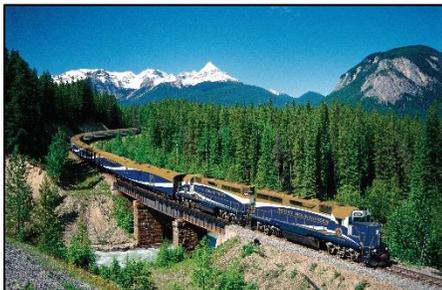


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## Hosted Journeys

### Canada and Alaska 2024

Tuesday, 17 September 2024 - Monday, 7 October 2024  
**EX BRISBANE**



**Tour Cost from: \$13995.00 per adult twin share**  
**Single Supplement: \$3860.00**  
**(Airtfares NOT included)**

**Tour Price based on minimum 10 paying passengers.**

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice for operational reasons.

Day 1 – Tuesday, 17 September 2024  
Depart South Burnett to Brisbane

- This afternoon journey to Brisbane for an overnight stay at Ibis Brisbane Airport Hotel (Dinner at own expense).

**Overnight** – Ibis Brisbane Airport Hotel

Day 2 – Wednesday, 18 September 2024  
Depart Brisbane - Arrive Victoria

- After breakfast transfer to the International Airport for your flight to Canada
- Welcome to Canada! You will be met at Victoria International Airport and transferred to your hotel.
- This evening, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a welcome dinner.

**Overnight** – Chateau Victoria or similar

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Airline Meals, and Welcome Dinner



## Day 3 – Thursday, 19 September 2024

### Victoria – Butchart Gardens

- This morning, visit the world-famous Butchart Gardens, a 22 hectare showplace of magnificent, colourful gardens. Learn about the history and flora while exploring the gardens.
- Afterwards, enjoy an orientation tour of Victoria’s Inner Harbour, Bastion Square, Beacon Hill and residential areas. There is free time to explore Victoria or allow Evergreen to assist you in discovering more about this historic region.
- There is free time to explore Victoria or choose to join the optional tours (extra cost) – Whale Watching or a Horse and Carriage Ride, or indulge in “Eat Like a Canadian” walking tour.

**Overnight** – Chateau Victoria or similar

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast

## Day 4– Friday, 20 September 2024

### Georgia Strait - Whistler

- After breakfast, drive north along Vancouver Island to Nanaimo. Board the BC Ferry and travel through the Georgia Strait to Horseshoe Bay.
- Journey inland along the Sea to Sky Highway as the road follows the rugged coastline with views of Horseshoe Bay on your left and forested parks and mountains on your right.
- You will have the chance to stop at the awesome Shannon Falls before arriving at the charming alpine resort of Whistler Village. This evening, you are free to explore the village’s cobbled pathways and plazas.
- Optional Tours (extra cost) include: Undertake a Photo Safari tour with a local expert or have dinner with a twist on a tasting tour, alternatively join the Peak to Peak Gondola.



**Overnight** – Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa or similar

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast

## Day 5 – Saturday, 21 September 2024

### Whistler – Sun Peaks

- Travel along the scenic Duffy Lake Road lined with thick forest, into the town of Lillooet.
- In the afternoon, head into the mountains to the picturesque ski resort village of Sun Peaks.
- This evening is at leisure to wander through the pedestrian village filled with restaurants, cafes, shops, pubs, and friendly locals.



**Overnight** – Cahilty Lodge or similar

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast

Day 6 – Sunday, 22 September 2024  
Sun Peaks - Banff

- Today, you will be rewarded with astounding views as you reach the grandeur of the Canadian Rockies.
- Travel through British Columbia and into Alberta, enjoying glimpses of the soaring mountains as you make your way through the three spectacular national parks of Mount Revelstoke, Glacier and Yoho.
- Travel from primeval forests to Ice Age glaciers, waterfalls and mountain peaks. Late this afternoon, we arrive into Banff National Park.

**Overnight** – Mount Royal Hotel or Similar

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast

Day 7 – Monday, 23 September 2024  
Banff

- A full day at leisure for you to enjoy Banff and its many sights and attractions.
- Later this afternoon ride the Banff Gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain where you will witness inspiring views and enjoy a sumptuous buffet dinner.
- If you wish enjoy the optional tours (extra cost): Take a breathtaking helicopter flight or relax on a float trip along the river.

**Overnight** – Mount Royal Hotel or Similar

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8 – Tuesday, 24 September 2024  
Banff – Lake Louise – Emerald Lake

- Start the day with a tour of Banff including the Bow River, the Hoodoos and Bow Falls.
- Continue along the Trans-Canada Highway past Castle Mountain and Mount Temple to Lake Louise, the “Diamond in the Wilderness”.
- Enjoy some free time taking in the spectacular scenery.
- Your destination today is Emerald Lake, so named because of the vibrant colour of its glacier fed waters.
- Your overnight stay is at Emerald Lake Lodge, which sits right on the shores of the lake surrounded by towering peaks and forests.

**Overnight** – Emerald Lake Lodge or similar

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner



Day 9 – Wednesday, 25 September 2024

Emerald Lake - Jasper

- This morning, we travel north along the Icefields Parkway, acclaimed as one of the most spectacular journeys in the world. Enjoy breathtaking mountain scenery as you pass rugged peaks and glaciers fringed by thick forest and shimmering lakes.
- We make a stop at the Columbia Icefield, North America’s largest sub-polar ice pack, where you’ll climb aboard the ‘Ice Explorer’ for a once-in-a-lifetime journey onto the mighty 300-metre thick Athabasca Glacier.
- The day’s end finds us in Jasper National Park, an alpine wonderland of pristine wilderness and abundant wildlife. Walk above the Rockies deepest canyon; Maligne Canyon, then dine at Wilderness Kitchen an original Canadian smokehouse located at the canyon trailhead. This is an authentic experience which goes beyond the table and the stories of Maligne come alive with a special horns and antler presentation.



**Overnight** – Lobstick Lodge or Similar

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10 – Thursday, 26 September 2024

Rocky Mountaineer - Kamloops

- Set off on a two day rail experience on “The Most Spectacular Train Journey in the World”.
- Settle back in your SilverLeaf Carriage (upgrade to GoldLeaf at additional expense).
- Enjoy incredible views of the soaring mountains including Canada’s highest peak, the awesome 3954 metre Mount Robson as you journey towards Kamloops.

**Overnight** – Kamloops Accommodation (as assigned by Rocky Mountaineer)

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Lunch

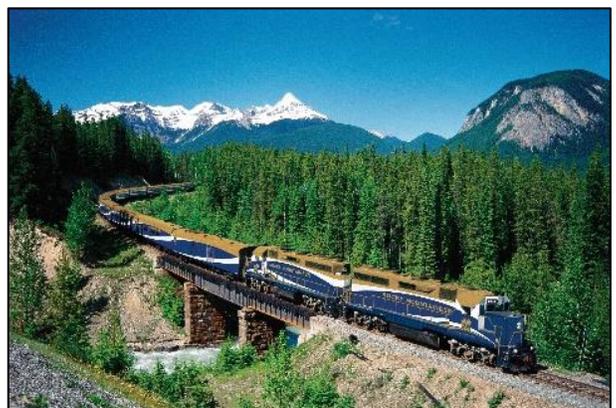
Day 11 – Friday, 27 September 2024

Rocky Mountaineer - Vancouver

- Continue your journey on board the Rocky Mountaineer following the Thompson River and passing through the magnificent Fraser Valley.
- Late afternoon, we arrive into Vancouver.

**Overnight** – Sheraton Wall Centre or similar

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 12 – Saturday, 28 September 2024  
Vancouver – Onboard Cruise Ship

- Today, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vancouver including Stanley Park, the waterfront, Gastown and Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. Make your way across this spectacular suspension bridge, 70 metres above the Capilano River and join the award winning Treetops Adventure along a series of elevated walkways.
- This afternoon, head to Canada Place Pier to board your cruise ship.
- Farewell your Tour Director and check into your comfortable Oceanview stateroom (upgrade to a Balcony Stateroom for a additional cost) on the luxurious Holland America Cruise Ship MS Koningsdam and settle in for an unforgettable 7 night voyage through the famed Inside Passage.



**Overnight** – MS Koningsdam

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 13 – Sunday, 29 September 2024  
Scenic Cruising

- Spend the day cruising the Inside Passage, one of the world's most spectacular waterways passing forests, mountains, islands and inlets.

**Overnight** – MS Koningsdam

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 14 – Monday, 30 September 2024  
Inside Passage Cruising - Juneau

- Spend the day cruising the Inside Passage with its jaw dropping scenery.
- In the afternoon sail into Juneau, arguably one of America's most beautiful state capitals, with the looming summits of Mt. Juneau and Mt. Roberts providing a gorgeous backdrop. The historic city goes back to its gold rush origins, but nature is the priceless treasure. (Shore Excursions at own expense).

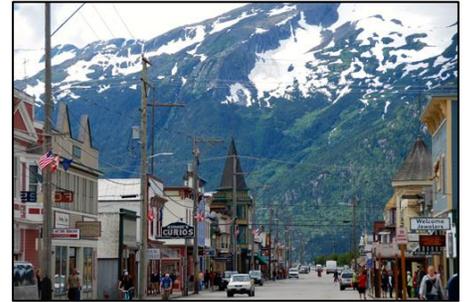
**Overnight** – MS Koningsdam

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 15 – Tuesday, 1 October 2024  
Skagway

- Established in 1897 as a trading post for prospectors headed to the Klondike Gold Rush, Skagway was an untamed town controlled by organized criminals. Today, the town retains its gold rush character and its colourful past is carefully preserved in the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park.
- For a truly memorable excursion, take an optional ride on the narrow gauge White Pass and Yukon Railroad (Shore Excursions at own expense).



**Overnight** – MS Koningsdam

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 16 – Wednesday, 2 October 2024  
Glacier Bay National Park

- Early this morning, your cruise ship enters the iceberg-strewn waters of Glacier Bay National Park, where thirteen spectacular glaciers flow from surrounding mountains into the waters of the bay.
- A National Park Service Ranger will help you spot wildlife, while pointing out sights and explaining glacial activity.
- Perhaps you will be lucky enough to see a pinnacle of ice ‘calve’ or break away from the face of the glacier and with a thunderous boom land in the bay.

**Overnight** – MS Koningsdam

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 17 – Thursday, 3 October 2024  
Ketchikan

- Welcome to the salmon capital of the world!
- Part of the town is built along a steep hillside and part is built on pilings over the water.
- Rich native history and an outstanding collection of totem poles makes the town an essential stop for anyone interested in native art (Shore Excursions at own expense).



**Overnight** – MS Koningsdam

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 18 – Friday, 4 October 2024

Inside Passage

- A day of relaxation.
- Take advantage of the ship's many facilities or simply relax on deck with a drink and watch unmatched scenery glide by.

**Overnight** – MS Koningsdam

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 19 – Saturday, 5 October 2024

Depart Vancouver

- Disembark early this morning and transfer to Vancouver Airport to board your homeward flight.

**Meal Inclusions** – Breakfast



Day 20 – Sunday, 6 October 2024

Flying Time

**Meal Inclusions** – Airline Meals

Day 21 – Monday, 7 October 2024

Brisbane to South Burnett

- On arrival into Brisbane, you will be met for your return journey to the South Burnett with Pursers Coaches.



## **Important Information:**

### **General Information/Health and Fitness**

In some destinations there are sightseeing excursions by foot. It is suggested that if you are elderly or have recently suffered a serious illness that you consult your doctor to see if you are fit to travel. Please be aware that a variety of temperatures may be encountered on the tour. Any disability or medical condition requiring special attention must be advised at the time of booking.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd is not responsible for any loss of enjoyment, loss of touring or loss of monies should the passenger be unable to participate in the tour or in any or all of the activities.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd will endeavour to assist all passengers but are unable to guarantee provision of individual assistance to any passenger for walking, dining, boarding or alighting coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd welcomes passengers with disabilities or special needs provided they are accompanied by a companion capable of providing all necessary assistance. It is the passenger's responsibility to advise of their circumstances to ensure the selected tour is suited to their individual needs.

### **Passport:**

All passengers are required to possess a passport valid for 6 months beyond the conclusion of their trip.

### **Airline Check-in**

Passengers will be requested to show their passport identification upon check-in at the airport.

Flights will depart from **Brisbane International Airport.**

Check in is required three hours prior to the scheduled departure time.

### **Luggage:**

The checked luggage on tour is limited to one suitcase per traveller measuring no more than 150cm (59") (length + width + depth) with a maximum weight of 23kg per person.

Carry-on baggage should have a maximum limit of 7kg.

All bags must be clearly labelled with a name.

### **Mobile Phone:**

Please contact your mobile phone service provider to discuss your options regarding overseas phone service/charges.

### **Holland America Cruise Documentation**

Please ensure you have completed and printed your Holland America cruise documentation including luggage tags prior to departing from your home. You will need to take these with you for check in to your cruise. Documentation can be access from [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com)

**Mandatory US Visa Entry Requirements - ESTA:**

The US Department of Homeland Security requires all visitors to a US airport, a cruise ship in US waters, or a coach entering the USA, to receive a formal travel authorisation at least 72 hours prior to their departure.

Please ensure you apply via the website <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> otherwise you will not be able to board a flight, coach or ship within the USA. Any guest who presents themselves to the United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) and has not previously completed their ESTA online (US Travel Authorisation or Visa) will be turned away and denied boarding their cruise.

Evergreen Cruises and Tours and Pursers Travel and Cruise will not be liable for any costs or cancellation penalties or inconvenience where travellers do not have a travel authorisation, and are not permitted to travel. Evergreen Cruises and Tours or Pursers Travel and Cruise cannot apply for these travel authorisations.

Please note: A US Travel Authorisation or Visa is required for all clients that are cruising Alaska/Canada, or stopping in the US either for an extended stay, or transiting via a US city for onward travel – ie flights transferring in any US city.

The cost of the ESTA is approximately \$21.00 US.

**Mandatory Canada's Electronic Travel Authorisation – eTA**

Under Canada's eTA program, citizens from countries other than the United States, who do not need a visa to enter Canada, will need to obtain an online authorisation before flying to Canada, unless otherwise exempted.

The entry requirement has been mandatory for all travellers entering Canada from 15 March 2016. Eligible travellers will have the opportunity to go online and apply for the eTA. Canada is making every effort to ensure that the eTA does not greatly inconvenience affected travellers. The application process will be quick and easy at a cost of approximately \$7 Canadian. The eTA will be valid for up to five years.

**Seat Rotation:**

For the enjoyment of all passengers the tour operates a daily seat rotation system which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking.

**Travel Sickness:**

If you suffer from travel sickness, you should arrange medication or other alternatives to treat symptoms, as no allowances can be made on tour.

**Dress:**

Casual/comfortable clothes are suggested for the duration of the tour. Suitable footwear is recommended. Please ensure you pack a hat/visor, sunglasses and sunscreen.

**Allergy/Dietary Requirements:**

Any allergies or special dietary requests (eg: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Lactose Intolerant and Diabetic) must be advised at the time of booking. These requirements will be provided to the accommodation/tour suppliers. All efforts will be made to satisfy requirements but may not always be possible. Any further intolerances needing to be managed are the responsibility of the passenger.

**Travel Insurance**

It is strongly recommended that passengers be covered by adequate travel insurance for protection against overseas medical expenses, amendment or cancellation costs, travel delay, luggage, accidental death and personal liability. As airlines do not accept responsibility for flight delays or cancellations due to weather, passengers electing not to take travel insurance do so at their own risk for costs or losses incurred. Pursers Coaches are agents for travel Insurance. Please ask for an obligation free quote.

**Special Requirements:**

Please ensure you bring any prescription medication needed.

## **Tour Price Includes:**

- Return coach transfers from South Burnett
- The services of a Tour director whilst coach touring
- 11 Day Canadian Rockies experience
- 7 nights on a luxury cruise ship – Holland America Line MS Koningsdam – Oceanview Cabin (*Verandah Stateroom upgrade available for extra cost*)
- Rocky Mountaineer Rail Experience -Silverleaf (*Gold Leaf upgrade available for extra cost*)
- Premium First Class hotels including all hotel service charges and portorage
- Return airport transfers
- Port taxes and charges
- All tipping and gratuities
- Cruise the famed Inside Passage
- Travel along the Sea to Sky Highway
- Explore Jasper National Park with a guided walk through Maligne Canyon
- Banff Gondola
- Ride the Ice Explorer onto Athabasca Glacier
- Discover Vancouver's famous sights
- Enjoy a guided nature walk through the forest at Capilano Suspension Bridge Park
- Wander the world famous Butchart Gardens
- Experience Alaska's number one glacier viewing attraction, Glacier Bay National Park
- Visit the Olympic ski resort town of Whistler!
- Travel along the incredible Icefields Parkway
- 37 superb meals including 18 Full Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 10 Dinners and 2 Highlight Dinners
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners

## **Tour Price Does NOT include:**

International Airfares

ESTA (Visa for United States)

eTA (Visa for Canada)

Beverages

Optional tours including:

Victoria 'Eat Like a Canadian'

Horse and Carriage Ride

Whale Watching

Photo Safari Tour

Whistler Food Tasting Tour

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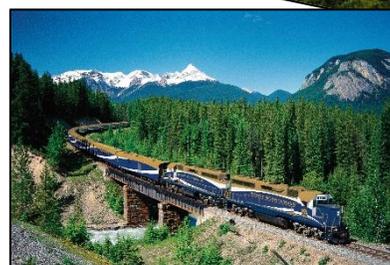
Shore Excursions on MS Koningsdam

Travel Insurance

Excess Luggage

Meals and drinks not specified

Items of a personal nature - laundry etc.



*Non-refundable deposit of \$2000.00 per person is due at time of booking to confirm your place on this tour together with a completed booking form.*

***Final Balance Due – Friday, 24 May 2024***

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