboard Meals)

Enjoy the day at sea as we sail through the natural wonders of **Alaska**.

Day 8: 🚢 Ketchikan, Alaska (Solstice) or Alaska Inside Passage, Juneau (Ovation) (Onboard Meals)

Celebrity Solstice®: Cruise to **Ketchikan**, the 'Salmon Capital of the World' is a popular port of call for Alaska cruises. If you're up for an adventure, take a canoe and nature trail excursion, or a wilderness exploration followed by a scrumptious crab feast.

Ovation of the Seas®: The views include glaciers, fjords, soaring cliffs and misty northern rainforest. Watch for the exotic wildlife, including moose and whales. Surrounded by fjords, forest and snow-capped mountains, **Juneau** is a gorgeous state capital.

Day 9: 🚢 Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier & Juneau, Alaska (Solstice) or Skagway, Alaska (Ovation) (Onboard meals)

Celebrity Solstice®: **Endicott Arm Fjord** marks the southern edge of Ford's Terror Wilderness area. Drifting icebergs, deep blue waters and a spectacular tidewater glacier only add to this natural spectacle's appeal. **Glacier Harbour Seals**: **Endicott Arm** is one of the largest breeding grounds for harbour seals on the planet. Along the shore, you might also glimpse brown bears, bald eagles, sea ducks, deer, moose and wolves. End with a front-row view of **Dawes Glacier**. This very active ice cap is known for its spectacular calving displays which produce the huge, chunky icebergs that float in the area. Then, cruise to **Juneau**, where you'll spend the afternoon.

Ovation of the Seas®: The great Klondike Rush lives on in **Skagway's charming city centre** of restored 19th-century buildings and its historic railway. From the vintage train, admire the mountains and see the 1898 trail that fortune seekers travelled on foot.

Day 10: 🚢 Skagway, Alaska Inside Passage (Solstice) Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier, Alaska (Ovation) (Onboard Meals)

Celebrity Solstice®: Cruise to **Skagway**, arriving early in the morning. Relive the gold rush by

riding the Yukon Railroad. Discover Dyea, or go horseback riding through the majestic forests. Watch for the exotic wildlife, including moose and whales. Watch for the exotic wildlife, including moose and whales.

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Day 11: 🚢 At Sea (Onboard Meals)

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Day 12: 🚢 Victoria, BC (onboard Meals)

Cruise to **Victoria, BC**. The capital of British Columbia is filled with blooming gardens, heritage architecture and historic charm. The heart of Victoria is its scenic harbour and Old Town, compact areas that are made for strolling and easily explored on foot. *Note: Celebrity Solstice arrives early evening and Ovation of the Seas arrives in Victoria in the morning.*

Day 13: 🚢 Seattle (Onboard Breakfast)

Disembark from the cruise after breakfast. Begin your tour of 'Emerald City' **Seattle** as we head downtown for a familiarisation drive stopping at scenic views as we pass by distinct neighbourhoods sitting high on hilltops or afloat on the calm waters. Explore the colourful **Pike Place Market** overlooking Elliot Bay, a large variety of shops and restaurants with waterfront views. Scale the iconic **Space Needle** ▲ (at your own expense), and view the dazzling skyline from 158 meters on the observation deck. Next view the amazing collection of blown glass art and sculptures at popular **Chihuly Garden & Glass** ▲ (at your own expense).

Day 14: Depart Seattle (B)

Bid farewell to beautiful USA, Canada and Alaska, with a transfer to the airport for your homebound or onward flights via connecting cities.

Day 15: In Transit (In-flight Meals)

Day 16: Arrive home



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Images:

1. Ovation of the Seas®
2. Moraine Lake,
3. Celebrity Solstice® Lawn Club,
4. Alaska Inside Passage,
5. Celebrity Solstice® Canyon Ranch SpaClub®,
6. Ovation of the Seas® North Star

CELEBRITY SOLSTICE®

Celebrity Solstice® is one of the most decorated ships at sea, offering fine dining, magnificent venues, spacious staterooms and award-winning service. It's no wonder that it's full of "firsts" like the first Lawn Club at sea, the first Hot Glass Show, and the first cruise line to have 5 women known as the "The Leading Ladies" redesign the staterooms. Other things that set the Celebrity Solstice® cruise ship apart are its specialty restaurants. Their passion for outstanding cuisine has taken the restaurants, the food and the overall dining experience to a whole new level in the cruising world. But staterooms and specialty restaurants are only part of this ship's charm. Celebrity Solstice® also has the Canyon Ranch SpaClub® and fitness centre, where you can pamper yourself with spa treatments or push yourself in a workout with one of our trainers.

Unique Features & Accolades

- Celebrity Cruises® voted best premium cruise line 8 years running
- Celebrity Solstice® voted best ship in AUS 2015
- 5 star décor / service / cuisine
- 24/7 complimentary room service
- 2:1 staff to guest ratio
- 15% larger staterooms and bathrooms
- More time docked in ports

Highlights

- Canyon Ranch SpaClub®
- Cellar Masters
- Lawn Club
- Sky Observation Lounge
- The Hot Glass Show
- Silk Harvest Restaurant
- Main Restaurant



UPGRADE YOUR FLIGHT (Int'l long haul sectors only)

- Qantas (upgrade to Qantas for BNE/ADL/PER, waive interstate surcharge): fr \$500
- Virgin Australia, Air Canada: fr \$500

UPGRADE YOUR STATEROOM

- Celebrity Solstice® (twin share): Oceanview fr \$850, Balcony fr \$1195, Junior Suite fr \$3195
- Celebrity Solstice® (single supplement): Oceanview fr \$750, Balcony fr \$1055, Junior Suite fr \$2855
- Ovation of the Seas® (twin share): Oceanview fr \$695, Balcony fr \$1355, Junior Suite fr \$2595
- Ovation of the Seas® (single supplement): Oceanview fr \$595, Balcony fr \$1195, Junior Suite fr \$2295

Prices are for the lead-in stateroom type, higher stateroom types with a category incur fare differences.



CHOOSE YOUR CRUISE

Ovation of the Seas® Surcharge: fr \$200

OVATION OF THE SEAS®

Royal Caribbean International's Ovation of the Seas® is the third of RCI's Quantum class ship, entering service on April 14, 2016. Cruise Critic Australia voted Ovation of the Seas® 'Best New Ship' of the year. Ovation of the Seas® will be based in Seattle starting in the 2019 Northern summer, **making her the first-ever Quantum class ship to ply the famed Alaskan Inside Passage!**

From the world's highest viewing deck on a cruise liner, to robot bartenders, to a Jamie Oliver Italian restaurant - there's just so much to do and explore on board!

Highlights

- Flowrider: outdoor wave simulator
- Dreamworks: Experience lounge with beloved characters from popular Dreamworks films
- Dance Classes: with professional instructors
- Movie Nights on the Big Screen: Enjoy an outdoor night at the the movies - poolside!
- Leisure & Sports Facilities: climbing wall, basketball courts, swimming pool, an aqua park and more!
- Pool Party: stay up late and enjoy a pool party
- Fine and Casual Dining: more than twenty options for your dining pleasure, or order gourmet room service
- Drinks & Date Nights: Explore nine venues, from poolside to piano lounge, to classy cocktails
- Art on the High Seas: view some of the 11,000 pieces of art on board - AU\$5.8 million worth!

2020 DEPARTURES

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| 24 May | 07 Jun* | 21 Jun* | 02 Aug | 30 Aug |
| 31 May | 14 Jun* | 28 Jun* | 16 Aug | 06 Sep |

*Peak season surcharge: \$500

Single supplement: \$2500



DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD/MEL: Airfare included
- BNE: +\$350, ADL: +\$400, /PER: +\$600

INCLUSIONS

- + Full service North American carrier economy international airfares & taxes
- + 7 nights cruising aboard Celebrity Solstice® in a lead-in interior stateroom
- + on-board meals, gratuities, taxes & port charges
- + 6 nights hotel accommodation (twin share)
- + Daily breakfast
- + Coach transportation & transfers (Baggage limit: 1 piece 20kg per person)
- + Entrance fees to attractions & national parks (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English speaking tour guide(s)

EXCLUSIONS

- Prepaid tipping: \$100
- Optional Admission Package▲
- Optional cruise shore excursions, select onboard activities & specialty dining options
- ESTA US visa waiver application fee (approx USD\$14, mandatory)
- eTA Canada visa waiver application fee (approx CAD\$7, mandatory)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Early Arrival Surcharge: Calgary fr \$350
- Stay Behind Surcharge: Seattle fr \$350
- Stopover Surcharge: Los Angeles/ San Francisco/Vancouver fr \$350 per city
- Hotel w/breakfast : fr \$380/twin-room/night



STOPOVER PACKAGES (includes 3-star accommodation and transfers)

- Los Angeles 3 Nights Self-Guided: fr \$900
- San Francisco 3 Nights Self-Guided: fr \$900
- Las Vegas 3 Nights Self-Guided: fr \$900 (only available for USA National Parks Extensions)
- Hotel upgrade: 4-star fr \$300 twin share
- Single supplement: 3-star \$450, 4-star \$650



HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

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| Calgary | Coast Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre |
| Banff | Inns of Banff |
| Jasper | The Crimson Jasper |
| Kamloops | The Thompson Hotel & Conference Centre |

Vancouver La Quinta Inn Vancouver Airport
Seattle Sheraton Bellevue Hotel



OPTIONAL ADMISSION PACKAGE ▲

Our admission package adds another dimension to your tour and includes transportation to the venues, taxes, handling and service fees.

- Banff Gondola** \$90 **Ice Explorer** \$140
 - Glacier Skywalk** \$60 **River Safari** \$130
 - Space Needle + Chihuly Garden & Glass** \$130
- Purchase all admissions \$530 (save \$20)

All prices are per person twin-share in AUD unless otherwise stated and subject to revision without notice. Triple/quadruple share: Same as twin share price, available on request only. Itineraries, airlines, hotels & ships are subject to availability and change. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar quality and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure smooth operations. Passengers must remain with the group at all times. Fees may apply for deviations from the set itinerary. Total length of trip includes time spent in flight and is subject to flight schedule. Final travel documentation and flight info may not be available until within 2 weeks before departure. Booking conditions apply, refer to website for latest information. ver15 JUL2019

Experience five of USA's best national parks in a single trip with the top highlights of Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon, Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks. Be sure to have your cameras ready for bears, wolves, bison, elk, antelope and some of the world's most exotic plants. Marvel at a volcano's hidden power rising up in colourful hot springs, mudpots and geysers. Explore mountains, forests and lakes to witness wildlife and the drama of the natural world unfold. From the steep-sided canyons and ever-present waterfalls to the arresting sandstone walls of the mesmerising Grand Canyon, the road is endless with Nexus Holidays.




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 YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

 **POST-TOUR EXTENSION**
The Best of USA National Parks 5 Nights (minimum of 10 people to operate)

- from \$2499; single supplement \$800; includes
- + Airfares & taxes for flights into Salt Lake City & out of Las Vegas
- + 5 nights hotel accommodation (twin share)
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Air conditioned motor coach transportation
- + Admissions to scenic attractions and national parks (unless otherwise indicated)
- + Professional English speaking tour guide(s)
- Excludes prepaid tipping: \$130 & Las Vegas resort fee (payable by guest on arrival at hotel)

 **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Embark on a breathtaking expedition of **Yellowstone National Park**
- Cherish mesmerising **Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon & Zion National Parks**
- Step foot on the awe-inspiring **Grand Canyon**
- Enjoy a romantic rendezvous at 'Sin City' **Las Vegas**

Day 14: Seattle ✈ Salt Lake City 🚗 Idaho Falls

Today, transfer to the airport for your flight to Salt Lake City, the high-altitude capital of Utah. Upon arrival, transfer to the city of Idaho Falls, named after the colossal waterfall.

Day 15: Idaho Falls 🚗 Grand Teton 🚗 Yellowstone 🚗 West Yellowstone (B)

Commence your tour of the USA National Parks with a road trip to **Grand Teton National Park** for a picture-perfect scenic photo shoot at **Colter Bay Village** overlooking the beautiful shores of Jackson Lake with the majestic Grand Tetons as a backdrop. Before long, you will enter the world-renowned **Yellowstone National Park**, the world's first national park and a vast wilderness recreation area atop a volcanic hotspot characterised by hydrothermal geysers, hot springs, mud pots and fumaroles. Begin your tour of Yellowstone at the **Old Faithful** cone geyser, which shoots water over 37 metres in the air. Then stop at the **Midway Geyser Basin** to see the **Grand Prismatic Spring**, the country's largest hot spring, and prepare to be mesmerised by the vivid colouration thanks to heat-loving bacteria that produce colours ranging from green to red, lining the edge of the deep blue spring water. Time permitting, glance the Fountain Paint Pot named after the reds, yellows, and browns of the bubbling mud.

Day 16: West Yellowstone 🚗 Yellowstone 🚗 Jackson Hole 🚗 Salt Lake City (B)

Continue your journey through Yellowstone National Park at **Norris Geyser Basin**, the hottest geyser basin in Yellowstone and comprised of two distinct sections: The Back Basin in a forest setting and the Porcelain Basin, which is characterised by a lack of vegetation. Then we ascend the steep stairway of **Uncle Tom's Trail** at the 'Grand Canyon of Yellowstone' for an observation deck view of the 400 foot tall Lower Yellowstone Falls. Continue past the picturesque Yellowstone Lake towards the resort town of Jackson in the Jackson Hole Valley of Teton County, famous for cowboy bars and western souvenir shops among many Old West attractions. Return to Salt Lake City to rest overnight.

Day 17: Salt Lake City 🚗 Bryce Canyon National Park 🚗 Zion National Park St. George (B)

Begin the day driving by the beautiful landscape and historic buildings of **Temple Square** in the heart of Salt Lake City before arriving at historic long-standing Cove Fort, constructed of volcanic rock. Then gain an everlasting impression of some of the world's most beautiful scenery at Sunset Point in **Bryce Canyon National Park**, characterised by its vast expanse of orange and red sandstone cliffs sculpted by nature into 'hoodoo' pillars. Cap off the day at one of the United States' most scenic canyons with a road trip through Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to **Zion Lodge** in Zion National Park, where steep canyons, stone towers, have been carved over millions of years by rushing streams amidst lush vegetation. Refresh yourself overnight in the metropolitan city of St. George.

Day 18: St. George 🚗 Grand Canyon National Park 🚗 Las Vegas

Stop at **Hoover Dam**, one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Industrial World', for a perfect photo opportunity along the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge. Then proceed the majestic Grand Canyon. As you gaze out from the **West Rim** at Eagle Point and Guano Point, you are viewing 2 billion years of geological history. Millions of people each year stand in awe at the canyon and leave with a sense of fulfilment and the realisation that they have witnessed nature at her finest. If time permits, take a **Grand Canyon Skywalk** (at your own expense \$120) for a 720 degree view of the Canyon on the highest man-made structure in the world, a horseshoe-shaped cantilever bridge on the very edge of the Grand Canyon West Rim, with nothing but glass separating you and the Colorado River 4,000 feet below. A complete change of scenery awaits when you arrive in the heart of '**Sin City**' **Las Vegas**, a neon-lit desert oasis offering a collection of bright lights, shopping malls, iconic dancing fountains, famous hotels and innumerable casinos.

Day 19: Depart Las Vegas

Enjoy the morning and early afternoon at your own pace and leisure to explore the entertainment capital of the world. Then in the mid-afternoon, bid farewell to glitzy Las Vegas with a transfer to the airport for your homebound or onward flight via connecting cities.

Day 20: In Transit (In-flight Meals)

Day 21: Arrive home



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9. Las Vegas,
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