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ROCKY MOUNTAINEER®

Luxury Alaska Small Ship & Canadian Rockies Journey

19 Days 18 Nights

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Day 1 Wed

Vancouver

Arrive in Vancouver

Overnight Vancouver

Day 2 Thurs

Vancouver

Join your Canadian Rockies at leisure 10 Day 9 Night Tour in Gold leaf Class

At leisure to explore Vancouver

Overnight in Vancouver.

Day 3 Fri

Vancouver to Kamloops

Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer from Vancouver to Kamloops. Highlights include the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon and the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River. Overnight in Kamloops.

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Day 4 Sat**Kamloops to Jasper**

Your rail adventure continues north and east to the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta. Highlights include Mount Robson, at 3,954 meters (12,972 feet) the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, Pyramid Falls, and the climb over the Yellowhead Pass into Jasper National Park. Overnight in Jasper.

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Day 5 Sun**Jasper**

Today you will enjoy a short scenic tour including the many natural attractions, rugged peaks, and perhaps even catch a glimpse of some of the many creatures that call this mountain park home. Overnight in Jasper.

Day 6 Mon**Jasper to Lake Louise**

Travel along one of the most scenic highways in the world, the Icefields Parkway. A stop will be made at Athabasca Falls before arriving at the Columbia Icefield. Here you will ride on an Ice Explorer to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier. Time will be available for lunch (not included). A brief stop will be made at Bow Lake before arriving in Lake Louise. Overnight in Lake Louise.

Day 7 Tues**Lake Louise**

Relax and explore the delights of one of the scenic icons of Canada's West. Overnight in Lake Louise.

Day 8 Wed**Lake Louise to Banff**

A half-day tour takes you into Yoho National Park. At the end of the tour you will be transferred to Banff. Overnight in Banff.

Day 9 Thurs**Banff**

Spend the entire day exploring Banff National Park on your own. Optional activities include soaking in the mineral pools at Upper Hot Springs, a nature walk, visiting Banff's historic museums or cruising on Lake Minnewanka. Overnight in Banff.

Day 10 Fri**Banff to Calgary**

Banff to Calgary with Summit Helicopter

Begin the morning with a sightseeing tour of Banff. Among the points of interest are Bow Falls, Lake Minnewanka, Surprise Corner and the Hoodoos. A trip on the Banff Gondola is included. Continue on to Kananaskis for a 12-minute Summit Helicopter Tour over the remarkable landscape of the Rockies. Overnight in Calgary.

Day 11 Sat

Calgary to Juneau

Your Canadian Rockies at Leisure vacation ends with checkout from your Calgary hotel.

Tour Ends in Calgary

Onward flights to Juneau to join your American Safari Cruise

Overnight Juneau

Day 12 Sun

Juneau

Juneau, Alaska – Embarkation

Upon arrival you will be transferred from the airport to board the yacht. Your crew greets you with champagne and smiles, and we'll cruise to a secluded wilderness anchorage this evening.

Days 13-14 Mon, Tues

Glacier Bay National Park

Over the two days in the park we'll travel nearly 60 miles cruising up-bay to Grand Pacific and Margerie Glaciers, which frequently calve huge icebergs into the bay. If conditions permit, we'll lower the inflatable and weave among the icebergs that have fallen from the face of the glaciers. Enjoy evenings at anchor in hidden coves, and mornings paddling your kayak in the quiet of this majestic wilderness. And what will we find? Here in the bay there are puffins and sea lions, mountain goats and bears, moose, eagles, and scenery more spectacular than any place on earth. Glacier Bay is at its best when explored by small groups on a nimble yacht over the course of two days to hike and kayak inside the bay and wilderness areas.

Day 15 Wed

Icy Strait

During today's ultimate day of exploration, there's no agenda to follow except to experience every moment scouring the nutrient-rich waters in search for humpbacks, porpoise, sea lions and other wildlife. Marvel at the grand scenery of the Alaskan wilderness as the crew expertly guides you through those "not in the guide book" areas that only the locals know. Join the Captain on the bridge or out on deck in search for marine mammals. Late afternoon, we'll have the opportunity to drop the skiffs and kayaks to further explore the shoreline of a remote bay. The afternoon and evening will be spent at Point Adolphus, Alaska's most famous humpback whale feeding area. Be on the watch for the telltale blow of humpback whales as we cruise through Icy Strait. Before retiring for the evening take in the wilderness solitude while relaxing in the upper deck hot tub or enjoy a nightcap with your fellow yacht mates in the salon.

Day 16 Thurs

Chichagof Island / Baranof Island

With no binding agenda, today you'll cruise along the waterfall coast of Chichagof Island. Marvel at the grand scenery of Alaska's wilderness as the crew expertly guides you through those "not in the guide book" places known only to the locals. This evening, perhaps tucking away in magical Red Bluff Bay, there'll be time for skiff operations and sea kayaking to look for sea otters and bears before calling it a day near Baranof Island.

Day 17 Fri**Frederick Sound & Thomas Bay**

Spend the day cruising the feeding grounds of Frederick Sound—another excellent chance for viewing humpback whales and other marine wildlife. Watch sea lions' playful antics at a large rookery and cruise picturesque bays, where evergreen forests crowd the shores. Explore Thomas Bay for some of the finest hiking in Southeast Alaska. Walk or hike along the stunning Cascade Creek or Patterson River trails. Or perhaps a chance to kayak and paddle board in the beckoning waters of a scenic cove.

Day 18 Sat**Ford's Terror / Endicott Arm**

Cliff-walled fjords sliced into the mountainous mainland are on tap today as you slip into an area widely acclaimed as the most beautiful in all of Alaska. Snow gleams on mountaintops high overhead as bears amble on the shoreline and mountain goats cling to impossibly precarious perches. Seemingly every few hundred yards another sparkling waterfall tumbles down the cliffs. Enjoy a skiff ride at Ford's Terror, named after an early mariner who was somewhat taken aback when a waterfall appeared at the turn of the tide where none had been visible at high tide. We'll anchor overnight at Taku Harbor to enjoy the Captain's Farewell Dinner in an utterly lovely setting.

Day 19 Sun**Juneau – Disembark**

After breakfast we'll arrive in Juneau. A transfer to the Juneau airport or local hotel is included. Safe travels to all.