



**The Best of Canada Fully Escorted Tour  
With Rodney Vincent  
Alaska Cruise 27 Aug – 02 Sept 2015**



**Day 1 – Wednesday 26 August 2015 (D) Holland America 7 night Alaska Cruise  
Depart Canada Place Pier - Vancouver**

**Today you will be transferred from your hotel to Canada Place Pier to embark on your Alaska Cruise.**

**Depart                      5.00PM                      Vancouver      on Holland America MS Volendam**

Today you will embark on your fantastic 7 night Alaska Cruise with Holland America. The MS Volendam, your home for the next 7 nights, will depart from Canada Place Pier at 5pm, with boarding commencing from 12 noon.

There are few finer places to sail than Alaska, where glaciers flow right to the sea, whales and other marine life thrive, and charming ports brim with adventurous activities. Step aboard the elegant MS Volendam, unpack once and let magnificence unfold by the mile.

**Day 2 – Thursday 27 August 2015 (B,L,D)  
Scenic Cruising the Inside Passage**

The Inside Passage is a coastal route for ocean-going vessels along a network of passages that weave through the islands on the Pacific coast of North America. The route extends from south-eastern Alaska in the United States, through western British Columbia in Canada, to north-western Washington State in the USA. Ships using the route can avoid some of the bad weather in the open ocean and may visit some of the many isolated communities along the route. Carved by glaciers and blanketed with majestic hemlock and spruce, the Passage is a region of pristine water, snow-capped mountains, deep fjords and forested islands. With its mild, maritime climate, this area is a prime habitat for bald eagles, sea lions, porpoises and whales. Glacier Bay National park has 16 active tidewater glaciers, and Misty Fjords National Monument near Ketchikan has 900 m cliffs rising directly from pristine ocean channels. Alaska's Inside Passage offers spectacular scenery, abundant wild-life, vivid Native cultures, astounding history and exceptional hospitality that are hallmarks of the region. Interestingly, the Inside Passage is also a destination for kayakers and canoeists from all over the world, who paddle along the fjords from British Columbia to Glacier Bay in Alaska.

People have been living along the Inside Passage for a very long time. Due to the fluctuations in sea level over the millennia, much of the record of human habitation is under water. Original visitors travelled the Inside Passage in

spectacular seagoing canoes. From 1791-95, England's Captain George Vancouver made extensive charts of the entire Inside Passage and he and his crew are responsible for many of the names on the map today.

**Day 3 - Friday 28 August 2015 (B, L,D)**  
**Tracy Arm/Juneau Alaska**

Tracy Arm is located just 72 km south of Juneau, and lies inside the largest temperate rain forest in the world - the Tongass National Forest of Alaska. Tracy Arm is comprised of Yosemite-like granite rocks, countless waterfalls, glass-smooth water, and mountain peaks rising over 2000 m. The 'arm' itself penetrates about 40 km into the Alaskan wilderness, bending between near-vertical mountain chasms with numerous waterfalls cascading from spruce and hemlock-forested valleys. The highlight of this fjord are the twin glaciers - North Sawyer and South Sawyer - that are arguably the bluest and most beautiful glaciers in Alaska. Snow-capped mountains frame the scene, and it's a great place to watch glaciers calve. It is not unheard of to see floating ice as large as a three storey building.

If you didn't know any better, you'd think Glacier Bay ostentatious for the way it flaunts its ice. The glaciers practically terminate in your lap. Glacier Bay is a UNESCO World Heritage Site that protects a unique ecosystem of plants and animals living in concert with an ever-changing glacial landscape. When a monumental chunk of ice splits off a glacier and thunders into the sea the impact shoots water hundreds of feet into the air. You hold your breath as you catch the moment on film. Then you wait for it all to happen again. And it does: Glacier Bay has more actively calving tidewater glaciers than anyplace else in the world.

Built on a narrow shelf between Mt. Juneau and the deep waters of Gastineau Channel, Juneau is Alaska's state capital, and a rewarding destination for glacier viewing. Juneau is a blend of fishermen and teachers, legislators and artists, homemakers and lawyers, union workers and frontier entrepreneurs, students and Native elders, all sharing an active port city within an inspiring wilderness setting. No roads lead to Juneau, which gives the Alaskan capital a misty inscrutability.

**Day 4 – Saturday 29 August 2015 (B,L,D)**  
**Skagway, Alaska**

Skagway is an historical city where the past lives on, and a place where the romance and excitement of yesteryear linger around every street corner as well as in every bend of the trail. Gateway to the Klondike and the Gold Rush, visitors can still ride the antique White Pass and Yukon narrow-gauge railway up through silvery-purple rock faces, past Deadhorse Gulch, to see what it was like back then.

Some of the aspiring Klondike gold rushers who made it to Skagway took a look at the 500-mile journey that still lay ahead of them and decided a change of profession was in order. So many of them set up shop as provisioners that Skagway was the largest city in Alaska by the end of the 19th century. Booms fade and dreams move on, but the glory days still reverberate through the town.

**Day 5 – Sunday 30 August 2015 (B,L,D)**  
**Glacier Bay, Alaska**

Glacier Bay was originally a large single glacier of solid ice until early in the 18th century. Since it started retreating, it has left about 50 glaciers in its trail and become the largest protected water area park in the world. While its many branches, inlets, lagoons, islands, and channels provide prospects for scientific exploration, it is primarily an amazing visual spectacle. Glaciers descending from high snow-capped mountains into the bay create spectacular displays of ice and iceberg formations. Interestingly, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve includes nine tidewater glaciers, four of which actively carve icebergs into the bay. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it is also famous for its wildlife that include grizzly and black bears, moose, black-tailed deer, mountain goats, wolves, lynx, sea otters, seals, sea

lions, Pacific white-sided dolphins, orcas, humpback whales, bald eagles, and gulls, as well over 200 bird species.

**Day 6 – Monday 31 August 2015 (B,L,D)**  
**Ketchikan, Alaska**

Alaska's first city' Ketchikan is situated along the shores of Alaska's Inside Passage within the heart of the Tongass National Forest. Evergreen mountains rise out of the water, the lush green landscape nurtured by the abundant rainfall of the temperate rainforest environment. Visitors are presented with a remarkable array of activities and attractions that highlight the town's history, industry and culture, and bring them up close to resident wildlife. Ketchikan's impressive variety of shops and galleries feature work by many of the island's resident artists as well as an assortment of souvenir items and unique gifts that make shopping a 'must-do'. Try the local salmon as Ketchikan is known as the Salmon Capital of the World.

**Day 7 – Tuesday 01 September 2015 (B,L,D)**  
**Scenic Cruising the Inside Passage, Alaska**

The Inside Passage is one of the most scenic sea-lanes in the world, and one of the few where deep-draft vessels can sail close to steep mountain walls. The scenery is unbelievable, with forests in a hundred shades of green, tumbling turquoise glaciers, and evocative towns loaded with history, culture and adventure. With most of Southeast Alaska accessible only by boat or plane, the Inside Passage is a lifeline to the outside world. All day long it hums with activity.

**Day 8 – Wednesday 02 September 2015 (B)**  
**Vancouver – Sydney**

Today we say farewell to Canada. Disembarkation in Vancouver will commence after breakfast when you will be transferred to the International Airport for your return flight to Australia. Optional hotel day use room can be arranged if required.

**Depart 11.40PM VANCOUVER** on Air Canada

**Day – Friday 04 September 2015 Arrive Sydney**  
**Sydney – Melbourne**

**Arrive 8.15AM SYDNEY** on Air Canada

You are in transit

Depart	12.10PM	SYDNEY
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**Arrive 1.30PM MELBOURNE**

**Price: 7 night Holland America Alaskan Inside Passage Cruise 26 August to 02 September 2015**

**From \$1,449.00 Per Person Share Twin – Inside Cabin**

**From \$1,511.00 Per Person Share Twin - Ocean View Cabin**

**From \$2649.00 Per Person Share Twin – Verandah Suite**

**Optional - Day use hotel room Vancouver Wednesday 02 September 2015 on request.**

**What's Included:**

7 Nights share twin accommodation on board MS Volendam

Your choice of Inside, Ocean view or Verandah Cabin

All meals on board ship including 24 hour room service

Onboard ship entertainment including shows, discos, comedy clubs, bars, lounges, etc.

Use of fitness facilities, pools, hot tubs, sports courts etc onboard ship

Port charges, Taxes and Fees

Gratuities on board

Transfer to the International Airport

**What's Not Included:**

Casino gambling or Bingo

Meals in any alternative or special dining restaurants or venues on board

Soft drinks, bottled water, specialty coffees, or alcoholic beverages including beer, wine, spirits

Shore excursions and sightseeing tours

Spa or Salon services

Items of a personal nature, souvenirs, photos

Travel Insurance

## **Terms and Conditions:**

### **DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS**

To confirm your place with Go See Touring, we require a non-refundable deposit of \$800.00 per person with registration. Payment of the remaining balance will be required by 10 May 2015.

### **CHANGES TO THE ITINERARY**

Go See Touring is constantly striving to improve our itineraries and inclusions. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances, beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries and to substitute inclusions.

### **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS**

All cancellations must be advised in writing. Once full payment has been received and documents issued, an airline cancellation fee of \$250 per person, hotel cancellation fee of \$250 per person plus a \$30 administration fee per booking will be charged. If cancelling within 7 days of departure 100% cancellation will apply to all air and land arrangements. Additional airline cancellation fees may apply if internal airfares are issued. All cancellation fees are subject to change at the discretion of airlines, hotels and other suppliers.

### **INSURANCE**

Go See Touring strongly recommends travel insurance and offers several comprehensive options, details of which can be forwarded upon your request. Go See Touring requires a signed refusal prior to documents been dispatched, if you choose to arrange alternative travel insurance.

### **DOCUMENTATION AND PASSPORTS**

**A copy of your valid passport or Document of Identity (DOI) must be provided to Go See Touring at the time of booking.** Posted photocopies, clear faxes or scanned files via email are accepted. If you do not have a current passport at time of booking this can be forwarded at a later date but prior to final payment.

### **ITEMS NOT INCLUDED**

Unless otherwise specified the costs of meals, drinks, laundry, tips and gratuities and items of personal nature are not included.

### **OUR SERVICES**

The services which Go See Touring provide consist of arranging and coordinating travel, accommodation, making bookings and issuing appropriate tickets and vouchers.

### **OUR LIABILITY**

Go See Touring undertakes to perform these services with reasonable skill and care. We will not be held liable for any loss or damage arising from acts or defaults outside our control, including (but not limited to) acts or defaults of actual travel, accommodation and suppliers. The Trade Practices Act 1974 applies to services supplied by Go See Touring.

### **PRICES**

All prices are in Australian Dollars and are quoted per person. Due to currency fluctuations and changes in service costs, prices are subject to variation at any time until full payment is received.

### **UNUSED SERVICES**

Refund will not be provided where due to illness or personal choice you do not utilise part of or all of your chosen package.

### **FORCE MAJEURE**

If by any means of any event of force majeure (which shall include terrorism, pandemic or any cause or event outside our control) we shall be delayed in or prevented from performing our obligations, then such delay or non-performance shall not be deemed a breach or entitle a damages claim. Our obligations shall be suspended whilst such event of force majeure continues.

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