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CANADA & ALASKA

2020 Group Tours & Tailor-Made Travel





Inspiring travel for over 260 years

In an age that has witnessed an explosion in the popularity of travel, when new travel companies appear and disappear with bewildering frequency, Cox & Kings is, above all else, a travel company you can trust. Our experience, knowledge, service and business ethics are all underpinned by more than 260 years of heritage.

Cox & Kings' illustrious history is extraordinary, not just in its longevity but in how it has reinvented itself as the world around it has changed. You can read more about our company's story online at CoxandKings.co.uk/history.

A common strand running through the entire history is the spirit of innovation, which has remained a driving force for the business to this day. Our company may be old but it's full of youthful energy.

We are proud that we continue to build on the tradition of high quality service, attention to detail and innovation that made our founder, Richard Cox, so successful 260 years ago. We very much hope that this brochure will inspire and that you will entrust your next adventure to Cox & Kings.

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Why entrust your holiday to Cox & Kings?

- Our extraordinary heritage – founded in 1758
- Award-winning holidays
- Big company value & small company service
- The expert advice of your personal travel consultant
- Equal expertise at organising small group tours & private tailor-made travel
- The best guides to bring a destination to life

What we offer to Canada & Alaska

- Private tailored travel
- Group tours
- Luxury train journeys
- Arctic & Alaska cruises
- Self-drive itineraries
- Wilderness lodges
- Family adventures



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British Columbia

Alberta

Saskatchewan

Manitoba

Ontario

Quebec

Newfoundland & Labrador

Edmonton

Calgary

Saskatoon

Winnipeg

Vancouver

Seattle

NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN

Ottawa

Quebec City

St John's

New Brunswick

Toronto

Montreal

Halifax

Nova Scotia

USA

New York

Washington DC

NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

Gulf of Mexico



Non-Exclusive Group Tours

Designed by Experts

Cox & Kings has sourced the highest quality group tours for generations and over that time we have built a deep understanding of the key ingredients to an enjoyable tour. These include well-planned and paced itineraries, expert guidance on the ground, enough free time to do your own thing and, not least, the company of like-minded travellers.

In Canada and Alaska, Cox & Kings works with renowned tour operator APT to offer an exciting range of non-exclusive escorted group tours, perfect for the first-time traveller, or for those seeking a comprehensive discovery of these vast and beautiful countries.

APT's range of luxury tours throughout Canada and Alaska provide outstanding accommodation and attentive service. Every detail is taken care of from the moment you land, with expertly planned itineraries taking in all the key sights and hidden treasures. Tours offer APT's Freedom of Choice™ Inclusions – a wide range of touring and dining choices at no extra cost.

In addition to the luxury tours, APT also offers more affordable escorted tours under the brand Travelmarvel by APT. These tours still include handpicked accommodation, good quality meals and sightseeing excursions.

The prices for all itineraries in this brochure do not include the international airfare from the UK. This is because there are often short-term seasonal promotional prices available on flights and we cannot be sure at the time of publication of the best fare available. Please contact Cox & Kings for a price quote including flights.

• **Group Sizes**

These carefully planned coach tours have a maximum group size of 40 people, and 48 in the Travelmarvel branded tours.

• **Local Tour Managers**

Tour managers at APT are carefully selected for their travel experience and organisational abilities. Your tour manager will meet you on arrival, or at your first hotel, in Canada or Alaska, and will escort you throughout your journey (unless otherwise specified).

• **Expert Local Guides**

In addition to the services of the tour manager, most non-exclusive escorted group tours also benefit from the knowledge of local guides, who accompany some excursions. In some cases, where appropriate, the tour manager will also act as the local guide.

• **Comfortable Land Travel**

For road journeys, APT use air-conditioned buses of a size appropriate to the size of the group.

• **Excellent Value for Money**

For those seeking a premium touring experience, comparing all inclusions, the non-exclusive tours we offer in Canada and Alaska provide superb value for money.

• **High Quality Accommodation**

The standard and style of accommodation varies from place to place and tour to tour; however, APT generally use 5-star hotels and 4-star accommodation on Travelmarvel tours.

• **Tours in Churchill & Northern Canada**

In Churchill (Manitoba) Cox & Kings works

with Frontiers North and Churchill Wild as our local partners, and in Northern Canada with Arctic Kingdom. On tours run by these operators, there is no set tour leader, but you will be assisted throughout by different expert local leaders during your excursions, and by experienced hotel staff at your accommodation.

• **All Entrance Fees Included**

All sightseeing entrance fees are included where possible, as well as local taxes.

• **Balanced Pace**

Opportunities to relax or explore independently are built into most tours.

• **Tailored to You**

We are delighted to organise extensions before or after your tour, as well as room and flight upgrades.

• **24-Hour Emergency Support**

While you are away you will have 24-hour phone numbers for both our local representatives and our UK emergency phone.

• **Full Holiday Protection**

We are members of AITO and ABTA, our air holidays are fully ATOL protected and we follow British Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) advice regarding destination safety (see pages 130-134 for details).

Please see page 4 for a list of all the group tours featured in this brochure. If you would like to find out more about how our holidays operate, please refer to Cox & Kings Holidays Explained on pages 138-139 of this brochure.



Private Travel

Tailored for You

- **100% Flexibility**

All our itineraries can be tailored to suit your needs, or we can create an itinerary for you entirely from scratch, no matter how complex your requirements.

- **Planned by Experts**

Throughout the planning process you will be guided by your personal travel consultant, who will design an itinerary around your particular interests and requirements.

- **Excursions**

The majority of excursions in Canada and Alaska are organised on a shared basis, where you would join a group of between 4-20 other travellers on small group tours, up to 45 on day trips by coach, and up to 300 on day cruises. These would be led by an expert local guide provided by one of our local partners. If you would prefer to travel with a private guide then this is possible if booked well in advance. Please contact us for details.

- **Transfers**

Taxis are safe, reliable and easy to arrange locally in Canada and Alaska, so we do not generally pre-book transfers for you to and from airports, train stations, cruise ports or ferry terminals. If you would like us to do so, please contact your travel consultant.

- **Self-drive**

Many travellers enjoy the independence afforded by hiring a car and Cox & Kings is happy to arrange this facility in most areas of Canada and Alaska. Our carefully planned self-drive itineraries ensure that you get to see the highlights of these remarkable countries without spending too much time in the car. They drive on the right in Canada and Alaska. In all destinations, road conditions are generally good.

- **Cox & Kings Signature Experiences**

From market tours and cooking classes to hot air balloon rides and epicurean dining, we can arrange a whole variety of experiences.

- **Wide Choice of Accommodation**

Whether it's a sophisticated city centre hotel or a 'back-to-nature' wilderness lodge, we can cater to all tastes and a range of budgets.

- **Multi-Country Itineraries**

We are experts at combining multiple countries in a single journey.

- **Family Holidays**

We arrange seamless itineraries that include experiences to inspire older and younger generations alike (see page 8 for more details).

- **Private Groups**

If you are a member of a club, society or simply a group of friends with a common interest, we can create an itinerary to suit the particular interests, dates and budget of the group.

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Tailor-made Travel

Cox & Kings has been organising private tailor-made travel for generations. All our expert travel consultants are regional specialists with a wealth of first-hand travel experience.

They will listen to your requirements and then design an itinerary tailored to suit your particular interests, no matter how complex or unique they may be.

By its nature, even the best-planned travel has a degree of unpredictability. Aside from our expert planning and our network of carefully selected representatives around the world, one of the great benefits of travelling with Cox & Kings is what happens in the event of the unexpected. If a flight is cancelled, medical assistance is required, or a strike affects local services, the peace of mind that comes from the support we provide to sort out the necessary arrangements is priceless.



Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia

Family Adventures

Cox & Kings family holidays are ideal for families seeking adventure and discovery without compromising on comfort and peace of mind. All families are unique, so the ideas we have put together in our *Family Adventures* range are intended purely as suggestions – our specialist travel consultants are experts in designing holidays completely tailored to each family's interests, ages and varying spirit of adventure. In this brochure we have included some ideas for adventures in Canada. To see a full list of all our suggestions, however, please visit CoxandKings.co.uk/family.

Slow-paced Travel

If you have the time, slow-paced travel can be exceptionally rewarding. Visiting fewer places and spending longer in each allows you to immerse yourself into local culture, gaining a deeper understanding of the way of life, the food, the local issues and the environment. Venturing off the beaten track with a guide, exploring on foot away from tourist sites and trying your hand at activities with local people can bring many joyful surprises and provide an authentic experience of the country. Our travel consultants delight in organising easier-paced, less conventional itineraries to fit in with particular interests.

Adventurous Honeymoons & Special Occasions

If your idea of the trip of a lifetime extends beyond the confines of a beach resort, Cox & Kings' travel consultants offer you a wealth of experience and ideas for combining cultural exploration and wildlife encounters with a dash of adventure, as well as some well-deserved downtime. If you are planning a honeymoon, a special anniversary holiday, or the journey of a lifetime to mark retirement, we pride ourselves on attention to detail and personal service, both at the planning stage and during the holiday itself, to make the experience carefree and unforgettable.

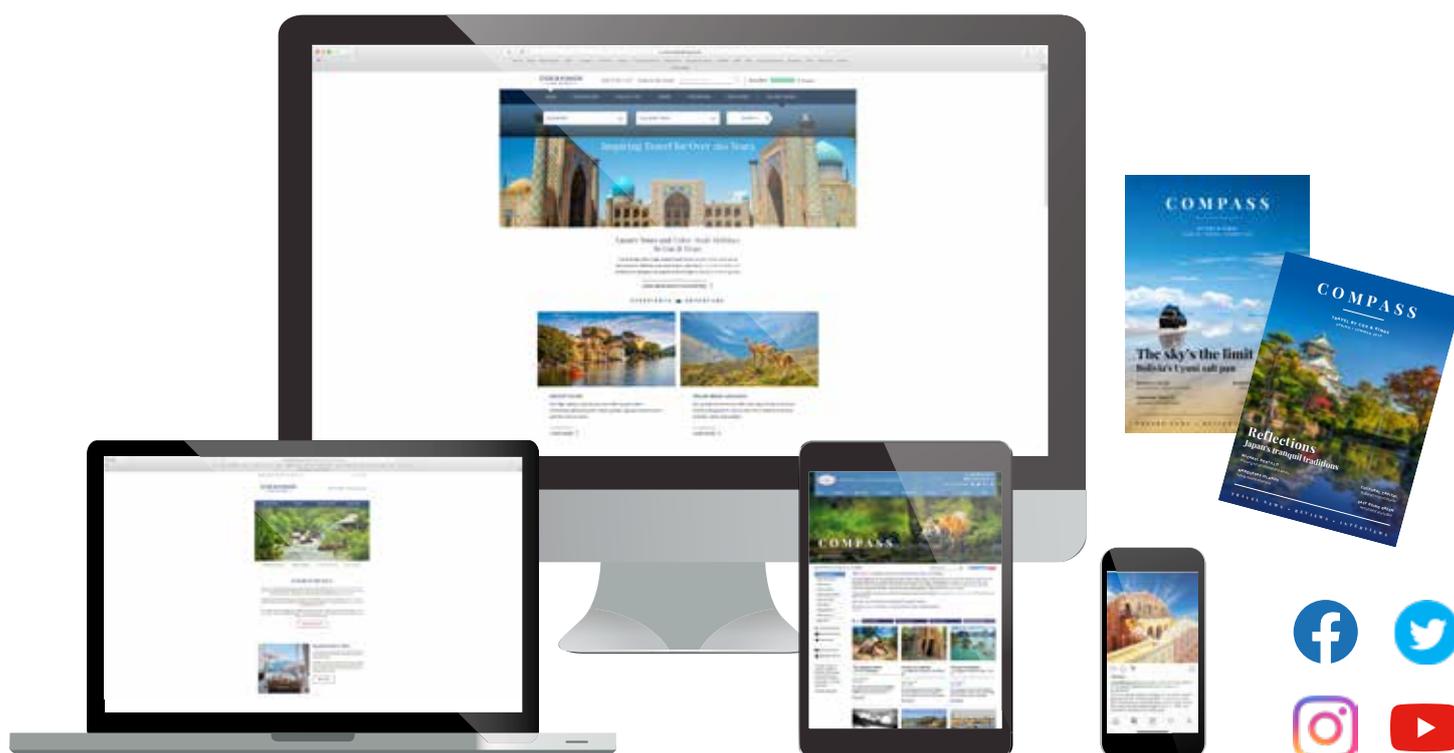
Private Groups

Whether you are a member of a club or society, or you want to organise a trip for a group of like-minded friends, Cox & Kings has years of experience at researching and creating tours for groups of people with specific interests. We can source the best local guides for a particular subject, provide access to businesses and institutions not usually open to the public, and suggest the most suitable hotels in terms of location, costs and services. In essence, we take all the stress out of arranging a private group holiday.

Travel Inspiration – Online

This brochure contains a wealth of information about our tours and tailor-made travel options in Canada and Alaska. The world keeps turning, however, and for the very latest information about our holidays and destinations, or inspiration about where you could visit next, there are a number of Cox & Kings resources available to you online.

For us, travel is all about experiencing and understanding cultures and nature. With that in mind, we are constantly on the lookout for interesting television programmes, films, books, websites, recipes and exhibitions that relate to the destinations we cover, which we share with our online followers to provide inspiration and stimulation when considering future travel plans.



The Cox & Kings Website

The Cox & Kings UK website is found at CoxandKings.co.uk. In addition to the information found in our brochures, you can find extra itineraries, hotels and activities; up-to-date prices and special offers; live group tour availability and booking; country guides full of images, videos and detailed destination information; and our seasonal travel guide for those who know when they want to travel, but would like some inspiration about where.

Email Newsletters

If you would like to be among the first to hear our latest news, you can subscribe to receive our regular email newsletters at CoxandKings.co.uk/publications/newsletter. These will keep you up to date with new product launches and special offers, as well as providing travel inspiration if you have yet to decide where to take your next adventure. From time to time we also offer tickets to events and tip you off about television programmes and films that are relevant to travel.

Compass Online

CoxandKings.co.uk/compass, the online sister of our acclaimed *Compass* magazine, is a treasure trove of articles, blogs, competitions and destination guides in which you can find travel features penned by professional journalists, Cox & Kings' clients and our own staff. There are also interviews with well-known travellers plus our 'One Giant Leap' feature, in which personalities from Raymond Blanc to Wilbur Smith recount their first experiences of being abroad.

Social Media

Follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** (both @coxandkingsUK) for an entertaining combination of photography and comments; the latest news from Cox & Kings; links to interesting travel articles; news about TV programmes, films and other travel-related cultural events; plus fun competitions and some light-hearted exchanges. For photographic inspiration, try **Instagram** (coxandkings_uk) while our **YouTube** channel showcases inspirational videos of destinations around the world and introduces some of our expert tour leaders.



Canada

Group tours • Tailor-made travel •
Rail journeys • Cruises •
Self-drive



Renowned for its spectacular wilderness, abundant wildlife, cosmopolitan cities and diverse cultures, Canada stretches across six time zones and is the world's second largest country.

In a destination so large, the landscape varies from the breathtaking mountain panoramas of the Canadian Rockies to the ice-covered wilderness around Churchill and the vineyards, farmland and maple forests to the east. Culture and history is also rich throughout Canada, including historic French settlements in Quebec and indigenous communities throughout the country.

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Climate

There are four different seasons in Canada, although the weather varies throughout the different regions of the country. Summer generally lasts from around June to September, with daytime temperatures ranging between 20°C and 30°C. Autumn and spring are transition periods when the weather starts to get colder or warmer with rain more likely. The winter months from December to March are usually very cold with snow covering the ground.

Vancouver, British Columbia

| | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
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| A | 7 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 22 | 19 | 14 | 9 | 7 |
| B | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| C | 14 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 22 | 21 |

Toronto, Ontario

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| B | -10 | -9 | -4 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 1 | -6 |
| C | 54 | 45 | 60 | 67 | 69 | 69 | 70 | 83 | 75 | 63 | 72 | 72 |

Key: A: Maximum average temperature (C) B: Minimum average temperature (C) C: Average rainfall (mm)

Inspired to venture further afield? Browse our website to discover additional destinations, places to stay and itineraries; or speak to our Canada experts.

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Image left: Moraine lake, Canadian Rocky Mountains

Discover The Highlights of Canada



Grizzly bear, Knight Inlet, British Columbia



Herbert lake, Banff National Park, Alberta

British Columbia

- Visit cosmopolitan Vancouver, with a beautiful setting between the ocean and mountains
- Seek out grizzly bears and spirit bears in the Great Bear Rainforest
- Spot grey whales and orcas in one of the best whale-watching spots in the world – Vancouver Island
- Travel up the Inside Passage to discover the natural beauty and wilderness of Northern British Columbia
- Taste wines in Canada's second largest wine region, the Okanagan Valley

Alberta

- Experience the excitement of the annual Calgary Stampede, known as 'The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth'
- Spectacular mountain views and active adventures in Banff
- Visit scenic national parks on a self-drive along the Icefields Parkway
- Stop on the shores of Lake Louise with its magical turquoise waters
- Ride the renowned *Rocky Mountaineer* train through the Rocky Mountains



Polar bear, Manitoba



Lighthouse, Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia

Manitoba & Saskatchewan

- Explore boreal forest and more than 100,000 lakes and rivers
- Search for polar bears and kayak with beluga whales around Hudson Bay, near Churchill
- Learn about the history of the Mounties at their training facility in Regina
- Visit the museums and galleries of the cultural city of Winnipeg



Horseshoe falls, Niagara Falls

Atlantic Canada

- Go whale watching in the Bay of Fundy
- Enjoy quality fresh fish and seafood throughout the province
- Spot icebergs of varying shapes and sizes off Newfoundland's coast
- Discover the French Acadian culture of New Brunswick
- Visit quaint villages and lighthouses, and explore the trails throughout Prince Edward Island



Aurora borealis at Great Slave lake, Yukon

Ontario & Quebec

- Experience Canada's best hotels, bars and restaurants in Toronto
- Take a boat ride into the mists of Niagara Falls for a closer view of the crashing waters
- Sample fine French cuisine in Montreal and Quebec City
- Take a drive around the rugged beauty of Gaspé peninsula
- Stay by the peaceful Sacacomie lake and walk in the surrounding hills

Northern Canada

- Marvel at the natural phenomenon of the aurora borealis, also known as the northern lights
- Stay in the remote Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge, located 800km north of the Arctic Circle
- Cruise through the Northwest Passage, following in the footsteps of renowned explorers
- Discover 19th-century gold rush history in Dawson City in the Yukon



Canada by Rail & Car

A rail journey is the perfect way to experience Canada's immense and breathtaking landscapes, covering the huge distances of this vast country in comfort. Cosmopolitan cities such as Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal are just some of the places from which to start or end your journey. Along the way, watch the scenery change mile by mile, from sprawling forests to imposing peaks and glistening lakes.

A range of rail journeys are available, from short day trips to overnight journeys and longer itineraries traversing the entire country from the west to east coast. *Rocky Mountaineer* is the most popular and one of Canada's most luxurious trains, weaving through the heart of the Rocky Mountains at an average speed of 30km per hour, with stops to take in the scenic highlights and the occasional bear.

Alternatively, many travellers enjoy the independence afforded by hiring a car. Our carefully planned self-drive itineraries ensure you see the highlights of this remarkable country without spending too much time driving. Driving is on the right and in all destinations road conditions are generally good. Throughout this brochure we give suggested self-drive itineraries where you can travel at your own pace to discover the beauty of Canada's wilderness.

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Image left: *Rocky Mountaineer*, Alberta © *Rocky Mountaineer*

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Discover VIA Rail

In addition to the classic journeys on the *Rocky Mountaineer* (see pages 20-23), visitors can see Canada's dramatic and ever-changing landscapes unfold on Canada's extensive 12,500-kilometre railway network, operated by VIA Rail Canada. Formed in 1977, when the federal government took an unprecedented step and created this state-owned enterprise, today there are nearly 500 trains operated per week, with journeys ranging from just a few hours to several days and a range of classes available on the different services. On the overnight routes a variety of sleeper classes are available, including the Prestige sleeper class, which has a private bathroom and L-shaped couch that turns into a double bed. Many services include comfortable seats, meals, drinks, complimentary Wi-Fi and large picture windows.



Spirit Island, Jasper National Park



The Canadian

Jasper to Prince Rupert Train (formerly *The Skeena*)

Known as one of the most picturesque routes on the network, enjoy spectacular views of Jasper National Park, the rugged Canadian Rockies and the Pacific coast on this 2-day journey to Prince Rupert. The train stops overnight in the town of Prince George, then continues over Yellowhead Pass and across British Columbia's interior plateau. Seats with extra-large panoramic windows are available on selected departures.

The Ocean Montreal to Halifax

For 110 years, *The Ocean* has treated its passengers to some of the most spectacular views between Montreal and Halifax on a 22-hour journey. Sleeper Plus class, available all year round, includes a comfortable couch that turns into a bed, full-course meals with seating in the dining car and access to the car with panoramic views of the passing scenery.

The Canadian Toronto to Vancouver

Linking Toronto and Vancouver, *The Canadian* is one of the world's best known and most popular long-haul rail journeys. The route, which stretches for 4,466km and takes 4 days, passes boreal forests studded with sparkling lakes, the western prairies and the breathtaking Rocky Mountains. Some carriages are built with glass domes for viewing the scenery.

The Corridor Service Toronto to Montreal

The Corridor service links two of Canada's largest cities in 4.5 hours, with some services travelling to Ottawa, Kingston and Quebec City. This daily service conveniently departs and arrives into the downtown areas of both Toronto and Montreal. Travel in style in the Business Class carriage with priority boarding, access to the station Business Class lounge, a meal, wine and chocolate.

Eastern Canada by Rail in Style

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Luxury

Rail journey • From £2,145 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Discover the distinctly different neighbouring Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec by rail on this 9-day itinerary passing maple forests, pastures and quaint villages. Travel in Business Class on board the train to make your journey as comfortable as possible and stay in stylish hotels throughout.

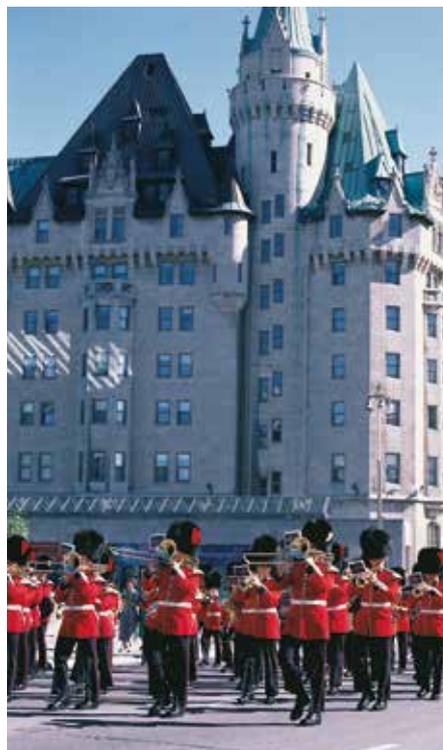
This rail journey features...

- ❖ Centrally located 5-star hotels throughout
- ❖ Four rail journeys, all in Business Class
- ❖ Breakfast, lunch or dinner aboard the train
- ❖ Excursions as specified in the itinerary

Special experiences

- ❖ Full-day tour of Niagara Falls including a boat trip & wine tasting
- ❖ Discover the culture of the French Canadian cities of Montreal & Quebec City
- ❖ Mixture of shared guided tours & time at leisure to explore at your own pace
- ❖ Travel by train through Ontario & Quebec

Area map



Fairmont Château Laurier, Ottawa

Day 1: Toronto

On arrival in Toronto, transfer to the **Fairmont Royal York** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Niagara Falls

Join a shared full-day tour to Niagara Falls, including visits to the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a winery for tastings and a boat tour of Niagara Falls. (L)

Day 3: Ottawa

Make your own way to the railway station this morning and board the train to Ottawa (Business Class). The journey will start by following the shores of Lake Ontario before passing forests and pastures. In Ottawa, make your own way to the centrally located **Fairmont Château Laurier** for 2 nights. (L*)

Day 4: Ottawa

Day at leisure to explore Canada's capital city. Suggested visits include Parliament Hill, the National Gallery and the Canadian War Museum. (N)

Day 5: Montreal

Make your own way to the railway station this morning to travel to Montreal (Business Class) by train, passing into the French province of Quebec. On arrival, make your way to the **Fairmont Queen Elizabeth** for 2 nights. (B*)

Day 6: Montreal

This afternoon, join a shared half-day tour of the city by coach, including stops at the Notre Dame basilica, Old Montreal and the French quarter. (N)

Day 7: Quebec City

Make your own way to the railway station to join the train to Quebec City, one of North America's oldest cities. On arrival, make your own way to **Fairmont Le Château Frontenac** for 2 nights. Sample the French-influenced cuisine of the city on an optional gourmet tour. (L*)

Day 8: Quebec City

This morning, join a shared half-day tour of Quebec City's Unesco world heritage-listed old town. Highlights include the Latin quarter, the Plains of Abraham, the Ramparts, the National Assembly and the basilica. (N)

Day 9: Onward travel

Travel by train back to Montreal then make your own way to the airport and fly home, or continue your holiday. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. The majority of transfers are also not included as taxis are easy, reliable and affordable in Canada. If you would prefer to have transfers and / or flights included, please discuss this with your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

* **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch or dinner is included on the train. The exact meal included on the rail journeys will depend on train departure time.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote including flights, transfers or alternative accommodation standards, or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YER

Low season from £2,145
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,395
Guide price month: Sep

Vancouver to Toronto by Rail

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights

Category • Superior

Rail journey • From £3,945 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Travel across Canada from Vancouver to Toronto on this 14-day itinerary on board two of the world's most celebrated trains: *The Canadian* and *Rocky Mountaineer*. Highlights include the spectacular Rocky Mountains, a stop in Winnipeg, a scenic tour of Banff and an excursion on Athabasca glacier.

This rail journey features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation*
- ❖ 3 nights aboard *The Canadian* from Jasper to Toronto
- ❖ SilverLeaf service aboard *Rocky Mountaineer* from Vancouver to Banff
- ❖ 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners
- ❖ Excursions as specified in the itinerary

Special experiences

- ❖ Full-day tour of Niagara Falls including a boat trip & wine tasting
- ❖ Wildlife-viewing opportunities in Alberta's national parks
- ❖ Travel the scenic Icefields Parkway & venture onto Athabasca glacier
- ❖ Witness the ever-changing scenery while travelling from western to eastern Canada by train
- ❖ Discover northern Canadian wildlife at Assiniboine Park Zoo

Area map



Niagara Falls, Ontario

Day 1: Vancouver • On board *Rocky Mountaineer* • Kamloops

Make your way to the train station and board *Rocky Mountaineer* for a scenic rail journey to Banff, stopping en route in Kamloops. On board, travel in the glass-domed SilverLeaf carriage. Depart Vancouver, travel through the farming region of Fraser valley and pass through Rainbow canyon with its cliffs striped with pinks, greens and greys. Follow the Thompson river and arrive in Kamloops, where you will transfer to your hotel* for 1 night. (B, L)

Day 2: On board *Rocky Mountaineer* • Banff

Continue your journey to Banff on board the *Rocky Mountaineer*. Pass through the Spiral Tunnels in Yoho National Park and Rogers Pass in Glacier National Park. Arrive in Banff and stay 2 nights at **Banff Caribou Lodge**, located in the centre of this alpine town. (B, L)

Day 3: Banff

This morning, join a shared tour of Banff. Visit to the Hoodoos rock formations, a gondola ride to Sulphur Mountain and the Tunnel Mountain Drive for panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Afternoon at leisure. (N)

Day 4: Lake Louise

Travel by coach to the turquoise waters of Lake Louise, passing the scenic Bow valley en route. On arrival in Lake Louise, stay overnight at

Lake Louise Inn. (N)

Day 5: Athabasca glacier • Jasper

Travel by coach along one of North America's most scenic highways – the Icefields Parkway. En route to Jasper, join a shared Ice Explorer excursion on Athabasca glacier and walk on the Glacier Skywalk. On arrival in Jasper, stay overnight at **Sawridge Inn**. (L)

Day 6: Jasper • On board *The Canadian*

Day at leisure to explore this mountain town. This evening, make your way to the railway station and board *The Canadian* for the 3-night VIA Rail train journey across the prairies to Toronto including a stop at Winnipeg. On board you will have a private berth with a private washroom and access to a dining car, cafe, lounge and observation deck. (D)

Day 7: On board *The Canadian* • Winnipeg

Watch the scenery change as you leave behind the mountains and enter the prairies and great plains of Canada. Arrive in Winnipeg and stay 3 nights at the **Inn at the Forks**. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Winnipeg

Today, transfers and admission to the International Polar Bear Convention Centre at the Assiniboine Park Zoo are included. Here, animals such as polar bears, muskoxen, Arctic foxes, wolves and other northern species



Spirit island, Maligne lake, Jasper National Park, Alberta

are housed in a 10-acre exhibit designed to resemble their natural habitat. (N)

Day 9: Winnipeg

Visit the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, which offers powerful interactive exhibits. Afternoon at leisure. (N)

Day 10: Winnipeg • On board The Canadian

Day at leisure. This evening, rejoin *The Canadian* train to Toronto. (N)

Day 11: On board the Canadian

Today the train will cross the scenic lakes of northern Ontario. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Toronto

Arrive into Toronto this morning, with the rest of the day at leisure. Stay 2 nights at the **Hilton Toronto**. (B)

Day 13: Niagara Falls

Today enjoy a shared full-day tour to the

mighty Niagara Falls and the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Included in this tour is a Hornblower cruise to get close to the falls, a winery tour and free time to wander around the charming streets of Niagara-on-the-Lake. (N)

Day 14: Onward travel

Make your own way to the airport today and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

*** Accommodation:** Based in 4-star accommodation, except in Kamloops. Please note that the hotels used with the *Rocky Mountaineer* rail journeys are considered 3-star and simple. Full details will be advised shortly before departure.

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. In some places, transfers are not included as taxis are easy, reliable and affordable. If you would prefer to have all transfers and / or flights included, please discuss this with your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote including flights, transfers or alternative accommodation standards, or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YTV

Low season from £3,945
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £4,995
Guide price months: Aug – Sep

Discover Rocky Mountaineer

Since its inception in 1990, the award-winning *Rocky Mountaineer* train has carried more than 2 million guests and is considered to be one of the most spectacular rail experiences in the world. Operating from spring to early autumn, the train travels by daylight through the diverse landscapes of the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada, past tumbling waterfalls, glacier-capped mountains and an array of wildlife.

Choose from four unique rail routes, including the classic 2-day journey between Vancouver and the Canadian Rocky Mountain towns of Jasper, Banff or Lake Louise. While on board, enjoy impeccable service, delectable cuisine and complimentary beverages. Sit back and enjoy the breathtaking views and listen to captivating stories from the dedicated hosts. There are two levels of service to choose from; the highlights of each are outlined below.



Classes of travel:



GoldLeaf Service

- Bi-level, glass-domed coach with panoramic views
- Gourmet a la carte meals served in the lower level dining room
- Complimentary alcoholic and soft drinks served throughout the journey
- Exclusive open-air outdoor viewing platform
- Three to four hosts per coach

SilverLeaf Service

- Single-level, glass-domed coach with oversized windows
- Hot entree meals served at your seat
- Complimentary alcoholic and soft drinks served throughout the journey
- Outdoor viewing between coaches
- Two hosts per coach



GoldLeaf Service dining room (© Rocky Mountaineer)



GoldLeaf viewing-dome carriage (© Rocky Mountaineer)

Western Canadian Highlights on Rocky Mountaineer

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Standard

Private tour • From £2,395 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

This private tour provides an introduction to Western Canada and includes a journey on one of *Rocky Mountaineer's* most popular rail routes. See the varying landscapes of British Columbia and Alberta from the comfort of the train, passing raging rivers, rugged mountains, deep canyons and vast glaciers; you may even spot some of the local wildlife. In addition to the scenery, explore the alpine towns of Jasper and Banff.

This rail journey features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation*
- ❖ 2 days on board the *Rocky Mountaineer* train in SilverLeaf Service
- ❖ Excursions as specified in the itinerary
- ❖ 2 breakfasts & 3 lunches

Special experiences

- ❖ Travel the popular 'Journey through the Clouds' route on one of the world's most popular trains
- ❖ Discover the awesome scenery of the Icefields Parkway
- ❖ Venture onto the surface of the Athabasca glacier in an Ice Explorer vehicle
- ❖ Explore the alpine towns of Banff and Whistler, and the coastal city of Vancouver

Area map



Peyto lake, Banff National Park

Day 1: Rocky Mountaineer to Kamloops

Make your way to Pacific Central Station in Vancouver to board the *Rocky Mountaineer* train. Travel to the towering heights of the Coast Mountains and pass the thundering water of Hell's Gate in Fraser canyon. Transfer to your hotel in Kamloops* for 1 night. (B, L)

Day 2: Rocky Mountaineer • Jasper

Board the train and travel alongside the South Thompson river and view Pyramid Falls and the expansive glaciers of the Albretha Icefields before arriving into Jasper in the late afternoon. Stay 2 nights at **Sawridge Inn**. (B, L)

Day 3: Jasper

Day at leisure. This evening enjoy an evening tour in search of the wildlife found in this area. (N)

Day 4: Lake Louise

Today join a shared excursion driving along the Icefields Parkway. Stop at Athabasca glacier for an excursion out onto the ice in an Ice Explorer vehicle. Other highlights include Peyto lake, Bow lake and Crowfoot glacier. Arrive in Lake Louise and stay overnight at **Lake Louise Inn**. (L)

Day 5: Banff

Depart mid-morning for the short drive to Banff via the scenic Bow valley. Afternoon at leisure. Stay at **Banff Caribou Lodge** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 6: Banff

Enjoy a tour of Banff, with highlights including the Hoodoo rock formations, Bow valley view

point and Bow Falls. Finish the tour with a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain, offering panoramic views of the spectacular scenery. Afterwards, return to downtown Banff at your own leisure. (N)

Day 7: Onward travel

Morning at leisure then join a scheduled coach to Calgary, where you can be dropped at a downtown hotel to continue your holiday, or Calgary airport for your flight home. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Extensions

Join a classic 7-night cruise from Vancouver to Alaska – see page 126 for further details. Alternatively, go bear watching from one of British Columbia's wilderness lodges – see pages 43, 66 and 67.

Important information

* **Accommodation:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation except in Kamloops, where the hotel used with the *Rocky Mountaineer* rail journey should be considered 3-star and simple. Full details will be advised shortly before departure.

Departure dates: This tour departs on Tuesdays and Fridays only, due to set train departure days.

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. Transfers are also not included as taxis are easy, reliable and affordable in Canada. For flight and transfer options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YRM

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £2,745
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

Rocky Mountaineer Rail Journeys

First Passage to the West

Banff or Lake Louise – Kamloops – Vancouver

This spectacular 2-day rail journey is a popular *Rocky Mountaineer* route and involves travelling between Alberta and British Columbia, including an overnight stay in Kamloops en route. Follow in the footsteps of 19th-century explorers, passing Craigellachie where the last spike on the Canadian Pacific Railway was placed, and on through the Spiral Tunnels. Traverse the continental divide against a backdrop of vast mountains and ride along this important track that united Canada from east to west.



Rocky Mountaineer, Muleshoe lake, Alberta, First Passage to the West route (© Rocky Mountaineer)

Journey through the Clouds

Vancouver – Kamloops – Jasper

This 2-day journey allows you to enjoy the natural beauty of the Canadian Rockies in comfort, including an overnight stay in Kamloops. Travel through the dramatic landscapes of the Coastal Mountains and Fraser canyon, experiencing the superb scenery of the west. There may be the chance to see the region's wildlife as you follow the Fraser river, pass the Albretha glacier and see the imposing Mount Robson, the Canadian Rockies' highest peak.



Rocky Mountaineer, Rainforest to Gold Rush route (© Rocky Mountaineer)

Rainforest to Gold Rush

Vancouver – Whistler – Quesnel – Jasper

This route passes a range of scenery, from tranquil lakes and lush coastal rainforest to rugged mountains and massive cliffs. Highlights of this journey include Fraser canyon, the Rocky Mountain Trench and Mount Robson. Stop overnight at the gold pan of Quesnel, before finishing in the Canadian Rockies' largest national park. The train will pass through areas that are rich in wildlife, where you may see ospreys, bald eagles or even black bears along the way.



Outdoor viewing platform, Journey through the Clouds route (© Rocky Mountaineer)



Cheakamus canyon, BC, Rainforest to Gold Rush route (© Rocky Mountaineer)

Discover Self-drive in Canada



Road through Banff National Park

Car Hire Self-drive Details

In order to ensure that our self-drive travellers benefit from the highest standards of reliability, service and support, Cox & Kings works with internationally renowned car hire company Avis and can make all the necessary reservations on your behalf.

Car hire inclusions:

- Unlimited mileage
- PST/GST/HST taxes
- Loss Damage Waiver (LDW)
- \$1 million (CAD) Third Party Liability Insurance Coverage
- One additional driver
- 24-hour helpline

Optional inclusions:

- One-way rentals
- Delivery & collection
- Personal Accident Insurance Plus (PAI Plus)
- Personal Effects Protection (PEP)

Avis where2™ GPS navigation system, from £13 per day

This navigation device, powered by Garmin, allows you to look up addresses, hotels and attractions, and provides audible turn-by-turn directions and high quality 3D graphics. For those not wanting to follow a map, this provides a perfect alternative with approximate timings, detours and clear directions to your destination.

Example vehicle types for hire:

Mid-size (intermediate) – Volkswagen Golf or similar.
Price from: £55 per day, including unlimited travel.

Full size (four door) – Chevrolet Impala or similar.
Price from: £60 per day, including unlimited travel.

Scenic Drives in Canada

Sea to Sky Highway (Highway 99), British Columbia

Travel from emerald ocean to snow-capped peaks on the Sea to Sky Highway from Vancouver to Whistler, passing glaciers, forests and waterfalls. The route can be continued through the forests of the Cayoosh Creek valley to the gold-rush town of Lillooet. For more information on Whistler, please see page 38.

Icefields Parkway, Alberta

This scenic drive will take you through the spine of the Canadian Rockies with a seemingly never-ending procession of mountains, jagged peaks, glaciers and pristine emerald lakes. Along the way, there is the opportunity to visit the Columbia Icefield and take an Ice Explorer ride out onto the glacier. See page 46 for more details.

Frank McDougall Parkway, Ontario

This 180-kilometre-long route is the section of Highway 60 that passes through the Algonquin Provincial Park. Drive past pine forests, jagged cliffs and lakes. Moose are sometimes seen on the road and can be a driving hazard. For more information on Algonquin Provincial Park, please see page 82.

The Cabot Trail, Nova Scotia

On Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island, the Cabot Trail is a looping 297-kilometre-long route that passes over coastal mountains and through the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, a wilderness area renowned for its spectacular highlands and ocean scenery and home to moose, Canadian lynx and bald eagles. See page 96 for more details.

Bow Valley Parkway, Alberta

For a more scenic but slightly slower journey (approximate duration of 1.5 hours) we recommend driving along the Bow Valley Parkway, beside the Bow river. This provides an opportunity to stop at Johnston canyon and walk along the paved footpath to either the lower or upper waterfalls. For more information on Banff, please see page 45.

Viking Trail, Newfoundland

This remote and beautiful drive explores the northern tip of Newfoundland, a wild and fascinating coastal area. The route takes in L'Anse aux Meadows (Jellyfish Cove), an archaeological site discovered in 1960 and the location of a Viking settlement. For more information on Newfoundland, please see page 98.



West side of the Cabot Trail, Nova Scotia



Group Tours in Canada & Alaska



Cox & Kings has partnered with experienced operator APT for escorted group tours in Canada and Alaska, perfect for the first-time traveller or for those seeking a comprehensive discovery of these vast and beautiful countries.

APT's range of luxury tours throughout Canada and Alaska provide outstanding accommodation and attentive service. Limiting the group size to 40 guests on their escorted Canada land tours ensures a personalised and rewarding exploration, with greater insight and interaction. Every detail is taken care of from the moment you land, with expertly planned itineraries taking in all the key sights and hidden treasures. Tours offer APT's Freedom of Choice™ Inclusions – a wide range of touring and dining choices at no extra cost.

In addition to luxury tours, APT also offer escorted tours with less inclusions operated by Travelmarvel, part of the APT group. These tours still include hand-picked accommodation, good quality meals and some sightseeing excursions. These tours have a maximum of 48 people per group.

The following pages feature Cox & Kings' selection of APT tours, with a further Alaska APT group tour on pages 118-119. For a wider range of options, please speak to our Canada and Alaska experts.

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Image left: Grizzly bear

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Passage through the Rockies

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Non-exclusive group tour • From £2,795 (excl. flights)

APT

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation*
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts & 4 dinners
- ❖ Maximum of 48 passengers
- ❖ Guided sightseeing in selected locations
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Option of upgrading to the *Rocky Mountaineer* from Jasper to Vancouver
- ❖ All tipping
- ❖ Arrival & departure transfers

Weather

Vancouver

| | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
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| A | 7 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 22 | 22 | 19 | 14 | 9 | 7 |
| B | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| C | 14 | 17 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 22 | 21 |

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Athabasca glacier, Columbia Icefields

Discover the best of Western Canada on this 12-day escorted tour, including travelling through the Canadian Rockies with an option to upgrade to two days on board the *Rocky Mountaineer* train. Visiting national parks, picturesque towns, glaciers, turquoise lakes and charming cities, this tour showcases the breathtaking scenery and culture of British Columbia and Alberta.

Special experiences

- ❖ **Welcome reception at Calgary tower**
- ❖ **Take an Ice Explorer ride on Athabasca glacier**
- ❖ **Opportunity to seek out the area's wildlife such as grizzly or black bears**
- ❖ **Visit the Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary**

Day 1: Calgary

On arrival in Calgary, you will be met and transferred to the **Marriott Downtown Hotel** for an overnight stay. (N)

Day 2: Banff

This morning travel through beautiful Banff National Park with its towering mountains. Arrive into the picturesque mountain resort of Banff and stay 2 nights at **Banff Park Lodge**. (B, D)

Day 3: Banff

Day at leisure. Explore the town on foot or take an optional excursion such as a scenic helicopter ride (payable locally). (B)

Day 4: Lake Louise

Journey to Lake Louise with a stop at Moraine lake en route. Tonight, stay at **Lake Louise Inn**. (B, D)

Day 5: Icefields Parkway • Jasper

Travel along the Icefields Parkway, stopping at the Columbia Icefield to board an Ice Explorer vehicle for an excursion on the Athabasca glacier. Arrive in Jasper and overnight at one of the **Mountain Park Lodges***. (B)

Day 6: Maligne canyon • Blue River

Journey out of Jasper National Park to the town of Blue River where the wilderness is filled with pristine lakes, waterfalls and rivers. Take a river excursion in search of grizzly and black bears. Overnight at **Mike Wiecele Heliski Village**. (Optional *Rocky Mountaineer* extension). (B, D)

Day 7: Vancouver

Follow the path of the early gold rush pioneers as you travel through the Cariboo region to Vancouver. Stay at the **Coast Coal Harbour Hotel** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 8: Vancouver

Morning sightseeing tour of the city with the afternoon at leisure to relax, explore the city further or take an optional excursion such as tasting local produce on a guided tour of Granville Island market (payable locally). (B)

Day 9: Whistler

Head along the Sea to Sky Highway to Whistler and stay at the **Summit Lodge Boutique Hotel** (or similar) for 1 night. We recommend taking a walk around this alpine village in the evening to soak up the atmosphere. (B)



Bow river, Banff National Park, Canadian Rockies © Neil Zeller

Day 10: Victoria

Travel back along the Sea to Sky Highway to Horseshoe Bay, stopping en route at Shannon Falls. From Horseshoe Bay, take a ferry across the Georgia Strait to Vancouver Island. Finish your journey in the city of Victoria with a 2-night stay at **The Parkside Hotel & Spa**. Alternatively take a floatplane between Whistler and Victoria, from £175 (must be pre-booked). (B)

Day 11: Victoria

Optional morning whale-watching cruise or horse-drawn carriage city tour (payable locally). Afternoon visit to the floral displays of the Butchart gardens, followed by a group farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Vancouver • Onward travel

Morning ferry back to Vancouver, then either transfer to the airport to fly home or continue your holiday by joining a 7-night Alaska cruise (see page 129 for further details). (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Extension

Tour + Rocky Mountaineer

2 days & 1 night from £795 (Jasper to Vancouver – SilverLeaf Service)

Add a 2-day rail journey on board **Rocky Mountaineer** to this itinerary. This spectacular rail trip would replace days 6 and 7 of the tour. Upgrades are available on **Rocky Mountaineer** to GoldLeaf Service from an additional £355 per person.

Day 6: Kamloops

Leave the group in Jasper where you will board the **Rocky Mountaineer** for a scenic ride, passing Mount Robson and Pyramid Falls. Arrive in Kamloops late afternoon and stay overnight*. (B, L)

Day 7: Vancouver

Board the train again and head towards the Pacific Ocean. Pass Hell's Gate and Fraser canyon en route to Vancouver, where you will rejoin the group. (B, L)

Important information

* **Accommodation:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation, except in Jasper and in Kamloops during the **Rocky Mountaineer**

extension, where accommodation should be considered as 3-star and simple.

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Itinerary: Please note this tour is operated by Travelmarvel, part of the APT group. Itinerary and departure dates are provisional and subject to change. For more information please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Extensions: Should you wish to extend your time in Canada, please discuss your requirements with your consultant, who can tailor-make an itinerary for you.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YRO

Group tour

Low season from £2,795
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £3,195

Guide price months: Jul – Aug

Single supplement from £850

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

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Enchanting Rockies

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights
Category • Superior

Non-exclusive group tour • From £3,795 (excl. flights)

APT

This group tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation*
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager (rail journey on days 3-4 escorted by a Travelmarvel tour director)
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- ❖ SilverLeaf Class aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* train
- ❖ Maximum of 48 passengers
- ❖ Guided sightseeing in select locations
- ❖ Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ All tipping
- ❖ Arrival & departure transfers

Weather

Banff

| | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
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| C | 60 | 52 | 48 | 45 | 65 | 79 | 72 | 65 | 55 | 45 | 58 | 64 |

A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Grizzly bear eating salmon

Discover the highlights of British Columbia and Alberta, including a journey through the Canadian Rockies with two days on board the *Rocky Mountaineer* train. Along the way explore the picturesque cities of Victoria and Vancouver, visit idyllic alpine towns, pass dramatic mountain scenery and go in search of local wildlife and bears.

Special experiences

- ❖ **Stay in the Fairmont Chateau, a landmark hotel overlooking turquoise Lake Louise**
- ❖ **Venture out onto the Athabasca glacier in an Ice Explorer vehicle**
- ❖ **Enjoy the scenery of the Canadian Rockies aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer***
- ❖ **Look for wildlife on a river safari cruise to Grizzly Bear Valley**

Day 1: Vancouver

On arrival in Vancouver, you will be met and transferred to the **Marriott Pinnacle Hotel** for a 2-night stay. Meet your tour director and fellow travellers at a welcome reception tonight. (N)

Day 2: Vancouver

This morning discover the city's main attractions on a guided sightseeing tour of Vancouver. This afternoon is at leisure to explore the city further. (B)

Day 3: Rocky Mountaineer • Kamloops

Board the *Rocky Mountaineer* train for the journey to Kamloops in a SilverLeaf carriage. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery as you pass Fraser canyon, the Coast Mountains and Fraser valley. On arrival into Kamloops transfer to your hotel for your overnight accommodation*. (B, L)

Day 4: Rocky Mountaineer • Lake Louise

Rejoin *Rocky Mountaineer* and continue on this world-renowned train journey, passing the Spiral Tunnels and Kicking Horse canyon before arriving into the alpine town of Banff. Continue to the turquoise-coloured Lake Louise where you will stay at the renowned **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**, with dinner served at the hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Moraine lake • Banff

This morning travel to Moraine lake (weather permitting) on your way to Banff. This afternoon there will be a guided tour of the town and a chance to ride the Banff gondola. Stay 2 nights at **Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa**. Tonight, take a relaxing wagon ride along the banks of the Bow river and enjoy a traditional steak barbecue dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: Banff

Today is at leisure to relax, explore the town or take an optional excursion such as a helicopter ride over the Rocky Mountains or a tour to learn about the town's people and wildlife (payable locally). (B)

Day 7: Athabasca glacier • Jasper

Travel along the Icefields Parkway to Columbia icefield where you will board the specially designed Ice Explorer vehicle for a thrilling excursion onto the Athabasca glacier. Continue



Lake Louise and Fairmont Chateau Hotel

on to Jasper and check into **Mountain Park Lodges** (or similar) for 1 night. (B)

Day 8: Blue River

Depart Jasper and travel through the wilderness to the town of Blue River. Join a river safari to Grizzly Bear Valley in search of local wildlife such as grizzly and black bears. Tonight, have dinner and stay at **Mike Wiegele Heliski Village**. (B, D)

Day 9: Whistler

After breakfast, travel to Whistler where the rest of the day will be at leisure. A range of optional activities are available including a 4x4 safari tour of Blackcomb mountain, a floatplane flight or an adventurous zip line adventure (at own expense). Stay 1 night at **Delta Whistler Village Suites**. (B)

Day 10: Victoria

Travel to the coast and board the ferry for the scenic crossing from Horseshoe Bay to Vancouver Island before continuing on south to Victoria for a 2-night stay at the **Doubletree by Hilton**. Alternatively, take a 1-hour floatplane flight between Whistler and Victoria, from £175 (must be pre-booked). (B)

Day 11: Victoria

Today is at leisure with optional excursions such as a whale-watching cruise, a horse-drawn carriage ride around the city or a seaplane flightseeing tour (at own expense). Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner with the rest of the group at the Butchart gardens. (B, D)

Day 12: Vancouver • Onward travel

Morning ferry back to Vancouver, then either transfer to the airport to fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

* **Accommodation:** This tour is based in 4-star accommodation, but please note that the hotel in Kamloops, used in connection with the *Rocky*

Mountaineer rail journey, is considered 3-star and simple. The hotel in Kamloops will be advised shortly before departure.

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Itinerary: Please note this tour is operated by Travelmarvel, part of the APT group. Itinerary and departure dates are provisional and subject to change. For more information please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YEN

Group tour

Low season from £3,795
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £4,495

Guide price months: Jun – Aug

Single supplement from £850

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Rockies Explorer

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights
Category • Luxury

Non-exclusive group tour • From £4,695 (excl. flights)



This group tour features...

- ❖ 5-star de luxe accommodation*
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- ❖ Maximum of 40 passengers
- ❖ Choice of included restaurants & premium activities in some locations
- ❖ Air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ All tipping
- ❖ Arrival & departure transfers

Weather

Banff

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Vancouver

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A: Maximum average temperature (C)
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Area map



Butchart Gardens, Victoria, British Columbia

Discover the highlights of Western Canada while staying in some of the best accommodation available. Visit small alpine towns, wake up overlooking turquoise lakes, explore cosmopolitan cities and travel along one of the most picturesque rail routes in Canada, passing the imposing Rocky Mountains.

Special experiences

- ❖ **Two-day journey on the Rocky Mountaineer train in a GoldLeaf carriage**
- ❖ **Included floatplane flight, lake cruise or heli-flightseeing in Banff**
- ❖ **Learn the fascinating tales of the Royal Canadian Mountain police from a Mountie**
- ❖ **Enter Butchart Gardens before the crowds & enjoy a breakfast in the original residence**

Day 1: Vancouver

On arrival into Vancouver, you will be met and transferred to the Fairmont Waterfront (or similar) for a 2-night stay. (D)

Day 2: Vancouver

This morning join a shared tour of the city, including Stanley Park, Vancouver harbour and the cultural centre of Granville Island. Afternoon at leisure to explore the city further. (B)

Day 3: On board the Rocky Mountaineer • Kamloops

Transfer to the station and board the *Rocky Mountaineer* (GoldLeaf Service) for the initial leg of the 'First Passage to the West' route to Banff, passing fertile fields and towering peaks. Overnight at your Kamloops hotel*. (B, L)

Day 4: On board the Rocky Mountaineer • Banff

Rejoin the train and continue your journey towards the alpine town of Banff. Transfer to the Fairmont Banff Springs for a 2-night stay. (B, L)

Day 5: Banff

Today you can choose from a selection of included activities: a scenic floatplane flight, a cruise on Lake Minnewanka or a heli-flightseeing trip. This evening, enjoy an included dinner in one of the hotel's restaurants. (B, D)

Day 6: Moraine Lake • Lake Louise

After meeting a Mountie to listen to stories from the force, join a tour of Banff, including a ride on the gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain. Drive to Lake Louise with a stop at Moraine lake en route. Enjoy a guided tour around the lake and overnight at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise in a lake-view room. (B, D)

Day 7: Icefields Parkway • Jasper

Travel along the scenic Icefields Parkway and stop at the Columbia icefield to board the specially designed Ice Explorer vehicle for an excursion on the Athabasca glacier. Continue on to the magical village of Jasper and overnight at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. Tonight, enjoy an included dinner in one of the hotel's restaurants. (B, D)



Banff National Park, Alberta

Day 8: Blue River • Sun Peaks

Journey out of Jasper National Park and on to Blue River. Take a river excursion in search of grizzly and black bears before continuing on to the centrally located **Sun Peaks Grand Hotel & Conference Centre** for 1 night. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Whistler

Travel through the rugged Cariboo region and pass through towering coastal mountains before arriving into Whistler. Overnight at the **Westin Resort & Spa**, which is just steps away from gondolas to both Whistler and Blackcomb mountains. (B, D)

Day 10: Victoria

Travel along the Sea to Sky Highway to Horseshoe Bay, stopping en route at Shannon Falls. From Horseshoe Bay, take the scenic ferry across the Georgia Strait to Vancouver Island, before continuing on to Victoria for a 2-night stay at the **Hotel Grand Pacific**. Alternatively, take a 1-hour floatplane flight between Whistler and Victoria, from £175 (must be pre-booked). (B)

Day 11: Victoria

Morning visit to the floral displays of the Butchart Gardens, with breakfast in the original Butchart residence. Afterwards there is a choice of included excursions, such as whale watching, a scenic seaplane flight or afternoon tea at the **Fairmont Empress**. This evening there will be a group farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Vancouver • Onward travel

Morning ferry back to Vancouver, then either transfer to the airport to fly home, or continue your holiday by joining a 7-night Alaska cruise (see page 126 for further details). (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

* **Accommodation:** This tour features some of the most luxurious accommodation available but please note that the hotel in Kamloops, used in connection with the *Rocky Mountaineer*

rail journey, is considered 3-star and simple. Prices are based on the standard room category, unless otherwise stated.

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Itinerary: Please note this tour is operated by APT. The itinerary and departure dates are provisional and subject to change. For more information please speak to your travel consultant.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YRR

Group tour

Low season from £4,695
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £6,095
Guide price month: Aug

Single supplement from £1,000

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

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| 25 Apr 20 | 06 May 20 | 06 Jun 20 | 17 Jun 20 | 08 Aug 20 | 19 Aug 20 |
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| 30 May 20 | 10 Jun 20 | 01 Aug 20 | 12 Aug 20 | 05 Sep 20 | 16 Sep 20 |

Discover Eastern Canada

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights
Category • Luxury

Non-exclusive group tour • From £3,595 (excl. flights)



This group tour features...

- ❖ 5-star de luxe accommodation
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 10 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- ❖ Maximum of 40 passengers
- ❖ Choice of included restaurants & premium activities in some locations
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- ❖ All tipping
- ❖ Arrival & departure transfers

Weather

Toronto

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| B | -10 | -9 | -4 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 1 | -6 |
| C | 54 | 45 | 60 | 67 | 69 | 69 | 70 | 83 | 75 | 63 | 72 | 72 |

Ottawa

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| B | -16 | -15 | -8 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 9 | 4 | -2 | -11 |
| C | 59 | 58 | 62 | 65 | 73 | 83 | 88 | 86 | 80 | 71 | 84 | 82 |

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Area map



Mont Tremblant, Quebec

Explore Canada's eastern provinces in style. Visit charming cities including Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal, marvel at the natural wonder of Niagara Falls and cruise through the scenic beauty of the 1,000 Islands region.

Niagara Falls. Take a cruise to get closer to the falls and experience this natural wonder from many different angles. Optional afternoon helicopter flight over the falls (must be booked in advance). This evening enjoy dinner overlooking the falls and stay at the **Hilton Niagara Falls** in a falls-view room. (B, D)

Special experiences

- ❖ Visit a traditional sugar shack
- ❖ Dinner overlooking Niagara Falls & cruise through the 1,000 Islands region
- ❖ Fly in a vintage open cockpit biplane over Ottawa

Day 1: Toronto

On arrival into Toronto you will be met and transferred to the **Fairmont Royal York** for a 2-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Toronto

Morning guided city tour, including a visit to the CN Tower, the tallest free-standing structure in the western hemisphere. Afternoon at leisure to explore the city further or relax at your hotel before the evening group dinner. (B, D)

Day 3: Niagara Falls

Journey south to the charming town of Niagara-on-the-Lake before continuing to

Day 4: 1,000 Islands region • Ottawa

Enjoy views of Niagara Falls during breakfast before driving along the shores of Lake Ontario to the 1,000 Islands region. Board a cruise to see the lavish castles and estates built on these secluded islands. Afterwards, continue to the **Fairmont Château Laurier** in Ottawa for a 2-night stay. (B, D)

Day 5: Ottawa

Morning tour of Ottawa including a visit to see the impressive gothic revival architecture on Parliament Hill. This afternoon, choose from included excursions such as exploring the Canadian Museum of History, a guided bike ride or flying in a vintage open-cockpit biplane. (B)

Day 6: Mont Tremblant

Explore Parc Omega animal reserve and look out for deer, black bears and grey wolves. Continue on to Mont Tremblant and take a gondola ride for panoramic views of the area. Stay at **Le Westin Resort & Spa** (or similar). This evening, enjoy an included dinner in one of the hotel's restaurants. (B, D)

Day 7: Quebec City

Learn about the production of maple syrup



Niagara Falls, Ontario

at a traditional sugar shack, followed by a hearty Quebecois meal accompanied by live entertainment. Travel to Quebec City with a short sightseeing tour on arrival. Remainder of the day is at leisure. Stay for 2 nights at the **Fairmont Le Château Frontenac**. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Quebec City

Discover the European charm of Quebec City on an escorted city tour. Afterwards, choose from a range of included activities such as a horse-drawn carriage ride, a walking tour or a cruise on St Lawrence river. (B)

Day 9: Montreal

Travel to the French-influenced city of Montreal and visit the Notre Dame cathedral, Old Montreal and Mount Royal. Discover more of the city with a range of included activities. Stay 2 nights at **Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth**. (B)

Day 10: Montreal

Tonight, dine on French cuisine in the heart of Old Montreal. (B, D)

Day 11: Onward travel

Transfer to the airport for onward travel. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and

prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Itinerary: Please note this tour is operated by APT. The itinerary and departure dates are provisional and subject to change. For more information please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YDC

Group tour

Low season from £3,595
Guide price month: May

High season from £3,795

Guide price months: Jul – Sep

Single supplement from £1,500

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk. All prices are subject to availability.

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British Columbia & Alberta

Tailor-made travel • Self-drive • Cruises • Rail journeys



British Columbia (or BC) encompasses all of mainland Canada's west coast. Victoria on Vancouver Island is the provincial capital, but the cosmopolitan city of Vancouver is larger and more frequently visited. Whale watch from Vancouver Island, seek out grizzly bears in the Great Bear Rainforest, relax in the year-round mountain retreat of Whistler, sail a portion of the Inside Passage or stay in a wilderness lodge.

Alberta is located in the heart of Western Canada and is home to many of the characteristic images of the country. Take a train journey on the *Rocky Mountaineer* passing through the impressive Rocky Mountains, experience the world-famous spectacle of the Calgary Stampede, self-drive along the Icefields Parkway and take in the spectacular alpine vistas of Banff National Park. Alberta can easily be combined with British Columbia to encompass a wide range of experiences.

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Climate

The best time to visit British Columbia is generally from May to early October. However, there are a number of different climatic zones due to the region's diverse topography, range of latitudes and the influence of the Pacific Ocean. Alberta's humid continental climate results in warm summers and cold winters punctuated by occasional warming Chinook winds. The province averages over 300 sunny days a year, the most of all Canada's provinces. The warmest months are from May to September.

Vancouver, British Columbia

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| B | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| C | 191 | 155 | 135 | 97 | 73 | 56 | 48 | 50 | 80 | 152 | 207 | 228 |

Banff, Alberta

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| B | -19 | -15 | -12 | -6 | -2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | -4 | -12 | -18 |
| C | 60 | 52 | 48 | 45 | 65 | 79 | 72 | 65 | 55 | 45 | 58 | 64 |

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Image left: Pod of orcas, Vancouver

Discover British Columbia

Vancouver

Cosmopolitan coastal city • Whale-watching cruises

Situated in the south-west of British Columbia, Vancouver is named after British Captain George Vancouver, who explored the area in the 1790s. The city has a mild climate all year, protected on the one side by a mountain range and on the other by the sea warmed by the Pacific currents. Vancouver is a cosmopolitan city that offers excellent shopping, bars, theatres and clubs. The city can be reached by direct flights from the UK in less than 10 hours and is usually the starting point for a 7-night cruise to Alaska or for itineraries exploring the Rocky Mountains and the wildlife of British Columbia. An easy way to explore the city at your own pace is on a Vancouver Trolley Company sightseeing bus tour. The tour has 23 stops including Stanley Park, Chinatown, Gastown and Granville island.



Vancouver skyline © Destination British Columbia



Vineyards, Okanagan Valley

Whistler

Scenic views from the Peak 2 Peak gondola • Walk in the Blackcomb mountains

Located just 2 hours' drive from Vancouver, in the Coast Mountains of British Columbia, Whistler is a year-round mountain resort. Named after the whistling noise made by marmots in the surrounding mountains, the town is overlooked by two majestic peaks and features four championship golf courses, numerous restaurants, bars and pampering spas. It was also the setting for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Spanning the distance between Whistler and the Blackcomb mountains, the Peak 2 Peak gondola is a 4.4-kilometre journey with stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes. Perhaps join a 3-hour canoe trip from Alta Lake to Green Lake, paddling past old growth forest, wildflower-lined banks and snow-capped mountain vistas.

Okanagan Valley

Picturesque scenery • Canada's second largest wine region

Located in the southern interior of British Columbia, the Okanagan Valley is known for its fruit orchards and wineries, with more than 4,000 hectares of vineyards. Its main City, Kelowna, is set on the shores of Okanagan lake and is surrounded by provincial parks and pine forests. The city provides a great base to enjoy the warm waters, pristine beaches and recreational activities available during the summer months.

The region of Osoyoos, in the southern part of the valley, is considered to be Canada's only true desert. Here, there are more than 15 estate wineries within a 15-minute drive of Osoyoos town centre and visitors can also learn about the culture of the Okanagan people.



Inner harbour marina, Victoria © Destination BC/Reuben Krabbe

Victoria

Floral displays at Butchart Gardens • Take afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress

Established in 1843 by James Douglas as a fort for the Hudson's Bay Company, Victoria's British ancestry is still apparent in the double-decker buses, historic buildings, horse-drawn carriages, formal gardens and tearooms, as well as being home to some of the most fascinating museums in western Canada. Not far from the ocean or mountains, Victoria benefits from one of Canada's mildest climates.

In Victoria we recommend going on a boat tour in search of whales, stopping at the Thunderbird Park with its impressive display of totem poles and visiting the Royal BC Museum, which showcases the province's fascinating anthropological history. Butchart Gardens are one of the main attractions of the city; spread out over 22 hectares, there are numerous themed gardens with a large variation of blooms throughout the year.



Long Beach, Pacific Rim National Park © Destination British Columbia

Tofino

Rugged coast with many outdoor activities • Good location for spotting whales

Located in the Clayoquot Sound Unesco Biosphere Reserve, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, Tofino and the surrounding area consists of wild natural scenery including lakes, inlets, ancient rainforest and hot springs. Activities include hiking, whale watching, black bear watching and opportunities to experience First Nation's culture. Sandy beaches, such as Chesterman beach and Long Beach are good for beachcombing and also offer year-round surfing facilities.

The area is rich in marine life with humpback whales, sea lions, river otters, harbour seals and northern fur seals found in the nearby waters. Tofino also lies along the annual whale migration when up to 20,000 gray whales pass through on their way to Alaska. Whale watching season usually runs from March through to October.



Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, Haida Gwaii © Destination BC / JF Bergeron

Haida Gwaii

The 'Galapagos of the north' • Fascinating cultural history of the Haida people

Haida Gwaii, formerly known as the Queen Charlotte Islands, is a remote archipelago of 150 islands off the west coast of British Columbia. Despite the distant location, the islands are easily accessible on a daily 2-hour flight from Vancouver, or by ferry from Prince Rupert and Campbell River.

Distinctive flora and fauna have evolved here for thousands of years, giving the islands the nickname of the 'Galapagos of the north'. On land, subspecies of black bear are native to the islands, and bird species are also plentiful, including tufted puffins, rhinoceros auklets and bald eagles. A variety of whale species and Steller sea lions also inhabit the surrounding waters. Haida Gwaii has a fascinating cultural history, thought to have been inhabited for more than 13,000 years by a people who became known as the Haida.



Small river on Sutton Pass, Vancouver Island

Vancouver Island

Cruise through waters rich with marine life • Rugged coastline near Tofino

The Vancouver Island region encompasses Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and a part of the mainland. This tranquil part of Canada offers a variety of landscapes, a diverse ecosystem that includes rainforest, mountains, beaches, lakes and rivers, and abundant wildlife.

The usual point of entry to the island is via the capital, Victoria, reached in little more than 20 minutes by floatplane or a couple of hours via the state ferry system from Vancouver. The west coast of the island has many sandy beaches and looks out over the vast north Pacific, with the small district of Tofino a popular place to stay. On the northern tip, Port Hardy lies on the edge of the Queen Charlotte strait, providing a gateway to the wilderness lodges of the Great Bear Rainforest and the northern coasts of British Columbia.

British Columbia Experiences



Granville island market, Vancouver

Food market experience on Granville island, Vancouver

Make your way to Granville island for a 2-hour walking tour of the public market. The market houses an array of vendors including greengrocers, butchers, bakers, fishmongers and casual eateries. Enjoy tastings of regional foods and tips on food selection and preparation, as well as insights into the best local restaurants and cafes. The market offers flavours from all around the world.



Orca, Vancouver

Whale-watching cruise, Vancouver (April to October only)

Cruise through the spectacular Gulf and San Juan islands in search of resident and transient pods of orcas that feed in the area. You may also spot porpoises, sea lions, seals and eagles. During the cruise, use hydrophones to hear the whales communicating, should you spot any. There will be a professional naturalist on board to discuss the marine ecosystem and answer any questions you may have.



Butchart Gardens, Victoria

Butchart Gardens tour, Victoria

Travel from Victoria's Inner Harbour to Butchart Gardens on a 3.5-hour excursion. The 22 hectares of breathtaking gardens on this vast estate are visited by more than a million people each year. Stroll through the floral splendour of the gardens, which are glorious year-round. Includes a return transfer to downtown Victoria. The gardens can also be visited independently on a self-drive tour.



Vineyards, Kelowna

Wine tasting tour, Kelowna

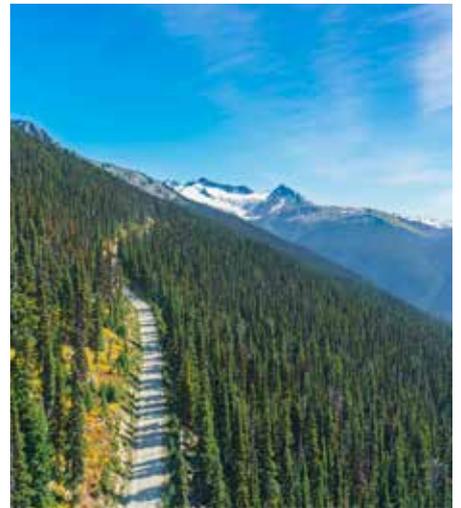
Receive an informative introduction to the Okanagan wine region by visiting four different wineries under the supervision of a driver-guide. Visit the oldest and largest winery in the region as well as some small, intimate boutique wineries, including a sit down wine and cheese pairing at Ex Nihilo vineyards. Tours can pick you up and drop you off at your accommodation.



Grizzly bears, Prince Rupert

Grizzly bear viewing, Prince Rupert (May to July only)

Join a cruise and travel through Chatham Sound and into the pristine wilderness of the Kluane National Park, home to the world's largest population of grizzlies. Look out for bears as they wander along the beach and through grass areas, with experienced staff on board. Other wildlife found in this area includes humpback whales, orca whales, eagles, seals, mountain goats and black bears.



Forest trail, Blackcomb Mountain

Sunset Jeep tour, Whistler

In the evening you will be driven by Jeep to Blackcomb Mountain, Whistler's best viewpoint. From here, watch the sun slip behind the snowy peaks of the Coast mountain range and breathe the fresh alpine air at 1,830 metres above sea level. After the sun sets, enjoy the quiet as you descend through dusk to Whistler village.

Cruising in British Columbia

British Columbia has over 27,000km of coastline with bays and inlets, temperate rainforest, steep granite cliffs, First Nations villages, uninhabited islands and abundant wildlife. This is best explored on a cruise, which allows you to reach the most remote and beautiful regions. Two of the most popular areas in British Columbia are the Great Bear Rainforest and Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands). The most popular cruise begins in Vancouver and travels along the British Columbia coastline to Alaska.



Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands), Canada

C&K Recommends...

Cruising with Bluewater Adventures

Cox & Kings works with cruise company Bluewater Adventures. Operating since 1974, Bluewater Adventures offers multi-day wildlife and wilderness cruises within British Columbia. Their vessels allow for a maximum of just 16 passengers and are fully staffed with a knowledgeable crew, a naturalist and First Nations guides. They are also eco-friendly, offering carbon neutral adventures and travelling at lower speeds to reduce fuel consumption.

Haida Gwaii Cruises

Join a 7-day cruise around the remote archipelago of Haida Gwaii, one of the richest biological and cultural regions in North America. This area of over 100 islands has forested creek walks, ancient Haida villages, rugged headlands and thousands of seabirds. Many sub-species of flora and fauna can be found here that are found nowhere else in the world.

Alaska cruising

Vancouver provides a gateway to Alaska with cruises departing from the city on 7-night itineraries, making this an easy and exciting addition to a holiday in Canada. Cruises travel along the coast of British Columbia and through the Inside Passage to Alaska, passing remote islands, towering mountains, huge glaciers and ancient forests. Travel in comfort with stops en route in various ports and opportunities to spot the marine life found in these chilly waters.

To see further details about the types of cruises available in Alaska, please turn to page 126.



Island Odyssey and Island Roamer, Bluewater Adventures



Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska

A suggested itinerary...

Great Bear Rainforest Cruise

8 days & 7 nights from £4,495

Cruise with Bluewater Adventures into the coastal waters next to the Great Bear Rainforest. Sail through intricate waterways beneath towering mountains, explore lush coastal temperate forests full of wildlife, go in search of Kermode, grizzly and black bears, and discover ancient native cultures.

Day 1: Bella Bella

Today join the *Island Roamer* for your 7-night cruise along the British Columbia coast. (L, D)

Days 2-3: Fiordland Conservancy

Cruise deep into the coastal mountains to the

Fiordland Conservancy with its spectacular rock faces and cascading waterfalls. Travel along remote estuaries, where bears will usually be feasting on the spawning salmon. A visit may be made to the native village of Klemtu. (B, L, D)

Days 4-7: Great Bear Rainforest

Travel along the shores of Princess Royal Island, which is home to the rare Kermode bear, or spirit bear, with its white-coloured coat. Visit creeks and river estuaries with abundant birdlife, the beautiful river valley of Khutze Inlet where bears can be seen, and Whale Channel where you may see humpback whales. For two days a local Tsimshian guide will be on hand. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Fly to Vancouver • Onward travel

Arrive back in Bella Bella this morning and transfer to the airport. (B)

Please note: The itinerary is kept flexible to take advantage of wildlife sightings, weather and tides.

Guideline Prices

From: £4,495 (excl. flights)

Guide price month: Sep

Tour code: YGC

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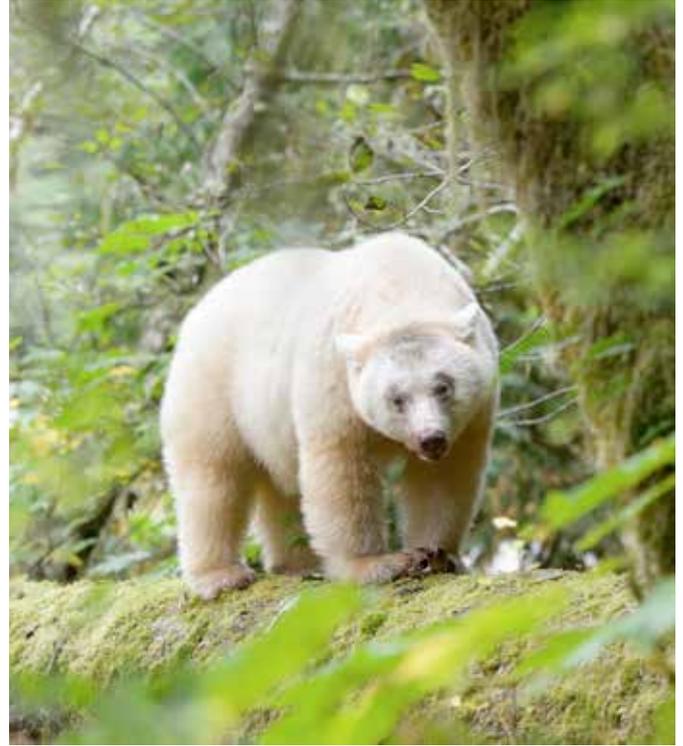


Bear Watching

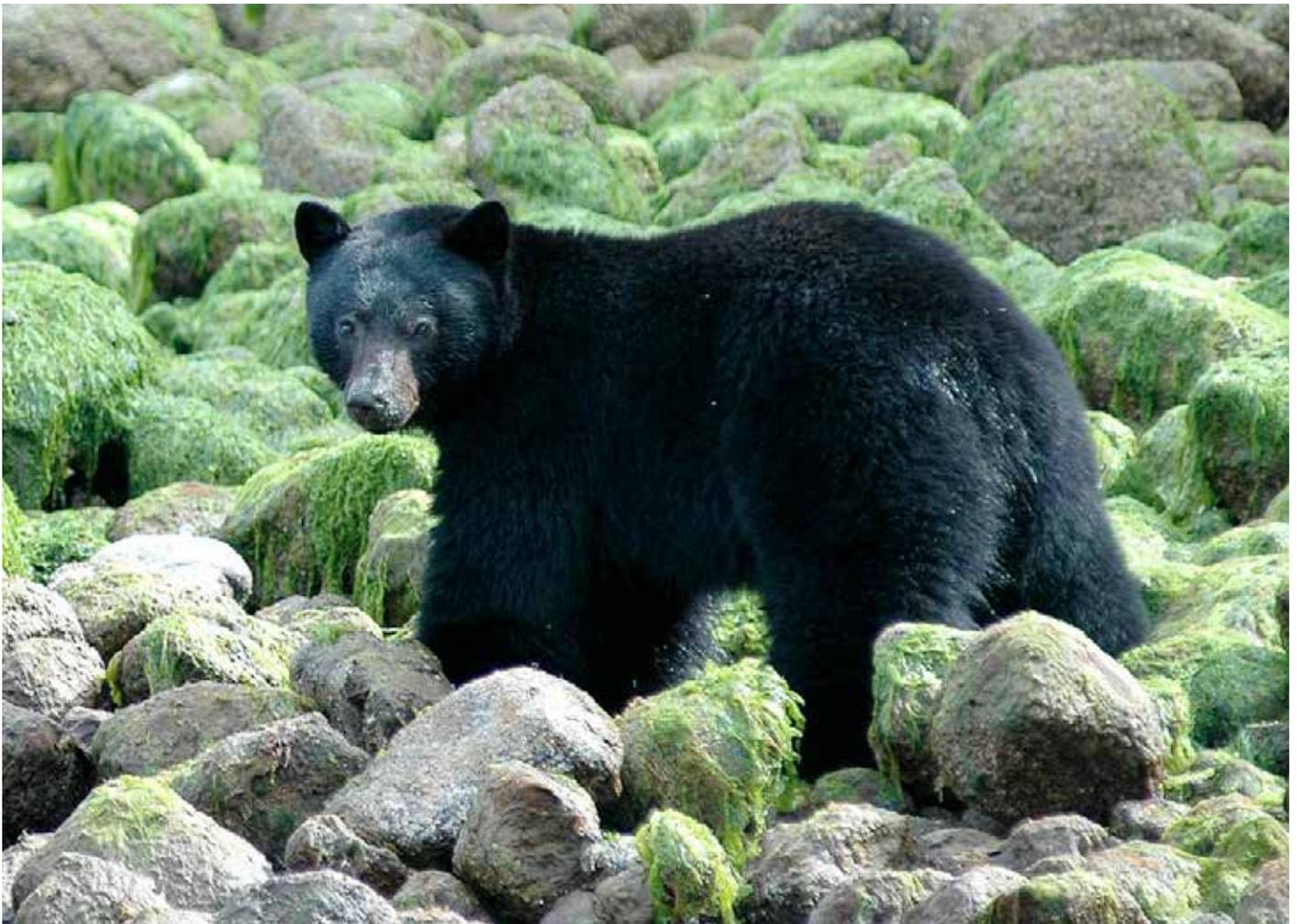
Bear watching is a popular activity in Canada. On the west coast, the Great Bear Rainforest covers a huge area of temperate rainforest between Vancouver Island and south-east Alaska. The forest is home to fearsome grizzly bears and the lesser-known Kermode bears, or spirit bears, a subspecies of black bear whose white or cream-coloured coats are due to a recessive gene. Grizzly bears can be found throughout the western provinces with black bears regularly seen in Vancouver Island and Whistler.

There are a variety of ways that you might see bears in the wild in British Columbia. Encounters can range from spotting a foraging grizzly on the shoreline from a remote bear lodge, to encountering a 'bear jam' as traffic slows to watch a wandering black bear, or finding the elusive spirit bear with an aboriginal guide.

Canada offers a range of lodges offering bear-watching excursions, many of them in remote locations with access to pristine wilderness areas. The lodges often have resident naturalist experts who lead trips to view the bears and know the animals and their habitat well. Example itineraries are provided on the opposite page. Please also see pages 66-67 for further details on wilderness lodges that offer bear-watching excursions.



Spirit bear



Black bear © Destination BC / Tom Ryan

Suggested itineraries...



Grizzly bear

Bear Viewing at Grizzly Bear Ranch

5 days & 4 nights from £1,995

Discover the pristine wilderness of British Columbia's Selkirk mountains and go in search of grizzly bears, travelling deep into their natural habitat. Stay in your own riverside cabin and go on walks through the forests, raft down the river and reach remote mountain lakes.

Day 1: Fly to Castlegar

Make your own way to Vancouver airport this morning and board a short flight to Castlegar. On arrival, transfer to **Kaslo Hotel** and stay overnight. (N)

Day 2: Grizzly Bear Lodge

This morning, meet your hosts and drive in convoy to **Grizzly Bear Ranch** for a 3-night stay. After a hot coffee and an introduction, set out on foot to spot grizzly bears feeding on salmon in the river. Lunch will either be at the lodge or a gourmet picnic. The afternoon will be divided into two bear-viewing forays. At dusk you will return for dinner in the main lodge. After dinner your host will give a presentation on bear biology and behaviour. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Grizzly Bear Lodge

The day begins with a silent dawn walk along the salmon-bearing river where grizzlies come to feed, followed by a delicious two-course breakfast. After breakfast take a boat down a wilderness river frequented by grizzly bears, bald eagles and other wildlife. There may be an opportunity for a final river walk before dinner, which will be served in the main lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Grizzly Bear Lodge

Today your guide will take you for a day of walking through the alpine in search of wild mountain grizzly bears. You will be lead on foot through grassy meadows to areas where grizzly bears feed on huckleberries and saskatoons. This afternoon, return to the ranch and enjoy a soak in a hot tub or a sauna overlooking the wilderness river, which bears frequent. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Onward travel

After breakfast this morning, transfer to the airport and fly to Vancouver. Fly home or continue your holiday in Canada. (B)

Please note: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your travel consultant. The above itinerary is based on autumn departures; however, 5-night itineraries are available in spring and summer.

Guideline Prices

Low Season from: £1,995 (Aug)

High Season from: £2,995 (Sep – Oct)



Grizzly bear, Great Bear Rainforest

Bear Viewing at Farewell Harbour Lodge

4 days & 3 nights from £2,845

Venture into British Columbia's temperate rainforest to see grizzly bears in the wild. Stay in a remote floating lodge in the Great Bear Rainforest and enjoy gourmet cuisine and comfortable accommodation. Go in search of bears in small groups by both land and water, and experience a taste of the rich Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations culture.

Day 1: Fly to Port Hardy • Farewell Harbour Lodge

Make your own way to Vancouver airport this morning to board a short flight to Port Hardy. On arrival, transfer to Alder Bay for a 30-minute boat ride to **Farewell Harbour Lodge** for a 3-night stay. This afternoon, take a boat tour in search of the marine wildlife found in the waters of Johnstone Strait and Robson Bight Ecological Reserve. Orcas typically return to these waters in mid-July. Humpbacks and other marine life can be seen in May and June. This evening there will be a presentation on an aspect of coastal ecology. (L, D)

Day 2: Farewell Harbour Lodge

Today enjoy a full-day of bear viewing as you go in search of grizzly bears that live around the estuaries. Travel will be on foot or by Zodiac, depending on the tides, to one of the many estuaries where bears are usually seen. There will not be any viewing platforms, as the lodge believes the best way to experience bears is to see them at eye level in their natural habitat. Tonight there will be a presentation on an aspect of the Great Bear Rainforest, bears or First Nations culture. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Farewell Harbour Lodge

Join a bear-viewing excursion or take a further exploration of Johnstone Strait and Robson Bight Ecological Reserve. The full options and timings will be advised at the lodge. This evening there will be a buffet dinner, followed by a presentation on an aspect of the Great Bear Rainforest, bears or First Nations culture. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Onward travel

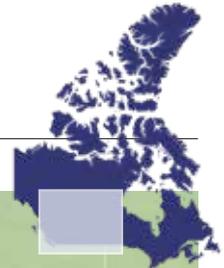
This morning choose from a kayak tour, a bear-viewing safari, a guided interpretive rainforest hike or a visit to U'Mista Cultural Centre, where you can learn about the local First Nations Kwakwaka'wakw culture. Afterwards, take a water taxi from Farewell Harbour Lodge to Alder Bay, where you will be transferred to Port Hardy for your flight to Vancouver. Fly home or continue your holiday in Canada. (B)

Please note: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your travel consultant. Longer 5-, 6- or 7-night itineraries are also available.

Guideline Prices

From: £2,845 (Jun – Oct)

Discover Alberta



Calgary skyline



Calgary & Edmonton

Gateway to the Rockies • Direct flights from the UK

These two cities are the gateways for most visitors arriving into Alberta by air, with direct flights from London taking less than 10 hours. Edmonton, about 300km north of Calgary, is the capital of Alberta and has an array of museums, botanical gardens and the West Edmonton Mall, the largest shopping centre in North America.

Calgary is the largest city within this province and is best known for the rodeo atmosphere of the stampede festival. Visitors can discover local art and history at the Glenbow Museum, and enjoy views from the top of Calgary Tower. The city is very accessible by foot and the popular destination of Banff can be reached in 90 minutes by shared coach, private transfer or car. Calgary will usually feature at the beginning and / or end of most holidays travelling to this part of Canada.

C&K Recommends...

Calgary Stampede

Known as 'The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth', the Calgary Stampede takes place from 3 to 12 July in 2020 and regularly attracts over one million visitors. The annual event is a combination of rodeo and carnival during the day, with music and fireworks in the evening, as the whole town celebrates cowboy culture and history. Other events include pancake breakfasts on the street, parades, concerts, barrel racing, bareback horse riding and bull riding.

Cox & Kings can arrange a visit to the stampede as part of your itinerary, with various packages available. Enjoy the excitement of the rodeo with reserved seating for rodeo events and for the grandstand show with fireworks, admission to Stampede Park and a Skyride over Stampede Park.



Cowboy at the Calgary Stampede



Banff gondola

Banff

Vibrant alpine town • Stunning mountain views from the Banff gondola

The small town of Banff was established in the 1800s as a holiday destination for wealthy Victorians. Surrounded by Banff National Park, this area of unspoilt wilderness offers breathtaking views and an abundance of wildlife. Highlights include walking on sections of the 1,600-kilometre network of trails, riding the Banff gondola for panoramic views from the top of Sulphur Mountain, and learning about the local history at museums and heritage sites. Many guests will use this alpine town as a base to explore the local area, with day trips available to Lake Louise and Moraine lake.



Jasper National Park, Alberta Canada

Jasper

Cruise on Maligne lake • Wildlife tours to spot bears, elk & wolves

Located beside Jasper National Park, the small town of Jasper is surrounded by the rugged Rocky Mountains and numerous lakes. Recommended activities include a cruise on the 22-kilometre-long Maligne lake, a ride on the Jasper tramway and a visit to the Jasper-Yellowhead Museum and Archives to discover the town's history. In the national park you may be able to spot a variety of native wildlife, such as eagles, moose, black bears, elk and deer. Jasper is a stop along the First Passage to the West track used by the *Rocky Mountaineer* train, and a rail journey can be started or finished here (please see pages 20-23 for more details).

Lake Louise & Moraine Lake

Magnificent views from the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise • Canoeing trips on the lake

Lake Louise, or 'The Jewel of the Rockies', was named after the fourth daughter of Queen Victoria and was originally a stop along the Canadian Pacific Railway. Today, this emerald-green lake is known for its sheer beauty, with tourists coming to view the sparkling waters and backdrop of Victoria glacier. Lesser-visited Moraine lake is approximately half the size of Lake Louise, but arguably more scenic than its celebrated neighbour. The indigo-blue waters are surrounded by the Valley of the Ten Peaks, all located in Banff National Park.



Lake Louise, Banff National Park



Bow Peak & Icefields Parkway, Banff National Park, Canada

The Icefields Parkway

Walk on Athabasca glacier • Scenic drive between Jasper & Banff

The scenic route of Icefields Parkway, or Highway 93, is a 232-kilometre-long stretch of road that runs parallel to the Continental Divide between the national parks of Jasper and Banff. The drive is particularly scenic, passing dramatic landscapes that include sweeping valleys, pristine mountain lakes, waterfalls and ancient glaciers.

The whole highway takes around 4 hours to drive, with highlights including the Columbia Icefield, Peyto lake, the Weeping Wall, Athabasca falls and Athabasca glacier. Snow can be expected at any time of year, and during July and August the road can get particularly busy. Drivers should look out for wildlife on the road as grizzly and black bears, elk and mountain goats are often seen in the area.

Drumheller & Surrounds

Abundant dinosaur fossils • First Nation history at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump

Drumheller is situated in Alberta's badlands, a dry terrain with dramatic rock formations such as canyons, ravines, gullies and hoodoos (columns of weathered rock) that dominate the landscape. The area is a rich source of fossils. Visit the Royal Tyrrell Museum that exhibits hundreds of dinosaur fossils and uses interactive displays to help bring the exhibits to life.

South of Drumheller and Calgary lies the Unesco-listed Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, an 11-metre-high cliff used 5,500 years ago by indigenous people who used a hunting technique that drove herds of buffalo off the cliff to the rocks below. A small museum recording local Blackfoot tribal culture can be visited nearby.



Drumheller, Canadian Badlands © Stevin Tuchiwsky

Alberta Experiences



Grizzly bear, Banff

Discover grizzly bears, Banff (Jun – Sep only)

Take a full-day tour to the Grizzly Bear Refuge, where you will have the rare opportunity to view Boo, an orphaned grizzly bear, in his natural bear habitat. Your guided tour will also include an interpretive tour of Lake Louise, Takakkaw Falls (weather permitting), and Kicking Horse Canyon. At Kicking Horse, ride the gondola for a fantastic view, walk the summit trails and enjoy a gourmet buffet at Canada's highest restaurant.



Moraine lake

Tour of Lake Louise & Moraine lake, Banff

Take an afternoon sightseeing tour of the 'Jewel of the Canadian Rockies', Lake Louise, and the world-renowned Moraine lake, both Unesco world heritage sites. Learn about mountaineering history and explore their shorelines, with plenty of time to take photos of the surrounding vistas. Take a walk to the viewpoint in the Valley of Ten Peaks overlooking Moraine lake.



Spirit Island, Maligne lake

Maligne valley sightseeing & boat cruise, Jasper

This tour starts in Jasper before continuing to Athabasca river and Maligne lake. Stop at Maligne canyon for staggering views of the river thundering through a series of magnificent waterfalls. Continue to the 'disappearing' Medicine lake before reaching Maligne lake. Enjoy an interpretative boat cruise bound for Spirit Island or take a guided walk along the shoreline.



Icefields Parkway

Icefields Parkway Discovery tour, Jasper

Tour the world-famous Icefields Parkway enjoying wildlife, pristine lakes and breathtaking mountain peaks as you travel to Columbia Icefield, one of the largest expanses of ice south of the Arctic Circle. Step aboard an Ice Explorer vehicle for an adventure onto the mighty Athabasca glacier. At the Glacier Skywalk, enjoy unobstructed views on a glass-floored observation platform.



Calgary Tower

Calgary Tower, Calgary

Visit the 'Tower of Calgary', offering the best panoramic views in the city. Originally opened in 1968, it was used to burn the Olympic flame at the top during the 1988 Winter Olympics, making it the world's largest Olympic torch. The observation deck has a glass floor experience, which enables you to stand 525 feet above the ground with the heart of the city directly beneath you.



Takakkaw Falls, Yoho National Park

Mountain lakes & waterfalls, Calgary

Take a full-day tour visiting the most scenic spots in the Canadian Rockies as you journey through Banff and Yoho National Parks. Highlights include Bow Valley Parkway, Johnston canyon, Lake Louise, Moraine lake, Valley of the Ten Peaks, Spiral Tunnels and Takakkaw Falls. A barbecue lunch is served at Emerald Lake Lodge. Alternative routes may be used in case of road closures.

Vancouver Island & British Columbia Coastal Drive

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights

Category • Standard

Self-drive • From £2,145 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Take in the scenic highlights of Alberta and British Columbia on this self-drive private journey. Start in the vibrant cities of Victoria and Vancouver before heading up the Pacific coast for an unforgettable ferry cruise through the Inside Passage. Stop off at the less-frequented locations of Smithers and Prince George, before ending in the alpine towns of Banff and Jasper in the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 12 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Private cabin aboard the Inside Passage car ferry
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified
- ❖ All ferry costs

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Cruise through the spectacular Inside Passage
- ❖ Spot native wildlife on a cruise through Desolation Sound
- ❖ Ice Explorer excursion onto the surface of Athabasca glacier
- ❖ Experience First Nations history along the Yellowhead Highway

Area map



Totem pole at Duncan, British Columbia

Day 1: Vancouver • Victoria

Collect your hire car and drive to Tsawwassen ferry terminal for the 90-minute crossing to Vancouver Island. Enjoy the scenic drive with a stop at Butchart Gardens before checking in to **Inn at Laurel Point**, Victoria for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Duncan • Quadra Island

Drive north to Campbell River via Duncan, a small city known for its totem poles. Then board a short ferry ride to Quadra Island and stay 2 nights at **April Point Resort**. (N)

Day 3: Quadra Island

Join a shared cruise on a Zodiac through Desolation Sound, with the chance to see sea lions, dolphins, timber wolves and black bears in their natural habitat. (N)

Day 4: Port Hardy

Head back to Vancouver Island before travelling north up to the town of Port Hardy for a 1-night stay at **Quarterdeck Inn**. (N)

Day 5: Inside Passage • Prince Rupert

Travel through the sheltered waters of Canada's spectacular Inside Passage on board a car ferry to Prince Rupert. You will have a private cabin for the duration of this 15-hour journey, which passes snow-capped mountains, dense forests and dramatic fjords. On arrival in Prince Rupert, make your way to **Prestige Prince Rupert Hotel** for 1 night. (B)

Day 6: Smithers

Follow the Yellowhead Highway to Smithers, hugging the Skeena river. En route, we

recommend stopping at the Ksan Historic Indian Village for an insight into the culture and history of the First Nations people of Gitksan. Stay 1 night at **Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge**. (B)

Day 7: Prince George

Drive to Prince George, passing through spectacular scenery with possible wildlife sightings. Overnight at **Sandman Signature Prince George Hotel**. (N)

Days 8-9: Jasper

Drive east today, through mountain scenery and over the Continental Divide to Jasper. Stay 2 nights at the **Sawridge Inn**. Day 9 is at leisure to explore picturesque Maligne lake or take a tram ride up Whistler Mountain. (N)

Day 10: Icefields Parkway • Banff

Drive to Banff, travelling along one of North America's most scenic highways, the Icefields Parkway. En route, join a shared Ice Explorer excursion on the Athabasca glacier. Stay 2 nights at **Banff Caribou Lodge**. (N)

Day 11: Banff

At leisure in Banff. A ride on Banff gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain and a dip in the hot pools at the Upper Hot Springs are included. (N)

Day 12: Banff • Calgary • Onward travel

Drive to Calgary and return your hire car. Fly home or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please call your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YVI

Low season from £2,145
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,395
Guide price months: Jul – Aug



Highway 16 from Terrace to Prince Rupert
© Destination BC / Grant Harder

Wildlife of Western Canada

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Superior

Self-drive • From £2,095 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

This tour travels to areas that are home to both grizzly and black bears, whales and other marine wildlife, with included excursions to see them in their natural habitats. Stay in the pristine wilderness of Knight Inlet fjord and spend time along Vancouver Island's rugged west coast.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation*
- ❖ 7 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified
- ❖ Floatplane flights as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Bear-watching opportunities from a floating lodge in Knight Inlet
- ❖ Spot orcas & other marine life in the Juan de Fuca Strait
- ❖ Join a Zodiac tour in search of whales in the waters of Clayoquot Sound
- ❖ Discover the wild beauty of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve
- ❖ Experience the nature & wildlife found on Vancouver Island
- ❖ Visit the impressive Butchart Gardens

Area map



Orca, Tofino

Day 1: Vancouver • Campbell River

Collect your hire car and travel by ferry across to Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. Drive north-east along the coast to the small town of Campbell River. On arrival, stay overnight at **Comfort Inn & Suites**. (N)

Day 2: Fly to Knight Inlet

This morning, fly 30 minutes by floatplane to Knight Inlet, a remote fjord and natural habitat of the grizzly bear. This afternoon, join a shared guided tour in search of grizzly bears. Overnight at the floating **Knight Inlet Lodge***. (L, D)

Day 3: Fly to Campbell River • Ucluelet

Early morning visit to the bear-viewing platforms before returning to Campbell River by floatplane. On arrival, collect your hire car and drive south-west to Ucluelet on Vancouver Island's rugged west coast. En route, pass the dramatic Sawtooth Range of the Cascade mountains. Stay at the **Black Rock Resort** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Clayoquot Sound

Make your way to nearby Tofino this morning and join a half-day cruise exploring Clayoquot Sound in search of black bears or grey whales. (N)

Day 5: Victoria

Drive to British Columbia's capital city, Victoria, and stay 2 nights at the **Inn at Laurel Point**. (N)

Day 6: Victoria

Morning shared whale-watching cruise in search of orcas, minke whales, grey whales and other marine wildlife. Afternoon at leisure. (N)

Day 7: Vancouver • Onward travel

This morning, visit Butchart gardens, then board a ferry back to the mainland and drop your hire car at Vancouver airport. Fly home or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

* **Accommodation:** Please note that all rooms at **Knight Inlet Lodge** are considered basic.

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please call your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YBC

Low season from £2,095
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,295
Guide price month: Aug



Classic Western Canada

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Standard

Self-drive • From £795 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Begin this self-drive tour in Vancouver and travel east through the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta before finishing in Calgary. Drive along some of the world's most scenic roads, from the beaches of the west coast, beyond crashing waterfalls, twisting rivers and spectacular parks into the rugged mountains and glaciers of the Canadian Rocky Mountains.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 7 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Included ticket for the Banff gondola
- ❖ Included entrance to the mineral pools at Upper Hot Springs

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Drive through the spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountains
- ❖ Travel along the Icefields Parkway
- ❖ Ice Explorer excursion on Columbia Icefield
- ❖ Ride on the Banff gondola for spectacular views of Bow Valley

Area map



The Sea to Sky Highway between Vancouver & Whistler © Destination British Columbia

Day 1: Vancouver • Sun Peaks

Collect your hire car and drive along the scenic Sea to Sky Highway to Whistler, via Sun Peaks. Considered to be one of the most scenic stretches of road in the world; highlights en route include the cascading Shannon Falls and Joffre glacier. Check in to **Sun Peaks Grand Hotel** at Sun Peaks for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Sun Peaks • Jasper

Drive through the plateaus following the Thompson river to the Monashee mountains, viewing Pyramid Falls and the vast glaciers of the Albrede Icefields. Pass Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, and arrive in Jasper in the late afternoon. Stay at the **Sawridge Inn*** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 3: Jasper

Day at leisure. Explore the charming mountain village of Jasper, take a tram ride up Whistlers Mountain or visit one of the most photographed lakes in the world, Maligne lake. (N)

Day 4: Jasper • Lake Louise

This morning, take the scenic drive along the Icefields Parkway, where you will see a myriad of gargantuan mountains, jagged peaks, over 100 glaciers and pristine emerald-coloured lakes. En route, stop at the Columbia Icefield and take an Ice Explorer excursion onto the glacier. Continue to Lake Louise and stay at the **Lake Louise Inn** for 1 night. (N)

Day 5: Lake Louise • Banff

Drive along the scenic Bow Valley to the mountain town of Banff. Stay 2 nights at the **Banff Caribou Lodge**. (N)

Day 6: Banff

Day at leisure. A ride on the Banff gondola for panoramic views of Bow Valley and a visit to

the mineral pools at Upper Hot Springs are both included. (N)

Day 7: Calgary • Onward travel

This morning, drop your hire car at Calgary airport and fly home. Alternatively, continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

* **Accommodation:** Based in 4-star accommodation, with the exception of a 3-star hotel in Jasper. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. Transfers are also not included as taxis are easy, reliable and affordable in Canada. If you would prefer to have transfers included, or for flight options and prices, please call your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YCL

Low season from £795
Guide price month: May

High season from £1,195
Guide price month: Aug



Wineries of British Columbia

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights

Category • Standard

Self-drive • From £1,345 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Drive through British Columbia's interior to discover the changing scenery and rich fertile land that the south of the province has to offer. Visit Canada's second largest wine producing area, spending time in the Okanagan region and sampling the wine and fresh produce made in one of the warmest areas of the country.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 7 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Discover the wineries of Kelowna & Osoyoos on full-day tours
- ❖ Spend 4 nights in the Okanagan wine region
- ❖ Stop at stalls along the highway to sample locally grown fruit
- ❖ View breathtaking scenery on the drive between Osoyoos & Vancouver

Area map



Osoyoos

Day 1: Vancouver

Arrive in Vancouver and make your own way to the **Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre** for 1 night. Day at leisure to explore this coastal city. (N)

Day 2: Kelowna

Drive through Fraser valley to the Okanagan wine region, taking in the spectacular scenery. We recommend visiting one of the many wineries near Kelowna or the Okanagan Wine and Orchard Museum, to learn about the history of British Columbia's wine industry. Stay 2 nights at **The Cove Lakeside Resort**, on the western shores of Okanagan lake. (N)

Day 3: Kelowna

Join a full-day shared tour of the Okanagan wine region, escorted by a knowledgeable driver-guide. Visit five or six distinct wineries for tastings. Lunch will be at Mission Hill winery, where they grow their own produce and work closely with local farmers. (L)

Day 4: Osoyoos

Travel from Kelowna to Osoyoos, the most southerly town in the region, close to the US border. Drive along the shores of the Okanagan lake and stop at some of the fruit stands that are often found along the highway. Stay 2 nights at **Watermark Beach Resort Hotel**. Set on the shores of Lake Osoyoos, this resort offers beachfront accommodation with scenic lake and mountain views. (N)

Day 5: Osoyoos

Visit five wineries along the Black Sage Bench and the Golden Mile today on a full-day 'hop on hop off' winery tour. The Golden Mile prospers from receiving the morning sun, creating ideal conditions for growing grapes for white wine, while the Black Sage Bench basks in the afternoon sun, allowing powerful red wines to be cultivated. During your tour you will be served a gourmet lunch. (L)

Day 6: Vancouver

Travel to Vancouver via the Okanagan Connector and the Coquihalla Highway. This scenic route provides some of the most stunning landscapes in the province, with snow-capped mountains, thick pine forests, flowing rivers and open green meadows. Stay overnight at the **Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre**. (N)

Day 7: Onward travel

Make your own way to the airport to fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: WBC

Low season from £1,345
Guide price month: May

High season from £1,695
Guide price month: Aug



Ultimate Western Canada

Duration • 20 days & 19 nights

Category • Standard

Self-drive • From £3,595 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Discover the breathtaking scenery of Western Canada on this self-drive itinerary that combines the best sights of Alberta and British Columbia. Sample the wine of the Okanagan region, view the turquoise waters of Lake Louise, discover the awe-inspiring beauty of the Rocky Mountains and go in search of whales along Vancouver Island's rugged Pacific coast.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 19 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Sample wines in Canada's second largest wine producing region
- ❖ Spend 2 nights on the tranquil shores of Emerald lake
- ❖ Join a Zodiac tour in search of whales in the waters of Clayoquot Sound
- ❖ Discover the stunning scenery of Banff & Jasper National Parks
- ❖ Stay at a wilderness resort in British Columbia's backcountry

Area map



Cox Bay & Chesterman Beach, Tofino © Destination British Columbia

Day 1: Vancouver

Arrive into Vancouver and transfer to the **Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre** for a 2-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Vancouver

Collect your hire car and spend the day at leisure. Tickets for the Capilano Suspension Bridge and Grouse Mountain Skyride are included. (N)

Day 3: Kelowna

Travel to the Okanagan region, famous for its vineyards, orchards and varied landscapes. On arrival in Kelowna, check in to **The Cove Lakeside** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 4: Kelowna

Full-day tour of the local wineries, with the opportunity to visit up to six wineries. See how each one differs and sample a selection of wines with lunch at Mission Hill Winery. (L)

Day 5: Emerald lake

Take the scenic drive to Emerald lake via Revelstoke, passing waterfalls, towering peaks and glittering lakes. Stop at Craigellachie, where the 'last spike' was driven to complete the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885. Stay 2 nights at **Emerald Lake Lodge**. (N)

Day 6: Emerald Lake

Today is at leisure to enjoy the peaceful setting of Emerald Lake. Gaze across the pristine waters, with some of the Rockies' most impressive peaks as a backdrop. (N)

Day 7: Banff

Travel alongside the Bow Valley Parkway and stop at Johnston canyon to view the waterfalls. Continue to the alpine town of Banff and stay at **Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 8: Banff

Today is at leisure to explore Banff. A ticket to ride on the Banff gondola is included; ride to the summit of Sulphur Mountain for stunning 360-degree views of the surrounding landscapes. (N)

Day 9: Lake Louise • Jasper

Drive along the Icefields Parkway, passing alpine meadows, snow-capped peaks and waterfalls. Take time to view the turquoise waters at Lake Louise and join an Ice Explorer excursion on the Athabasca glacier. Spend 2 nights at **Sawridge Inn**, Jasper. (N)

Day 10: Jasper

Today is free to explore the spectacular



Emerald lake

scenery of Jasper National Park, with its serene lakes, gentle meadows and jagged peaks. (N)

Day 11: Lac Le Jeune

Depart Jasper National Park and travel to Lac Le Jeune National Park. On this drive you will see Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, and the snowy peaks of the Caribou mountains. Stay overnight at **Lac Le Jeune Resort** and enjoy the tranquil wilderness of this rustic property. (N)

Day 12: Gold Bridge

Discover the gold rush town of Cache Creek on the way to Gold Bridge. Stay 3 nights at **Tyax Wilderness Resort & Spa**, set on the shores of Taughton lake. (N)

Days 13-14: Gold Bridge

Days at leisure to take in the fresh mountain air, look over alpine lakes, hike along trails and relax at your resort. (N)

Day 15: Whistler

Make your way from British Columbia's backcountry to the town of Whistler. Spend 2 nights at **Hilton Whistler Resort & Spa**. (N)

Day 16: Whistler

Day at leisure. Take the Peak 2 Peak Gondola

and rise up to 2,181 metres above sea level for stunning views of glaciers, snow-capped mountains and extinct volcanoes. (N)

Day 17: Ucluelet

Travel along the Sea to Sky Highway and board a car ferry across the strait to Georgia, towards Vancouver Island. On arrival, drive to the Pacific coast through ancient rainforests and provincial parks to the Pacific Rim National Park. Stay at **Black Rock Oceanfront Resort** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 18: Ucluelet

Morning at leisure to hike along the rugged coastline or wander along Long beach. This afternoon, join a cruise through Clayoquot Sound in search of the rich marine life found in these waters such as orcas, sea lions, grey whales and porpoises. (N)

Day 19: Victoria

Drive to the east side of Vancouver Island and travel along the coastal road towards Victoria, British Columbia's capital. Stay overnight at the **Inn at Laurel Point**. (N)

Day 20: Vancouver • Onward travel

This morning, board a ferry back to the mainland and drop your hire car at Vancouver

airport. Fly home or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: WWC

Low season from £3,595
Guide price month: May

High season from £4,195
Guide price month: Aug

West Coast Wilderness in Style

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £8,695 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

This luxury tour explores Canada's wild west coast in comfort while staying in some of the finest accommodation found in British Columbia. Discover the picturesque city of Vancouver with a private guide, stay in a lodge nestled in a forest next to the wild Pacific Ocean and explore the Great Bear Rainforest from a floating lodge.

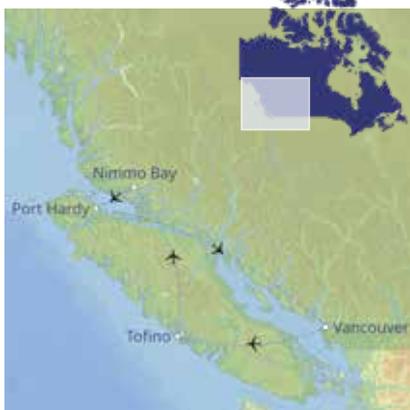
This private tour features...

- ❖ Luxury accommodation
- ❖ Private arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ Private guided tour of Vancouver & the surrounding area
- ❖ Included gourmet meals, drinks & selected excursions while staying at Nimmo Bay
- ❖ Small plane flights between locations

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Go in search of bears & marine life in their natural habitat
- ❖ Scenic floatplane flights over the Great Bear Rainforest
- ❖ Stay in a world-class floating wilderness lodge on Vancouver Island's west coast
- ❖ Discover the rugged west coast of Vancouver Island

Area map



Float plane near Tofino © Destination British Columbia

Day 1: Vancouver

Arrive into Vancouver and take a private transfer to the **Loden Vancouver** for a stay of 2 nights. Your one-bedroom suite is situated on the top three floors of the hotel, in the heart of downtown Vancouver. (N)

Day 2: Vancouver

Half-day tour of British Columbia's largest city. Travel around with a private guide in an SUV to see major highlights such as Grouse Mountain, Granville Island market and historic Gastown. (N)

Day 3: Fly to Tofino

This morning fly to Tofino and transfer to the **Wickaninnish Inn** and stay 3 nights in a Frank Island suite, with views of the beach and ocean. Offering direct access to Chesterman beach, the hotel provides a relaxing place to enjoy the Pacific Rim National Park. (N)

Days 4-5: Tofino

Time at leisure to enjoy the scenery from the inn or explore the area. Possible excursions include boat trips in search of orcas, hiking through the temperate rainforest to rocky headlands and beaches, scenic seaplane flights or travelling by boat to bathe in geothermal hot springs (payable locally). (B)

Day 6: Fly to Nimmo Bay

Take a private floatplane directly to Nimmo Bay in the Great Bear Rainforest for a 3-night stay at **Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort** in a private cabin. This floating lodge has a spectacular location in the heart of the bay and has just nine cabins. (B, D)

Days 7-8: Nimmo Bay

A range of included activities are on offer such as searching for bears by boat or on foot, learning to fly fish, guided hikes or exploring

the coastal islands by kayak. Alternatively, you may choose to pay to have your own helicopter and pilot for the day to explore 10,000-year-old glaciers, mountain tops, old-growth forests, white sand beaches, waterfalls, pristine lakes, remote islands and isolated rivers. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Fly to Vancouver via Port Hardy

Take a floatplane to Port Hardy and continue by small plane to Vancouver. Overnight at the **Loden Vancouver** in a one-bedroom suite. (B)

Day 10: Onward travel

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YSZ

Low season from £8,695
Guide price month: May

High season from £10,695
Guide price month: Aug



Orca breaching near Vancouver Island

Rockies in Style

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £4,895 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Discover the highlights of Western Canada while staying in some of the finest accommodation available. This tour includes visits to British Columbia's largest cities, Alberta's popular alpine towns and a 2-day journey through the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Along the way explore national parks featuring imposing mountain peaks, striking rock formations, glacier-fed lakes and dramatic alpine scenery.

This private tour features...

- ❖ Luxury accommodation*
- ❖ Private transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified
- ❖ GoldLeaf class travel aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* train

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Wake up to views of the turquoise waters of Lake Louise
- ❖ Scenic floatplane flight over the Gulf Islands & Victoria's inner harbour
- ❖ Travel through the Canadian Rockies on one of the world's most celebrated trains
- ❖ Scenic helicopter ride over impressive glaciers
- ❖ Private guided tour of Vancouver & Victoria

Area map



Coal harbour, Vancouver

Day 1: Vancouver

Arrive and transfer to the **Fairmont Pacific Rim** for 3 nights. Settle into your hotel with views over the mountains and water. (N)

Day 2: Victoria

Take a private tour to Victoria on Vancouver Island to visit the beautiful Butchart Gardens and explore British Columbia's capital. Travel by ferry on the way out and return by floatplane for stunning aerial views over Victoria Harbour, the Gulf Islands and Vancouver. (N)

Day 3: Vancouver

A private guide will take you around the city today, with the opportunity to visit historic Gastown, the totem poles in Stanley Park, Granville Island market and the neighbourhoods of China Town. (N)

Day 4: On board the Rocky Mountaineer • Kamloops

You will be transferred to the railway station to board *Rocky Mountaineer* (GoldLeaf Service). Travel through farmland to the towering heights of the Coast Mountains. Pass the thundering water of Hell's Gate in the Fraser canyon before arriving into British Columbia. Transfer to your hotel in Kamloops* for 1 night. (B, L)

Day 5: On board the Rocky Mountaineer • Banff

Board the train this morning and travel alongside the South Thompson river and through the Spiral Tunnels, before arriving into Banff. Transfer to the **Fairmont Banff Springs** for 2 nights. (B, L)

Day 6: Banff

Day at leisure or join a shared sightseeing tour of Banff including Lake Minnewanka, Bow Falls and a ride on the Banff gondola (payable locally). (N)

Day 7: Lake Louise

Transfer to Lake Louise and stay overnight at the **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise** in a lake-view room. The property overlooks the turquoise glacier-fed waters of Lake Louise,

allowing guests to enjoy the beauty of the lake once all the day trippers have left. In the afternoon, take to the skies for a 12-minute helicopter flight over multiple glaciers. (N)

Day 8: Calgary

Transfer to Calgary. Overnight at the **Fairmont Palliser**. (N)

Day 9: Onward travel

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or continue your holiday. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

* **Accommodation:** This tour features luxury accommodation except in Kamloops, where the hotel used during the *Rocky Mountaineer* rail journey is considered 3-star and simple. Full details will be advised shortly before departure. Prices are based on the standard room category, unless otherwise stated. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YRS

Low season from £4,895
Guide price month: Apr

High season from £5,295
Guide price month: Aug



Journey through the Canadian Rockies

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights

Self-drive • From £1,945 (excl. flights)

Category • Superior

Tour overview

Experience Alberta's changing landscapes on this 12-day self-drive itinerary. Travel through flat prairies, rugged badlands and the spectacular Canadian Rocky Mountains, passing turquoise lakes, glaciers, ancient forests and towering mountains en route.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation*
- ❖ Excursions as described including shared tours of Banff & Jasper
- ❖ Possibility to include the Calgary Stampede
- ❖ 10 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit the world-class palaeontology museum in Drumheller
- ❖ Drive the scenic Bow Valley Parkway & Icefields Parkway
- ❖ Venture onto Athabasca glacier in an Ice Explorer vehicle
- ❖ Evening wildlife excursion from Jasper in search of bears, wolves & moose

Area map



Moraine lake, Rocky Mountains

Day 1: Calgary

Arrive into Calgary and make your own way to the **Delta Calgary Downtown** for a 2-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Calgary

Today is at leisure to explore Calgary. Entrance to Calgary Tower is included for panoramic views across the city. (N)

Day 3: Drumheller

Collect your hire car and drive east into Alberta's badlands to the town of Drumheller, best known for its dinosaur heritage. Stay 2 nights at **Canalta Jurassic Hotel***. (N)

Day 4: Drumheller

Today is at leisure to explore Drumheller at your own pace. Entrance is included to the Royal Tyrell Museum, considered to be one of the world's best museums dedicated to palaeontology. (B)

Day 5: Banff

Drive west today, across Alberta's flat prairie plains and into the spectacular Canadian Rocky

Mountains to the town of Banff. Stay at the **Rimrock Resort Hotel** (Premium room with valley views) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Banff

This morning, join a shared tour through Banff and its surrounds. Highlights include a visit to the hoodoos – impressive rock formations – and a gondola ride up to Sulphur Mountain. Afternoon at leisure. (N)

Day 7: Moraine lake

Drive along the scenic Bow Valley Parkway Road to Moraine lake, with opportunities to stop and follow a walking trail, visit the lakes or look for wildlife. On arrival, stay 2 nights at **Moraine Lake Lodge**, located beside the turquoise-coloured lake. (N)

Day 8: Moraine lake

Day at leisure to relax or explore the surrounding area including nearby Lake Louise. (B)

Day 9: Athabasca glacier • Jasper

Drive to Jasper, travelling along one of



Badlands, Drumheller

North America's most scenic highways – the Icefields Parkway. En route, join a shared Ice Explorer excursion on the Athabasca glacier. On arrival in Jasper, stay 2 nights at **The Crimson**. (B)

Day 10: Jasper

This morning, join a shared tour of Jasper and nearby Maligne canyon with an interpretive cruise on Maligne lake. This evening, join a shared evening wildlife excursion to learn about the wildlife and their mountain habitat. During the tour you may spot bears, elk, coyotes, wolves and moose. (N)

Day 11: Edmonton

Today, leave Jasper and the Canadian Rocky Mountains and drive back into Alberta's flat prairies to the city of Edmonton. On arrival, stay overnight at the **Sutton Place Hotel Edmonton**. (N)

Day 12: Onward travel

Return your hire car at the airport before a direct flight to London, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Extensions

We recommend adding a stay in Waterton Lakes National Park, gateway to the fascinating First Nation's museum at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, and / or a ranch stay. Please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant for further information.

Important information

*** Accommodation:** Based in 4-star accommodation with the exception of the hotel in Drumheller, which is 3-star. Please visit this tour on our website to see details of the hotels included.

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. Transfers are also not included. If you would prefer to have transfers included, or for flight options

and prices, please call your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Calgary Stampede: This annual 10-day event takes place from 3 to 12 July 2020. If you wish to add this event to your itinerary, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant for ticket information.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YAA

Low season from £1,945
Guide price month: Jun

High season from £2,595
Guide price month: Sep

Western Canada Family Adventure

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights
Category • Superior

Self-drive • From £2,195 (excl. flights)

**Family
Adventure**

Tour overview

Combine the highlights of Western Canada with soft adventure activities on this 14-day self-drive tour through British Columbia and Alberta. Explore the picturesque city of Vancouver, stay on a ranch and discover the awe-inspiring beauty of the Rocky Mountains.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation including a log cabin
- ❖ 11 days' car hire based on a standard SUV (Grand Cherokee or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Excursions as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Search for whales on a high-speed boat
- ❖ Go horse riding through British Columbia's beautiful interior
- ❖ Drive along the spectacular Icefields Parkway
- ❖ Wide choice of optional active adventures including 4x4 rides, canoeing, cycling or a helicopter flight over the Rockies
- ❖ Spend 3 days enjoying outdoor endeavours in the provincial parks close to Clearwater
- ❖ Visit Capilano Suspension Bridge Park & Grouse Mountain
- ❖ Walk on Athabasca glacier

Area map



Day 1: Vancouver

Arrive into Vancouver and check into the **Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel** (family suite) for 3 nights. Remainder of the day at leisure. (N)

Day 2: Vancouver

Day at leisure to explore the city. Perhaps visit the totem poles of Stanley Park and try popular snacks such as maple cookies or poutine. Optional excursions include a city tour by bicycle or a food-tasting tour to learn about the culinary delights of the city. (N)

Day 3: Vancouver

Join an excursion to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. Explore the park on the raised walkways of the Treetop Adventure and enjoy the exhilarating Cliffwalk and suspension bridge. Continue to Grouse Mountain, enjoying stunning views as you take the Skyride to its peak. Explore the wildlife refuge and spectacular chainsaw carvings. (N)

Day 4: Vancouver • Whistler

This morning, embark on a whale-watching tour on a high-speed boat, with the chance of sighting orcas, humpback whales, seals, sea lions and bald eagles. Afterwards, collect your car hire and drive to Whistler. Check in to the **Delta Whistler Village Suites** (two-bedroom suite) for 1 night. (N)

Day 5: Whistler • Ashcroft

Early morning Jeep safari. Travel in a comfortable 4x4 vehicle through a maze of ski area roads, traversing forests, meadows and streams – all environments that black bears live amongst. This afternoon, drive along the scenic Sea to Sky Highway to **Sundance Guest Lodge**, where you will stay for 2 nights. (D)

Day 6: Ashcroft

During your ranch stay, take a horse riding adventure into British Columbia's beautiful high country. All abilities are catered for during this activity. (B, D)

Days 7-8: Ashcroft • Clearwater

Continue your journey to **Alpine Meadows Resort** for 2 nights, staying in a two-bedroom family log home. This area is full of pristine lakes and rivers, and provides a stunning setting for canoeing, hiking, wildlife watching and mountain biking. (B)

Day 9: Jasper

Travel into the Canadian Rockies, passing steep canyons and waterfalls. Stay 2 nights at **The Crimson** in the alpine town of Jasper. (B)

Day 10: Jasper

Today is free to explore the natural beauty of Jasper National Park. Discover glacier-fed lakes, forests and rivers or travel on the Jasper Skytram, the longest aerial tramway in Canada. (B)

Day 11: Jasper • Banff

Spend the day driving along the Icefield Parkway to Banff. En route, stop off and board an Ice Explorer – a large all-terrain vehicle – on to the Athabasca glacier, where you can step out on to the ice and absorb its enormity. You can also stand on the Glacier Skywalk, a curved glass walkway stretching 30 metres in to mid-air. Continue to Lake Louise, where you can take a kayak out on the turquoise waters before arriving into Banff. Stay at the **Fox Hotel Suites** (two-bedroom suite) for 3 nights. (B)

Days 12-13: Banff

Days at leisure to explore the alpine town of Banff. While in Banff, walk one of the hiking trails, look out for wildlife while floating along Bow river or take a helicopter flight over the Rockies. (B)

Day 14: Onward travel

Drop your car hire at Calgary airport, then either fly home or continue your holiday in Canada. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

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Room types: Where indicated, the tour accommodation is in two-bedroom, shared accommodation for four people.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YFA

Low season from £2,195
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,645
Guide price months: Jul – Aug



View of Bow river valley, Banff National Park



Canoeing on Lake Louise

Wilderness Lodges

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.



Luxury

Sonora Resort, Sonora Island

Sonora Resort is a member of the Relais & Châteaux portfolio that provides a luxurious getaway in the pristine wilderness of British Columbia's Discovery Islands. The luxury wilderness resort is an hour away from Vancouver by seaplane or helicopter, or 75 minutes by water taxi from Campbell River, with all journeys travelling through the breathtaking scenery of the Discovery Islands.

The 83 rooms and suites have ocean views and modern amenities. A stay at Sonora Resort includes all meals with optional excursions such as guided Zodiac nature tours, guided salmon fishing and, between mid-August and mid-October, guided grizzly bear tours. On-site facilities include a swimming pool, tennis court, putting green and a 12-seater movie theatre.



Luxury

Wickaninnish Inn, Tofino

A member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux group, the boutique Wickaninnish Inn is located on Vancouver Island. The property has a spectacular location, situated on a rocky point with the ocean on three sides, old-growth forest as a backdrop and direct access to Chesterman beach.

The 75 rooms and suites come in a range of categories and all have stunning ocean and / or beach views, cosy fireplaces and private balconies.

The Pointe Restaurant serves fresh local produce against 240-degree Pacific Ocean views. Down on the beach, enjoy lighter snacks, coffees and smoothies at the Driftwood Café.



Superior

Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, Tofino

Founded in 1997, the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort is a luxurious eco-resort located in the Clayoquot Sound Unesco Biosphere Reserve, accessed by a 45-minute seaplane flight from Vancouver or a 30-minute boat ride from Tofino.

There are 20 luxury tents, each furnished with propane wood stoves, antique dressers and oil lamps. The property is known for providing remote experiences and daily activities are individually designed. Experiences include hiking on an interpretive trail escorted by a First Nations guide, black bear watching, whale watching or horse riding through the forest. Stays include all meals, beverages and a selection of guided activities.

Superior



Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort, Vancouver Island

Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort is an intimate family-owned and operated lodge, accessed only by helicopter or seaplane. An exclusive resort set in 78,000 sq km of pristine wilderness in the Great Bear Rainforest, accommodation is in nine spacious wood cabins, each with a complimentary minibar and living area.

Stays include gourmet meals, assorted alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages (excluding premium alcohol), fishing equipment and adventure gear, wireless internet access and satellite phone service, SkyScout star viewing system, laundry service and a range of guided non-helicopter activities (excluding your day of arrival).

Superior



Tweedsmuir Park Lodge, Bella Coola

Tweedsmuir Park Lodge is situated in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest surrounded by 25 hectares of untouched wilderness, and only a 1-hour flight from Vancouver.

Lodge facilities include nine guest chalets that can accommodate up to four people, a dining area, bar, spa and lounge area with open fireplace. Many activities are available such as guided nature walks and fishing excursions, and Tweedsmuir is one of the best places to view grizzly bears in British Columbia (late August to mid-October). Stays include all meals, complimentary wireless internet and the use of mountain bikes.

Good Standard



Knight Inlet Lodge, Knight Inlet

Knight Inlet is a 100-kilometre-long fjord in the coastal mountains. This unspoilt backcountry is the native habitat of the grizzly bear.

Every spring, when the bears come out of hibernation, they can be viewed from boats on the banks of Glendale Cove. In the autumn the bears feed on the returning salmon to the Glendale river and can be seen from a specially constructed platform.

Situated 60km from the mouth of the inlet and tucked into Glendale Cove, Knight Inlet Lodge is a floating lodge reached only by seaplane. Guests can join guided bear watching, whale watching and sea kayaking tours. Stay packages to this property include one night in Campbell River, seaplane transfers, accommodation, meals and excursions.

British Columbia Hotels

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.



Luxury

Four Seasons Vancouver

The Four Seasons Vancouver is just a short walk from many of Vancouver's attractions, shops and restaurants, with easy access to transport links and the city centre Skytrain station is just 100 metres away. The plush interiors feature innovative artworks by West Coast artists while the cuisine served in the hotel restaurant focuses on fresh seafood from the Pacific.

Features:

372 rooms, restaurant, bar, spa, 2 pools, gym.



Superior

Rosewood Hotel Georgia, Vancouver

Set in Vancouver city centre, the elegant Rosewood Hotel Georgia opened in 1927 and has played host to a long list of distinguished guests including Errol Flynn, Sir Laurence Olivier and HRH Edward, Prince of Wales. Restored and re-opened in 2011, the property has been returned to its former grandeur. All rooms and suites blend state-of-the-art technology with luxurious furnishings.

Features:

156 rooms, 2 restaurants, 2 bars, indoor pool, spa.



Superior

Fairmont Pacific Rim, Vancouver

This superior hotel is located in downtown Vancouver, at the edge of Coal Harbour and close to the cruise ship terminal. Rooms feature elegant decor blended with state-of-the-art technology. Facilities include a range of dining venues serving traditional Italian to Pacific Rim specialities, a rooftop pool with cabanas and a spa with a private outdoor terrace.

Features:

377 rooms, 2 restaurants, bar, spa, outdoor pool.



Superior

Echo Valley Ranch & Spa, Jesmond

Echo Valley Ranch & Spa can be reached via a 5-hour drive from Vancouver. This member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World is surrounded by wide open spaces and tranquil wilderness. The property offers a blend of western adventure, luxury accommodation and gourmet food. The 28 guestrooms and suites are spread across private cabins and two lodges.

Features:

28 rooms, restaurant, swimming pool, spa.



Superior

Nita Lake Lodge, Whistler

Set on the shores of Nita lake in the historic Creekside Whistler, Whistler's original location, the luxurious Nita Lake Lodge is just a 5-minute drive from the main Whistler village and 500 metres from the base of Whistler Mountain and the Creekside gondola. Staff offer friendly and personalised service while all suites have a private balcony and a comfortable seating area with a fireplace.

Features:

77 suites, restaurant, cafe, patio overlooking the lake, yoga sessions.



Good Standard

Summit Lodge & Spa, Whistler

Located in the heart of Whistler village, Summit Lodge & Spa is a 10-minute walk from Blackcomb Excalibur gondola and adjacent to Whistler Village Market. Each suite in this property has been decorated in an individual style with contemporary furniture and original Whistler art. Situated in the same building as the hotel, Sachi Sushi serves some of the best sushi in Whistler.

Features:

81 rooms, 2 restaurants, outdoor pool, sauna, health club.



Superior

Long Beach Lodge Resort, Tofino

The Long Beach Lodge Resort is located 7km south of Tofino on Vancouver Island. The hotel is situated on the oceanfront along the vast sandy beach of Cox Bay. The entrance to Pacific Rim National Park is about 3.5km from the resort and guests can take advantage of the bear- and whale-watching tours that operate nearby.

Features:

61 rooms & cottages, restaurant, bar, beach, gym, gift shop, surf lessons, private boat charters.



Superior

The Fairmont Empress Hotel, Victoria

Overlooking Victoria's Inner Harbour and featuring early 19th-century architecture, the Fairmont Empress Hotel is Vancouver Island's landmark hotel and a perfect base for exploring the city. Guestrooms feature elegant decor, some with harbour views. Indulge in one of Victoria's grandest traditions – afternoon tea at The Fairmont Empress.

Features:

477 rooms, 3 restaurants, bar, pool, spa.



Superior

The Parkside Hotel & Spa, Victoria

Located in the heart of Victoria, the Parkside Hotel & Spa is near to many of the city's attractions such as Beacon Hill Park and the Royal BC Museum. The hotel has a modern exterior and spacious rooms are complete with kitchenettes and private balcony. Relax in the 25-metre indoor pool or enjoy the views from the outdoor rooftop patio.

Features:

126 rooms, restaurant, indoor pool, gym, spa.



Good Standard

Black Rock Oceanfront Resort, Ucluelet

Located between the rugged shores of the Pacific Ocean and the coastal rainforest, Black Rock Oceanfront Resort is a contemporary property offering expansive spaces, natural light and dramatic ocean views. The resort is a short drive from the charming town of Ucluelet and provides a tranquil setting among the natural beauty of the area.

Features:

133 rooms, outdoor pool, gym, restaurant, bar, spa.



Good Standard

April Point Resort & Spa, Quadra Island

Set on the coast of Quadra Island, April Point Resort & Spa provides a comfortable base from which to explore the area. The property has an idyllic setting with a backdrop of coastal mountains and surrounded by the waters of Discovery Passage. This area of pristine British Columbia offers complete tranquillity and an abundance of outdoor activities to enjoy.

Features:

56 rooms, restaurant, spa, lounge bar, parking.



Good Standard

Quarterdeck Inn & Marina Resort, Port Hardy

Close to the centre of Port Hardy, the Quarterdeck Inn & Marina Resort overlooks the marina and the spectacular local scenery. It is an ideal place to stay either before or after a visit to the Great Bear Rainforest. Each of the contemporary guestrooms has modern amenities and the restaurant offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.

Features:

40 rooms, restaurant, pub, parking.

Alberta Hotel Collection

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.

The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff

Modelled after a Scottish baronial castle, The Fairmont Banff Springs has an air of timeless elegance complemented by contemporary service and facilities, situated in the heart of Banff National Park.

This landmark building has been providing hospitality to guests for over 100 years, with all rooms and suites having views towards either the mountainside or the valley side of the resort. The adjoining Fairmont Banff Springs Golf Course has a challenging layout with 27 holes along the winding Bow river, set against the wonderful backdrop of mountain scenery. The award-winning Willow Stream Spa creates an atmosphere of tranquillity with a variety of treatments available using the unique healing powers of the alpine air and waters.

The property is an excellent base for those spending time in Banff National Park with the alpine village of Banff and local attractions all readily accessible by car.

Features:

768 rooms, 6 restaurants, 4 bars, 2 pools, spa.



Superior



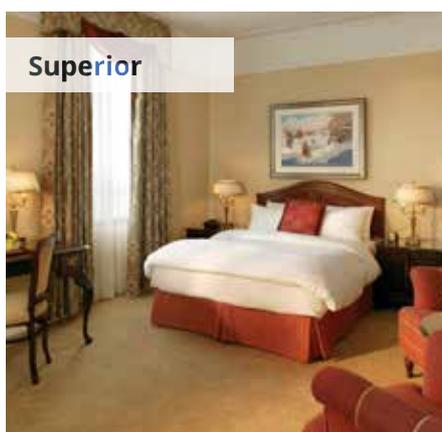
Superior

The Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff

The Rimrock Resort Hotel is set on the slopes of Sulphur Mountain in Banff National Park, a 5-minute drive from Banff town. Rooms are notable for their exceptional views, earthy tones and dark wood furnishings. The hotel's Eden restaurant has received the CAA/AAA five diamond rating. A complimentary bus service runs to and from the hotel and central Banff.

Features:

343 rooms, 2 restaurants, 2 lounges, pool, sauna.



Superior

The Fairmont Palliser, Calgary

The Fairmont Palliser was built in 1914 and has remained a landmark building within Calgary ever since. Its name is taken from Captain John Palliser, an Irish-born geographer who explored the area in the 1850s. Located within walking distance of the shops, restaurants and bars of the city, this elegant property is a superb base for exploring Calgary.

Features:

407 rooms, restaurant, bar, spa, health club.



Good Standard

The Crimson Hotel, Jasper

The Crimson hotel is located within easy walking distance of the shops and restaurants in downtown Jasper, providing a good base from which to explore the area. The hotel's name was inspired by the colour of the foliage in autumn and the sunsets in Jasper National Park. All guestrooms are stylish and spacious, and suites with kitchen facilities are available.

Features:

99 rooms, restaurant, 2 bars, indoor pool, hot tub.



The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

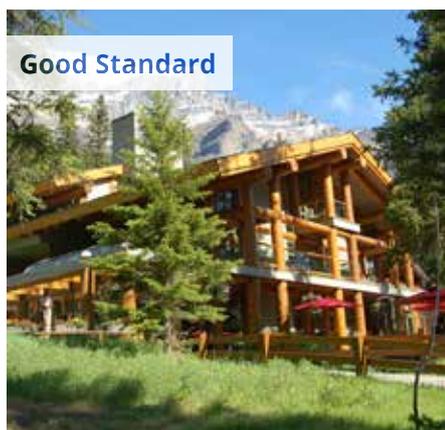
Built over 100 years ago as a base for outdoor enthusiasts, the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise has been developed into a luxury hotel with a stunning location, set on the shores of Lake Louise and surrounded by mountain peaks and the Victoria glacier.

A key attraction for guests is the view across the grounds, Lake Louise or the Bow Valley mountain range from the hotel's rooms and suites. Guests can enjoy the splendour of Lake Louise first thing in the morning and last thing at night, once all the day-trippers have left.

A range of optional activities are available from the hotel such as hiking one of the many trails with a naturalist guide, canoeing on the lake and horse riding in the fresh mountain air (all payable locally). The four restaurants offer a selection of cuisines to choose from including Italian and Canadian.

Features:

550 rooms, 4 restaurants, 2 bars, deli, spa, indoor pool.



Moraine Lake Lodge, Moraine Lake

Located 15km from Lake Louise, the rustic Moraine Lake Lodge is set on the shores of Moraine lake. The rooms and cabins feature a private balcony or decking, deep soaking bathtub and hand-crafted log furniture with no telephones or televisions in order to maintain a mountain getaway experience. Guided hikes and canoeing on the lake are included.

Features:

33 rooms, 2 restaurants, sun terrace, gift shop.



Canalta Jurassic Hotel, Drumheller

Located at the edge of Drumheller town and surrounded by the rocky landscape of Alberta's badlands, Canalta Jurassic Hotel provides a comfortable setting from which to explore the area's rich dinosaur heritage and is just a 15-minute drive away from the Royal Tyrrell Museum. All guestrooms are decorated in a traditional style and feature modern amenities.

Features:

48 rooms, restaurant, sauna, indoor hot tub.



Emerald Lake Lodge, Yoho National Park

The Emerald Lake Lodge is located on a 5-hectare property on the shores of Emerald Lake in Yoho National Park. There is no shortage of history in the lodge, with century-old fireplaces and an oak bar salvaged from an 1890's Yukon saloon. Relax in the quiet reading and sitting rooms and enjoy the games room.

Features:

24 cabin-style buildings, dining room, bar, gym, outdoor hot tub, Wi-Fi in the main lodge.



Manitoba & Saskatchewan

Non-exclusive group tours • Tailor-made travel

The province of Manitoba, situated in the centre of Canada between Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nunavut, offers superb wildlife viewing, national parks and over 100,000 lakes and waterways. The gateway and capital, Winnipeg, was founded as a fur-trading centre. Today the city is a vibrant cultural hub with a range of high-class performing arts centres and museums. The main attraction of this province is the remote northern town of Churchill on the western shore of Hudson Bay, where visitors come in search of polar bears and beluga whales.



The western province of Saskatchewan, first explored by Europeans in the late 17th century, offers a mix of culture and history as well as a range of outdoor activities such as freshwater fishing, horse riding, canoeing and walking in unspoilt national parks. Explore the main cities of Saskatoon and Regina, which is home to the only training academy for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or 'Mounties' as they are more commonly known, with over 1,000 new Mounties graduating every year.

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Climate

Manitoba and Saskatchewan have largely continental climates with temperatures decreasing from south to north and precipitation from east to west. The provinces have four distinct seasons with sharp seasonal changes, the summer usually being warm and dry with lots of clear days.

Churchill, Manitoba

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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Image left: Polar bear & cubs, Manitoba

Discover Polar Bears in Manitoba

Viewing polar bears has become a key attraction for visitors to Canada, which has accessible and reliable places to view these majestic animals in their natural habitat.

Churchill, a town on the west shore of Hudson Bay in northern Manitoba, is a hot spot for sightings of polar bears, along with beluga whales, Arctic foxes, Arctic hares and snowy owls, as well as the natural phenomenon known as the northern lights (aurora borealis). There are a variety of ways to enjoy the wildlife of Churchill, from simple hotel stays with day trips out onto the tundra to small group trips to wilderness lodges that require an additional flight from Churchill. Churchill can be reached from Winnipeg by a 2-hour flight. Alternatively, the Winnipeg to Churchill train completes the journey of 1,700 km in 2 days.

The warmer months of July to September are the best time to see much of the wildlife, including polar bears; however, the colder months of October and November provide polar bear sightings against a backdrop of snow and ice.

On the following pages we feature several properties and itineraries; please contact a Cox & Kings travel consultant for further information and alternative options.



Polar bear cub, Churchill



Lazy Bear Lodge

The Lazy Bear Lodge in Churchill is a small, friendly hotel in the heart of polar bear country, with 33 cabins constructed from logs from the nearby forest. Each cabin has cable television, a private shower and bathtub and wireless internet access. The lodge's dining hall serves homemade northern Canadian dishes including Arctic char, a local freshwater fish.

Excursions are available to search for the bears on Arctic Crawler™ tundra vehicles and to view the beluga whales of Hudson Bay either during a boat tour or while paddling your own kayak.

Tundra Buggy Lodge

Tundra Buggy Lodge® is comprised of specialised cars, which, when linked, stretch to almost 100 metres long. On board there are two sleeper cars, a lounge and dining cars. The accommodation is basic and has shared bunk accommodation, housing 18 to 20 guests altogether, separated by curtains and with shared bathroom facilities.

In the evening, exterior field lights on the open decks enable guests to spot polar bears after dark. The buggy is also the perfect place for optimum viewing of the northern lights (weather conditions permitting).

Churchill Polar Bear Adventure

Duration • 5 days & 4 nights
Category • Standard

Non-exclusive group tour • From £3,295 (excl. flights)



This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ Maximum group size of 40
- ❖ Two full-day excursions in search of polar bears with an expert local guide
- ❖ Round-trip flights between Winnipeg & Churchill
- ❖ Meals as specified
- ❖ Escorted by a local tour guide from arrival in Churchill

Weather

Winnipeg

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Churchill

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Area map



Polar bear, Churchill

This escorted tour to Canada's Arctic takes in the highlights of the area with two full days on the tundra in search of wildlife including polar bears and visits to local museums for an insight into Inuit culture and the heritage of the area.

Special experiences

- ❖ **Unique polar bear viewing opportunities from Tundra Buggy® vehicles**
- ❖ **Experienced guides on hand to talk about the local wildlife**
- ❖ **Visit to the Parks Canada Interpretive Centre to learn about the local area**

Day 1: Winnipeg

Arrive in Winnipeg and make your own way to the Four Points by Sheraton Winnipeg International Airport Hotel for 1 night. (N)

Day 2: Fly to Churchill

Early morning transfer to the airport and fly to Churchill. On arrival, discover what Churchill

has to offer including a stop at the polar bear holding facility. Visit the Parks Canada Interpretive Centre for an insight into the local heritage of the area. Stay at the Tundra Inn (or similar)* for 2 nights. (B)

Day 3: Churchill

Travel into the Arctic tundra on Tundra Buggy® vehicles to spot, photograph and learn about polar bears, other Arctic wildlife and their environment. A knowledgeable driver and guide will navigate the specially designed vehicle. A delicious lunch will be served out on the tundra. (B, L)

Day 4: Fly to Winnipeg

Spend a second day out on the tundra landscape in search of polar bears. This evening, transfer to the airport and fly to Winnipeg. On arrival, transfer to the Four Points by Sheraton Winnipeg International Airport Hotel. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Onward travel

Make your own way to the airport and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary - B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

* **Accommodation:** Hotel accommodation in Churchill is limited, simple and may vary. Final details will be advised closer to the date of departure.

Itinerary: Due to the nature of this tour, excursions can vary depending on weather conditions and local wildlife sightings.

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. Transfers in Winnipeg are also not included as taxis are easy, reliable and affordable in Canada. For flight and transfer options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Guideline prices and departure dates for 2020

Tour code: YCH

Non-exclusive group tour: from £3,295
 Other dates with similar itineraries are available throughout the year, however the wildlife and weather differ. Please enquire for further details.

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| 14 Oct 20 | 18 Oct 20 |
| 20 Oct 20 | 24 Oct 20 |
| 23 Oct 20 | 27 Oct 20 |

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The Great Ice Bear Adventure

Duration • 7 days & 6 nights
Category • Standard

Non-exclusive group tour • From £8,895 (excl. flights)



This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation including 3 nights in a wilderness lodge
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 16
- ❖ Local tour guide
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified
- ❖ Full board meal basis
- ❖ All internal flights from Winnipeg
- ❖ 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners

Weather

Winnipeg

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Churchill

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Area map



Dymond Lake Ecolodge © Dennis Fast for Churchill Wild

This tour provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see and photograph polar bears in the wild. Accommodation is in a remote lodge situated 30km from Churchill, surrounded by the natural habitat of many Arctic creatures including polar bears, caribou, Arctic and red foxes, Arctic hares, wolves and moose as well as a number of bird species such as snowy owls, ptarmigans and gyrfalcons along the Hudson Bay coastline.

Day 1: Winnipeg

Arrive in Winnipeg and make your own way to the **Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel by Lakeview** for 1 night. This evening, join your adventure specialist and the rest of the group for dinner. (D)

Day 2: Fly to Dymond Lake Ecolodge via Churchill

Fly to Churchill and then join a chartered fixed-wing flight to **Dymond Lake Ecolodge** where you will stay for 3 nights. The lodge is located 30km west of Churchill on the Hudson Bay. With such a remote location, it provides superb wildlife spotting opportunities, with an abundance of polar bears in the area. Enjoy a hike along the rugged coastline and an interpretive slideshow featuring wildlife of Hudson Bay. (B, L, D)

Days 3-4: Dymond Lake Ecolodge

After breakfast, take morning walking tours for polar bear viewing and photograph opportunities. You will be guided by knowledgeable tour leaders. Lunch is served in the lodge, which has large picture windows; you can sometimes see inquisitive polar bears roaming nearby. Evening meals are around

Special experiences

- ❖ **3 nights at the remote Dymond Lake Ecolodge**
- ❖ **Tundra Buggy™ tour in Churchill**
- ❖ **Unique opportunity to walk near polar bears**
- ❖ **Discover the wildlife of Hudson Bay**
- ❖ **Possibility of seeing the northern lights**

Dymond Lake Ecolodge

The Dymond Lake Ecolodge is a 30km flight west of Churchill, set amid the wild Arctic landscape. The lodge is split over two buildings with eight double rooms featuring picture windows looking out onto the remote landscape. Each room features private washrooms. The individual lodges are enclosed by a large fence allowing for bear-proof access between all the buildings. There is a viewing tower and a cosy lounge heated by a wood fire. The lodge can accommodate a maximum of 16 guests.

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Polar bear resting © Dennis Fast for Churchill Wild

the central fireplace and your guiding team will give lectures and presentations. During the night, you may be woken if one of the night watchmen spots a visit from a polar bear or displays of the northern lights. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Fly to Churchill

After breakfast, fly to Churchill where you will have free time to explore or take optional dog sledding or helicopter excursions. Dinner at one of the local restaurants. Stay 1 night in Churchill. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Tundra Buggy • Fly to Winnipeg

This morning, travel across the tundra in a Tundra Buggy™ for more polar bear viewing. Evening flight to Winnipeg and stay overnight at the **Grand Hotel Winnipeg Airport Hotel by Lakeview**. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Onward travel

Make your way to the airport this morning and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.



Wolf © Robert Postma for Churchill Wild

Important information

Churchill Wild: This tour is operated by Churchill Wild and their cancellation conditions apply.

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. Transfers in Winnipeg are also not included as the airport is just a couple of minutes' walk from the hotel. Taxis are easy, reliable and affordable in Canada. For flight and transfer options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Guideline prices and departure dates for 2020

Tour code: YIB

| Non-exclusive group tour: from £8,895 | Out | | Rtn | |
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| | 23 Oct 20 | 26 Oct 20 | 29 Oct 20 | 01 Nov 20 |
| | 29 Oct 20 | 01 Nov 20 | 04 Nov 20 | 07 Nov 20 |
| | 01 Nov 20 | | 07 Nov 20 | |

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Birds, Bears & Belugas

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights
Category • Standard

Non-exclusive group tour • From £8,995 (excl. flights)



This group tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation including 5 nights in a wilderness lodge*
- ❖ 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- ❖ All excursions included
- ❖ Daily lectures about the wildlife, landscape & people
- ❖ Local tour guide from your first evening in Winnipeg
- ❖ Small group size – maximum 16
- ❖ Use of rubber boots while at lodge
- ❖ All internal flights from Winnipeg

Weather

Winnipeg

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Churchill

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Area map



Beluga whales, Hudson Bay

Travel into the heart of polar bear country on this small group tour that stays in an authentic wilderness lodge 60km from civilisation. Each day you will be taken out into the wild to see the Arctic landscapes and wildlife. The surrounding waters are also home to thousands of beluga whales at this time of year.

Special experiences

- ❖ Take a boat trip to see beluga whales
- ❖ Observe wildlife such as polar bears, wolves & moose
- ❖ Possible sightings of the northern lights

Day 1: Winnipeg

Arrive in Winnipeg and make your own way to The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel by Lakeview for 1 night. Join your adventure specialist and group for dinner. (D)

Day 2: Fly to Churchill & Seal River Heritage Lodge

Fly to Churchill and board a chartered flight to Seal River Heritage Lodge*, where you will stay for 5 nights. This lodge is located in the heart of polar bear country, 60km north of Churchill. The comfortable rooms have limited facilities but its location on the Hudson Bay provides the perfect base for wildlife viewing. Trip to Explore Hudson Bay's coastline. (B, L, D)

Days 3-6: Seal River Heritage Lodge

Embark on daily excursions, including at least two expeditions by Zodiac to view seals, polar bears, birds and whales. During the summer, hundreds of belugas gather in the frigid waters of Hudson Bay to feed. There will be an opportunity to listen to the whale song using a hydrophone. The excursions are designed to provide the best chance to experience the varied flora and fauna of the Arctic. Other trips include shoreline excursions in a custom-built vehicle and daily walks on the Arctic tundra. Informative lectures will be given in the evenings. (B, L, D)



Polar bear © Churchill Wild

Day 7: Fly to Churchill • Fly to Winnipeg

After breakfast, fly back to Churchill. There will be time to visit some of the shops and exhibits before your flight back to Winnipeg. Stay overnight at **The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel by Lakeview**. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Onward travel

Make your own way to the airport and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

* **Accommodation:** Facilities are limited at Seal River Heritage Lodge.

Churchill Wild: This tour is operated by Churchill Wild and their cancellation conditions apply.

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. Transfers in Winnipeg are also not included as the airport is just a couple of minutes' walk from the hotel. Taxis are easy, reliable and affordable in Canada. For flight and transfer options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Seal River Heritage Lodge

Seal River Heritage Lodge is located in the heart of polar bear country, 60km north of Churchill. It is reached via a 30-minute small aircraft flight from Churchill. The comfortable lodge has limited facilities but its location on the remote Hudson Bay coast near Seal River estuary provides an excellent base for wildlife viewing. Thousands of beluga whales come to the nearby waters in the summer while polar bears are regularly seen.

The lodge has eight rooms with en suite bathrooms, a lounge with fireplace, dining room, small library and viewing tower.

Simple



© Dennis Fast for Churchill Wild

Guideline prices and departure dates for 2020

Tour code: YBI

Non-exclusive group tour:
from £8,995

| Out | Rtn |
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| 11 Jul 20 | 18 Jul 20 |
| 16 Jul 20 | 23 Jul 20 |
| 21 Jul 20 | 28 Jul 20 |
| 26 Jul 20 | 02 Aug 20 |

| Out | Rtn |
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| 31 Jul 20 | 07 Aug 20 |
| 05 Aug 20 | 12 Aug 20 |
| 10 Aug 20 | 17 Aug 20 |

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Ontario & Quebec



Tailor-made travel • Self-drive

Ontario offers an exciting mixture of vibrant cities, coastal scenery, national parks, beautiful waterways and world-renowned waterfalls. Witness the power of Niagara Falls, search for moose and beavers in Algonquin Provincial Park and drive along the rugged coast of Georgian Bay. Visit the many sights of the Canadian capital, Ottawa, and cruise through the tranquil waters of the 1,000 Islands archipelago. There are four international airports, although most will use Toronto or Ottawa as the gateway for discovering this beautiful province.

Quebec encompasses a vast and diverse territory extending nearly 2,000km from the US border to the Arctic Ocean. The province has a strong French influence that dates back to its formation in 1763, notable today in the region's language, cuisine, architecture and politics. With swathes of forest, taiga and tundra, more than a million lakes, rivers, mountains and coastline, there is much for the adventurous to explore. However, for most, the first places to visit are the cities of Montreal and Quebec City. With a unique culinary tradition, Quebec is justly celebrated for its many terroir products: craft beers and wines, ice ciders, Charlevoix lamb, farm-bred game (including deer, bison and wild boar), Gulf of St Lawrence shellfish, cheeses and maple products.

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Climate

Due to Ontario's size and diverse geography, temperatures may vary tremendously from region to region and even within the regions themselves. A popular time to visit Quebec is during the warm summer months, however autumn can be spectacular as the foliage changes colour and during the freezing winter months the snow and ice can be enjoyed at the Quebec Winter Carnival.

Toronto, Ontario

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Quebec City

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| B | -17 | -14 | -9 | -1 | 6 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 8 | 2 | -3 | -13 |
| C | 85 | 70 | 84 | 81 | 110 | 111 | 118 | 113 | 123 | 97 | 101 | 109 |

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Image left: Saint Joseph's Oratory, Montreal

Discover Ontario



Toronto skyline at dusk



Toronto

Dynamic & multicultural city • Direct flights from the UK

First visited by Europeans in the early 17th century, Toronto is set on the banks of Lake Ontario and is Canada's most populous city. A very culturally diverse city, it is estimated that over half its residents were born outside Canada. This diversity can be experienced by visiting the array of world-class restaurants and cafes. Explore the many museums and art galleries, taste the local produce at a food market, enjoy panoramic views from the CN Tower, take a dinner cruise in Toronto harbour or watch the frenzied excitement of an ice hockey game. The international airport here has regular direct flights from London taking less than 8 hours.



Horseshoe Falls



Algonquin Provincial Park

Algonquin Provincial Park

Scenic drives, hikes & canoe rides • Abundant wildlife

Established in the late 19th century, the park covers 7,800 sq km of unspoilt beauty with thick pine forests, turbulent rivers and thousands of lakes. Algonquin is well known for wildlife watching, with moose, otters, beavers and many species of birds commonly found here. The scenery can be enjoyed from a lodge or from stops along the highway, although the best way to fully explore the interior is by walking or taking a canoe ride.

Niagara-on-the-Lake

Charming lakeside town • Easy access to wineries

Niagara-on-the-Lake is one of the best-preserved 19th-century towns in North America. The town was originally a neutral First Nations village, before loyalists settled there from New York State after the American Revolution. Later, it became the first capital of the colony of Upper Canada. Today the town gives you a taste of days gone by, with many attractions and historic sites including Fort George, the Historical Society Museum, the Shaw Festival with its three theatres and shopping in the Heritage District. The town is also an ideal base to visit the falls and explore the surrounding area. Just outside the town, the nearby vineyards are considered to be some of Canada's best.

Niagara Falls

Cruises & helicopter excursions over the falls

One of the natural wonders of the world, Niagara Falls can be reached in less than 2 hours from Toronto and is arguably Canada's most recognisable sight. This thundering group of waterfalls lies between the borders of Canada and the US. Take a memorable helicopter flight over the falls for spectacular aerial views or enjoy an excursion with Hornblower Cruises to see the falls up close.

Discover Quebec



Quebec City © Jean-François Hamelin



Quebec City

Picturesque walled city • Unesco-listed old town

North America's only walled city north of Mexico City, Quebec City is one of Canada's cultural gems. The Old Town, a Unesco world heritage site, has hosted many firsts for Canada: first parish church, first museum, first stone church, first French-speaking university and first business district. During your stay in Quebec City, we recommend visiting the cathedral-basilica of Notre-Dame de Quebec and La Citadelle, North America's largest fort where a changing of the guard ceremony takes place at 10am each day during the summer months.



Percé rock, Gaspé peninsula © Christian Savard



Old Montreal

The Gaspé Peninsula

Scenic self-drives • Spot minke, fin & humpback whales

The Gaspé peninsula, or 'La Gaspésie', extends along the south shore of the St Lawrence river, east of Quebec City, and out into the Gulf of St Lawrence. With a number of attractions and an area the size of Belgium, the region is best explored on a self-drive holiday. The town of Gaspé, located at the top of the peninsula, is the site where Jacques Cartier took possession of New France (now Canada) in 1534. Further east is Percé Rock National Park, inhabited by a colony of more than 110,000 northern gannets.

Montreal

Modern city with picturesque old town

The second largest French-speaking city after Paris, Montreal has a European ambience with centuries-old architecture blending with modern and innovative designs. Old Montreal is a pretty warren of cobblestone lanes, intimate restaurants, galleries and boutiques. We recommend pre-booking a tour of the city, taking in sights such as the botanical gardens, the second largest in the world; a cable car ride to the top of the Olympic Tower; the Biodome of Montreal; and Notre Dame basilica in Old Montreal.

Toronto & the East Coast

Duration • 10 days & 9 nights

Category • Superior

Self-drive • From £1,745 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

This self-drive takes in the best of Ontario, a spectacular province encompassing Canada's capital, Ottawa, the cosmopolitan city of Toronto, thundering Niagara Falls and parks that are full of dense forests and sparkling lakes.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 10 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Excursions as specified in the itinerary

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Spectacular drive through the lakes, waterfalls & sheer granite cliffs of Muskoka lake district
- ❖ Scenic cruise among the 1,000 Islands of the St Lawrence river
- ❖ Discover the country's heritage at the Canadian Museum of History
- ❖ Get up close to the thundering Niagara Falls on a shared cruise

Area map



Toronto harbour

Day 1: Toronto • Niagara-on-the-Lake

Upon arrival in Toronto, collect your hire car and travel along the shores of Lake Ontario to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Stay at the **Hotel Prince of Wales** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Niagara-on-the-Lake

Take a shared cruise to experience the natural phenomenon of Niagara Falls. The remainder of the day is at leisure to wander around the old town or take an optional tour to visit some of the local wineries for some wine tasting. (N)

Day 3: Toronto

Drive to Toronto and spend the day exploring the city. Stay at **Hilton Toronto** for 1 night. (N)

Day 4: Algonquin Park

Drive north through Ontario's 'Cottage Country' to Algonquin Park. En route, visit Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, a historic site depicting the life of the European settlers in the 17th century, or drive through the Muskoka lake district, famed for its 1,600 freshwater lakes and granite outcrops. Stay 2 nights at **Killarney Lodge**. (D)

Day 5: Algonquin Park

Today is at leisure. We recommend visiting the nearby logging museum and visitor

centre, which exhibits the park's natural and anthropological history. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ottawa

Drive east to Ottawa. On arrival, stay 2 nights at the **Fairmont Chateau Laurier**. (B)

Day 7: Ottawa

Today is at leisure to explore Ottawa; entrance to the Canadian Museum of History is included. If you wish to pre-book an excursion, we recommend joining a half-day tour of the city. Please ask one of our travel consultants for details. (N)

Day 8: Kingston

Drive south to the small city of Kingston, noted for its 19th-century limestone architecture. En route, stop at Gananoque or Rockport to join an hour-long cruise of the St Lawrence river. On arrival in Kingston, stay overnight at the **Delta Kingston Waterfront**. (N)

Day 9: Toronto

Return to Toronto today. En route, we recommend visiting the Fort Henry National Historic Site (entrance not included) and the city of Peterborough. On arrival, stay overnight at the **Hilton Toronto**. (N)

Day 10: Onward travel

Return your hire car to the airport today and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YON

Low season from £1,745
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,295
Guide price month: Aug

Eastern Canada Family Explorer

Duration • 13 days & 12 nights
Category • Superior

Self-drive • From £2,895 (excl. flights)

**Family
Adventure**

Tour overview

Combine the major cities of eastern Canada with a stay in Canada's oldest provincial park on this self-drive tour. Visit the thundering Niagara Falls, explore diverse habitats for wildlife and plants, sample the delicacies of local producers and admire centuries-old architecture in Quebec City.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ 9 days' car hire based on a standard SUV (Grand Cherokee or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Excursions as specified in the itinerary

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Entrance to the CN Tower in Toronto
- ❖ Use of a Niagara Falls Adventure Pass, cutting down on queuing time
- ❖ Discover Montreal's neighbourhoods on a guided bike ride
- ❖ Go in search of native wildlife including chipmunks, beavers & moose
- ❖ Stay in a pine cabin close to the lake in the heart of Algonquin Park
- ❖ Full-day tour in the Laurentian mountains including a cruise on Lac des Sables

Area map



Kayaking, Algonquin Provincial Park

Days 1-2: Toronto

Arrive into Toronto and transfer to the **Hotel Le Germain Toronto** for 2 nights. Take a Toronto city orientation tour before time at leisure to explore the city. Visit the top of the CN Tower and sample food at Kensington market. (B)

Day 3: Niagara Falls

Collect your hire car and travel to Niagara Falls to see the mighty power of these cascading waters. En route, stop at Niagara-on-the-Lake for free time, perhaps taking a wine tasting tour at a winery. Stay at the **Marriott on the Falls hotel** (Falls view room) for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4: Niagara Falls

Take advantage of your Niagara Falls Adventure Pass, which includes Hornblower Niagara Cruises, White Water Walk, Journey Behind the Falls and Niagara Fury. (B)

Days 5-7: Algonquin Provincial Park

Travel to Canada's oldest provincial park for a 3-night stay at **Killarney Lodge**. The lodge is set on a lake in the heart of the park, offering the chance of spotting moose, chipmunks and beavers. This is the ideal spot to experience the Canadian wilderness. Explore the maple hills, rocky ridges and lakes of the park. Go hiking along one of the many walking trails or take canoe excursions. (B, L, D)

Days 8-10: Montreal

Travel to Canada's second largest city. Set on an island in the St Lawrence river, Montreal has world-class architecture. During your time in the city, enjoy a guided bicycle ride through the city's neighbourhoods and sample some local produce. Also, take a full-day tour to see the magnificent Mont Tremblant and the Laurentian mountains with a cruise on Lac des Sables in Sainte Agathe*. Stay 3 nights at **Hotel Le St James**. (B)

Days 11-12: Quebec City

Continue into picturesque Quebec City, where you will return your hire car and stay for 2 nights at the contemporary **Hotel 71**. The city is compact, making it easy to explore on foot, although a guided tour will help to reveal the rich history of the 17th-century houses, soaring church spires and manicured squares. (B)

Day 13: Onward travel

Fly home or continue your holiday in Canada. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please call your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

* **Days 8-10:** Please note that the minimum age for the bike tour in Montreal is 13 years old. The order of visits in Montreal may change due to days of operation.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YFE

Low season from £2,895
Guide price month: May

High season from £3,695
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

Quebec & the Gaspé Peninsula

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights

Self-drive • From £1,695 (excl. flights)

Category • Standard

Tour overview

Tour the highlights of Quebec, from the lighthouses and wildlife found along the coast to the pretty cobbled streets of Montreal and Quebec City. The tour includes a cruise in search of whales along the St Lawrence estuary and the chance to go hiking in Quebec's national parks. This self-drive itinerary allows you to travel at your own pace through the stunning scenery, allowing for stops as and when you like.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 13 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in a restored 19th-century lighthouse
- ❖ Explore the forested Gaspésie National Park
- ❖ Visit the impressive gannet colony at Percé Rock National Park
- ❖ Join a whale-watching cruise on the St Lawrence river

Area map



Gannets, Gaspé peninsula © Claude Bouchard

Day 1: Montreal

On arrival, make your way to **Delta Montreal** for 1 night. Time at leisure to explore the sights (see page 83 for information on Montreal). (N)

Days 2-3: Montreal • Quebec City

Collect your car hire this morning and follow the St Lawrence river north towards Quebec City and stay at **Auberge Saint Pierre** for 2 nights. The following day is at leisure to explore the old streets of Quebec City (see page 83 for information on Quebec City). (N)

Day 4: Quebec City • Rivière-du-Loup

Continue along the scenic path of the St Lawrence river to Rivière-du-Loup, the gateway to the Gaspé peninsula. On arrival, take the boat to the charming **Pot à l'Eau de Vie Lighthouse** for 1 night. (D)

Day 5: Rivière-du-Loup • Matane

Take the boat back across the St Lawrence river and continue towards Matane, stopping at Bic National Park for a walk to see harbour and grey seals. Arrive in Matane and stay overnight at **Hotel-Motel Belle Plage**. (B)

Day 6: Matane • Parc de la Gaspésie

Travel towards Parc de la Gaspésie, home to the high peaks of the Chic-Chocs and McGerrigle mountains as well as moose and

over 150 species of birds. Stay at **Gîte du Mont Albert** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 7: Parc de la Gaspésie

Day at leisure to explore the national park and surrounding area. (N)

Day 8: Gaspé

Drive to Gaspé, stopping at the Forillon National Park for breathtaking views. Wildlife that can be seen in this park includes black bears, beavers, sea birds, seals and whales. Stay 1 night at **Hotel Baker**. (N)

Day 9: Percé

Drive to the sheer Percé rock formation and take a cruise to see the colony of 110,000 northern gannets. Overnight at the **Riôtel Percé**. (B)

Day 10: Percé • Matapédia

Proceed along the Baie des Chaleurs, passing through a number of picturesque fishing villages before arriving in Matapédia. En route visit the Gospel Chapel at Bonaventure, the Arcadian museum and the Parc de Miguasha, a Unesco world heritage site renowned for fossils from the Devonian period. Stay at **Auberge La Coulee Douce** for 1 night. (N)

Day 11: Matapédia • Tadoussac

Take the high-speed catamaran from Rimouski



Percé Rock © Robin Edgar

to Forestville, then continue along the north shore of the St Lawrence river to Tadoussac, a popular area for whale watching. Stay 1 night at **Hotel Tadoussac**. (B)

Day 12: Tadoussac • La Malbaie

Today, enjoy a 3-hour whale-watching cruise with the opportunity of seeing five or six species of whale, including humpback, fin and blue whales. Afterwards, take the 10-minute ferry ride to Baie Sainte Catherine and proceed to the **Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu** in La Malbaie for 1 night. (N)

Day 13: La Malbaie • Montreal

Drive the final leg of your journey to Montreal, enjoying the incredible scenery as you drive south through the Charlevoix region, stopping

at Sainte Anne de Beaupre's shrine and Montmorency Falls. Stay at the **Delta Montreal** for 1 night. (N)

Day 14: Montreal • Onward travel

Return your car at the airport and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. Transfers are also not included in this itinerary as taxis are easy, reliable and affordable in Canada. For

flight and transfer options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YGA

Low season from £1,695
Guide price month: Jun

High season from £1,995
Guide price month: Aug

Colours of Eastern Canada

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights

Self-drive • From £2,445 (excl. flights)

Category • Superior

Tour overview

Combine the spectacular autumn foliage of eastern Canada with visits to charming towns and cities. Canada is famed for the vivid colours of its trees in the autumn, which change from fiery red to ochre, yellow and maroon. Drive through peaceful countryside, enjoying the scenery en route, and explore the picturesque towns of Montreal and Quebec City.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation including stylish city hotels & a remote wilderness lodge
- ❖ 10 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay 2 nights in a secluded lodge amid the stunning scenery of Algonquin National Park
- ❖ Log cabin accommodation on the shores of Sacacomie lake in the Laurentian mountains
- ❖ Tour the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, experience the thundering falls & visit local wineries

Area map



Autumnal Montreal

Day 1: Toronto

On arrival in Toronto, spend the day exploring the city. Stay at **Hotel Le Germain Toronto** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Niagara-on-the-Lake

Take a full-day tour to experience the natural phenomenon of Niagara Falls, wander around the old town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and sample some of the produce from the local wineries. (B, L)

Day 3: Algonquin Park

Collect your hire car, then drive north via the granite outcrops and freshwater lakes of Muskoka district on the way to Algonquin Park. Stay 2 nights at **Killarney Lodge** to enjoy the serenity of the Canadian wilderness. (B, D)

Day 4: Algonquin Park

Today is at leisure. We recommend exploring Algonquin park on foot or by boat to see the spectacular colours of the sugar and red maple leaves (this usually occurs between mid-September and mid-October). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Montreal

Travel east and through Ottawa before arriving into Montreal. Stay at the **Hotel Le St James** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 6: Montreal

Today is at leisure to explore the French-Canadian city of Montreal. Alternatively, pre-book a guided tour of the city, or a full-day tour to the picturesque Laurentian mountains and the quaint village of Saint Sauveur. (B)

Day 7: Saint-Alexis-des-Monts

Drive north to the small historic town of Saint-Alexis-des-Monts in the Laurentian mountains, bordering the Mastigouche Wildlife Reserve. Stay 2 nights at **Hotel Sacacomie**, a log cabin-style property overlooking Sacacomie lake. (B, D)

Day 8: Saint-Alexis-des-Monts

Day at leisure to enjoy the alpine scenery and the autumnal colours of the forest. (N)

Day 9: Quebec City

Drive to Quebec City this morning, passing through Trois-Rivières, one of Canada's first European settlements, dating back to 1634. Stay 2 nights at the **Hotel Le Germain Dominion** in Quebec City. (N)

Day 10: Quebec City

Today is at leisure to explore this historic city. We recommend visiting the Unesco world



Autumn colours, Algonquin Provincial Park

heritage-listed old town or pre-book a guided tour of the city. Alternatively, join a full-day shared whale-watching cruise in the mouth of the Saguenay fjord. (B)

Day 11: North Hatley

Drive south through the countryside to the picturesque village of North Hatley. Stay overnight at **Manoir Hovey** with a last chance to see the colourful autumn foliage. Located on the shores of Lake Massawippi, Manoir Hovey is set among beautiful landscapes with rolling grasslands, sweeping vistas and tranquil lakes. (B, D)

Day 12: Montreal • Onward travel

Drive to Montreal airport this morning and return your hire car before flying home or continuing your holiday. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Autumn departures

This itinerary can be enjoyed throughout the year, however, to see the autumn colours you will need to travel between mid-September and mid-October. As this is a natural occurrence, these dates are indications of when this usually occurs but cannot be guaranteed.

Important information

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reliable and affordable in Canada. For flight and transfer options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YAF

Low season from £2,445
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,995
Guide price month: Sep

Eastern Canada Highlights

Duration • 15 days & 14 nights

Self-drive • From £2,395 (excl. flights)

Category • Superior

Tour overview

Experience the best of eastern Canada with privately guided tours in each city and staying in some of the finest accommodation available. Highlights include admission to the CN Tower in Toronto, the main attractions at Niagara Falls including a cruise to the base of the falls, and explorations of the picturesque European-influenced cities of Montreal and Quebec City.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4- & 5-star accommodation
- ❖ 15 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Admission to the Canadian Museum of History
- ❖ A cruise around the 1,000 Islands

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Entrance to the CN Tower
- ❖ Niagara Falls Adventure Pass, avoiding long queues
- ❖ Discover the French-Canadian cities of Montreal & Quebec
- ❖ Enjoy unobstructed views of Niagara Falls from your hotel room
- ❖ Stay at a waterside retreat in the Laurentian mountains

Area map



Ottawa

Day 1: Toronto

On arrival in Toronto, collect your hire car and proceed to the **Hilton Toronto** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Toronto

Day at leisure to explore the city. Visit the CN Tower, the tallest free-standing structure in the western hemisphere. (N)

Day 3: Toronto • Niagara Falls

Travel along the shores of Lake Ontario until you reach Niagara-on-the-Lake, the best-preserved 19th-century town in North America and the first capital of Upper Canada. Continue to Niagara Falls and enjoy the use of a Niagara Falls Adventure Pass, which includes many of the most popular attractions and avoids long queues. Stay at the **Hilton Fallsview Hotel** for 1 night. (N)

Day 4: Niagara Falls • Algonquin Park

Drive north past Toronto to Algonquin Park. En route, take a detour via the Muskoka lake region for a picturesque drive. Arrive in Algonquin Park and stay at the **Killarney Lodge** for 2 nights. (D)

Day 5: Algonquin Park

Spend the day hiking, observing wildlife and canoeing. We also recommend visiting the Algonquin Logging Museum and the visitor centre. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Algonquin Park • Ottawa

This morning, enjoy the park before departing

for Ottawa, the nation's capital. Stay at the **Fairmont Château Laurier** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 7: Ottawa

Spend the day exploring the city. Many of the city's attractions are within sight of Parliament Hill. Spend time at the Locks of Rideau Canal, a short distance from downtown and visit the Canadian Museum of History. (N)

Day 8: Ottawa • Mont Tremblant

Head north east this morning to the jewel of the Laurentians, Mont Tremblant – a European-style all-season resort village. En route, visit Omega Park in Montebello, where you will see endemic wildlife. Activities at Mont Tremblant include hiking, biking, kayaking or a helicopter tour. Stay at the **Fairmont Tremblant** for 1 night. (N)

Day 9: Mont Tremblant • Quebec City

Travel from Mont Tremblant to Quebec City, enjoying the beautiful scenery. Stop for lunch at the historic city of Trois Rivières before driving along the picturesque Chemin du Roy to Quebec City. Stay at the **Hotel Manoir Victoria** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 10: Quebec City

Take an included guided tour of the city on foot, following the cobblestone streets to the fortified city wall, the only one of its kind in North America. Take a stroll around the artisan shops, cafes, landscaped parks and monuments. (N)



Niagara Falls

Day 11: Quebec City • Montreal

Follow the St Lawrence river, passing rural landscapes of forests and rich pastures dotted with tiny villages that extend to Montreal. En route, stop in Drummondville to visit the Village Québécois d'Antan, a reconstruction of a French colonial village. Stay at **Le Saint-Sulpice** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 12: Montreal

Day at leisure to explore the city at your own pace. Highlights include the Notre Dame Basilica in Old Montreal, the French Quarter, the Olympic Park, McGill University and a panoramic view from a viewpoint on top of Mont Royal. Montreal offers a fascinating mix of both French and English cultures, with some of the finest shopping and dining in North America. (N)

Day 13: Montreal • Kingston

Travel south to Kingston, stopping en route at Upper Canada Village in Morrisburg, a

reconstructed 1860's village. Before reaching Kingston, stop at Gananoque to join a 1-hour cruise around the 1,000 Islands. On arrival in Kingston, the former capital of Canada, visit the Kingston Mills Lockstation to see the four locks, the point where Lake Ontario flows into the St Lawrence river. Stay at the **Delta Hotels by Marriott Kingston Waterfront** for 1 night. (N)

Day 14: Kingston • Toronto

Today, visit Fort Henry National Historic Site, a living museum of military life, before stopping in Peterborough, home to the world's highest lift locks. Continue to Toronto and stay at the **Hilton Toronto** for 1 night. (B)

Day 15: Onward travel

Return your car at Toronto airport and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YEC

Low season from £2,395
Guide price month: May

High season from £2,945
Guide price month: Jun

Ontario Hotel Collection

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.



Luxury

The Ritz-Carlton Toronto

The Ritz-Carlton Toronto is one of the most luxurious hotels in the city, situated in the heart of the entertainment and financial districts of downtown Toronto. Known for its sleek design, the building features a glass facade and a specially commissioned collection of artwork by Canadian artists. Dine at the hotel's Italian restaurant or on the rooftop terrace.

Features:

263 rooms, restaurant, rooftop terrace & lounge, bar, saltwater pool, spa.



Superior

Fairmont Royal York, Toronto

Built by the Canadian Pacific Railway and officially opened in 1929 in the heart of downtown Toronto, the elegant Fairmont Royal York is a short walk away from Union rail station for all VIA rail services and close to the harbour. The property exudes historic character with guestrooms featuring traditional decor.

Features:

1,365 rooms, 5 restaurants, swimming pool, spa.



Superior

Fairmont Château Laurier, Ottawa

Built in 1912 to resemble a French chateau, the landmark Fairmont Château Laurier is located steps away from the parliament buildings and a short walk from the National Art Gallery and the Museum of Civilization. The hotel has a range of room categories, each with traditional luxurious decor and modern amenities.

Features:

429 rooms, restaurant, bar, gym, indoor swimming pool.



Superior

Marriott on the Falls, Niagara Falls

This is the closest property to Niagara Falls and offers rooms that provide a direct vantage point over the thundering waters and a convenient location from which to enjoy the regular firework displays and nightly illuminations. After a day of touring, the hotel's spa offers a wide range of pampering treatments.

Features:

405 rooms, falls-view restaurant, gym, pool, spa.



Good Standard

Prince of Wales Hotel, Niagara-on-the-Lake

The Prince of Wales hotel is a landmark building with Victorian elegance, located close to Lake Ontario. Founded in 1864, it was later renamed in 1901 in honour of a visit by the Duke and Duchess of York. All of the rooms are furnished in a plush Victorian style while the ornate public areas include a lavish tea room.

Features:

110 rooms, restaurant, bar, spa.



Good Standard

Killarney Lodge, Algonquin Park

The secluded Killarney Lodge is located on the banks of Cache lake on the south-western side of Algonquin Park. The resort consists of one-, two- and three-bedroom private lakeside cabins, each with rustic Canadian decor and pine-clad walls. In keeping with the quiet nature of the property, there are no radios, televisions or telephones in the cabins.

Features:

25 cabins, dining room, communal lounge area.

Quebec Hotel Collection

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.

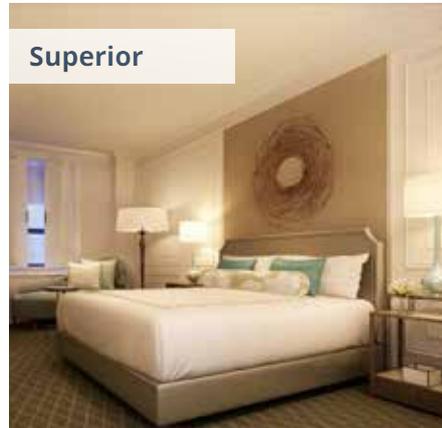


Luxury

Auberge Saint-Antoine, Quebec City
Part of the Relais & Châteaux group of hotels, the Auberge Saint-Antoine is conveniently located on the St Lawrence river with the bustling streets of the Petit Champlain district, fortifications and museums all nearby. This luxury property houses hundreds of archaeological artefacts found during construction, which are on display throughout.

Features:

95 rooms, restaurant, gym, spa, bar.

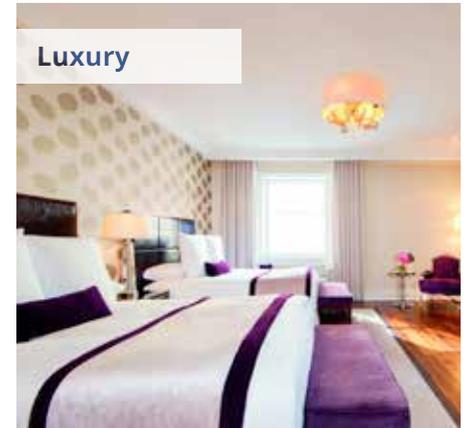


Superior

Fairmont Le Château Frontenac, Quebec City
Canada's most photographed hotel, the historic Fairmont Le Château Frontenac is situated on the top of the Cap Diamant cliffs in the heart of the old walled city. This vast castle-like structure offers rooms and suites with traditional furnishings and decor, and some with superb views of St Lawrence river.

Features:

611 rooms, restaurant, wine & cheese bar, bistro lounge, swimming pool.

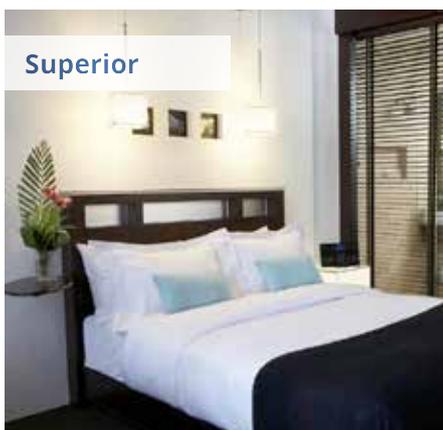


Luxury

The Ritz-Carlton, Montreal
Birthplace of the Ritz-Carlton name, the Ritz-Carlton Montreal is one of the most recognised buildings within Montreal's Golden Square Mile. Opened in 1912, the hotel has been the address of choice for discerning travellers over the years. A recent restoration has added cutting-edge technology to the historic charm of this opulent hotel.

Features:

129 rooms, restaurant, bar, rooftop terrace, swimming pool.



Superior

Le Germain Hotel Montreal
Le Germain Hotel Montreal is a chic hotel located in Montreal's vibrant downtown district. The interior decor focuses on luxury and refined elegance with original works of art by local Quebec artists in the public areas and rooms. The hotel restaurant showcases Quebec's unique cuisine and features a menu of traditional dishes with a creative twist as well as an impressive wine list.

Features:

101 rooms & suites, restaurant, parking, gym.



Luxury

Hôtel Quintessence, Mont Tremblant
Overlooking Lake Tremblant and set in the heart of the Laurentian mountains, Hôtel Quintessence is an exclusive waterfront resort. The suite-only property offers unparalleled service. Each of its elegantly decorated rooms has a wood-burning fireplace, private outdoor area and heated marble bathroom floors, while the spa includes an oversized whirlpool with views of the lake.

Features:

30 suites, health club, outdoor pool, restaurant, sauna.



Good Standard

Hotel Sacacomie, Mastigouche Wildlife Reserve
This traditional hotel offers log cabin-style accommodation in the heart of the forest near Mastigouche Wildlife Reserve and with magnificent views of the nearby lake and forest. Take advantage of the complimentary use of kayaks, canoes, snowshoes and paddleboats to explore the spectacular surrounding forest

Features:

109 rooms, restaurant, bar, indoor pool, spa, sauna, terrace.



Atlantic Canada

Tailor-made travel • Self-drive



Located on the east coast of Canada, sparsely populated Atlantic Canada encompasses the provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Each has its own charm and culture, with the coastal landscapes and small towns best explored on a self-drive itinerary at a leisurely pace. Closer to Europe than any other part of North America, this region of Canada can be reached by aeroplane in less than 6 hours from the UK.

Well known for its delectable seafood, enjoy dining on freshly caught lobster, scallops, mussels and oysters. Visit remote beaches, go whale watching in the Bay of Fundy, discover the quaint villages and lighthouses of Prince Edward Island, relax in boutique hotels, watch icebergs drift past Newfoundland's coast and take a boat trip in search of birds of prey and puffins. This is a delightful area of Canada with an intriguing history and beautiful landscapes.

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Climate

July and August tend to be the warmest months in Atlantic Canada, however the autumn months of September and October continue to be a good time to visit as the daytime temperatures, although cooler, remain warm. This is also the time of the annual salmon run, which provides excellent opportunities to spot bears and other predators.

Halifax, Nova Scotia

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Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

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Image left: Peggy's Cove, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Discover Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia, meaning 'New Scotland' in Latin, was one of the original provinces that became part of Canada in 1867. This region has a wonderful mix of cultures with influences including the native Mi'kmaq peoples and Scottish settlers, who have brought their own traditions. In the 17th century French settlers claimed the province as their home and this Acadian history can be seen through the language, culture and historical sites. The majority of this small province is surrounded by the ocean, with over 8,000km of coastline scattered with lighthouses, beach trails, wilderness paths and sandy beaches. The capital, Halifax, provides a gateway for exploring this area, which can be accessed by direct flights from London or by train from Montreal.



C&K Recommends...

Maritime history in Halifax

Halifax is a coastal city with a fascinating history dominated by piracy and warring colonialists. Visit the harbour area, the 18th-century structures along the waterfront and the Maritime Museum, which houses a collection of artefacts from *RMS Titanic*. Direct flights to Halifax from the UK take 6 hours.

Driving the Cabot Trail

This 297-kilometre route covers the northern tip of the island, winding through the Cape Breton Highlands National Park, where there are 28 walking trails – the 9-kilometre-long Skyline Trail, located 15 minutes from the park entrance, is recommended. Also along the way are the Glenora whisky distillery and the Celtic Music Interpretative Centre.

Historic Lunenburg

Located about an hour's drive from Halifax, the charming Old Town of Lunenburg is a designated Unesco world heritage site where you can still see tall ships moored off the port. Its harbour-side streets are lined with boutique shops and restaurants that blend with the well-preserved and colourfully painted historic homes from the 18th century.



Lunenburg, Nova Scotia Waterfront

Bay of Fundy

The 270-kilometre-long Bay of Fundy stretches between the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It has some of the highest tides in the world, with 160 billion tonnes of seawater flowing in and out of the bay each day. The rare northern right whale and seven other whale species are found in these nutrient-rich waters.

Nova Scotia's lighthouses

For centuries Nova Scotia's lighthouses have helped protect seafaring visitors and today they continue to embody the province's maritime history and spirit. Many lighthouses still dot the coastline of Nova Scotia, providing popular landmarks to visit. The most well-known of these is Peggy's Cove lighthouse, which is surrounded by rugged rock formations.

Hikes along Cape Breton

Located north-east of the mainland, Cape Breton island is artificially connected to Nova Scotia's mainland by a long causeway. The island provides a fantastic place to enjoy Atlantic seafood, with beautiful beaches and wild coastline to explore. There is an array of hiking trails, ranging from gentle strolls to challenging treks.



Peggy's Cove lighthouse, Nova Scotia

Discover New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island



Hopewell Rocks, New Brunswick



New Brunswick

Escape the crowds • Scenic coastal trails

New Brunswick is ideal for those wanting to get away from the crowds, with charming towns, interesting history and unspoilt coastal scenery. Drive around this friendly province and enjoy a range of different experiences and excursions, from seeing whales breaching in the Bay of Fundy to learning about the great mixture of diverse cultures in the region. New Brunswick can be reached in under an hour by aeroplane from Halifax, or take a scenic drive from Halifax to the south-eastern town of Saint John in less than 5 hours.

C&K Recommends...

Whale watching, New Brunswick

The Bay of Fundy has a rich marine life with finback, minke and humpback whales, porpoises, dolphins and seals regularly spotted. Board a 25-foot Zodiac Hurricane, which is able to navigate through the many islands of the West Isles archipelago to reach the feeding grounds of whales. During this 2-hour cruise a variety of seabirds can also be seen.

Follow in the footsteps of Lucy Maud Montgomery, Prince Edward Island

Join a guided tour to the places frequented by Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of *Anne of Green Gables*, from her arrival at the local train station to the house in which she lived. Visit the halls where she spent her evenings dancing and other significant places of interest. End with tea and gingersnaps at the Bideford Parsonage Museum.

Culinary walking tour, Prince Edward Island

Take a leisurely walk through the historic downtown area of Charlottetown, sampling local specialities such as Malpeque oysters, island blue mussels, lobsters and beer from the island's oldest craft brewery, accompanied throughout by a local expert.

Prince Edward Island

Cycling, hiking & fishing • Superb seafood

Prince Edward Island, or the 'Garden of the Gulf', consists of the main island along with over 200 minor islands. The capital, Charlottetown, is where the nation of Canada was born during the Charlottetown Conference in 1864. The island offers pastoral scenery, coastal drives and beaches. Many who visit will be overwhelmed by the charm and relaxed nature of its inhabitants. The island is also famous for its depiction in the novel *Anne of Green Gables*, published in 1908. There are direct flights to Prince Edward Island from Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa or Toronto.



Humpback whale, Bay of Fundy

Discover Newfoundland & Labrador

The most easterly and youngest of the Canadian provinces, Newfoundland and Labrador encompass two distinct areas: the northerly mainland region known as Labrador, and the island of Newfoundland to the south, separated by the Straits of Belle Isle (Labrador straits).

Newfoundland receives the majority of visitors, with more tourist facilities and a network of scenic driving tours, accessible national parks and historic sites. Highlights include superb wildlife viewing with many whales, puffins and moose, and an interesting culture that has been influenced by English, Irish, French and aboriginal heritage. Many people also travel to the province to see the amazing blue-coloured icebergs that can be seen on the coast at certain times of the year. Direct international flights arrive into St John's in less than 6 hours from the UK, while the town of Gander has connections to other Canadian cities.



C&K Recommends...

Self-drive holidays

An ideal way to explore the area is by hire car, which allows you to fully explore the beauty of the countryside and coast. The Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1) traverses the island from St John's in the south-east, North America's oldest city, to Channel-Port aux Basques in the south-west. All roads off this highway are well paved, with a few short and well-maintained gravel side roads in more remote areas. Driving distances can be deceptive as travelling can take longer than expected on single-lane roads. Highlights include the large population of moose and caribou in Gros Morne National Park, the historic site at Port au Choix and the Viking settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows.

The remote Kittiwake coast

Located on Newfoundland's north-east Atlantic coast, the Kittiwake coast epitomizes the true 'outport' lifestyle that the island is renowned for. The region takes its name from an ocean-dwelling gull, the kittiwake. Much of the Kittiwake coast borders Iceberg Alley, where whales gather once the ice melts. Explore fishing outports on remote islands, deserted sandy beaches, the boreal forests of Terra Nova National Park and thousands of years of history.

Iceberg spotting in Iceberg Alley

Icebergs that calve in Greenland drift south on the Labrador current and enter Iceberg Alley. Several thousand of these can be found in the bays and coves along the north coast of Newfoundland. June is considered the best month for iceberg viewing, but further north, icebergs can be seen until September. Day trips to see the icebergs can be taken from both Twillingate and St John's.

Birdwatching

The 29,000km of coastline are a haven for seabirds, with huge colonies of gannets, puffins and storm petrels. More than 350 bird species have been recorded in Newfoundland and Labrador, including many rare species and birds of prey. Cape St Mary's Ecological Reserve is the most accessible seabird rookery in North America and can be reached in approximately 2 hours by car from St John's. Boat tours are one of the best ways to appreciate these large groups of seabirds.



Cape St Mary's Ecological Reserve, Kittiwake Coast



Gannets



Gros Morne National Park, Newfoundland © Brand Canada



Trinity Bay, Newfoundland

Atlantic Canada Explorer

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights

Category • Superior

Self-drive • From £1,595 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Tour Canada's scenic Atlantic provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. This leisurely itinerary explores the individual charms of each region, including opportunities to explore national parks, search for wildlife, stroll around coastal towns and discover historic sites.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 14 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Excursions as specified
- ❖ Admission to nine historical sites

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in small hotels chosen for their charm & character
- ❖ Take a cruise in search of endangered whales, including humpback, finback & right whales
- ❖ Follow scenic walking trails in the Cape Breton Highlands
- ❖ Whale watching at Brier island

Area map



Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia

Day 1: Halifax

Arrive into Halifax in the province of Nova Scotia and collect your hire car. Stay 2 nights at **The Lord Nelson Hotel**. (N)

Day 2: Halifax

Today is at leisure to explore Halifax, a city that combines both modern and heritage buildings, and has one of the world's largest natural harbours. We recommend pre-booking a city tour to visit the Citadel National Historic Site and the Victorian public gardens. For more information, please contact one of our Canada travel consultants. (N)

Day 3: Peggy's Cove • Lunenburg

Drive to Lunenburg visiting Peggy's Cove en route, a small coastal village with houses built right into the granite rock. On arrival in Lunenburg, check in to the **Boscawen Inn** for 1 night. During the afternoon we recommend exploring the Unesco-listed old town of this delightful fishing village. (B)

Day 4: Annapolis Royal

Cross the peninsula to the quaint seaside town of Annapolis Royal. En route, we suggest visiting Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site, renowned for its wilderness of lakes and rivers. Stay 2 nights at **Hillsdale House Hotel**. (B)

Day 5: Bay of Fundy

Drive to Brier island (approximately 2.5 hours)

for a shared whale-watching cruise* in search of the vast array of marine wildlife found in the nutrient-rich waters of the Bay of Fundy. (B)

Day 6: Wolfville

Drive to Wolfville, stopping en route at the Grand-Pré National Historic Site, commemorating Acadian settlement and deportation. The Domaine de Grand Pré winery is also well worth a visit. Stay 1 night at the **Tattingstone Inn**. (B)

Day 7: Charlottetown

Travel over the 13-kilometre-long Confederation Bridge to Charlottetown on Prince Edward Island. On arrival, stay 3 nights at **The Great George**. (B)

Day 8: Charlottetown

Spend the day exploring Charlottetown. We recommend visiting Province House National Historic Site, where the meetings were held that led to the formation of Canada in 1867. (B)

Day 9: Charlottetown

Day at leisure to explore the Prince Edward Island National Park – see sand dunes, beaches and Green Gables, the fictional home of Anne Shirley, the character created by Canadian writer Lucy Maud Montgomery and loved by millions worldwide. (B)

Day 10: Baddeck

Take the ferry crossing to Caribou, Nova Scotia



Cabot Trail, Cape Breton Highlands National Park

then drive to Cape Breton Island, renowned for its spectacular highlands. Stay at the **Inverary Resort** for 3 nights. (N)

Day 11: Baddeck

Day at leisure to explore the impressive landscapes along the renowned Cabot Trail. We recommend visiting Cape Breton Highlands National Park, a beautiful park with more than 20 walking trails. (N)

Day 12: Baddeck

This morning, head north to discover the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, an outstanding living museum with the largest historical reconstruction in North America. Also visit the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, a museum dedicated to the life and inventions of this fascinating man, who spent his summers in Baddeck. (N)

Day 13: Halifax

Return to Halifax today, travelling along the scenic Bras d'Or Lakes drive to the Canso Causeway. On arrival in Halifax, stay overnight at **The Lord Nelson Hotel**. (N)

Day 14: Onward travel

Return your hire car to the airport today and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

*** Bay of Fundy cruise:** Available from mid-June to September.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YAC

Low season from £1,595
Guide price month: Sep

High season from £1,845
Guide price month: Aug

Highlights of Newfoundland

Duration • 14 days & 13 nights

Self-drive • From £1,745 (excl. flights)

Category • Superior

Tour overview

This itinerary explores one of Canada's most dramatic and fascinating provinces, where passing icebergs drift on ocean currents and diverse cultures date back more than 5,000 years. Discover Canada's most easterly province, where you can wander through coastal villages, explore national parks and look out for the abundant wildlife.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 14 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Excursions as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Walk the Tablelands Trail in Gros Morne National Park
- ❖ Cruise around the coast of Newfoundland to see drifting icebergs*
- ❖ Puffin- & whale-watching cruise*
- ❖ Visit the earliest European settlement in the Americas

Area map



Ten Mile Pond, Gros Morne National Park, Newfoundland

Day 1: St John's

Arrive into St John's, the capital of Newfoundland and Labrador, and one of North America's oldest cities. Collect your hire car at the airport and stay 3 nights at **Leaside Manor**. (N)

Day 2: St John's

Day at leisure to explore the city, with history dating back more than 500 years. Recommended sights include the Provincial Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the historic fishing village of Quidi Vidi. (B)

Day 3: St John's

Drive to Bay Bulls this morning for a 90-minute puffin- and whale-watching cruise (subject to weather conditions)*. During the summer months this area becomes a feeding ground for a number of whale species, although sightings cannot be guaranteed. After your cruise, we recommend continuing to Cape St Mary's Ecological Reserve, where thousands of sea birds nest along the rocky shoreline. (B)

Day 4: Trinity

Drive north-west today to the seaside village of Trinity. We recommend visiting Bonavista en route, a small town established where 14th-century Italian explorer John Cabot first set foot in the Americas. Sights include a replica of Cabot's ship and a pretty red- and white-striped lighthouse. Stay 3 nights at **Artisan Inn** in Trinity. (B)

Day 5: Trinity

Today is at leisure to explore the village of Trinity. This charming seaside village was established in 1580 and still features many historic houses. (B)

Day 6: Trinity

Today is at leisure. We recommend following the 5-kilometre-long Skerwink walking trail, a gentle path that follows the rugged coastline, for spectacular views of the surrounding villages set against the ocean. (B)

Day 7: Twillingate

Connected to the mainland by a bridge, Twillingate island has breathtaking ocean vistas, colourful fishing wharfs and pastel-coloured houses. Take a 2-hour afternoon cruise* to view icebergs from Twillingate and stay overnight at **Harbour Lights Inn**. (B)

Day 8: Norris Point

Continue west to Norris Point, travelling into the spectacular Gros Morne National Park, an area known for its tiny villages, bare-topped mountains and populations of moose and caribou. On arrival in Norris Point, stay 3 nights at **Neddies Harbour Inn**. (B)

Day 9: Norris Point

This morning is at leisure. This afternoon join a cruise through the landlocked fjord of Western Brook Pond. Look out for waterfalls and the wildlife found in these fresh waters. (N)



Atlantic puffins, Newfoundland

Day 10: Norris Point

Today is at leisure to explore Gros Morne National Park. Recommended walks include a visit to Lobster Cove Head lighthouse or the 4-kilometre-long Tablelands Trail, which cuts across the flat-topped tablelands in the south-west corner of the park. (N)

Day 11: St Anthony

Heading towards St Anthony, make a stop in Port Au Choix and Port Au Choix National Historic Site. On arrival, check in to the **Grenfell Heritage Hotel & Suites** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 12: L'Anse aux Meadows

Visit the L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site to see the remains of the earliest European settlement in the Americas. Return to St Anthony. (N)

Day 13: Steady Brook

Drive south to Steady Brook, located in the Humber valley. Stay 1 night at the **Marble Inn Resort**. (N)

Day 14: Onward travel

Drive to Deer Lake Airport and drop off your hire car. Fly home or continue your holiday in Canada. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

* **Cruises:** Available from May to September.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YNF

Low season from £1,745
Guide price months: May

High season from £1,995
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

Nova Scotia Scenic Drive

Duration • 13 days & 12 nights

Category • Superior

Self-drive • From £1,545 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Discover the best of Nova Scotia by car, allowing you to experience the culture and natural wonders of this fascinating region at your own pace. Explore coastal villages, hike on scenic trails and drive along some of the best-known routes in Canada.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 11 days' car hire based on an Intermediate Automatic (Volkswagen Golf or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Excursions as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Go in search of whales found in the waters of the Bay of Fundy*
- ❖ Drive along the world-famous Cabot Trail for spectacular coastal & forest scenery
- ❖ Visit the picturesque Peggy's Cove lighthouse
- ❖ Discover charming coastal towns & scenic national parks
- ❖ Explore coastal paths with impressive ocean & mountain views

Area map



Cape Breton

Day 1: Halifax

Arrive in Halifax and transfer to **The Halliburton** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Halifax

Today is at leisure to explore Halifax. (B)

Day 3: Peggy's Cove • Lunenburg

Collect your hire car and drive to Lunenburg, visiting Peggy's Cove en route – a small coastal village with a famous lighthouse above the granite rock that overlooks the Atlantic. On arrival in Lunenburg, stay for 2 nights at the **Mariner King Inn**. (B)

Day 4: Lunenburg

Explore the old town of Lunenburg with its colourful historic homes and shops. (B)

Day 5: Annapolis Royal

Cross the peninsula to Annapolis Royal, known for its range of fine inns and galleries. Stay 2 nights at **Hillsdale House Hotel**. (B)

Day 6: Annapolis Royal

Explore the town or drive to Brier island (approximately 2.5 hours) for a shared whale-watching and seabird cruise* in search of humpback, finback and minke whales found in the nutrient-rich waters of the Bay of Fundy. (B)

Day 7: Wolfville

Follow the coastline to Wolfville. We recommend continuing to visit the Grand-Pré National Historic Site, a park to commemorate Acadian settlement and deportation, before returning to the town. Stay 2 nights at the **Tattingstone Inn**. (B)

Day 8: Wolfville

Spend the day around the town discovering its array of restaurants and the world's smallest

harbour or take a trip out into wine country to sample some award-winning vintages. (N)

Day 9: Baddeck

Take a leisurely drive north-east to Baddeck, with Truro providing a good place to stop en route. Stay overnight at the **Silver Dart Lodge**. (N)

Day 10: Ingonish

Drive on to Ingonish, which provides easy access to the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Stay for 2 nights at the **Keltic Lodge Resort & Spa**. (B)

Day 11: Ingonish

Spend the day exploring the walking trails of Cape Breton Highlands National Park or driving along the Cabot Trail. (N)

Day 12: Liscomb Mills

Travel through picturesque villages on your way to the eastern shores of Nova Scotia, from where you can take a rugged coastal hike or walk alongside Liscomb river. Stay for 1 night at **Liscombe Lodge Resort and Conference Centre**. (N)

Day 13: Halifax • Onward travel

Return your hire car to Halifax airport today and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YDN

Low season from £1,545
Guide price month: Jun

High season from £1,795
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

Hotel Collection

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.



Superior

Fogo Island Inn, Newfoundland

Built on the principles of sustainability, the award-winning Fogo Island Inn belongs to the islanders, with profits reinvested into community projects. All guest suites feature locally handmade furniture and dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the wildest and most powerful ocean on the planet.

Features:

29 rooms, restaurant, cinema, gym, rooftop sauna, outdoor hot tubs.



Good Standard

Leaside Manor, St. John's, Newfoundland

The former residence of the prominent Parker family, Leaside Manor is a heritage building and the only home of its style in the province. Located just a short drive from the city centre, the property is set amid gardens with all guestrooms featuring traditional decor and modern amenities.

Features:

12 rooms, parking, laundry service.



Good Standard

Neddies Harbour Inn, Norris Point, Newfoundland

Neddies Harbour Inn is a small boutique hotel with just 15 rooms, situated on the waterfront of Bonne Bay in Norris Point. The fjord provides shelter from the ocean breeze and superb views of the bay and the mountains in the distance. The tablelands of Gros Morne National Park can also be seen from the property.

Features:

15 rooms, restaurant, sauna.



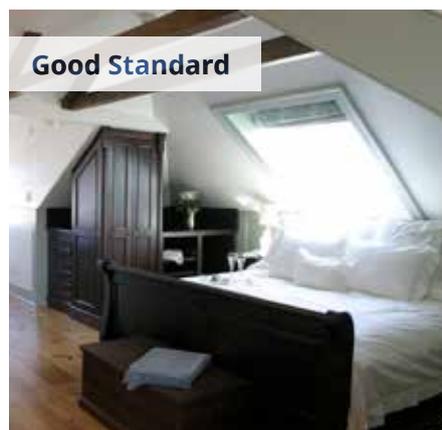
Superior

The Great George, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Set in a cluster of 13 award-winning heritage buildings in the heart of Charlottetown's historic district, The Great George has the feel of a small luxury hotel while preserving its historical charm and elegance. The property is within close proximity of St Dunstan's Basilica and the Province House.

Features:

55 rooms, restaurant, gym, heritage property.



Good Standard

The Mariner King Inn, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

The Mariner King Inn is a historic property located in the heart of the old town of Lunenburg. Rooms and suites are split over three buildings dating back to 1830. Each room features period furnishings and modern amenities. The property is just a short walk from the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic.

Features:

14 rooms, breakfast room, gym, shared lounge area.



Good Standard

The Halliburton, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Halliburton is a charming boutique property spread over three heritage townhouses in the very centre of Halifax. The historic waterfront is just a short stroll away with many small shops nearby. All guestrooms are traditionally furnished and each one varies in its size, furnishings and layout.

Features:

29 rooms, restaurant, rooftop terrace, parking.



Northern Canada



Tailor-made travel • Self-drive

The Yukon covers a range of environments, from barren tundra bordering the Atlantic Ocean to the more temperate climates of the south. The province is sparsely populated and rewards visitors with an adventurous spirit. With huge open skies, dramatic national parks, long scenic drives and fascinating gold rush history, there is much to explore.

East of the Yukon are the Northwest Territories. Five times the size of the United Kingdom, they are populated by less than 50,000 people. The area is mostly filled with boreal forest (taiga), although portions of the territory lie north of the tree line.

The newest of Canada's provinces, Nunavut is a vast region characterised by Arctic tundra. The region is best visited in summer, when it comes alive with wildlife including caribou does and their newborn calves, roaming black bears, muskox and many migratory bird species that make the offshore islands their home.

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Climate

Both the Northwest Territories and the Yukon generally have a sub-Arctic climate with bitterly cold winter months, although the brief summer months from the end of May to September can be pleasantly warm. Nunavut is cool all year round and does not have a summer season.

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

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| A | -24 | -20 | -13 | -1 | 10 | 18 | 21 | 18 | 10 | 1 | -11 | -20 |
| B | -32 | -30 | -25 | -12 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 3 | -4 | -19 | -28 |
| C | 16 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 24 | 36 | 42 | 29 | 36 | 25 | 15 |

Whitehorse, Yukon

| | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| A | -14 | -8 | -1 | 6 | 13 | 18 | 21 | 19 | 13 | 4 | -7 | -12 |
| B | -23 | -19 | -13 | -5 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 2 | -3 | -14 | -21 |
| C | 18 | 13 | 12 | 8 | 14 | 31 | 38 | 38 | 34 | 23 | 20 | 19 |

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Image left: Aurora borealis, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Discover Nunavut

Nunavut encompasses a vast area, therefore a self-drive or coach tour isn't feasible, but it is still possible for adventurous travellers to explore this remote part of Canada.

One option is to fly to a remote lodge and use it as a comfortable base to explore the region in the company of expert guides, discovering wildlife and spectacular landscapes. Alternatively, flights are available from Ottawa, Edmonton and Yellowknife into remote Arctic settlements such as Iqaluit (on Baffin island), Cape Dorset and Pond Inlet. From here, take tours in search of Arctic wildlife and birds, spot narwhal from a boat, visit Inuit communities or try your hand at dog sledding and igloo building.



C&K Recommends...

[A stay at the Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge](#)

The **Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge** is set in the wild and remote Cunningham inlet on Somerset island, 800km north of the Arctic Circle, which can be accessed by a 4.5-hour charter flight from Yellowknife.

The lodge operates 8- and 9-day tours that run between June and August, when there is 24 hours of daylight. Kayak with beluga whales, fish for Arctic char, raft on peaceful waters and hike in search of wildlife such as muskox, birds of prey, Arctic foxes and polar bears.

The 16 cabins each offer basic yet comfortable accommodation with a marine toilet and cold-water sink, hot water bottles and thick duvet. Packages include return flights from Yellowknife, excursions and meals.



Beluga whales



Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge

Discover The Northwest Territories

Yellowknife

Gateway to the remote Northwest Territories • Gold rush-era history • Dog sledding in winter

Located on the edge of the Arctic, Yellowknife is a small frontier town on the shores of the Great Slave Lake, supporting approximately 50% of the province's population (around 20,000 residents). Explore the historic old town and its gold rush-era atmosphere, and visit a number of cultural attractions. The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has historical and cultural displays on all the Northwest Territories and the Legislative Assembly, as well as an igloo-shaped building where you can view northern art and learn about the aboriginal-style government of the region during a free, hour-long tour.



C&K Recommends...

A stay at Blachford Lake Lodge

Spend 3 nights at **Blachford Lake Lodge**, accessible only by air from Yellowknife. The scenic flight to reach the lodge passes over glaciers, rivers and waterfalls; you may even catch an aerial sighting of moose and bears. The lodge itself is simple but comfortable. There are guestrooms with shared showers and washroom facilities or log cabins with lake views for a more rustic stay. Hike, fish or kayak on the nearby lake. From mid-August to October, the northern lights may be visible, with the best chance of seeing them being between mid-December through to April.



Blachford Lake Lodge



The aurora borealis over Great Slave Lake, Yellowknife

Discover Yukon

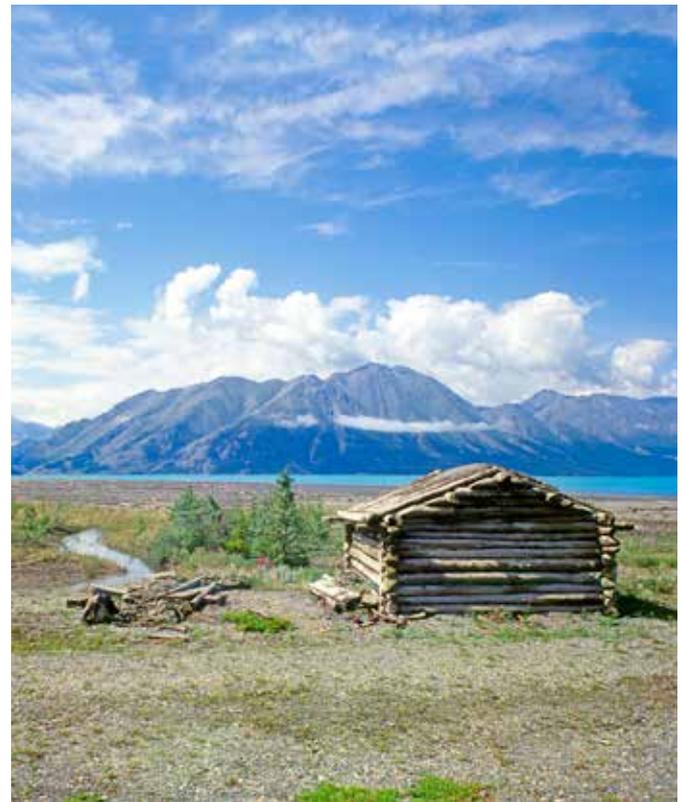
Whitehorse

Cruise on the SS Klondike sternwheeler • Easy access to hiking trails, rivers, lakes & mountains

The small city of Whitehorse is the capital of the Yukon and gateway to this dramatic wilderness. The city first became busy during the gold rush of the late 19th century, when gold was found in the nearby Klondike river. Today, mining is the main industry. Highlights of Whitehorse include a trip on the restored sternwheeler *SS Klondike*, one of the largest vessels used on the Yukon river; the MacBride Museum, offering an insight into the gold rush, First Nations and intrepid Mounties of the Yukon; and the Old Log Church, the only log cabin-style cathedral in the world.



Dawson City



Log cabin and Kathleen lake, Kluane National Park & Reserve

Dawson City

Historic centre of the Klondike gold rush • Glamour & nostalgia at Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall

In 1898, at the height of the Klondike gold rush, more than 30,000 gold prospectors milled the streets of Dawson City, many unable to achieve their dreams of fortune before the boom ended. In the decades that followed, the town began to fade and, by the 1970s, the population had dropped below 900. However, following improvements to highway links, the town has had a renaissance and now showcases restored buildings and artefacts from the gold rush days.

Kluane National Park & Reserve

Guided walks on the Cottonwood Trail • Stunning aerial views on scenic flights from Whitehorse

Protecting more than 22,000 sq km of mountains, glaciers and wilderness, the Kluane National Park & Reserve is a paradise for walkers, fishers and birdwatchers. An easy way to view the park's scenery is on a 60-minute flight, taken from either Whitehorse or Haines Junction. For those who want to experience the park from ground level, join a 4-hour guided walk through the park on the Cottonwood Trail, passing Icefield Ranges, Kathleen lake and Kings' Throne mountain.

The Aurora Borealis

The aurora borealis (or northern lights) is a spectacular natural phenomenon caused by the interaction of charged particles from the sun with atoms in the upper atmosphere. The skies light up with a kaleidoscope of colours, changing from green to red, blue and purple. Named in western civilisation after the Roman goddess of dawn – Aurora – and the Greek god of the North Wind – Boreas – the Cree call this phenomenon the 'Dance of the Spirits'. The lights can be seen throughout parts of northern Canada including Alberta and Manitoba. Viewings of the northern lights can never be guaranteed, although travelling at peak times enhances the chances of seeing this unique event.



Sightings in the Yukon

The best time to visit the Yukon for the northern lights is between September and April. One of the prime locations in the province is the **Northern Lights Resort & Spa**, located just 20 minutes' drive from Whitehorse. The resort is situated in 65 hectares of quiet, open countryside close to the Yukon river, surrounded by pine forests and ringed by mountains. The open area surrounding the lodge allows for unobstructed views of the lights.

Sightings in the Northwest Territories

The Northwest Territories are an ideal place to see the lights, with more than 240 potential aurora-viewing nights per year. The landscape is relatively flat, so the full auroral display can be seen from different vantage points. The weather is also more stable than other areas, with many clear nights. Sightings are possible between late August and mid-April, but the lights are at their best from December to March. A 4-day itinerary includes 3 nights' accommodation in Yellowknife, two evening aurora-viewing excursions, a city tour and a dinner.



Aurora borealis



Aurora borealis over Great Slave Lake, Yellowknife

C&K Recommends...

Yukon northern lights tour

Fly from Vancouver to Whitehorse and transfer to the **Best Western Gold Rush Inn** (or similar) for a 2-night stay. This evening, depart to a heated cabin or tent for northern lights viewing before returning at around 2.30am.

The following day take a guided tour of the city including the log church and Schwatka lake. After an afternoon at leisure, this evening will be spent looking for the northern lights from the comfort of a cabin. On the final day transfer to the airport for your return flight to Vancouver.

This 3-day & 2-night tour can be included in an itinerary with flights from Vancouver.

Yukon & Alaska Wilderness Drive

Duration • 12 days & 11 nights

Self-drive • From £1,545 (excl. flights)

Category • Standard

Tour overview

Combine the scenic and cultural highlights of the Yukon and Alaska on this self-drive itinerary. Marvel at breathtaking landscapes, keep an eye out for local wildlife and learn about the indigenous culture.

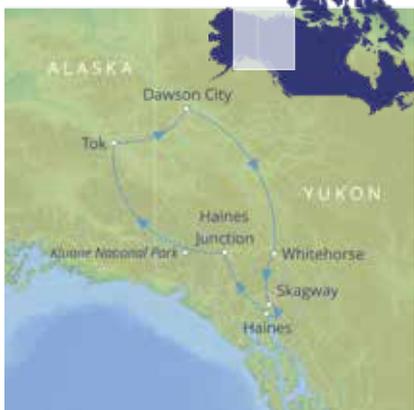
This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 12 days' car hire based on a fullsize car (Chevrolet Malibu or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Visit the Kluane National Park
- ❖ Travel along the scenic Haines Highway
- ❖ Drive over the spectacular Chilkat Pass
- ❖ Spectacular scenery while driving through Yukon & Alaska

Area map



White Pass & Yukon Route Railway

Day 1: Whitehorse

Arrive into Whitehorse and collect your hire car from the airport. Make your way to the **Best Western Gold Rush Inn** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Whitehorse

Day at leisure to explore the city. Visit the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, where 10 species of northern Canadian mammals can be viewed in their natural habitats. (N)

Day 3: Skagway

Travel south on the South Klondike Highway, which connects the Yukon territory with the Inside Passage ferry system in Alaska. The descent from the White Pass to Skagway offers some spectacular scenery, passing the subalpine landscape of Tormented Valley and Emerald Lake. On arrival, stay 1 night at the **Westmark Inn**. (N)

Day 4: Skagway • Haines

Morning at leisure to explore Skagway. Take an afternoon scenic ferry ride along the Lynn Canal fjord to Haines. Haines is located in the Valley of Eagles, where almost 4,000 American bald eagles gather along an 8-kilometre stretch of the Chilkat river each fall, attracted by the late run of salmon. Overnight at the **Hotel Halsingland**. (N)

Day 5: Haines • Haines Junction

Drive through the Chilkat Pass – the highest summit on the Haines Highway. Pass Klukshu and drive through Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve before arriving at Kluane National Park. The Kluane area covers the largest non-polar icefields in the world. Stay at the **Raven Hotel** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 6: Kluane National Park

Today we recommend visiting Kluane National Park, part of the largest contiguous area of protected wilderness on earth. (B)

Day 7: Haines Junction • Tok

This morning, go on a hiking trip before you drive north along the shores of the beautiful Kluane lake. Continue on the famous Alaska Highway through myriad wilderness areas. Arrive in Tok and stay overnight at **Cleft of the Rock Bed & Breakfast**. (B)

Day 8: Dawson City

Drive along the Top of the World Highway (please note this is a partly gravel road), taking you through gold-mining areas and the Canadian backcountry. Cross the Yukon river by ferry before arriving in Dawson City. Stay at the **Aurora Inn** for 3 nights. (N)



Chilkoot inlet & Sinclair mountain, Skagway

Days 9-10: Dawson City

Two full days exploring the historical sights of Dawson City. We recommend seeing *SS Keno*, the last paddle steamer to run the Yukon river from Whitehorse; the Jack London Interpretive Centre; the Grand Palace Theatre; and taking a short drive on the Ridge Road to the top of Midnight Dome, which offers excellent views over Dawson, the Ogilvie Mountains, and the Yukon and Klondike rivers. (N)

Day 11: Whitehorse

En route to Whitehorse, stop at the Five Finger Rapids and hike down to the shore of the Yukon river. Arrive in Whitehorse in the late afternoon and check in to the **Best Western Gold Rush Inn** for 1 night. (N)

Day 12: Onward travel

Return your hire car at the airport and fly home, or continue your holiday in Canada. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights: International and internal flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Driving times: Please note that this itinerary includes a number of long drives.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YYA

Low season from £1,545
Guide price month: May

High season from £1,695
Guide price months: Jul – Aug



Alaska



Non-exclusive group tours •
Tailor-made travel • Rail journeys •
Cruises • Self-drive

Alaska is the largest state in the US and, at 1,480,000 sq km, is approximately six times the size of Britain. Often referred to as 'the last frontier', it encompasses epic frozen landscapes stretching as far as the eye can see.

This sparsely populated area has towering mountains, national parks, calving glaciers and superb wildlife viewing opportunities, all waiting to be discovered and explored. The largest settlement in Alaska, Anchorage is the gateway to the state and the first point of call for visitors arriving by air, and often the disembarkation point for cruise passengers.

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The most popular time to visit Alaska is between May and August due to the favourable weather, abundant wildlife, long days and accessibility around the state during this period. Rainfall is at its lowest in May and gradually increases throughout the summer months.

Anchorage

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| B | -14 | -12 | -8 | -2 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 5 | -2 | -10 | -13 |
| C | 29 | 24 | 22 | 16 | 20 | 30 | 55 | 64 | 68 | 48 | 33 | 34 |

Fairbanks

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| B | -28 | -25 | -19 | -8 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 1 | -9 | -21 | -27 |
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Key: A: Maximum average temperature (C) B: Minimum average temperature (C) C: Average rainfall (mm)

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Image left: Johns Hopkins Glacier, Galcier Bay

Discover Alaska's Natural Wonders

The majority of people visit Alaska on a cruise along its coast; however, much of Alaska's most accessible wildlife and scenery lies within its national parks. Denali National Park and Kenai Fjords National Park are both within a few hours of Anchorage by car or train. We recommend an overnight stay to make the most of exploring these parks. Further afield, the wild and rugged Wrangell-St Elias National Park in the south-east of the state is America's largest park. It can be reached via a flight from Anchorage, or self-drive visitors can overnight in the former mining town of McCarthy.

There are no direct flights to Alaska from the UK. The most popular route is to Anchorage, the largest city, via Seattle in the US or Reykjavik in Iceland. However, there are direct flights from Vancouver, which means that Alaska combines well with an itinerary to Canada.



Denali National Park

Accessible from Anchorage • Range of easy walking trails

Accessible by car or train from Anchorage, Denali National Park is a highlight for many visitors for its wildlife viewing and scenery. The park is home to more than 100 bird species and iconic Alaskan mammals such as caribou, wolves, moose and grizzly bears. Denali (Mount McKinley) also lies within the park, which, at 6,168 metres above sea level, is the highest mountain on the North American continent.

Kenai Fjords National Park

Accessible from Anchorage & Seward • Day cruises

This network of fjords covers 270,000 hectares of wilderness and is home to the Harding icefield, which has over 38 glaciers. Most areas are accessed by boat, with day trips popular from Anchorage and Seward. A wide variety of wildlife can be seen in the park including seabirds, Steller sea lions, sea otters, harbour seals, bald eagles and humpback and grey whales.

C&K Recommends...

Scenic flights over Alaska

The scale of Alaska's natural beauty is so vast that only so much can be seen from a car or train, therefore we recommend a scenic flight to view Alaska's wilderness from the air. Experience the wonders of Denali National Park and the Alaska Range, where you can land on a glacier for superb views of Denali (Mount McKinley), or board an aircraft in Fairbanks for a flight north across the Arctic Circle and up to Barrow on the edge of the Beaufort Sea.



Steller sea lions, Kenai Fjords National Park



Helicopter flight over Denali National Park

Bear Viewing in Alaska

Katmai National Park

Largest population of brown bears in the world • Watch brown bears catching salmon

Established in 1918, Katmai National Park protects over 16,564 sq km (just over 4 million acres) of wilderness on the Alaska peninsula, and is home to approximately 2,200 brown bears. Every year, millions of salmon migrate from the Bering Sea into the waterways of the national park, providing a plentiful food source for the largest population of brown bears in the world. Over June and July you can take day trips from Anchorage to see bears catching salmon as they travel through Brooks river and up Brooks Falls. Watch from one of the two viewing platforms at the site, with park rangers on hand to answer questions. For those wanting to spend longer watching this incredible sight, Brooks Lodge offers basic accommodation.

Kodiak Island

Spot Kodiak bears, the largest bears in the world • Floatplane flights

Located on the south coast of Alaska, Kodiak island is the largest island in the Kodiak archipelago. Approximately 12,000 years ago, brown bears migrated here from mainland Alaska and were isolated when the sea level rose. They evolved into the largest sub-species of the brown bear, now known as Kodiak bears, which live exclusively in the archipelago in a population that is thought to number over 3,500. These bears are the largest in the world, growing to over 8 feet in length and can weigh in excess of 1,000 pounds. A 2-day round trip can be taken from Anchorage which includes a bear-viewing flight in a floatplane with a stop for viewing these majestic animals up close. Basic overnight accommodation is provided on Kodiak island.



Kodiak bear cubs, Kodiak Island



Brown bears fishing, Katmai National Park

Alaskan Adventure & Inside Passage Cruise

Duration • 13 days & 12 nights
Category • Standard

Non-exclusive group tour • From £3,895 (excl. flights)

APT

This group tour features...

- ❖ 5-star cruise and 3- & 4-star hotel accommodation
- ❖ 7-night cruise on the luxury Holland America cruise line
- ❖ Experienced local tour manager
- ❖ 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners
- ❖ Maximum of 48 passengers (except during cruise)
- ❖ Guided sightseeing in select locations
- ❖ Air-conditioned vehicles
- ❖ Arrival & departure transfers
- ❖ Tipping included

Weather

Anchorage

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A: Maximum average temperature (C)

B: Minimum average temperature (C)

C: Average rainfall (mm)

Area map



Glacier Bay, Glacier National Park

Tour the highlights of Alaska by land and by sea. Cruise through the Inside Passage from Vancouver to Alaska, passing wild coastlines and isolated communities. Disembark in Alaska to explore Denali National Park's remarkable scenery and gold rush-era history in Fairbanks.

pass dramatic rocky headlands and move along the British Columbian coast. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Ketchikan

Arrive in the salmon capital of the world and enjoy a day at leisure to explore. Join a walking tour of the town or learn about the Tlingit culture at the Saxman Native Village (payable locally). (B, L, D)

Day 5: Juneau

Alaska's capital is located in the Gastineau Channel with the Juneau icefield to the north. Venture into town to browse the shops and art galleries, or take an optional excursion to sample a traditional salmon bake (payable locally). (B, L, D)

Day 6: Skagway

Stop at Skagway, the northernmost point of the Inside Passage with an interesting gold rush-era history. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Glacier Bay National Park

Wake up this morning to the sights of Glacier Bay National Park with its wild coastlines and sheltered fjords. During the day, local rangers will come on board to discuss the wildlife and geology of this fascinating region. (B, L, D)

Day 8: The Gulf of Alaska

Full-day cruising in the Gulf of Alaska with plenty of opportunities to enjoy the scenery. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Seward • Anchorage

Disembark this morning in Seward. Continue

Special experiences

- ❖ **Cruise along the dramatic Inside Passage on a 5-star cruise ship**
- ❖ **Scenic train ride between Anchorage & Denali**
- ❖ **Travel into the heart of scenic Denali National Park with a local ranger**
- ❖ **Get close to native Alaskan wildlife in the Alaska Conservation Centre**

Day 1: Vancouver

On arrival, transfer to the **Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel** for a 1-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Vancouver

This afternoon, board your Holland America Line cruise ship and begin a 7-night cruise. (B, D)

Day 3: Cruise the Inside Passage

Today will be spent sailing along the icy waters of the Inside Passage. Relax on board as you



Denali National Park

to the Alaska Conservation Centre to see native wildlife up close. Afterwards carry on to Anchorage and stay overnight at **Westmark Anchorage Hotel**. (B)

Day 10: Denali National Park

Travel by train to Denali National Park, home to Denali (Mount McKinley), the highest mountain in North America. Stay at the **Mckinley Chalet Resort** (or similar) for 2 nights. (B, D)

Day 11: Denali National Park

Guided tour deep into the wilderness of Denali National Park and discover why conservation is of such importance to this area. (B)

Day 12: Fairbanks

Journey to Fairbanks and board a traditional sternwheeler (riverboat) for a leisurely cruise along the Chena river. Enjoy a farewell dinner with the rest of the group and taste a traditional salmon bake. Stay 1 night at the **Westmark Fairbanks Hotel** (or similar). (B, L, D)

Day 13: Onward travel

After breakfast, continue with onward travel arrangements. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Cruise excursions: Availability is limited and excursions must be booked direct with the cruise line on a first-come, first-served basis. Please ask your Cox & Kings travel consultant for further information.

Itinerary: Please note this tour is operated by Travelmarvel by APT. The itinerary and departure dates are provisional and subject to

change. For more information, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Booking conditions: Cox & Kings is acting as an agent on behalf of APT and its cancellation conditions will apply. Please contact Cox & Kings for details.

Flights: International and internal flights are not included with this itinerary.

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: YAS

Group tour

Low season from £3,895
Guide price month: May

High season from £4,845
Guide price months: Jul – Aug

Single supplement from £1,750

The guideline tour prices are all per person in UK pounds, based on single occupancy of a twin / double room. For current prices for all departure dates, including special offers when applicable, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry. All prices are subject to availability.

Departure dates for 2020

| Out | Rtn | Out | Rtn | Out | Rtn | Out | Rtn |
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| 09 May 20 | 21 May 20 | 06 Jun 20 | 18 Jun 20 | 11 Jul 20 | 23 Jul 20 | 15 Aug 20 | 27 Aug 20 |
| 16 May 20 | 28 May 20 | 13 Jun 20 | 25 Jun 20 | 25 Jul 20 | 06 Aug 20 | 22 Aug 20 | 03 Sep 20 |
| 23 May 20 | 04 Jun 20 | 20 Jun 20 | 02 Jul 20 | 01 Aug 20 | 13 Aug 20 | 29 Aug 20 | 10 Sep 20 |
| 30 May 20 | 11 Jun 20 | 27 Jun 20 | 09 Jul 20 | 08 Aug 20 | 20 Aug 20 | | |

Discover The Alaska Railroad

The Alaska Railroad has two main trains: the *Denali Star* running between Anchorage and Fairbanks, and the *Coastal Classic* travelling between Anchorage and Seward. There is also a third train called the *Glacier Discovery*, which takes a route that can be covered in one day from Anchorage and includes a '26 Glacier Cruise', which travels over 225km into Prince William Sound passing 26 glaciers.

There are two different classes available on most trains, with the standard Adventure Class providing a reserved comfortable seat with a large picture window, open-air area between railcars for viewing and access to unreserved seating in the vistadome car. The upgraded Goldstar Service provides upper-level seating in a bi-level car, glass dome ceilings for enhanced viewing, upper-level viewing deck, a meal with two alcoholic beverages and complimentary non-alcoholic beverages. On both services commentary is provided during the journey by an Alaskan tour guide.



Coastal Classic Route

Seward to Anchorage (and reverse)

This journey takes 4 hours and 20 minutes and starts in Seward, the most southerly point of the railroad and the gateway to Kenai Fjords National Park, where whales, sea otters and other wildlife can be spotted.

Leaving Seward, the track climbs south through primeval Sitka spruce forests and over Snowy River, before reaching Kenai lake, surrounded by towering mountains. The train heads into the Kenai mountains, passing meadows and fast-flowing streams of icy-cold glacial water.

The next part of the track winds past several glaciers and travels through tunnels before running alongside the waters of Turnagain Arm, where beluga whales and schools of fish can sometimes be seen. Make a short stop at Girdwood before continuing on the final leg of the journey past Chugach National Forest and Potter Marsh in the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge.



Alaska Railroad

Denali Star Route

Anchorage to Fairbanks (and reverse)

This route takes around 12 hours, although most travellers will make overnight stops along the way. In the northbound direction, the train departs from Anchorage, journeying up through birch forests to the rivers of Knik and Matanuska. In the watershed of these rivers spot wildlife such as waterfowl, moose and bears. Continue through Matanuska valley for a first view of Denali (Mount McKinley), North America's highest peak. Approximately 3 hours after leaving Anchorage the train arrives into the town of Talkeetna, where scenic flights and nature cruises can be taken.

It takes just under 4.5 hours to travel from Talkeetna to Denali, with the track following the serpentine banks of the Susitna river. Cross the longest bridge on the railroad before reaching the highest point of the track at Broad Pass, just before arriving into Denali National Park. The final part of this route is the 4-hour journey between Denali and Fairbanks, travelling through Healy canyon.



Denali (Mount McKinley), Denali National Park

Alaska Railroad Journey

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights

Category • Standard

Private tour • From £3,745 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Travel along the full 756km of the Alaska Railroad from Seward to Fairbanks. The journey is broken up with stays en route in the best accommodation available. Sit back and take in the breathtaking scenery with the chance to spot wildlife and learn about the culture of the local people along the way.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 5 rail journeys along the Alaska Railroad
- ❖ Goldstar Service with 360-degree views
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Scenic cruise through the Kenai Fjords National Park in search of abundant marine life
- ❖ Full-day guided tour in remote regions of Denali National Park
- ❖ Visit an authentic trapper's cabin & replica native Alaskan encampment
- ❖ Cruise on a traditional sternwheeler riverboat & learn about local culture
- ❖ Everchanging scenery during the various train journeys

Area map



The Anchorage to Seward railroad

Day 1: Anchorage

Arrive into Anchorage and make your own way to the **Sheraton Anchorage Hotel & Spa** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Anchorage

Join an introductory shared city tour including entrance to the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Afternoon at leisure. (N)

Day 3: Seward

Take the train to Seward. The journey is one of the most beautiful routes in Alaska; enjoy pristine wilderness seen through a large picture window as you pass by Bartlett glacier, Spencer glacier, Grandview Pass, the Kenai mountains and Kenai lake. Stay 1 night at **Seward Windsong Lodge**. (B)

Day 4: Kenai Fjords National Park • Anchorage

Morning shared cruise through the Kenai Fjords National Park with the opportunity to see whales, sea otters and sea lions. This evening return to Anchorage via the Alaska Railroad and overnight at the **Sheraton Anchorage Hotel & Spa**. (L)

Day 5: Talkeetna

The rail journey today follows the Knik Arm waterway, travelling over the Matanuska river with possible views of Denali (Mount McKinley). Arrive into Talkeetna and take a shared boat tour into the interior to visit an authentic trapper's cabin and a replica native Alaskan encampment, with the chance to spot wildlife along the way. Stay overnight at **Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge**. (L)

Day 6: Denali National Park

Continue by train along the border of Denali National Park, traversing the lowest and

highest points of the railroad. Stay 2 nights in the **Grande Denali Lodge**. (N)

Day 7: Denali National Park

Full-day guided tour into the remote Kantishna region of the Denali National Park, searching for bears, caribou and moose. (N)

Day 8: Fairbanks

This morning, go hiking in the national park or relax at your hotel. Early evening, board the train to Fairbanks and journey into the scenic Nenana river canyon, passing small towns and boreal forest. Stay 2 nights at **River's Edge Resort**. (D)

Day 9: Fairbanks

Half-day shared cruise on a sternwheeler riverboat. This relaxing cruise is fully narrated with details on the region's natural and cultural history. (N)

Day 10: Fly to Anchorage

Make your own way to the airport for the one-hour flight to Anchorage with Alaska Airlines. Make your own way to the **Sheraton Anchorage Hotel & Spa** for 1 night. (N)

Day 11: Onward travel

Make your own way to the airport and fly home, or continue your holiday in Alaska. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. Transfers are also not included as taxis are easy, reliable and affordable in Alaska. For flight and transfer options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

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Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: HRJ

Low season from £3,745
Guide price month: May

High season from £4,145
Guide price month: Aug

Alaska Discovery Drive

Duration • 11 days & 10 nights

Category • Standard

Self-drive • From £3,445 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

This circular self-drive itinerary is a wonderful way to discover Alaska for the first-time visitor. Travelling from the coast to the mountainous interior and back again, pass through spectacular scenery, spot remarkable wildlife and experience Alaskan culture – a superb overview for those who wish to travel independently.

This self-drive tour features...

- ❖ 3- & 4-star accommodation
- ❖ 9 days' car hire based in a mid-size car (Toyota Corolla or similar, including GPS)
- ❖ Guided excursions as specified
- ❖ Scenic car ferry through Prince William Sound between Valdez & Whittier

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Drive at leisure through Alaska's untamed landscapes
- ❖ Full-day shared wildlife tour in Denali National Park with possible views of Denali (Mount McKinley), North America's tallest peak
- ❖ Cruise through the pristine & wildlife-rich waters of Kenai Fjords National Park
- ❖ Scenic ferry ride between Seward & Whittier

Area map



Denali (Mount McKinley)

Day 1: Anchorage

Arrive into Anchorage and make your own way to the **Sheraton Anchorage Hotel & Spa** for a 2-night stay. (N)

Day 2: Anchorage

Day at leisure. Use this time to explore the city or take an optional excursion such as bear viewing in Katmai National Park or a glacier cruise from Whittier (payable locally). (N)

Day 3: Talkeetna

Collect your hire car and drive from Anchorage to Talkeetna. Stay at the **Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge** for 1 night. This evening we would recommend booking a scenic bush plane flight to see Denali (Mount McKinley), with optional glacier landing (payable locally). (N)

Day 4: Denali National Park

This morning, join a shared scenic cruise to learn about trapping with possible wildlife viewings. Afterwards, continue north on the Glenn Highway towards Denali National Park,

through the Matanuska-Susitna valley and the Denali State Park. Stay at the **Grande Denali Lodge** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 5: Denali National Park

Take a full-day shared tour into Denali National Park in search of moose, wolves, caribou, eagles and bears. Marvel at the spectacular views as you travel through the park. On a clear day, it is possible to see Denali (Mount McKinley), North America's highest peak. (N)

Day 6: Fairbanks

As you head towards Fairbanks, enjoy the beautiful scenery of forest and mountains and pass through several small communities. Overnight stay at **Pike's Waterfront Lodge**. We recommend a visit to the Museum of the North to learn about Alaskan art, wildlife and culture. (N)

Day 7: Valdez

Journey south-west on the Richardson Highway with spectacular views over the Alaska Range



Alaskan highway

and the St Elias mountains. Part of this route will run parallel with the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. End in Valdez for 2 nights at the **Best Western Valdez Harbour Inn / The Mountain Sky Hotel.** (N)

Day 8: Valdez

Day at leisure. Hike along one of many walking trails or take a cruise through Prince William Sound to see the Columbia glacier, sea lions and whales (payable locally). (N)

Day 9: Seward

Board the Alaska Marine Ferry* for the scenic journey through Prince William Sound. Arrive into Whittier then drive towards Seward. We highly recommend a stop at Portage glacier and the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre. Stay at the **Seward Windsong Lodge** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 10: Kenai Fjords National Park

Take a shared cruise into Kenai Fjords National Park to see some impressive coastal scenery

and a variety of marine life such as orcas and humpback whales (payable locally). (N)

Day 11: Anchorage • Onward travel

Drive on the Seward Highway to Anchorage. Return your hire car at the airport today and fly home, or continue your holiday. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

* **Alaska Marine Ferry:** Itinerary is based on the most recent schedule available at the time of printing; however, this is subject to change.

Driving times: Day 7 involves a drive of approximately 7-8 hours excluding stops. An additional overnight can be made at Glennallen on this day to reduce driving time, although accommodation here is basic.

Flights & transfers: International flights are not included with this itinerary. Transfers are also not included as taxis are easy, reliable and affordable in Alaska. For flight and transfer options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: HDR

Low season from £3,445
Guide price month: May

High season from £3,595
Guide price month: Aug

Alaska in Style

Duration • 9 days & 8 nights

Category • Luxury

Private tour • From £11,995 (excl. flights)

Tour overview

Explore both Denali and Kenai Fjords national parks from the luxury of two of Alaska's best wilderness lodges. Transfer between destinations on floatplane flights, enjoying spectacular views of the vast beauty of the largest state in the US. From the lodges, choose from a range of excursions including helicopter flights, glacier trekking and trips in search of wildlife. Finish with time at leisure in Anchorage with further optional excursions available.

This private tour features...

- ❖ 5-star accommodation
- ❖ Travel between destinations on scenic floatplane transfers
- ❖ Selected included activities
- ❖ 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- ❖ City tour of Anchorage

C&K Signature experiences

- ❖ Stay in two of Alaska's finest wilderness lodges with scenic locations & excellent service
- ❖ Enjoy a range of excursions led by the lodges' expert staff
- ❖ Option to go in search of grizzly bears in Katmai National Park
- ❖ Discover the beauty of Alaska's wilderness

Area map



Floatplane, Tern lake, Kenai peninsula

Day 1: Anchorage

Arrive into Anchorage and transfer to the **Hotel Captain Cook** for 2 nights. (N)

Day 2: Anchorage

Join an introductory shared city tour including entrance to the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Afternoon at leisure. (N)

Day 3: Denali National Park

Take a 1-hour scenic floatplane ride to **Winterlake Lodge** (see opposite page) where you will stay for stay 2 nights. On arrival, you will be met by the lodge hosts and then spend the afternoon relaxing in this spectacular setting with the opportunity to have a massage, join a cooking class or relax with a yoga session. (L, D)

Day 4: Denali National Park

Today, take to the skies in a helicopter and enjoy a flightseeing tour, go glacier trekking or fishing. After a day of adventure, return to your lodge for a swim in the lake or soak in the jacuzzi before a gourmet evening meal. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Kenai Fjords National Park

Board a floatplane for a 90-minute scenic flight to Kenai peninsula and stay 2 nights at **Tutka Bay Lodge** (see opposite page). Spend the rest of the day exploring the surrounding wilderness. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Kenai Fjords National Park

Today there are a range of activities to choose from including sea kayaking, boat tours, nature trail hikes and wildlife-watching trips. Relax this evening in the hot tub and sauna. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Anchorage

This morning fly back to Alaska's largest city. Time at leisure to explore the shops and

restaurants. Stay at **Hotel Captain Cook** for 2 nights. (B)

Day 8: Anchorage

Day at leisure. Optional excursions include a glacier cruise into Prince William Sound, a day tour to Seward with a boat trip into Kenai Fjords National Park, and a full-day tour to Katmai National Park to see grizzly bears. (N)

Day 9: Onward travel

Transfer to the airport and fly home, or continue your holiday in Alaska. (N)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights: International flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Tailor-made travel: For a price quote based on alternative accommodation standards, to discuss flight options or to tailor this itinerary, please call 020 3930 5094 or visit CoxandKings.co.uk/make-an-enquiry

Guideline prices for 2020

Tour code: HZZ

Low season from £11,995
Guide price month: May

High season from £12,495
Guide price month: Aug

Wilderness Lodges

This is a selection of our recommended accommodation. Please see our website for more options.



Winterlake Lodge, Denali National Park

Winterlake Lodge is set on the Iditarod Trail overlooking Finger Lake near the southern boundary of Denali National Park. The lodge is reached in one hour by floatplane from Anchorage, or by ski plane in winter. The six individual log cabins provide a cosy and homely atmosphere. From this secluded lodge there are superb opportunities for walking and wildlife viewing. Gourmet meals, activities and a helicopter excursion are all included in the rates.

Features:

6 cabins, dining room, wood-burning sauna, hot tub, lounge room.



Tutka Bay Lodge, Tutka Bay

Tutka Bay Lodge occupies a stunning setting at the entrance to an 11-kilometre-long fjord in the Kenai peninsula, with a dramatic mountainous backdrop. The lodge is reached via a 25-minute watertaxi from Homer, or by a 90-minute floatplane ride from Anchorage. Massages, yoga sessions, wine tastings and cooking classes are available, as well as activities such as beachcombing, guided walks, wildlife watching and excursions to explore the surrounding wilderness by boat.

Features:

6 guestrooms, dining room, sauna, hot tub, boat house, cooking school.



Kenai Fjords Glacier Lodge, Kenai Fjords National Park

This is the only lodge located within the Kenai Fjords National Park and sits within a wildlife sanctuary on the edge of a protected lagoon. This rustic property can only be reached by boat and is an ideal place to stay for spotting wildlife; black bears can often be seen near the lodge. The log cabins offer views of Pederson glacier and the lagoon. Daily activities and meals are included.

Features:

16 log cabins, dining room, naturalist library.



Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge, Kenai Fjords National Park

Situated outside Kenai Fjords National Park, this lodge is located on Fox Island in Resurrection Bay and can be reached in one hour from Seward by boat. The cabins either have fjord views or views of Resurrection Bay and the ocean beyond. There are a range of activities which can be paid for locally. Alternatively, relax on the decking overlooking the quiet lagoon or stroll on the pebble beach.

Features:

8 waterfront cabins, dining room, lounge with wood-burning stove, shop.

Discover Cruising in Alaska

The best way to see Alaska's remote coastline is from the comfort of a cruise ship. The classic route is the 7-night Inside Passage cruise between Vancouver in Canada and Anchorage in Alaska. There are also smaller vessels that offer different itineraries and visit smaller ports that are not accessible to larger ships.

Cox & Kings works with a range of trusted cruise companies, which vary from the large ships of Holland America with capacity for over 1,000 passengers down to the more adventurous small ships of Un-Cruise Adventures, with fewer than 100 cabins. We are able to offer other cruise lines on request – please ask our Alaska consultants for further information.



Holland America Line

Holland America Line is a premium cruise company that has been operating in Alaska for over 60 years. Four ships depart from Vancouver on either 7-night round trip itineraries or cruises that finish in Alaska. Picture windows and teak promenades provide perfect views of the emerald forests and enormous glaciers of Alaska's Inside Passage. You might even catch a glimpse of orcas in the wake of the ship. Please see page 127 for an example itinerary.



Silversea Cruises

Owned and operated by the Lefebvre family of Rome, Silversea Cruises showcases a genuine pride in ownership and a true Italian passion for embracing the best of life. Their luxury ships are designed for those who seek the thrill of discovering remote destinations without compromising on comfort; enjoy gourmet food, fine wine and first-class facilities and suites. Please see page 129 for an example itinerary of their classic 7-night cruise. They also operate longer discovery cruises.



Glacier Bay



Un-Cruise Adventures

Operating a range of cruises exploring Alaska's Inside Passage and the Glacier Bay National Park, Un-Cruise Adventures provide itineraries to places that are inaccessible to larger ships. Expedition experts will help you spot black and brown bears, orcas, bald eagles and other seabirds. These itineraries are for the adventurous traveller, with possible excursions including hikes through the rainforest and kayaking in icy waters. Please see page 128 for an example itinerary.



Maple Leaf Adventures

Operating small ship cruises in Alaska for over 25 years, Maple Leaf Adventures offers soft adventure cruises with a maximum of 12 passengers. Cruises run through June, July and August and include visits to historic towns, remote bays and coastal forests. Maple Leaf Adventures is one of very few companies that are allowed to take guests to the Pack Creek bear-viewing area on Admiralty Island. This restricted area is one of the best places on the planet to view brown bears.

Inside Passage Cruise

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Superior

Cruise • From £849 (excl. flights)



Tour overview

This classic round trip from Vancouver cruises through the Inside Passage, travelling up to Skagway in Alaska before returning to Canada, past a backdrop of snowy peaks and visiting historic ports en route. Experience nature's awesome beauty as you pass immense rocky headlands, waterfalls and calving glaciers, with the chance to learn about the area's ancient native traditions and history along the way.

This cruise features...

- ❖ 7 nights on board a 5-star Holland America cruise ship in an interior cabin
- ❖ Optional shore excursion programme
- ❖ Experienced crew on board offering attentive & efficient service
- ❖ All meals included (excluding speciality restaurants)
- ❖ Onboard entertainment programme
- ❖ Sun deck with loungers
- ❖ Range of dining options, from informal to formal
- ❖ Includes taxes, fees & port expenses

Special experiences

- ❖ Spend a full day in Glacier Bay watching ice calve into the ocean
- ❖ Opportunities to spot grizzly & brown bears in Glacier National Park
- ❖ Learn about gold rush history in the historic ports of Juneau & Skagway

Area map



Juneau

Day 1: Vancouver

Board your Holland America Line cruise ship for your 7-night cruise. (D)

Day 2: The Inside Passage

Cruise along the coast of British Columbia and up to the Alaska Panhandle, passing rocky headlands, cascading waterfalls and virgin forests as you sail through the picturesque Inside Passage. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Juneau

Cruise through Tracy Arm and see the imposing Sawyer glacier before docking in the late evening at Juneau, Alaska's capital. Founded in the gold rush era of 1880, today the scenery and fauna are the town's treasures with wild mountains, fjords and glaciers. Optional excursions include panning for gold, whale watching and bear watching. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Skagway

Early morning arrival into Skagway, the northernmost point of the Inside Passage. Spend the day exploring, or join an optional excursion such as learning about the Klondike gold rush in a narrow-gauge rail car or travelling into Canada's Yukon province. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Glacier Bay

In Glacier Bay, vast chunks of ice can occasionally be seen calving from the glacier into the sea. Along one side of the bay is the Glacier National Park, inhabited by wolves, moose, grizzly and brown bears, black-tailed deer and lynx. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ketchikan

Morning cruise to the town of Ketchikan where the ship will be anchored for most of the day. Much of the town's colourful past is still in evidence, such as the world's largest collection of totem poles. A range of optional excursions are available. Alternatively, spend time

exploring the Tongass Historical Museum, the Totem Bight State Park or Saxam Village before the ship departs in the early evening. (B, L, D)

Day 7: The Inside Passage

Cruise back through the Inside Passage, passing Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) and Vancouver Island. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Vancouver • Onward travel

After breakfast, disembark in Vancouver and begin onward arrangements.

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Cruise excursions: Availability is limited and excursions must be booked direct with the cruise line on a first-come, first-served basis. Please ask your Cox & Kings travel consultant for further information.

Flights: International and internal flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Non-exclusive cruise: When on board the cruise, the transfers and excursions relevant to that cruise are operated as a group with other passengers who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients.

Booking conditions: Cox & Kings is acting as an agent on behalf of Holland America Line and its cancellation conditions apply.

Alternative cruise itineraries: 14-night round-trip cruises from Vancouver, and 7-night cruises to Seward (Alaska).

Departure dates for 2020

Tour code: HIP

MS Noordam

20 Sep
13 Sep
3 May

MS Koningsdam

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May
6, 13, 20, 27 Jun
4, 11, 18, 25 Jul
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Aug

MS Volendam

29 Apr
6, 13, 20, 27 May
3, 10, 17, 24 Jun
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Jul
5, 12, 19, 26 Aug
2, 9, 16, 23 Sep

Glacier Bay National Park Adventure Cruise

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Standard

Cruise • From £3,395 (excl. flights)



Tour overview

This cruise ventures into areas not visited by the larger ships. Discover the awesome beauty of Alaska as you pass spectacular coastlines, calving glaciers and a large array of wildlife. Join thrilling excursions such as kayaking through the icy waters and explorations on foot into remote wilderness. This is an adventure of a lifetime.

This cruise features...

- ❖ 3-star accommodation aboard the MV *Wilderness Adventurer* in a Navigator stateroom
- ❖ All meals included
- ❖ Large wrap-around viewing deck giving plenty of room for viewing or photographing wildlife
- ❖ All cabins feature windows, no portholes
- ❖ All taxes & port charges

Special experiences

- ❖ Small ship cruising – explore remote regions of Alaska's Inside Passage, unreachable by most other vessels
- ❖ 3 full days exploring the remarkable wildlife & rugged landscapes of Glacier Bay National Park
- ❖ Wide variety of activities including hiking, kayaking & the opportunity to take a 'polar plunge'
- ❖ Excellent birdwatching opportunities on South Marble Island

Area map



Kayaking in Glacier Bay

Day 1: Juneau

Board the MV *Wilderness Adventurer* for a 7-night cruise. (D)

Day 2: Icy Strait

Today, set sail for the richest whale waters in south-east Alaska. Look out for humpback whales, porpoises, sea lions and other marine life along the way. If the tides are right, head out in the skiff or a kayak to explore the remote coastline for closer exploration with a guide. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Glacier Bay National Park

Spend the day exploring Glacier Bay National Park, visiting remote parts away from the usual tourist routes. Visit the sea stacks and rocky shores of Taylor Bay or hike the outwash field of glaciers winding down the Fairweather mountain range. Take a boat to Dundas Bay and keep a look out for bears, humpbacks and wolves. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Glacier Bay National Park

Today, the *Wilderness Adventurer* welcomes a national park ranger aboard to join your adventures exploring Glacier Bay. Visit South Marble Island, a hive of activity for rare sea birds, including orange-beaked tufted puffins and noisy sea lions. Continue to the silent Tidal Inlet, stomping ground to bears, wolves and mountain goats with eagles circling above. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Glacier Bay National Park

On your final day in Glacier Bay National Park, visit the bridge with your captain, board a kayak and skiff (small boat) in search of seals and birdlife or take a hike across the muddy glacial moraine. Back on board, take a polar plunge followed by a soak in the hot tub. Evening forest walk in Bartlett Cove, daylight permitting. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Lynn Canal or Chatham Strait

Today the captain will choose between stopping at Lynn Canal or Chatham Strait. There will

be a chance to paddle board and kayak while keeping an eye out for harbour seals or explore Tongass National Forest. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Haines

With snow-capped mountain peaks as a backdrop, Haines is a centre for adventure. Enjoy hiking, biking and rafting. Your expedition team will share the history of the area, from European settlement to the Klondike gold rush. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Juneau • Onward travel

After breakfast, disembark the cruise in Juneau and begin onward arrangements. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Flights: International and internal flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Booking conditions: Cox & Kings is acting as an agent on behalf of Un-Cruise Adventures and its cancellation conditions apply.

Non-exclusive cruise: When on board the cruise, the transfers and excursions relevant to that cruise are operated as a group with other passengers who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients.

Departure dates for 2020

Tour code: HGC

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Apr 11, 18, 25 | Jul 04, 11, 18, 25 |
| May 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 | Aug 01, 08, 15, 22 |
| Jun 06, 13, 20, 27 | Sep 05, 12, 19 |

Silversea Alaska Cruise

Duration • 8 days & 7 nights

Category • Luxury

Cruise • From £4,200 (excl. flights)

 SILVERSEA®

Tour overview

Sail Alaska's Inside Passage in style on this 7-night cruise operated by Silversea, a luxurious way to experience the area's dramatic coastline. Cruise past turquoise icebergs and colossal glaciers and glide through icy waters full of marine life while enjoying the comfort of *Silver Muse*, an intimate cruise ship holding 382 guests.

This cruise features...

- ❖ 7 nights on board Silversea's 5-star *Silver Muse* in a Vista Suite
- ❖ Spacious suites featuring large picture windows with panoramic ocean views
- ❖ All meals, drinks & onboard gratuities included
- ❖ Relais & Châteaux restaurant
- ❖ Fully equipped gym & spa facilities
- ❖ Butler service
- ❖ Onboard lectures & entertainment
- ❖ Complimentary transportation into town in most ports

Special experiences

- ❖ 4-hour scenic Alaska Railroad trip
- ❖ Luxury cruising on the classic route from Seward to Vancouver
- ❖ Opportunities to go dog sledding, sea kayaking, hiking in ancient forest & see the landscape from the air on a helicopter ride

Area map



Silver Muse

Day 1: Rail journey Anchorage to Seward

Arrive into Anchorage and take the scenic Alaska Railroad train to Seward, where you will board the *Silver Muse* for a 7-night cruise. (D)

Day 2: Hubbard glacier

Watch from the decks as gigantic blocks of ice fall from Hubbard glacier, the largest tidewater glacier in North America. In this picturesque setting, wildlife can often be seen in the water or along the shoreline. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Juneau

Arrive into Juneau, surrounded by dramatic mountains and glaciers. Kayak in the sea, learn about and experience dog sledding or take a helicopter ride to nearby glaciers. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Skagway

Lying in a deep fjord, the port of Skagway and the surrounding area offer an array of exciting activities such as travelling through rugged terrain to the high summit of White Pass in a vintage train and horse riding through Klondike Gold Rush National Park. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Sitka

Today the ship will dock in Sitka. Enjoy a range of optional excursions such as hiking through ancient forest, fishing for salmon or a scenic catamaran cruise in search of sea otters, sea lions and whales. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ketchikan

The morning will be spent cruising before arriving into Ketchikan, home to the largest collection of totem poles in the world. (B, L, D)

Day 7: The Inside Passage

This day is spent at sea, providing a final chance to enjoy the scenery. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Vancouver • Onward travel

After breakfast, disembark in Vancouver and begin onward arrangements. (B)

Meal basis: As per itinerary – B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, N: No meals.

Important information

Itinerary: This itinerary can be taken in reverse.

Flights: International and internal flights are not included with this itinerary. For flight options and prices, please speak to your Cox & Kings travel consultant.

Booking conditions: Cox & Kings is acting as an agent on behalf of Silversea and its cancellation conditions apply.

Non-exclusive cruise: When on board the cruise, the transfers and excursions relevant to that cruise are operated as a group with other passengers who may or may not be Cox & Kings clients.

Departure dates for 2020

Tour code: HSX

May 28*

Jun 04, 11*, 18, 25*

Jul 02, 09*, 16, 23*, 30

Aug 06*, 13, 20*, 27

* These itineraries run in reverse with embarkation in Vancouver and disembarkation in Seward

Booking Conditions

Our full booking conditions apply to all bookings you make with us. These appear on our website at www.coxandkings.co.uk and can also be provided by post or e-mail on request. Due to space constraints, the following booking conditions contain only some of the terms and conditions (which may also be a summary) which apply to your booking. Before you make your booking, you must read our full booking conditions. By seeking confirmation of your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have done so and accept the full booking conditions as the basis for your contract with C&K Luxury Travel Limited, a company registered in England & Wales with company number 12316055 and registered office address of St George's House, Ambrose Street, Cheltenham, GL50 3LG ('Cox & Kings', 'we', 'our' or 'us'). In these booking conditions, 'you' and 'your' means all persons named on the booking or any of them as applicable (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date).

1) YOUR CONTRACT

Where you book a package holiday, your contract will be with Cox & Kings. When you make a booking the person who makes the booking guarantees that they have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party these booking conditions.

2) BOOKING, PAYMENT AND CONFIRMATION

(a) Full information as to how to make a booking is shown on our website. A minimum deposit of £250 per person or 15% of your total holiday cost, whichever is greater, must be paid at the time of booking. For some holidays, a higher deposit will be payable or it may be necessary to make full payment at the time of booking. This is usually the case where full payment for certain services, such as your flight, has to be made immediately after your booking is confirmed in order to secure that service or the price quoted at the time of booking. Where full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges will also apply from confirmation of booking in the event that you subsequently cancel.

(b) Where you book over the telephone and we are in a position to confirm your booking, a binding contract between you and Cox & Kings will come into existence when we verbally confirm your booking. All other bookings will be confirmed and a binding contract will come into existence when we issue a confirmation invoice. Please note, though, that if you book private travel arrangements or an extension to a group tour, your accommodation, flights etc will only be requested by us once the payment due at the time of booking has been received. Your confirmation invoice will indicate your requested package cost and you will be advised of any accommodation, flights etc that are still on request and not confirmed at the time the confirmation invoice is issued.

(c) If your confirmed booking includes a flight, we (or if you booked via an authorised agent of ours, that agent) will issue you with an ATOL Certificate.

(d) It is your responsibility to check the confirmation invoice, ATOL Certificate and any other documents we send you carefully and to let us or your travel agent know immediately in the event of any error or inaccuracy, as it may not be possible to make changes later.

(e) The balance of your holiday cost is payable not less than 90 days prior to departure, unless you are informed otherwise. If all payments are not received on time, we are entitled to assume you wish to cancel. Cancellation charges will apply in accordance with clause 9(a). If we do not cancel straightaway because you promise to make payment, you must pay the cancellation charges shown in clause 9(a) depending on the date we reasonably treat your booking as cancelled by you.

(f) Travel documents will be provided as referred to in our full booking conditions.

(g) Prices include all government taxes in the amount applicable at the time of booking that do not have to be paid locally. Those that have to be paid locally by you are extra and are your responsibility (such as international airport departure tax or local resort taxes).

3) REDUCED MOBILITY / MEDICAL CONDITIONS / DISABILITIES / SPECIAL REQUESTS

The information you are provided with about your holiday before you make your booking will include a general indication of the suitability of the holiday for someone with reduced mobility. However, reduced mobility means different things to different individuals as individual capabilities, restrictions and requirements are likely to vary considerably. If you suffer from restricted mobility or have any disability or medical condition which may affect your holiday arrangements, please give us full details before booking so that we can provide you with precise information as to the suitability of the holiday taking into account your needs. We may ask you to confirm full details in writing. Please promptly inform us in writing in the event that any material change in your mobility, any disability or medical condition occurs after your booking has been confirmed. We will deal with special requests and information relating to any disability, medical condition or reduced mobility as referred to in our full booking conditions. Special requirements we have accepted will be specifically confirmed as accepted on your confirmation invoice.

4) YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to any authorised travel agent of ours for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by the travel agent or subsequently paid by you to the travel agent will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

5) INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that you have adequate insurance for your holiday. Further information on this requirement is shown in our full booking conditions.

6) ALTERATION BY YOU

(a) If you wish to make any amendments to your holiday after it has been confirmed (including where you wish to transfer your place on the booking to someone else), you must inform us in writing and we will do our best to help. An

amendment fee of £35 together with the costs and charges incurred as a result or, for certain alterations, cancellation charges, will be payable. Please see our full booking conditions for further information.

(b) If you wish to change any aspect of your holiday after it has commenced, we and our agents will do their best to assist, subject to payment locally of all applicable charges and costs.

(c) If you wish to transfer your place on your booking to another person (introduced by you), you may do so, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

- Provided the person to whom you are transferring your place satisfies all conditions applicable to the holiday; which form part of your contract with us.
- Requests for a transfer must be made in writing at least 7 days prior to departure and must be accompanied by the name and other applicable details of the person who will replace you.
- In the event that the balance of the holiday cost is due but has not been paid when the transfer request is made, this must be paid before the transfer can be made. Any additional payment amount that our suppliers require to effect the change (if the transfer can be made) will be payable. Please note, in some cases suppliers such as airlines treat name changes as a cancellation, levying cancellation charges and requiring payment for a new ticket. These charges must be paid by you before any change can be made.
- The transferee agrees to these Booking Conditions and all other terms of the contract between us.

You and the transferee remain jointly and severally liable for payment of all sums. If you are unable to find a replacement, cancellation charges as set out in clause 9 will apply in order to cover our estimated costs. Otherwise, no refunds will be given for passengers not travelling or for unused services.

7) PRE-DEPARTURE CHANGES TO, OR CANCELLATION OF, YOUR ARRANGEMENTS BY US

(a) Pre-departure Changes
Changes to confirmed holiday arrangements sometimes have to be made and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most changes will be insignificant and we have the right to make these. Where an insignificant change is made before departure, we will notify you in writing. No compensation is payable for insignificant changes. Insignificant changes are likely to include (but are not limited to) (1) changes to any destination(s), place(s) of stay or port(s) or place(s) of call for your holiday which is not a major, confirmed destination, place of stay or port or place of call and (2) substitution of a named lecturer and / or leader for another knowledgeable expert in the same field. Occasionally, before departure, we may have to make a significant change to any of the main characteristics of the travel services which form part of your confirmed booking or to any special requirements which we have accepted as referred to in clause 3. Examples of significant changes can be found in our full Booking Conditions. In the event that we have to make a significant

change, we will provide you with the following information in writing as soon as possible: (i) the proposed alteration(s) and any impact they have on the price; (ii) in the event that you do not wish to accept the alteration(s), details of any substitute package we are able to offer (and any price reduction where this is of a lower quality or cost); (iii) your entitlement to cancel your booking and receive a full refund if you do not want to accept the alteration(s) or any substitute package offered; and (iv) the period within which you must inform us of your decision and what will happen if you don't do so.

If you choose to cancel your booking, we will refund all payments you have made to us within 14 days of the date we receive your written cancellation. If we don't hear from you with your decision within the specified period (having provided you with the above mentioned information for a second time), we will cancel your booking and refund all payments made to us within 14 days of our doing so. No compensation will be payable or other liability accepted where a change results from Force Majeure (see clause 8).

(b) Pre-departure Cancellation

Occasionally, it may be necessary to cancel confirmed holiday arrangements and we reserve the right to do so. In the event: (i) we are prevented from performing your contracted holiday arrangements as a result of Force Majeure (see clause 8) and we notify you of this as soon as reasonably possible; or (ii) we have to cancel because the number of persons who have booked the holiday on which you are travelling is smaller than the minimum number applicable to the holiday as stated in the contract and you are notified of the cancellation not less than 8 weeks before departure; we have the right to terminate your contract. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date we inform you of the cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. All group holidays, except those labelled as 'non-exclusive', require a minimum number of bookings before they will operate. We will inform you of cancellation for lack of minimum numbers as set out above.

8) FORCE MAJEURE

For the purposes of these Booking Conditions, Force Majeure means any event beyond our or our supplier's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken. Examples include warfare and acts of terrorism (and threat thereof), civil strife, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination or remain at the travel destination, the act of any government or other national or local authority including port or river authorities, industrial dispute, labour strikes, lock closure, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, chemical or biological disaster, unavoidable technical problems with transport, airport, port or airspace closures, restrictions or congestion and flight restrictions imposed by any regulatory authority or other third party and all similar events outside our or the supplier(s) concerned's control. Except where otherwise expressly stated in these Booking Conditions, we have no liability including for compensation, costs and expenses in such situations.

9) CANCELLATION BY YOU

(a) You may cancel your confirmed holiday booking at any time prior to departure. Should you wish to do so, you must notify us or your travel agent (as applicable) in writing. Such notification will only be effective on receipt by us or the travel agent (as applicable).

Cancellation charges will apply as set out below unless you are otherwise advised at the time of booking. In calculating these cancellation charges, we have taken account of possible cost savings and the generation of income from other bookings which may be able to utilise cancelled services to the extent this is likely to be achievable for tailor-made holiday arrangements. For some bookings, including those for which full payment is required at the time of booking, 100% cancellation charges apply from confirmation of your booking. Where the cancellation charge is shown as a percentage, this is calculated on the basis of the total cost payable by the person(s) cancelling, excluding any visa charges and amendment charges which are not refundable.

| Days before departure notification received | Amount of cancellation charges as a % of total holiday cost |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| More than 90 days | Deposit(s) (inc any higher deposit) |
| 90-29 days | 50% or deposit(s) if higher |
| 28-15 days | 90% |
| 14-0 days | 100% |

No allowance or refund can be made for meals, rooms, excursions etc included in the price of your holiday but not taken, nor can any refund be made for services that cannot be used due to lost, mislaid or destroyed travel tickets or vouchers. Part cancellation of a booking may result in increased costs for the remaining party members.

(b) Cancellation charges will not be applicable in the event that unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances occur in the place of destination of your holiday or its immediate vicinity which significantly affect the performance of the contracted holiday services or the carriage of passengers to that destination and as a result you notify us in writing prior to departure that you wish to cancel your holiday. In this situation, we will refund all monies you have paid to us within 14 days of the date you notify us in writing of your cancellation but will have no further or other liability to you including in respect of compensation or any costs or expenses you incur or have incurred. Please note that your right to cancel in these circumstances will only apply where the Foreign and Commonwealth Office advises against travel to your destination or its immediate vicinity. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" means warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely to the travel destination.

10) PRICES

Where your contract is with Cox & Kings, once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, it will not change. We reserve the right to make changes to, and correct errors in, advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. Occasionally our holiday prices are discounted for a limited period for promotional purposes. Discounts cannot be

applied retrospectively to reduce the price of a confirmed booking.

11) YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) British Foreign & Commonwealth Travel Advice: The UK government provides advice on safety and security, entry requirements and health for countries around the world, as well as general information, at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and <https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/>. You are strongly recommended to read the advice about the country you are planning to visit prior to booking. You should also revisit the advice regularly prior to your departure as it may change frequently. It is possible to sign-up to receive FCO e-mail updates for your destination so you are aware of any changes to advice they issue and it is recommended you do this.

(b) Visas: General information concerning visa requirements applicable is set out in our Documents & Health section. Please also see our full booking conditions for further information.

(c) Passports: A full passport (valid for at least six months beyond the end of your holiday) is required for the holidays we offer. Please see our Documents & Health section for full details or seek the advice of our travel consultants. Requirements may change and you must check the up-to-date requirements in good time before departure.

A British citizen's passport presently takes approximately three to six weeks to obtain. See our full booking conditions for further information.

(d) Health: It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all recommended and required vaccinations and health precautions in good time before departure. See our full booking conditions for further information.

(e) Documents: It is the responsibility of the person who makes the booking to ensure that all members of the party are in possession of all necessary travel and health documents and have all necessary vaccination certificates before departure.

12) OUR LIABILITY

(i) We will accept responsibility for the arrangements we agree to provide or arrange for you as an "organiser" under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018, as set out below and as such, we are responsible for the proper provision of all travel services included in your package, as set out in your confirmation invoice. Subject to these Booking Conditions, if we or our suppliers negligently perform or arrange those services and we don't remedy or resolve your complaint within a reasonable period of time, and this has affected the enjoyment of your package holiday you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. The level of any such price reduction or compensation will be calculated taking into consideration all relevant factors such as but not limited to: following the complaints procedure as described in these Booking Conditions and the extent to which ours or our employees' or suppliers' negligence affected the overall enjoyment of your holiday. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that we or our supplier(s) have been negligent if you wish to make a claim against us.

(ii) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (including loss of possessions or enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any nature whatsoever which results from any of the following: (1) the act(s) and / or omission(s) of the person(s) affected; or (2)

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the act(s) and / or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable; or (3) Force Majeure as defined in clause 8.

(iii) We cannot accept responsibility for any services that do not form part of our contract with you. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities that your hotel, cruise provider or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised in our brochure or on our website as forming part of your holiday and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract, and any excursion / activities you purchase while away.

(iv) Except as set out in clause 12(v), no limitation on the amount of damages which can be claimed will apply in respect of personal injury or death which we or our employees have caused intentionally or negligently or in respect of any other liability which we cannot limit under English law. For all claims concerning or arising out of loss of, delay and / or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money) for which we are liable, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is an amount equivalent to the excess on your insurance policy which applies to this type of loss per person in total because you are required to have adequate insurance in place to cover any losses of this kind, unless a different limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(vi) below. For all other claims, if we are found liable to you on any basis, the maximum amount we will have to pay you is up to three times the total price of your holiday unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 12(v) below.

(v) Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and / or off the transport concerned) provided by any air, rail or sea carrier to which any international convention or EU regulation applies, our liability (including the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you, the types of claim and the circumstances in which compensation will be payable) will be limited as if we were the carrier in question as referred to below. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or EU regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and / or, for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, EC Regulation 392/2009 on the liability of carriers of passengers in the event of accidents and / or the Athens Convention (as amended by the 2002 Protocol) for international carriage by sea and the Convention of 1980 concerning International Travel by Rail (COTIF) as amended for travel by rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or EU regulation (including where any claim is not notified and issued in accordance with the time limits stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation), we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. Please also note that strict time limits apply for notifying loss, damage or delay of luggage to the airline. Any proceedings in respect of any claim (including one for personal

injury or death) must be brought within 2 years of the date stipulated in the applicable convention or regulation. You are not entitled to make any claim against us which concerns or is based on any travel arrangements provided by any air, rail or sea carrier if such a claim is not expressly permitted to be brought against the carrier by the international convention or regulation that applies to the travel arrangements in question. When making any payment, we will deduct any payment that you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the complaint or claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and regulations are available from us on request.

(vi) We cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not reasonably have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees or, where we are responsible for them, our suppliers. Additionally we cannot accept liability for any expenses or losses that relate to or arise from any business (including without limitation, self-employed loss of earnings), or any indirect or consequential loss of any kind.

(vii) Where it is impossible for you to return to your departure point as per the agreed return date of your package, due to "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances", we shall provide you with any necessary accommodation (where possible, of a comparable standard) for a period not exceeding 3 nights per person. Please note that the 3-night cap does not apply to persons with reduced mobility, pregnant women or unaccompanied minors, nor to persons needing specific medical assistance, provided we have been notified of these particular needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday. For the purposes of this clause, "unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances" mean warfare, acts of terrorism, significant risks to human health such as the outbreak of serious disease at the travel destination or natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes or weather conditions which make it impossible to travel safely back to your departure point.

13) TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING DELAY)

(a) Air, rail, road and other departure times are supplied by the carriers. Please see our full booking conditions for details of our responsibility in the event of delay.

(b) If your flight is cancelled or delayed, your flight ticket is downgraded or boarding is denied by your airline, depending on the circumstances, the airline may be required to pay you compensation, refund the cost of your flight and / or provide you with accommodation and / or refreshments under EC Regulation No 261/2004 (denied boarding and flight disruption). Please see our full booking conditions for further information.

14) COMPLAINTS AND PROBLEMS

If you have a complaint about any of the holiday arrangements booked with or through Cox & Kings, you must follow the complaint procedure set out in our full booking conditions.

15) FINANCIAL SECURITY

The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements 2018 require us to provide security for the monies that you pay for the package holidays booked with us and for your repatriation in the event of our insolvency. We provide this security for our flight-inclusive holidays by way of our Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL) (number

2881) administered by the Civil Aviation Authority. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight-inclusive package from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit, you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent or your credit card issuer where applicable. You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme. The price of our flight-inclusive holiday packages includes the amount of £2.50 per person which is the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. For further information, visit the ATOL website at: www.atol.org.uk.

We provide full financial protection for our package holidays which don't include flights, by way of a bond held by ABTA Ltd, The Travel Association 30 Park Street London SE1 9EQ www.abta.co.uk.

16) LAW AND JURISDICTION

Your relationship (and any contract you may have) with us and any dispute, claim or other matters of any nature arising from it ('claim') shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. We both agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) that arises between us must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and any dispute, claim or other matter of any description that arises between us governed by the law of Scotland / Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

17) DATA PROTECTION

Please see our Privacy Policy for further information on how we process your personal data: www.coxandkings.co.uk/data-protection.

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Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking. Cox & Kings requires that everyone who books with us has travel insurance which includes cover for all activities featured as part of their trip at the time of booking. If you have not already arranged appropriate cover, our recommended travel insurance provider is Campbell Irvine.

To arrange cover or to obtain a quotation, please contact Campbell Irvine.

You can apply for travel insurance online at: www.affiliate.campbellirvinedirect.com/coxandkings

Or call: 01702 427 236



Moose, Gros Morne National Park, Canada

IMPORTANT

This is only a summary of cover; full details of the cover provided are shown on your policy document. You will be asked to read it carefully to ensure you are happy with the cover provided which is offered on a non-advised basis from a single insurer.

A copy of the policy document is available for download online at affiliate.campbellirvinedirect.com/coxandkings. The policy contains a 21-day cooling off period and details of how to make a claim and who to contact in the event of a medical emergency.

The policy includes certain terms and conditions, exclusions and excesses. In particular cover is excluded for any defined pre-existing medical condition from which you or any person upon whom travel depends are suffering. If in doubt please contact the insurer's medical helpline as additional cover may be purchased directly from the insurer's medical screening helpline for certain pre-existing medical conditions.

An additional premium applies to any person **aged 66 to 74 years** at the date of payment of the insurance premium. The appropriate premium will be quoted on application. This insurance is **not** available to any person **aged 75 years or more** at the date of payment of insurance premium unless agreed in writing. If you are aged 75 or older, the charity Age Co, formerly Age UK, offers a travel insurance policy. You can find details at ageco.org.uk/insurance/travel-insurance.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE SUMMARY OF COVER (SUMS INSURED ARE PER INSURED PERSON)

| BENEFIT | LIMIT |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Medical expenses | £10,000,000 |
| Diagnostic tests | £10,000 |
| In patient benefit | £10 per day up to £300 |
| Criminal injuries | £100 per day up to £5,000 |
| B. Personal liability | £2,000,000 |
| C. Personal accident | £25,000 |
| D. Cancellation or curtailment | £3,000* |
| E. Delayed departure or arrival | |
| Either compensation up to | £100 |
| OR cancellation after | |
| 8 hours up to | £2,000 |
| Hijack of aircraft | £100 per day up to £3,000 |
| Interruption of transport | £300 |
| F. Personal effects | £2,000 |
| | (Valuables limited to £350) |
| | (Single article limit £250) |
| | (Disc collections £200) |
| Temporary loss of baggage | £100 |
| Money | £500 |
| Tickets | £1,000 |
| Passport and visas | £250 |
| G. Legal expenses | £50,000 |
| H. Winter sports | Optional |

* Cancellation cover may be increased when you apply.



Moraine Lake, Banff National Park, Canada

Travel in Canada & Alaska

At Cox & Kings, we believe that a good holiday is not luck, but judgement. We have compiled the following information to outline the nature of travel in Canada and Alaska, and to help you prepare for your holiday. However, even with the most meticulous planning, minor problems can occur and, while our local representatives are always on hand to rectify such occurrences, we do request that you have a patient and broadminded approach to travelling in Canada and Alaska.

Flights

International flights: We are able to book a number of reputable airlines; however, international flights are not included in the prices in this brochure. Upgrading to Premium Economy on some routes and Business or First Class is normally possible, subject to availability. Some flight routings involve a change of aeroplane en route to your destination, so please take note of the flight details on your confirmation invoice, as these will show the amount of scheduled transit time in the stop-off city. Please also note that 'non-stop' flights have no scheduled touch-downs en route, while 'direct' flights mean there is no change of aircraft but stops are possible, and indeed probable, as per the airlines' timetables. Unfortunately, airlines change their schedules regularly and, although we will advise you of any stops or aeroplane changes at the time of booking, we cannot be held responsible for any changes made after this date. However, if you specifically require a non-stop flight, please ensure that you request this at the time of booking.

Baggage allowances vary according to the destination, flight and class booked, although, in the majority of cases, the allowance for Economy is 20kg and Business is 30kg. Some charter flights or floatplanes to islands or remote hotels may have lower limits and it may not be possible to leave behind excess baggage. Therefore, it is advised not to bring any excess baggage on tours that feature light-aircraft planes. Please check with your travel consultant regarding specific routes.

Internal flights: Occasionally, when travelling on internal flights with local carriers or on light aircraft, it may be necessary for operators to change schedules at short notice. If this should happen, everything possible will be done to minimise the inconvenience. Such a change may cause a delay to your onward travel arrangements and require an extra night's accommodation at your board point, alternative travel by another airline or another method of transportation. Although these arrangements are at the discretion of the airline, Cox & Kings will endeavour to help in any way it can and ensure that arrangements go as smoothly as possible.

Flight delays & insurance: Unfortunately, due to the increase in air traffic, government restrictions and changing weather conditions, flight delays have become more commonplace. These delays can cause problems with onward connections and/or hotel and holiday arrangements. While the airline will sometimes make alternative arrangements to get you to your destination at no extra cost, additional costs may be involved in the form of accommodation costs, transfers and onward tickets. It is important that your travel insurance covers you against the costs incurred as a result of cancellation or delay to your flight. Unfortunately, since most services

are paid for in advance, any services missed due to delays are non-refundable. Please also bear in mind that many international flight tickets are non-changeable and non-refundable. We strongly recommend that you are insured against such eventualities.

Flight amendments: Most airline fares normally restrict changes of date, route and airline. Any such changes made after a ticket has been issued will normally necessitate the purchase of a new ticket at the passenger's expense.

Special requests: Cox & Kings will endeavour to request any specific meals or services, subject to availability, on the condition that we are told at the time of booking. Specific seat requests with most major airlines can now only be requested if travelling in one of the premium classes. We are able to request general seating preferences for Economy Class passengers. With all special requests, please remember that they are 'requests' and as such are at the discretion of the airline and cannot be guaranteed.

Cruises

Cruises in this brochure are offered subject to the conditions of carriage of the individual cruise company. The itineraries described are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of the ship's master. As some of the cruises travel to remote parts of the world, the cruise companies reserve the right to change the itinerary due to weather conditions, availability of anchorages, political conditions, ability to obtain necessary permits or other factors beyond its control, without consultation. Decisions made will always be in the best interests of the travellers and with regard to the safety of the vessel. Travellers will have no right to any refund or other considerations in the event of these itinerary changes. Should a passenger not take part in an activity or make use of the services available then no refund will be given.

Car Hire

Cox & Kings can arrange self-drive holidays to certain parts of Canada and Alaska. Although driving on the roads can seem easy as they are in good condition and generally there is not much traffic, some areas are very remote and lacking in infrastructure such as petrol stations and roadside rest areas. We therefore recommend that you are always rested and make sure you fill your tank at every opportunity available. In such remote areas it is also worth noting that mobile signal can be non-existent or very limited, especially in Alaska. Please enquire for further details and note that we advise against self-drive in some regions because, in our opinion, it may be unsafe. In the event that you wish to book an independent self-drive, please be aware that this does not form part of your package holiday with Cox & Kings and as such Cox & Kings is not liable in any way for this part of your holiday. Please ensure that, if you do make such a booking, your insurance policy covers you.

Early Starts

Some flights to, from and within Canada and Alaska depart and arrive very late at night or early in the morning. Although Cox & Kings will endeavour to book you on a flight that departs or arrives at a reasonable time, often there is little or no choice and some very early check-in or check-out times may be required. Sometimes it is necessary to leave your hotel before 6am in order

to maximise the opportunities for sightseeing during your holiday.

Accommodation

In some cases, hotels will be undergoing refurbishment works, which in most cases do not impact on guests' comfort. Cox & Kings will inform you of such works, provided they are notified to us in time, and will endeavour to obtain rooms as far away from any construction work as possible. Please bear in mind that hotels run on full capacity during peak season and specific rooms can rarely be pre-booked.

Check-in & check-out times: If a flight arrives very early in the morning, you may be taken for breakfast or sightseeing before being allocated your room. Cox & Kings will endeavour to make your room available as early as possible in these instances.

Single supplements: On some occasions, single and double rooms carry the same price, which means that single supplements for certain itineraries can seem high. Single rooms cannot always be guaranteed at all hotels and lodges, especially in peak season. Often, the location and standard of single rooms may not be as good as that of doubles. If you are in doubt, we suggest you request a double room in advance, at an additional supplement. If you are unhappy with your room while on holiday, please query this with a Cox & Kings representative at the time. In the absence of a Cox & Kings representative, we advise you to discuss the matter with the hotel manager.

Itinerary Changes

From time to time our ground agents may have to amend your itinerary. This could include changes to the order of activities and, in some extreme cases, have to exclude a visit to a particular site. This is largely due to the need to accommodate local conditions, such as increased security around places of interest. Any changes to your itinerary will be advised by the local ground agent. However, on arrival, if you are either unable to locate the airport representative or are unhappy with the changes, we strongly recommend that you contact our local representatives in the first instance. The contact details of our local offices can be found alongside the documents dispatched with the final itinerary.

British Foreign & Commonwealth Advice

Cox & Kings supports the British Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) Travel Aware campaign to help you stay safe and healthy overseas. Find out more at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk. The FCO website provides travel information for many countries around the world, which includes advice on safety and security, entry requirements and health, as well as general information. Cox & Kings strongly recommends that you, and everyone on your booking, visit the FCO website and read the advice about the country you are planning to visit prior to booking. You should also revisit the advice regularly prior to your departure as it may change frequently. It is also possible to sign-up to receive FCO email updates for your destination so you are aware of any changes to advice they issue and we recommend you do this. There are different levels of advice, and sometimes this includes advice against travelling to certain areas or countries. To check the current travel advice, visit gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice and follow twitter.com/ftctravel and facebook.com/ftctravel.

Documents & Health

Health & Entry Requirements

The destinations featured in this brochure have specific entry regulations and have recommended health precautions. The requirements and recommendations in force at the time of publication are detailed below. If there are any alterations, you will be informed at the time of booking or as soon as these are known to us. However, it is your responsibility to check the relevant requirements and recommendations before departure to ensure that you comply with them, and to take with you the correct documentation for the country or countries that you are visiting.

Please note that the entry requirements listed are only valid for British citizens. All other nationalities should check with the relevant embassy / consulate for advice. Regarding any inoculations or health precautions that may be needed, Cox & Kings recommends that you consult your GP or travel clinic for personal advice.

Requirements and recommendations are as follows:

| | |
|---------------|-------|
| Canada: | ABGHJ |
| USA (Alaska): | ABGHJ |

Key to the codes:

| | |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A: | Full valid British passport required (minimum six months validity from the intended date of return). |
| B: | Electronic Travel Authorization required (see section on Visas). |
| B*: | Visa required and can be obtained on arrival, please check requirements with your travel consultant. |
| Bi: | Visa required, to be completed online. |
| C: | Yellow fever precautions advised. |
| C*: | A yellow fever certificate is required if travelling from an infected country. |
| C†: | A yellow fever certificate is required for all travellers more than one year old when travelling from an infected country. |
| D: | Cholera precautions advised. |
| E: | Typhoid, polio and hepatitis A precautions may be advised. |
| F: | Malaria precautions advised. |
| G: | Tetanus precautions advised. |
| H: | Areas of high altitude – check with your GP for confirmation that it is safe for you to visit. |
| I: | Food and drink precautions advised. |
| J: | Diphtheria precautions advised. |
| K: | Hepatitis B precautions advised. |

Changes to requirements and recommendations:

The above information is accurate at the time of writing (May 2019). Cox & Kings will advise you before accepting your booking should there be any subsequent changes to the above recommendations and requirements.



Elk, Canada

You should contact your GP or visit the Masta (Medical Advice Service for Travellers Abroad) website at masta-travel-health.com where you can receive professional advice as well as arrange any vaccinations. Further country-specific useful health advice for travellers can be found via:

- fitfortravel.nhs.uk
- gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

General Health Advice

Please see the advice regarding inoculations for specific countries above. For more general advice, please note the following:

- Drink only bottled water and check the seal is secure when you receive it.
- Do not eat raw vegetables, unpeeled fruit and raw or uncooked seafood.
- Avoid drinks with ice in unless you know that the ice was made from filtered water.
- Avoid food and drink from street vendors and restaurants that might have suspect refrigeration and sanitary practices.

High Altitude: Please check with your travel consultant as to which areas are at high altitude. In order to minimise the effects of altitude, it is advisable to rest for a few hours upon arrival and avoid heavy meals, alcohol and physical exertion for the first day or two. If you have any history of heart complaints, or if you are over the age of 60, please check with your GP that it is safe to visit these areas.

Passports & Embassies

This advice is only valid for British citizen passport holders. Holders of any other type of British passport (eg British subjects) or of any other nationality must contact the relevant embassy / consulate (details listed below).

It is important that you hold a valid 10-year British passport and we recommend that your passport is valid for a minimum of six months

from your date of return to the UK. Passport application forms can be obtained from the post office or online at gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports. The passport advice telephone line is on 0300 222 0000 (calls are charged at national rate). Whether renewing your passport or applying for a new one, all relevant information can be found on the website or by telephoning the number above. The cost for an online application is £75.50 or a postal application is £85. Both take a minimum of three weeks to obtain from the date of application. Fast track passports of either 1 day or 1 week are also available at a higher cost.

Information on visas may be obtained from the respective embassies and high commissions at the following addresses:

- Canadian High Commission, Canada House, 1 Trafalgar Square, London SW1Y 5BJ. Tel: 020 7004 6000.
- US Embassy, 33 Nine Elms Lane, London SW1 7US. Tel: 020 7499 9000.

Visas

- For Canada, all visitors will need an electronic travel authorisation (eTA) to enter the country. The cost for this visa is C\$7, which is subject to change. Travellers can apply for the eTA online.

For more information and to apply online see the official Canadian government website: cic.gc.ca

- For travellers to the United States and those on Alaska cruises, the United States requires those travelling under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (Esta) to provide details online at least 72 hours prior to departure. The charge for this is \$14 (approx. £11). To apply online, please go to the following website: esta.cbp.dhs.gov. If you do not have an Esta you will be refused travel to the US. We strongly recommend that you carry a copy of your Esta certificate as an airline may not allow you to board your flight if you cannot provide evidence that clearance to enter the US has been granted.

If you are not a British citizen and require a visa not in the form of an eTA or Esta, Cox & Kings can recommend a reputable visa assistance company who can help with your application. Please contact your travel consultant for details.

Neither Cox & Kings nor any visa assistance company can guarantee the granting of any visas as this is a matter outside of their control. If a visa is not granted through no fault of Cox & Kings or any visa assistance company, neither will accept any liability for the consequences. Therefore Cox & Kings reserves the right to pass on to you any costs incurred as a result, including cancellation charges.

Flying in Style

Your choice of scheduled airlines: It is Cox & Kings' policy to use scheduled flights on airlines with strong reputations for service, reliability and punctuality. Our holidays to Canada and Alaska feature a number of world-class airlines and on these pages we have highlighted four of the best and the different services they offer.

Stretch out: On long-haul flights, a little extra room can make a big difference to your comfort, so Cox & Kings offers a range of upgrade options at great prices.

In addition, the faster check in and comfortable lounges available to most upgrading passengers allow you to pass through the airport with ease.

Regional connections: Cox & Kings offers excellent add-on prices for those wishing to connect to long-haul flights from regional UK airports.

For further information, please either refer to the price panel on the tour page or contact Cox & Kings.



Award-winning Air Canada operates more daily direct non-stop flights from the UK to Canada than any other airline. In the summer this includes four daily flights to Toronto, daily flights to Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary, Vancouver, Halifax and St John's, Newfoundland. From the hubs of Toronto, Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver you can connect onwards to 64 destinations in Canada and 60 destinations in the United States. With Air Canada, you can check in online 24 hours in advance, or at the self-service check-in kiosk, print your boarding pass and then drop off your luggage at the Bag Drop desks.

International Economy Class benefits: Up to 81cm (32in) seat pitch with adjustable headrests; personal 22cm (8.9in) touchscreen television offering hundreds of hours of top-rated entertainment; complimentary hot meal accompanied by a selection of wines and spirits.

Premium Economy Class benefits: Available on Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, St John's, Calgary and Vancouver services. Separate check in, priority airport services and dedicated cabin; a 96cm (38in) seat pitch; a wider seat and greater recline compared to Economy Class; an adjustable headrest; a pillow, blanket and amenity kit; a next generation entertainment system with personal touchscreen television; complimentary wine and spirits as well as premium cuisine.



Air Canada, Signature Class

Signature Class benefits: Separate check in, priority airport services and access to the Maple Leaf Lounges and exclusive access to the Air Canada Signature Suite in Toronto; seat that reclines into a fully lie-flat bed; gourmet cuisine along with fine wines. The 787 Dreamliner and Boeing 777 aircraft feature Executive Pods with a 203cm (6ft 7in) fully lie-flat bed; pneumatic cushion and adjustable headrest, with head and neck massage function; large table; state-of-the-art entertainment system with a 45cm (18in) touchscreen and noise-cancelling headphones.



Air Canada Rouge, Air Canada's leisure airline, operates seasonal summer direct non-stop flights from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Manchester to Toronto. These routes are operated by Boeing 767 aircraft, offering a choice of both premium and economy cabins. Easily connect on to Air Canada's extensive global network to destinations across Canada, the United States, throughout the Americas and even further beyond via Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Rouge benefits: Up to 76cm (30in) seat pitch; in-flight entertainment system; download the Air Canada app prior to travel in order to stream live entertainment to your personal device or rent an iPad on board for \$10 CAD; complimentary hot meal, served with non-alcoholic beverages. The Economy cabin also features preferred seats, which, for a small fee, offer an increased seat pitch of up to 86cm (34in).

Premium Rouge benefits: A dedicated cabin with a maximum of 24 seats; 94cm (37in) seat pitch; in-flight entertainment system that streams live entertainment to your personal device, or choose a complimentary iPad; indulge in premium meals and beverages, all complimentary.

Aeroplan benefits: Air Canada Rouge flights are eligible for Aeroplan® and Air Canada Altitude™ Qualifying Miles (AQM) accumulation and redemption.



Air Canada, Premium Economy Class



Air Canada, Signature Class



Air Canada Rouge, Premium Rouge



British Airways flies from London Heathrow non-stop to Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Montreal and from London Gatwick to Toronto. Save time and check in online or via your mobile using the British Airways app, print or download your boarding pass and take your luggage directly to the Bag Drop desk. Alternatively, check in at the check-in kiosk at the airport.



World Traveller benefits: A 79cm (31in) seat pitch with lumbar support, footrest and adjustable headrest; 23cm (8.9in) personal television screen with audio video on demand, offering access to 200 film, television and music channels; and three-course meals with complimentary bar service.



World Traveller Plus benefits: A smaller cabin for more privacy; a 97cm (38in) seat pitch; wider seat with adjustable headrest, leg rest, footrest and lumbar support, offering more personal space than World Traveller; 27cm (10.6in) personal in-flight entertainment screen; and enhanced choice of meals served on china crockery with complimentary bar service.



Club World benefits: Dedicated check-in desks, departure and arrival lounges, as well as complimentary treatments in the Elemis Travel Spa*; a seat that converts into a 183cm (6ft) fully flat bed with a bigger pillow, mattress topper and duvet; 31cm (12.1in) personal in-flight entertainment screen; a new restaurant-style dining experience serving freshly prepared dishes, snacks and beverages from the Club Kitchen.



First benefits: Exclusive experience at the First Wing in London Heathrow or from dedicated check-in desks at other airports; departure and arrival lounges; complimentary treatments in the Elemis Travel Spa*; personal suite with a seat that converts into a 198cm (6ft 6in) flat bed; 39cm (15.4in) personal in-flight entertainment screen; turndown service including a duvet, pillows and pyjamas; pre-flight dining is available at London Heathrow; on board, choose from a formal a la carte menu or an informal dining option, accompanied by fine wines and champagnes.

* Elemis Travel Spa: Available at London Heathrow Terminal 5.

Cabin design elements may vary by aircraft.



Air Transat recently celebrated 30 years flying between the UK and Canada, and was just voted Skytrax 2019 World's Best Leisure Airline for the second year. Operating direct flights from London Gatwick to Montreal, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver; from Manchester to Toronto and Vancouver; and from Glasgow to Toronto. Additional indirect services are available across Canada, plus options to connect to Québec City from London Gatwick.

Economy Class benefits: Up to 81cm (32in) seat pitch with 4-way headrest; personal 22.5cm (9in) television touchscreens on the Airbus A330 offering over 250 channels of film, television and music; complimentary Euro Bistro hot meal served with a glass of wine or beer. All soft drinks are complimentary. Payable bar service.

Economy Class Option Plus benefits: Complimentary seat selection; priority airport services; additional luggage allowance of 1 x 23kg; a welcome alcoholic drink and snack; and a comfort kit (includes a blanket, headphones, eye-mask and neck pillow).



Air Transat, Economy Class

Club Class benefits: Dedicated check-in area with priority security, boarding, baggage and complimentary seat selection; generous luggage allowance of 2 x 32kg; exclusive 12-seat cabin with luxury leather seats with a 91cm (36in) pitch; personal 30cm (12in) touchscreen in-flight entertainment; choice of pre-bookable gourmet meals – from Quebec chef Daniel Vézina – with wine and after-dinner liquor; complimentary bar and snack service throughout the flight; and an amenity kit (includes a blanket, neck pillow, eye-mask, slippers and socks, hand cream, lip balm, mini toothpaste and toothbrush, and headphones).



British Airways, World Traveller Plus



British Airways, Club World



Air Transat, Club Class

Cox & Kings Holidays Explained



Grizzly bear, Denali National Park

Accommodation Ratings

The properties displayed on the accommodation pages in this brochure and on our website are each given one of the following six ratings, listed in order of comfort:

Exceptional: Truly exclusive and exceptionally luxurious.

Luxury: Very high class accommodation with superb facilities and service.

Superior: High standard accommodation, service and facilities.

Good Standard: Good standard accommodation, service and facilities.

Simple: Clean and comfortable with en suite bathrooms, but limited facilities.

Basic: Very modest, typically with shared bathrooms and minimal facilities.

Due to space restrictions this brochure only features a limited selection of the hotels we offer. Please visit CoxandKings.co.uk to see our full range of hotels.

Prices

We go to great lengths to ensure that our group and private tours represent excellent value for money, taking into account the quality of accommodation and the services included. Our guideline prices are per person in UK pounds, based on two people sharing a twin / double room.

The prices for all itineraries in this brochure do not include the international airfare from the UK. This is because there are often short-term seasonal promotional prices available on flights to the region and, as a result, we cannot be sure at the time of publication

of the best fare available. Please contact Cox & Kings for a price quote including flights.

The cost of a tour can change after the publication of our brochures, so in this brochure all private and cruise itineraries are guideline prices. For each we publish a lead-in price for the low season, which is indicative of the lowest price at which we would suggest travelling, and the lead-in price for the high season.

For APT coach tours and small group tours in Churchill and Northern Canada that are run by a partner company, the land cost is fixed. Please contact us for any special offers.

Important: For both group and private tours, please contact one of our travel consultants for an accurate price quote for a specific departure date.

Non-Exclusive Escorted Group Tours

APT: In Canada and Alaska, Cox & Kings works with renowned tour operator APT to offer an exciting range of non-exclusive escorted group tours. These carefully planned coach tours have a maximum group size of 40 people, and 48 in the Travelmarvel branded tours.

Tour manager: Tour managers at APT are carefully selected for their travel experience and organisational abilities. Your tour manager will meet you on arrival in Canada or Alaska and will escort you throughout your journey (unless otherwise specified).

Expert local guides: In addition to the services of the tour manager, most non-exclusive escorted group tours also benefit from the knowledge of local guides, who accompany each excursion. In some cases, where appropriate, the tour manager will also act as the local guide. Where possible, your entrance fees are included in the holiday price.

Comfortable land travel: For road journeys, APT use air-conditioned buses of a size appropriate to the size of the group.

First class accommodation: The standard and style of accommodation varies from place to place and tour to tour; however, APT generally use 5-star hotels, or 4-star accommodation on Travelmarvel tours.

Tours in Churchill & Northern Canada: In Churchill (Manitoba) Cox & Kings works with Frontiers North and Churchill Wild as our local partners, and in Northern Canada with Arctic Kingdom. On tours run by these operators, there is no set tour leader, but you will be assisted throughout by different expert local leaders during your excursions, and by experienced hotel staff at your accommodation.

Tour Categories

Cox & Kings tours fall into one of four categories, based on the level of comfort you can expect on a tour, as described below. On certain tours, we include some departures in one category and some in another.

Luxury: These are our most comfortable tours and will usually feature 5-star de luxe accommodation throughout.

Superior: Most Cox & Kings tours fall under this category and are based in 4- or 5-star accommodation where available, or the best alternative elsewhere.

Standard: Simpler in emphasis, these itineraries typically feature 4-star or good 3-star accommodation throughout, or the best alternative elsewhere.

Discovery: This type of tour is best suited to the hardier traveller as it will typically include some quite basic accommodation, possibly longer and rougher road journeys and, in some cases, more strenuous activities, such as trekking.

Private Travel

Private travel refers to trips taken independently and includes both set itineraries and tailor-made holidays. Almost all our group tours can be taken on a private basis and some itineraries are available for private travel only. The private tours and suggested itineraries listed in this brochure are suggestions to demonstrate how multiple places can be connected together, giving an idea of how long you might like to spend in each place and also a guideline price. All our itineraries can be tailored to suit your particular requirements.

Cruises & Rail Journeys

Tours are labelled as cruise or rail journey if the core content of the itinerary is by boat or train, including staying on board at night. In such cases, while the sections of the itinerary before and after the cruise or rail journey would operate as private travel, the days during the cruise or rail journey and the relevant transfers and excursions may be operated on a group basis with other passengers who may not be Cox & Kings clients.

Upgrades & Supplements

Regional air connections: Most Cox & Kings holidays are based on flights from London Heathrow or Gatwick and in most cases it is possible to connect with those flights from regional British airports for a small supplement. Please ask your travel consultant for details.

Flight upgrades: The tours in this brochure do not include flights. However, Cox & Kings would be more than happy to include flights for you and, for those wishing to fly in greater comfort, we can offer favourable prices for upgrading to Premium Economy, Business and First Class. Guideline prices for these upgrade supplements are included on the tour page. Please contact your travel consultant for a price quote based on your specific date of departure. The Flying in Style section on pages 136-137 contains more information about the different premium classes on the airlines we most commonly use.

Room upgrades: On both group tours and private holidays there may be opportunities to upgrade to a higher standard of room in many hotels. Please ask your Cox & Kings travel consultant to explain the upgrade options to you and provide you with a price quote.

Single room supplements: If you are a single traveller joining a group tour there will generally be a supplementary charge. This is because hotels typically charge more per person for single occupancy as the cost of maintaining a room for one person can be almost as high as it is for two.

Land-Only Travel

The prices for the tours in this brochure do not include the international airfare. You do not have to book your flights through Cox & Kings, however we do recommend that you ask your Cox & Kings travel consultant to quote you the price for booking through us.

If you are considering booking your own flights please always contact your travel consultant because there are important issues to be aware of. For example, if a tour includes internal flights there can be an impact on the cost of those flights if they are booked separately from the international flights. If booking on a group tour you would also need to be aware of the tour timings and there may be supplementary costs if you require private transfers or additional hotel nights on arrival or departure.

We strongly advise against booking flights independently of Cox & Kings for group tours as you would incur significant charges in the event that a group tour is cancelled.

Finally, it is important to be aware that, if you choose to book your international flights independently of Cox & Kings, you would no longer benefit from the full Atol holiday protection provided by a packaged air and land holiday.

When to Travel

The weather in Canada and Alaska is very variable through the seasons and in different regions. The opening spread of pages for each country / region includes climate information and most tour pages include detailed charts showing the average temperature and rainfall in the relevant regions throughout the year. Even greater detail – and measurements in imperial units – can be found on our website. Our expert travel consultants will also be delighted to give you detailed advice about the likely conditions at different times of year.

Mobility & Accessibility

Many Cox & Kings tours visit places that require quite a lot of walking. In the case of historical / archaeological sites in particular, surfaces can be uneven and there may be a lot of steps. If you have any concerns about how strenuous a particular itinerary may be, please speak to one of our expert travel consultants prior to booking to get a realistic sense of what is involved.

Combining Multiple World Regions

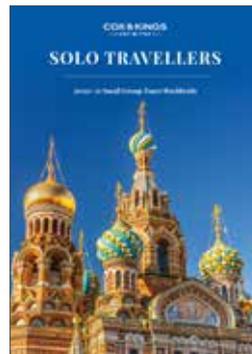
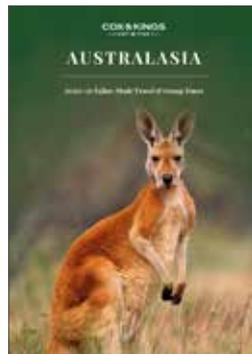
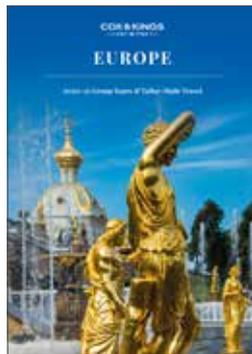
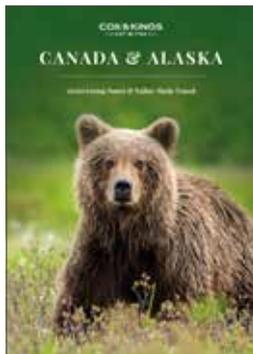
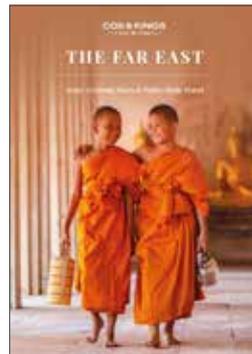
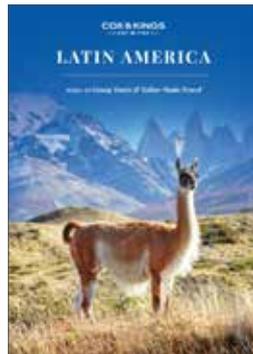
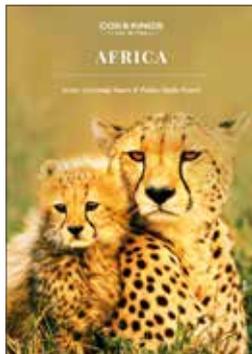
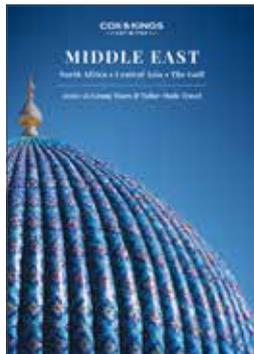
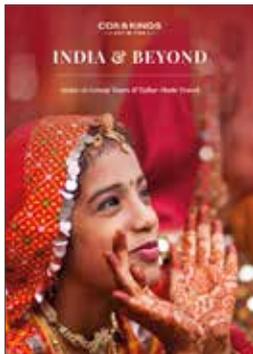
Should you wish to combine multiple regions of the world in a single journey, Cox & Kings has a great deal of experience in tailoring such travel plans, including arranging round-the-world flights. Please contact us for details of the various options and a price quotation.

Ensuring Your Enjoyment

When making a booking, if you feel that there is anything Cox & Kings should know about that is essential to your enjoyment of your holiday, please ensure that we have been made aware of this, preferably in writing, at the time of booking.

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