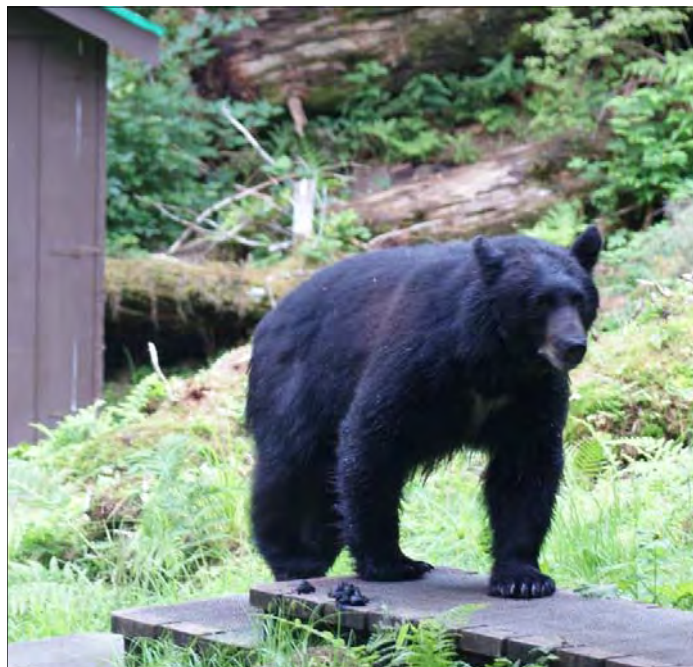


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Which Tour Should I Choose?

Our tours are ideal for anybody with a sense of adventure and desire to discover the “Real Alaska and Canada”. Most of our clients are reasonably fit and active people that are looking for an alternative to traditional big cruise ship style packages. It’s ‘attitude rather than age’ that is the important factor in determining whether our tours will suit you.

We are planning to run four separate escorted group tours for the 2012 season. For each of the tours we are offering two options. The four week tours include the full itinerary, whilst the three week tours cover part of a full itinerary. On the following pages you will find separate descriptions for the four and three week versions of each tour. If we reach a point where passenger numbers exceed the maximum size, we will run the four and three week versions of the tour as standalone groups with their own individual leaders, motor coach and sightseeing activities.

Outlined below are some comments and thoughts on the differences between the various tours.

Standard features on all tours

- ▲ Led by an experienced tour leader who knows the areas visited well
- ▲ Knowledgeable local guides
- ▲ Inside Passage voyage between Haines, Wrangell and Prince Rupert on the Alaska Marine Highway System. Some ferry trips involve an overnight stay onboard. Inside cabins are included in these trips.
- ▲ Clean and comfortable accommodation in three star hotels
- ▲ A good variety of transportation - ferry, train and motor coach

Route - the Late Summer tour includes a visit to Sitka, whilst the other tours travel through The Yukon instead. Of the three tours going through the Yukon, two operate northbound from Vancouver to Alaska, and one operates southbound from Alaska to Vancouver.

Temperatures - over the years, we have found that its virtually impossible to accurately predict the weather during the period from mid May through to late August when our tours operate. On most tours we experience a combination of clear sunny days mixed with some cloudy days when there is persistent rainfall.

Sunlight - the Spring and Early Summer Tours generally offer the longest amount of sunlight each day. It will still be dusk around midnight in towns like Whitehorse, Dawson City and Fairbanks on these particular tours.

Prices - costs for the Spring tour are slightly less as hotel rates are generally lower at this time of year.

Transportation - we have included different combinations of rail and coach transportation on each tour. Some of the tours include rail journeys on the Rocky Mountaineer and VIA Rail Skeena whilst other tours include the Alaska Railroad and VIA Rail Skeena.

Spring & Late Summer Tours - we take the train between Fairbanks and Anchorage (Alaska Railroad) and Prince Rupert and Jasper (VIA Rail). We take a motor coach between Jasper and Vancouver.

Early Summer & Fall - we take the train between Prince Rupert and Jasper (VIA Rail) and Vancouver and Banff (Rocky Mountaineer). We take a motor coach between Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Sightseeing Tours - there are a couple of minor differences in the sightseeing activities that we have built into each tour. For instance, we have included a Prince William Sound tour in the Spring itinerary, whilst the Early Summer and Fall itineraries include a Vancouver City Tour. Full details of the sightseeing tours and activities are shown in the inclusions table on each itinerary.

Wildlife viewing - we generally spot a variety of wildlife including bears, moose, caribou, bald eagles, Dall sheep and whales during the course of each tour. There will however be variations in the locations where we are most likely to spot the wildlife on each tour. For instance, the salmon run at AnAn Creek takes place from early July through to late August. Thus, when we are in Wrangell during this time, we have included a trip to AnAn to see the bears. On the Spring Tour we often spot bears in Denali National Park and during the course of the journey between Prince Rupert and Jasper.

Scenery - during May and June the snow coverage on the mountains is likely to be greater than July and August. Towards the end of August, we often experience light snowfalls around Denali National Park as the summer season starts to close and Fall commences. As the season turns, we sometimes view the change in colours along the Top of the World Highway between Fairbanks and Dawson City. On rare occasions, we might also gain a glimpse of the Northern Lights in areas such as Dawson City, Fairbanks and Denali National Park.



Spring Alaska & Canada Escorted Group Tour

33 days departing 18 May 2012

Tour Code GCB2



Lake Louise



Bald Eagle



White Pass Railroad

Glorious Canada - big-shouldered mountains chiseled into rugged splendor by glaciers and the elements. Alaska - the people, the places, the beauty. It's like nothing else on earth. And when you visit, Alaska becomes a part of you forever. Let us introduce you to the real Canada and Alaska!

May 2012

Fri 18: Vancouver - Arrival into Vancouver. Sandman Signature Suites (1 night)

Sat 19: Vancouver to Anchorage - We continue our journey north today with a flight to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Quality Suites (2 nights)

Sun 20: Prince William Sound Tour (B/L) - Today we cruise through areas such as College and Harriman Fjords with a narrated presentation on the Sound's abundant marine life. There are countless opportunities for photography.

Mon 21: Anchorage to Denali (B) - This morning we board the Alaska Railroad for the trip up to Denali National Park. Grizzly Bear Resort (2 nights)

Tue 22: Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour (B/L) - Today we join the Tundra Wilderness Tour taking us into the Denali National Park and Preserve. Our tour provides an opportunity to view the magnificent scenery that makes this wilderness region so famous. During the tour we keep a close watch for wildlife such as bear, moose, wolves, caribou and Dall Sheep.

Wed 23: Denali to Fairbanks (B) - We reboard the Alaska Railroad this afternoon for the trip north to Fairbanks, in the heart of Alaska. Bridgewater Hotel (2 nights)

Thu 24: Riverboat Discovery Tour - In the morning we board the 'Riverboat Discovery' for a cruise down the lovely Chena River. This tour includes a visit to a recreated Chena Indian Village and demonstration of dog sledding. The afternoon is free to explore the town.

Fri 25: Fairbanks to Dawson City - Today we board a luxury motor coach to drive along the spectacular Alaska and 'Top of the World' Highways on the way to Dawson City. Along the way we pass through Chicken, Tok, and Rika's Roadhouse. Eldorado Hotel (2 nights)

Sat 26: Dawson City - This morning we visit Gold Dredge #4 and the Discovery Claim, home to the richest placer gold strike in history. The remainder of the day is free to explore the town which has been declared a national historic site.

Sun 27: Dawson City to Whitehorse - We drive south along the Klondike Highway through ranchlands, vast lakes and the beautiful expanses of the Yukon River valley to Whitehorse, the capital of the Yukon Territory. Best Western Gold Rush Inn (1 night)

Mon 28: Whitehorse to Haines - We travel the Alaska Highway today to Haines Junction, where we join the scenic Haines Hwy to Alaska and the town of Haines. Captain's Choice Motel (3 nights)

Tue 29: White Pass & Yukon Summit Tour - We travel by water taxi to Skagway and explore this well preserved frontier town before boarding the famous White Pass & Yukon Railroad for the journey through to the White Pass Summit and back. This is one of the most spectacular railway lines in the world. We can view glaciers, mountains, gorges, waterfalls and historic sites. We return to Haines by water taxi in the afternoon.

Wed 30: Haines - Originally a Russian and Native American trading post, this town provides beautiful views of the Chilkat Mountains and Lynn Canal - North America's deepest fjord. With only a few small cruise ships docking each summer, Haines has retained it's local identity as a quiet South East Alaskan town. Walk the un-crowded streets and explore the shops and quiet cafes; we've left this day for you to do as you please.

Thu 31: Haines to Inside Passage - We board our Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry this afternoon for the overnight journey to Wrangell. On board cabin with private facilities (1 night)

June 2012

Fri 01: Inside Passage to Wrangell - We disembark the ferry this morning, giving us time to explore this historic town. Stikine Inn (3 nights)

Sat 02: Le Conte Glacier and Petersburg (B) - Today we tour by boat to the southern most active glacier in the northern hemisphere. This glacier fills the bay with several miles of icebergs. Our tour also visits the community of Petersburg: 'Alaska's Little Norway'.

Sun 03: Stikine River Wilderness Tour (B) - This morning we take another boat ride, this time through the lower reaches of the Stikine River. This pristine wilderness features glaciers and possible wildlife sightings include: bear, moose and eagle.

Mon 04: Wrangell to Inside Passage (B) - We have most of the day free in Wrangell before boarding the Alaska Marine Ferry this evening for our overnight trip to Prince Rupert. On board cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Tue 05: Inside Passage to Prince Rupert - We arrive in Prince Rupert this morning, giving us half a day to wander Cow Bay, and visit the waterfront shops and cafés. Pacific Inn (1 night)

Wed 06: Prince Rupert to Prince George - This morning we board VIA Rail's Skeena service for the journey to the interior logging town of Prince George. We will be travelling in economy class, with meals available for purchase on board. There is also access to a lounge area and second floor dome. Highlights of the day include views of the Coast Mountains and Skeena River. Ramada Inn (1 night)

Thu 07: Prince George to Jasper - We board the train again today for the journey into the Canadian Rockies. We cross the Yellowhead Pass, and if the day is clear, we may catch a glimpse of the highest peak in the Rockies - Mount Robson. Chateau Jasper (2 nights)

Fri 08: Jasper - Our day is free to explore this picturesque alpine town. With amazing views from every street, there are a number of nearby walking tracks and attractions that we can enjoy.

Sat 09: Jasper to Banff - Today we tour along the Icefields Parkway; one of the most spectacular highways in North America. Stops are made at various scenic points including: turquoise Lake Louise and the Columbia Icefield Centre, with an astounding view of terrain imbedded with ancient rock and ice. We will take an Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca glacier to see its raw beauty. Banff Park Lodge (2 nights)

Sun 10: Banff - Day at leisure to explore the attractions of Banff. Taking in the mountain air, you may like to venture to Bow Falls and The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff Gondola and the nearby Hot Springs Pool.

Mon 11: Banff to Lac Le Jeune (L/D) - Today we board our motor coach for the full day trip to the interior of British Columbia. Our journey today takes us from the high alpine of the Alberta Rockies through the picturesque town of Revelstoke, and finally onto our lakeside lodge. Lac le Jeune Resort (1 night)

Tue 12: Lac Le Jeune to Whistler (B/L) - We re-board the motor coach in the morning and travel along the high plateau before entering the Coast Mountains and the resort of Whistler. Delta Whistler Suites (2 nights)

Wed 13: Whistler - Today we are at leisure in North America's number one recreational resort. There are plenty of activities to keep us happy, including a ride on the Peak2Peak Gondola, taking us between the tops of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains (cost not included).

Thu 14: Whistler to Victoria - We travel along the scenic Sea to Sky Highway today to Horseshoe Bay, where we board our ferry to Vancouver Island. Before arriving into Victoria, we briefly tour some of the towns along the coast. Executive House Hotel (2 nights)

Fri 15: Butchart Gardens - We travel today to Vancouver Island's biggest attractions - Butchart Gardens. We'll have time to relax and truly enjoy this beautiful garden in all its glory.

Sat 16: Victoria to Vancouver - In the morning we travel across the Georgia Strait to Vancouver. Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel (1 night)

Sun 17: Vancouver departure - We have almost a full day at leisure in Vancouver before boarding our outbound flights.

Mon 18: In flight

Tue 19: Arrive back in Australia

Tour Prices (\$A Per Person)

Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$ 8,900
Internal flights (refer note 3)	\$ 700
Price excluding international flights	\$ 9,600

Notes

1. **International airfares** - refer page 17 for details of alternatives for international airfares
2. **Single supplement** - refer page 17 for details of policy on single supplement
3. **Internal flights** - includes the following sectors: Vancouver/Seattle, Seattle/Anchorage

Tour Inclusions: GCB2 & GCC2

- ▲ Clean and comfortable hotels with private facilities
- ▲ Meals as indicated (B=breakfast / L=lunch / D=dinner)
- ▲ Prince William Sound Tour
- ▲ The Alaska Railroad
- ▲ LeConte Glacier & Petersburg Tour
- ▲ Stikine River Cruise
- ▲ White Pass & Yukon Railway excursion
- ▲ Riverboat Discovery Tour
- ▲ Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour
- ▲ Alaska Marine Highway fares & cabins as shown
- ▲ Dawson City Discovery Claim

Featured in GCB2 ONLY

- ▲ Victoria & Butchart Gardens excursion
- ▲ Icefields Parkway Tour & Ice Explorer Ride

Spring Alaska & Inside Passage Group Tour

22 days departing 18 May 2012

May 2012

Tour Code GCC2

Fri 18: Vancouver - Arrival into Vancouver. Sandman Signature Suites (1 night)

Sat 19: Vancouver to Anchorage - We continue our journey north today with a flight to Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Quality Suites (2 nights)

Sun 20: Prince William Sound Tour (B/L) - Today we cruise through areas such as College and Harriman Fjords with a narrated presentation on the Sound's abundant marine life.

Mon 21: Anchorage to Denali (B) - This morning we board the Alaska Railroad for the trip up to Denali National Park. Grizzly Bear Resort (2 nights)

Tue 22: Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour (B/L) - Today we join the Tundra Wilderness Tour taking us into the Denali National Park and Preserve. Our tour provides an opportunity to view the magnificent scenery that makes this wilderness region so famous. During the tour we keep a close watch for wildlife such as bear.

Wed 23: Denali to Fairbanks (B) - We reboard the Alaska Railroad this afternoon for the trip north to Fairbanks, in the heart of Alaska. Bridgewater Hotel (2 nights)

Thu 24: Riverboat Discovery Tour - In the morning we board the 'Riverboat Discovery' for a cruise down the lovely Chena River. This tour includes a visit to a recreated Chena Indian Village and demonstration of dog sledding. The afternoon is free to explore the town.

Fri 25: Fairbanks to Dawson City - Today we board a luxury motor coach to drive along the spectacular Alaska and 'Top of the World' Highways on the way to Dawson City. Along the way we pass through Chicken, Tok, and Rika's Roadhouse. Eldorado Hotel (2 nights)

Sat 26: Dawson City - This morning we visit Gold Dredge #4 and the Discovery Claim, home to the richest placer gold strike in history. The remainder of the day is free to explore the town which has been declared a national historic site.

Sun 27: Dawson City to Whitehorse - We drive south along the Klondike Highway through ranchlands, vast lakes and the beautiful expanses of the Yukon River valley to Whitehorse, the capital of the Yukon Territory. Best Western Gold Rush Inn (1 night)

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Thu 31: Haines to Inside Passage - We board our Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry this afternoon for the overnight journey to Wrangell. On board cabin with private facilities (1 night)

June 2012

Fri 01: Inside Passage to Wrangell - We disembark the ferry this morning, giving us time to explore this historic town. Stikine Inn (3 nights)

Sat 02: Le Conte Glacier and Petersburg (B) - Today we tour by boat to the southern most active glacier in the northern hemisphere. This glacier fills the bay with several miles of icebergs. Our tour also visits the community of Petersburg: 'Alaska's Little Norway'.

Sun 03: Stikine River Wilderness Tour (B) - This morning we take another boat ride, this time through the lower reaches of the Stikine River. This pristine wilderness features glaciers and possible wildlife sightings include: bear, moose and eagle.

Mon 04: Wrangell to Inside Passage (B) - We have most of the day free in Wrangell before boarding the Alaska Marine Ferry this evening for our overnight trip to Prince Rupert. On board cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Tue 05: Inside Passage to Prince Rupert - We arrive in Prince Rupert this morning, giving us half a day to wander Cow Bay, and visit the waterfront shops and cafes. Pacific Inn (1 night)

Wed 06: Prince Rupert to Vancouver - Fly to Vancouver and then onto Australia.

Thu 07: In flight

Fri 08: Arrive back in Australia

Tour Prices (\$A Per Person)

Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$ 5,950
Internal flights (refer note 1)	<u>\$ 1,150</u>
Price excluding International flights	\$ 7,100

1. Internal flights - includes the following sector: Vancouver/Anchorage, Prince Rupert/Vancouver

2. Inclusions - refer to page 4 [Tour Inclusions](#)

2. Single supplement and international flights - refer to page 17

This tour is a shorter version of Spring Canada and Alaska group tour featured on pages 3 and 4.

Early Summer Canada & Alaska Escorted Group Tour

31 days departing 27 June 2012

Tour Code GCD2



Rocky Mountaineer



Stikine River Wilderness Tour



Mount McKinley

Alaska - it's amazingly different, with the tallest mountains, the largest area of national parklands, the highest concentration of glaciers and the longest stretch of coastline of all the United States. And nature still grandstands in Canada: rainforests, serpentine coastlines, the eternal blanket of Arctic ice and even a small desert are all part of the vast and unique natural patchwork. Places of magnificence, but not beyond your reach on this tour!

June 2012

Wed 27: Vancouver - Arrival into Vancouver. Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel (2 nights)

Thu 28: Vancouver City Tour - This morning we take a sightseeing tour of Vancouver including: Stanley Park, Gastown, English Bay, Chinatown and the waterfront. The afternoon is free to explore the city.

Fri 29: Vancouver to Kamloops (B/L) - Early this morning we commence our two day Rocky Mountaineer rail excursion. On the first day we travel through the fertile plains of the Fraser River Valley, then through the rugged Fraser Canyon before arriving into Kamloops. Hotel assigned by Rocky Mountaineer (1 night)

Sat 30: Kamloops to Banff (B/L) - We re-board the Rocky Mountaineer train in the morning and head into The Rocky Mountains on our journey to Banff. Highlights include: Yoho National Park, Kicking Horse Pass and the Spiral Tunnels. Banff Park Lodge (2 nights)

July 2012

Sun 01: Banff - Our day is free to explore the attractions around the town of Banff and Banff National Park. Some popular places to visit include: Bow Falls and The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff Gondola and the nearby Upper Hot Springs pool.

Mon 02: Banff to Jasper - Today we tour the spectacular Icefields Parkway with its towering mountain peaks, tranquil lakes and cascading waterfalls. We stop at several sights including Lake Louise and the Columbia Icefield Centre where we take an Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca Glacier. Marmot Lodge (2 nights)

Tue 03: Jasper - Our day is free to explore this picturesque alpine town. With amazing views from every street, there are a number of nearby walking tracks and attractions that we can enjoy.

Wed 04: Jasper to Prince George (L/D) - We cross the Yellowhead Pass on the ride to Prince George. On clear days there are excellent views of Mt. Robson the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Ramada Inn (1 night)

Thu 05: Prince George to Prince Rupert (B/L/D) - This morning we board VIA Rail's Skeena service for the journey to the port town of Prince Rupert. We will be travelling in touring class, which includes all meals and access to the Park car. Highlights of the day include views of the Coast Mountains and Skeena River. Pacific Inn (2 nights)

Fri 06: Prince Rupert - Day at leisure.

Sat 07: Prince Rupert to Wrangell - In the morning we board an Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry for our voyage to Wrangell. Stikine Inn (4 nights)

Sun 08: AnAn Bear Viewing Tour (B) - Today we tour to AnAn where we may have the opportunity to safely photograph black and brown bears in the wild, at the most likely spot they come to feed on salmon. We start with a boat ride to the sanctuary and then take a short walk to the viewing platforms. We are accompanied by an experienced local guide.

Mon 09: Stikine River Wilderness Tour (B) - This morning we take another boat ride, this time through the lower reaches of the Stikine River. This pristine wilderness features glaciers and possible wildlife sightings include: bear, moose and eagle.

Tue 10: Wrangell (B) - Day at leisure to explore the town including : Petroglyph Beach, Chief Shakes House and the local museum. Note: Wrangell schedule subject to change at last moment.

Wed 11: Wrangell to Inside Passage (B) - We board our AMHS ferry this morning for the overnight journey to Haines. On board cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Thu 12: Inside Passage to Haines - We have an early morning arrival into Haines, giving us time to explore this beautiful town. Captains Choice (2 nights)

Fri 13: White Pass & Yukon Summit Tour - We travel by water taxi to Skagway and explore this well preserved frontier town before boarding the famous White Pass & Yukon Railroad for the journey through to White Pass and back. This is one of the most spectacular railway lines in the world. We can view glaciers, mountains, gorges, waterfalls and historic sites. We return to Haines by water taxi in the afternoon.

Sat 14: Haines to Whitehorse - We travel the scenic Haines Hwy today to Haines Junction, Yukon, where we join the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse. Best Western Gold Rush Inn (1 night)

Sun 15: Whitehorse to Dawson City - We drive north along the Klondike Highway through ranchlands, vast lakes and the beautiful expanses of the Yukon River Valley to Dawson City which was the heart of the Klondike Goldrush. Eldorado Hotel (2 nights)

Mon 16: Dawson City - This morning we visit Gold Dredge #4 and the Discovery Claim, home to the richest placer gold strike in history. The remainder of the day is free to explore the town which has been declared a national historic site.

Tue 17: Dawson City to Fairbanks - Today we drive along the spectacular 'Top of the World' and Alaska Highways en-route to Fairbanks. Along the way we pass through Chicken, Tok and Rika's Roadhouse. Bridgewater Hotel (2 nights)

Wed 18: Riverboat Discovery Cruise - In the morning we board the 'Riverboat Discovery' for a cruise down the lovely Chena River. This tour includes a visit to a recreated Chena Indian Village and demonstration of dog sledding. The afternoon is free to explore the town.

Thu 19: Fairbanks to Denali - We board our luxury motor coach this morning and drive through the heart of Alaska to Denali National Park. The afternoon is free to explore the Park. Denali Grizzly Resort (2 nights)

Fri 20: Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour (B/L) - Today we join the Tundra Wilderness Tour taking us into the Denali National Park and Preserve. Our tour provides an opportunity to view the magnificent scenery that makes this wilderness region so famous. During the tour we keep a close watch for wildlife such as bear, moose, wolves, caribou and Dall Sheep.

Sat 21: Denali to Anchorage (B) - This morning we re-join the coach for the drive on the Parks Highway to Anchorage. Clarion Suites (2 nights)

Sun 22: Anchorage (B) - Full day at leisure. Set at the base of the Chugach Mountains, Anchorage has many attractions including the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the Museum of Art, Earthquake Park and Ship Creek

Mon 23: Anchorage to Victoria (B) - Today we fly with Alaska Airlines to Seattle, and then to Victoria. Executive House (2 nights)

Tue 24: Butchart Gardens Excursion - This morning we visit the renowned Butchart Gardens and its amazing floral displays.

Wed 25: Victoria to Vancouver - Today we transfer from Victoria to Vancouver International Airport and join our departing flights. *If not departing Vancouver on the scheduled group flights, please do not book a flight earlier than 7pm.*

Thu 26: In flight

Fri 27: Arrive back in Australia

Tour Prices (\$A Per Person)

Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$ 9,300
Internal flights (refer note 3)	\$ 700
Price excluding international flights	\$10,000

Notes

1. **International airfares** - refer page 17 for details of alternatives for international airfares
2. **Single supplement** - refer page 17 for details of policy on single supplement
3. **Internal flights** - includes the following sectors: Anchorage/Seattle, Seattle/Victoria

Tour Inclusions: GCD2 & GCE2

- ▲ Accommodation in clean and comfortable hotels with private facilities
- ▲ Meals as indicated (B=breakfast / L=lunch / D=dinner)
- ▲ Vancouver City Tour
- ▲ Rocky Mountaineer Railtour - RedLeaf Service
- ▲ Icefields Parkway Tour & Ice Explorer Ride
- ▲ AnAn Bear Viewing Tour
- ▲ Stikine River Cruise
- ▲ White Pass & Yukon Railway excursion
- ▲ Alaska Marine Highway fares & cabins as shown

Featured in GCD2 ONLY

- ▲ Riverboat Discovery Tour
- ▲ Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour
- ▲ Dawson City Discovery Claim
- ▲ Victoria & Butchart Gardens excursion

Upgrades and optional tours (A\$ per person)

- ▲ Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf \$ 950

Early Summer West Canada & Inside Passage Group Tour

21 days departing 27 June 2012

June 2012

Tour Code GCE2

Wed 27: Vancouver - Arrival into Vancouver.
Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel (2 nights)

Thu 28: Vancouver City Tour - This morning we take a sightseeing tour of Vancouver including: Stanley Park, Gastown, English Bay, Chinatown and the waterfront. The afternoon is free to explore the city.

Fri 29: Vancouver to Kamloops (B/L) - Early this morning we commence our two day Rocky Mountaineer rail excursion. On the first day we travel through the fertile plains of the Fraser River Valley, then through the rugged Fraser Canyon before arriving into Kamloops. Hotel assigned by Rocky Mountaineer (1 night)

Sat 30: Kamloops to Banff (B/L) - We re-board the Rocky Mountaineer train in the morning and head into The Rocky Mountains on our journey to Banff. Highlights include: Yoho National Park, Kicking Horse Pass and the Spiral Tunnels. Banff Park Lodge (2 nights)

July 2012

Sun 01: Banff - Our day is free to explore the attractions around the town of Banff and Banff National Park. Some popular places to visit include: Bow Falls and The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff Gondola and the nearby Upper Hot Springs pool.

Mon 02: Banff to Jasper - Today we tour the spectacular Icefields Parkway with its towering mountain peaks, tranquil lakes and cascading waterfalls. We stop at several sights including Lake Louise and the Columbia Icefield Centre where we take an Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca Glacier. Marmot Lodge (2 nights)

Tue 03: Jasper - Our day is free to explore this picturesque alpine town. With amazing views from every street, there are a number of nearby walking tracks and attractions that we can enjoy.

Wed 04: Jasper to Prince George (L/D) - We cross the Yellowhead Pass on the ride to Prince George. On clear days there are excellent views of Mt. Robson the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Ramada Inn (1 night)

Thu 05: Prince George to Prince Rupert (B/L/D) - This morning we board VIA Rail's Skeena service for the journey to the port town of Prince Rupert. We will be travelling in touring class, which includes all meals and access to the Park car. Highlights of the day include views of the Coast Mountains and Skeena River. Pacific Inn (2 nights)

Fri 06: Prince Rupert - Day at leisure.

Sat 07: Prince Rupert to Wrangell - In the morning we board an Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry for our voyage to Wrangell. Stikine Inn (4 nights)

Sun 08: AnAn Bear Viewing Tour (B) - Today we tour to AnAn where we may have the opportunity to safely photograph black and brown bears in the wild, at the most likely spot they come to feed on salmon. We start with a boat ride to the sanctuary and then take a short walk to the viewing platforms. We are accompanied by an experienced local guide.

Mon 09: Stikine River Wilderness Tour (B) - This morning we take another boat ride, this time through the lower reaches of the Stikine River. This pristine wilderness features glaciers and possible wildlife sightings include: bear, moose and eagle.

Tue 10: Wrangell (B) - Day at leisure to explore the town including : Petroglyph Beach, Chief Shakes House and the local museum. Note: Wrangell schedule subject to change at last moment.

Wed 11: Wrangell to Inside Passage (B) - We board our AMHS ferry this morning for the overnight journey to Haines. On board cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Thu 12: Inside Passage to Haines - We have an early morning arrival into Haines, giving us time to explore this beautiful town. Captains Choice (2 nights)

Fri 13: White Pass & Yukon Summit Tour - We travel by water taxi to Skagway and explore this well preserved frontier town before boarding the famous White Pass & Yukon Railroad for the journey through to White Pass and back. This is one of the most spectacular railway lines in the world. We can view glaciers, mountains, gorges, waterfalls and historic sites. We return to Haines by water taxi in the afternoon.

Sat 14: Haines to Whitehorse - We travel the scenic Haines Hwy today to Haines Junction, Yukon, where we join the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse. Best Western Gold Rush Inn (1 night)

Sun 15: Whitehorse to Vancouver - Fly to Vancouver and then onto Australia.

Mon 16: In Flight

Tue 17: Arrival back in Australia

Tour Prices (\$A Per Person)

Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$ 6,500
Internal flights (refer note 1)	\$ 460
Price excluding international flights	\$ 6,960

1. Internal flights - includes the following sectors:
Whitehorse/Vancouver

2. Inclusions - refer to page 7 Tour Inclusions

3. Single supplement and international flights - refer page 17

This is a shorter version of the Early Summer Canada and Alaska tour as featured on pages 6 and 7.

Late Summer Alaska & Canada Escorted Group Tour

31 days departing 22 July 2012

Tour Code GCF2



Flightseeing Juneau to Haines



Downtown Victoria



IceExplorer Athabasca Glacier

Discover the towering mountains, shimmering lakes, tree-covered islands, dense forests and kilometers of vast coastline that distinguish British Columbia, as much as Vancouver with its fascinating blend of European and Asian cultures does. With large caribou herds migrating across Alaska's interior, millions of salmon spawning in its rivers and the bears attracted to this fine meal, Alaska provides wildlife viewing at its finest.

July 2012

Sun 22: Australia to Seattle - On arrival into Seattle transfer to Radisson Airport Hotel (1 night)

Mon 23: Seattle to Fairbanks - Today we fly to Fairbanks, the largest city in Interior Alaska. On arrival, we undertake a brief sightseeing tour including a visit to the Trans Alaska Pipeline. Bridgewater Hotel (2 nights)

Tue 24: Riverboat Discovery Cruise - In the morning we board the 'Riverboat Discovery' for a cruise down the lovely Chena River. This tour includes a visit to a recreated Chena Indian Village and demonstration of dog sledding. The afternoon is free to explore the town.

Wed 25: Fairbanks to Denali - We board the Alaska Railroad this morning for a journey through the heart of Alaska to Denali National Park. The afternoon is free to explore the Park. Denali Grizzly Resort (2 nights)

Thu 26: Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour (B/L) - Today we join the Tundra Wilderness Tour taking us into the Denali National Park and Preserve. Our tour provides an opportunity to view the magnificent scenery that makes this wilderness region so famous. During the tour we keep a close watch for wildlife such as bear, moose, wolves, caribou and Dall Sheep.

Fri 27: Denali to Anchorage (B) - We have the morning free in Denali before reboarding the Alaska Railroad for an evening arrival into Anchorage. Quality Inn (2 night)

Sat 28: Anchorage (B) - Full day at leisure. Set at the base of the Chugach Mountains, Anchorage has many attractions including the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the Museum of Art, Earthquake Park and Ship Creek.

Sun 29: Anchorage to Sitka (B) - Today we board an Alaska Airlines flight to Sitka. Westmark (2 nights)

Mon 30: Sitka - Our day is free to explore the town. Sitka has retained much of its original architecture from the period when Russia controlled Alaska. Major highlights include the renowned Raptor Rehabilitation Center, whale watching, Saint Michael's Cathedral and other Russian heritage sites.

Tue 31: Sitka to Juneau to Haines - Today we travel to Haines via Juneau, including a light plane ride for a spectacular flight over the Juneau Icefield and Lynne Canal. Captain's Choice (2 nights)

August 2012

Wed 01: White Pass & Yukon Summit Tour - We transfer by water taxi to Skagway where we board the famous 'White Pass & Yukon Railway'. This is one of the most spectacular rail trips in the world. We can view breathtaking mountain panoramas, glaciers, waterfalls, tunnels and historic sites. In the afternoon there is time to briefly tour the town before returning to Haines.

Thu 02: Haines to Inside Passage - The morning is free to enjoy Haines before we board an AMHS ferry for the overnight journey to Wrangell. Cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Fri 03: Inside Passage to Wrangell - We continue sailing on the ferry towards Wrangell. Local residents use the ferries for transportation between the towns along the Inside Passage. The facilities on-board include: observation decks, dining room, bar and gift shop. Stikine Inn (3 nights)

Sat 04: Stikine River Wilderness Tour (B) - Our jetboat tour takes us through the lower sections of the Stikine River. This pristine wilderness region is home to abundant wildlife.

Sun 05: AnAn Bear Viewing Tour (B) - Today we tour to AnAn where we may have the opportunity to safely photograph black and brown bears in the wild, at the most likely spot they come to feed on salmon. We start with a boat ride to the sanctuary and then take a short walk to the viewing platforms. We are accompanied by an experienced local guide.

Mon 06: Wrangell to Inside Passage (B) - We have most of the day free to explore the town including sights such as: Petroglyph Beach, Shakes House, Rainbow Falls and the local museum. In the evening we board an AMHS ferry and sail south towards Prince Rupert. Onboard cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Tue 07: Inside Passage to Prince Rupert - This morning we arrive in Prince Rupert. The day is at our leisure to explore this friendly port town. The historic harbour is beautifully preserved at Cow Bay and there are some great exhibits at the museum of Northern British Columbia. Pacific Inn (1 night)

Wed 08: Prince Rupert to Prince George (B/L/D) - Today we board VIA Rail's Skeena service for the journey to Prince George. We will travel in touring class which includes all meals and access to the Park car. Highlights of the trip include views of the Coast Mountains and the Skeena River. Ramada Inn (1 night)

Thu 09: Prince George to Jasper (B/L/D) - In the morning we re-board the train and travel along the Yellowhead route into the Rocky Mountains. On clear days there are excellent views of Mount Robson. Marmot Lodge (2 nights)

Fri 10: Jasper - Our day is free to explore this picturesque alpine town. With amazing views from every street, there are a number of nearby walking tracks and attractions that we can enjoy.

Sat 11: Jasper to Banff - Today we tour along the Icefields Parkway; one of the most spectacular highways in North America. Stops are made at various scenic points including: turquoise Lake Louise and the Columbia Icefield Centre with an astounding view of terrain imbedded with ancient rock and ice. We will take an Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca glacier to see its raw beauty. Banff Park Lodge (2 nights)

Sun 12: Banff - Day at leisure to explore the attractions of Banff. Taking in the mountain air, you may like to venture to Bow Falls and The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff Gondola and the nearby Hot Springs Pool.

Mon 13: Banff to Lac Le Jeune (L/D) - Today we board our motor coach for the full day trip to the dry interior of British Columbia and the beautiful setting of Lac Le Jeune. Our journey today takes us from the high alpine of the Alberta Rockies through the picturesque town of Revelstoke, Shuswap Lake, and finally onto our lakeside lodge. Lac Le Jeune Resort (1 night)

Tue 14: Lac Le Jeune to Whistler (B/L) - We re-board the motor coach in the morning and travel along the high plateau before entering the Coast Mountains and the all-seasons resort of Whistler. Delta Whistler Suites (2 nights)

Wed 15: Whistler - Today we are at leisure in North America's number one recreational resort. There are plenty of activities to keep us happy, including a ride on the Peak2Peak Gondola, taking us between the tops of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains (cost not included).

Thu 16: Whistler to Victoria - We travel along the scenic Sea to Sky Highway today to Horseshoe Bay, where we board our ferry to Departure Bay. Before arriving into Victoria, we briefly tour some of the towns along the coast of Vancouver Island. Executive House Hotel (2 nights)

Fri 17: Butchart Gardens - We travel today to Vancouver Island's biggest attraction - Butchart Gardens. We'll have time to relax and truly enjoy this beautiful garden in all its glory.

Sat 18: Victoria to Vancouver - In the morning we travel across the Georgia Strait to Vancouver. Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel (1 night)

Sun 19: Vancouver departure - We have almost a full day at leisure in Vancouver before boarding our outbound flights.

Mon 20: In flight

Tue 21: Arrive back in Australia

Tour Prices (\$A Per Person)

Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$ 9,100
Internal flights (refer note 3)	<u>\$ 1,260</u>
Price excluding international flights	\$10,360

Notes

1. **International airfares** - refer page 17 for details of alternatives for international airfares
2. **Single supplement** - refer page 17 for details of policy on single supplement
3. **Internal flights** - includes the following sectors: Los Angeles/Seattle, Seattle/Fairbanks, Anchorage/Sitka, Sitka/Juneau

Tour Inclusions: GCF2 & GCG2

- ▲ Accommodation in clean and comfortable hotels with private facilities
- ▲ Meals as indicated (B=breakfast / L=lunch / D=dinner)
- ▲ Riverboat Discovery Tour
- ▲ The Alaska Railroad
- ▲ Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour
- ▲ White Pass & Yukon Railway excursion
- ▲ Stikine River Cruise
- ▲ AnAn Bear Viewing Tour
- ▲ Lynne Canal flight-seeing
- ▲ Alaska Marine Highway fares & cabins as shown

Featured in GCF2 ONLY

- ▲ VIA Rail Skeena Service (Touring Class)
- ▲ Icefields Parkway Tour and Ice Explorer ride
- ▲ Victoria & Butchart Gardens excursion

Late Summer Alaska & Inside Passage Group Tour

20 days departing 22 July 2012

July 2012

Tour Code GCG2

Sun 22: Australia to Seattle - On arrival into Seattle transfer to Radisson Airport Hotel (1 night)

Mon 23: Seattle to Fairbanks - Today we fly to Fairbanks, the largest city in Interior Alaska. On arrival, we undertake a brief sightseeing tour including a visit to the Trans Alaska Pipeline. Bridgewater Hotel (2 nights)

Tue 24: Riverboat Discovery Cruise - In the morning we board the 'Riverboat Discovery' for a cruise down the lovely Chena River. This tour includes a visit to a recreated Chena Indian Village and demonstration of dog sledding. The afternoon is free to explore the town.

Wed 25: Fairbanks to Denali - We board the Alaska Railroad this morning for a journey through the heart of Alaska to Denali National Park. The afternoon is free to explore the Park. Denali Grizzly Resort (2 nights)

Thu 26: Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour (B/L) - Today we join the Tundra Wilderness Tour taking us into the Denali National Park and Preserve. Our tour provides an opportunity to view the magnificent scenery that makes this wilderness region so famous. During the tour we keep a close watch for wildlife such as bear, moose, wolves, caribou and Dall Sheep.

Fri 27: Denali to Anchorage (B) - We have the morning free in Denali before reboarding the Alaska Railroad for an evening arrival into Anchorage. Quality Inn (2 night)

Sat 28: Anchorage (B) - Full day at leisure. Set at the base of the Chugach Mountains, Anchorage has many attractions including the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the Museum of Art, Earthquake Park and Ship Creek.

Sun 29: Anchorage to Sitka (B) - Today we board an Alaska Airlines flight to Sitka. Westmark (2 nights)

Mon 30: Sitka - Our day is free to explore the town. Sitka has retained much of its original architecture from the period when Russia controlled Alaska. Major highlights include the renowned Raptor Rehabilitation Center, whale watching, Saint Michael's Cathedral and other Russian heritage sites.

Tue 31: Sitka to Juneau to Haines - Today we travel to Haines via Juneau, including a light plane ride for a spectacular flight over the Juneau Icefield and Lynne Canal. Captain's Choice (2 nights)

August 2012

Wed 01: White Pass & Yukon Summit Tour - We transfer by water taxi to Skagway where we board the famous 'White Pass & Yukon Railway'. This is one of the most spectacular rail trips in the world. We can view breathtaking mountain panoramas, glaciers, waterfalls, tunnels and historic sites. In the afternoon there is time to briefly tour the town before returning to Haines.

Thu 02: Haines to Inside Passage - The morning is free to enjoy Haines before we board an AMHS ferry for the overnight journey to Wrangell. Cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Fri 03: Inside Passage to Wrangell - We continue sailing on the ferry towards Wrangell. Local residents use the ferries for transportation between the towns along the Inside Passage. The facilities on-board include: observation decks, dining room, bar and gift shop. Stikine Inn (3 nights)

Sat 04: Stikine River Wilderness Tour (B) - Our jetboat tour takes us through the lower sections of the Stikine River. This pristine wilderness region is home to abundant wildlife.

Sun 05: AnAn Bear Viewing Tour (B) - Today we tour to AnAn where we may have the opportunity to safely photograph black and brown bears in the wild, at the most likely spot they come to feed on salmon. We start with a boat ride to the sanctuary and then take a short walk to the viewing platforms. We are accompanied by an experienced local guide.

Mon 06: Wrangell to Inside Passage (B) - We have most of the day free to explore the town including sights such as: Petroglyph Beach, Shakes House, Rainbow Falls and the local museum. In the evening we board an AMHS ferry and sail south towards Prince Rupert. Onboard cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Tue 07: Inside Passage to Prince Rupert - This morning we arrive in Prince Rupert. The day is at our leisure to explore this friendly port town. The historic harbour is beautifully preserved at Cow Bay and there are some great exhibits at the museum of Northern British Columbia. Pacific Inn (1 night)

Wed 08: Prince Rupert to Vancouver (B) - Today we fly to Vancouver to join our outbound flights.

Thu 09: In flight

Fri 10: Arrive back to Australia

Tour Prices (\$A Per Person)

Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$ 6,400
Internal flights (refer note 1)	\$ 1,560
Price excluding international flights	\$ 7,960

1. Internal flights - includes the following sectors: Los Angeles/Seattle, Seattle/Fairbanks, Anchorage/Sitka, Sitka/Juneau, Prince Rupert/Vancouver.

2. Inclusions - refer to page 10 Tour Inclusions

3. Single supplement and international flights - refer to page 17.

This tour is a shorter version of the Late Summer Alaska and Canada group tour, featured on pages 9 and 10.

Fall Canada & Alaska Escorted Group Tour

31 days departing 01 August 2012

Tour Code GCH2



Dawson City



AnAn bear viewing



Luxury motor coach

Four distinct groups of people shaped the history of Wrangell: the Tlingit, Russians, British and Americans. Get to know our favourite Alaskan town intimately during our four night stay. Another of our favourite towns, set at the confluence of the Yukon and Klondike Rivers, Dawson City was the centre of the Klondike Gold Rush. These days the town is a National Historic Site. Spend a day wandering down dirt streets, wooden boardwalks and past old buildings leaning on each other for support.

August 2012

Wed 01: Vancouver - Arrival into Vancouver.

Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel (2 nights)

Thu 02: Vancouver City Tour - This morning we take a sightseeing tour of Vancouver including: Stanley Park, Gastown, English Bay, Chinatown and the waterfront. The afternoon is free to explore the city.

Fri 03: Vancouver to Kamloops (B/L) - Early this morning we commence our two day Rocky Mountaineer rail excursion. On the first day we travel through the fertile plains of the Fraser River Valley, then through the rugged Fraser Canyon before arriving into Kamloops. Hotel is assigned by Rocky Mountaineer (1 night)

Sat 04: Kamloops to Banff (B/L) - We re-board the Rocky Mountaineer train in the morning and head into The Rocky Mountains on our journey to Banff. Highlights include: Yoho National Park, Kicking Horse Pass and the Spiral Tunnels. Banff Park Lodge (2 nights)

Sun 05: Banff - Our day is free to explore the attractions around the town of Banff and Banff National Park. Some popular places to visit include: Bow Falls, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel and Banff Gondola.

Mon 06: Banff to Jasper - Today we tour the spectacular Icefields Parkway with its towering mountain peaks, tranquil lakes and cascading waterfalls. We stop at several sights including Lake Louise and the Columbia Icefield Centre where we take an Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca Glacier. Marmot Lodge (2 nights)

Tue 07: Jasper - Our day is free to explore this picturesque alpine town. With amazing views from every street, there are a number of nearby walking tracks and attractions that we can enjoy.

Wed 08: Jasper to Prince George (L/D) - We cross the Yellowhead Pass on the ride to Prince George. On clear days there are excellent views of Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Ramada Inn (1 night)

Thu 09: Prince George to Prince Rupert (B/L/D) - This morning we board VIA Rail's Skeena service for the journey to the port town of Prince Rupert. We will be travelling in touring class which includes all meals and access to the Park car. Highlights of the day include views of the Coast Mountains and Skeena River. Pacific Inn (2 nights)

Fri 10: Prince Rupert - Day at leisure.

Sat 11: Prince Rupert to Wrangell - In the morning we board an Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry for our voyage to Wrangell. Stikine Inn (4 nights)

Sun 12: AnAn Bear Viewing Tour (B) - Today we tour to AnAn where we may have the opportunity to safely photograph black and brown bears in the wild, at the most likely spot they come to feed on salmon. We start with a boat ride to the sanctuary and then take a short walk to the viewing platforms. We are accompanied by an experienced local guide.

Mon 13: Stikine River Wilderness Tour (B) - This morning we take another boat ride, this time through the lower reaches of the Stikine River. This pristine wilderness features glaciers and possible wildlife sightings include: bear, moose and eagle.

Tue 14: Wrangell (B) - Day at leisure to explore the town including: Petroglyph Beach, Chief Shakes House and the local museum.

Wed 15: Wrangell to Inside Passage (B) - We board our AMHS ferry this morning for the overnight journey to Haines. On board cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Thu 16: Inside Passage to Haines - We have an early morning arrival into Haines, giving us time to explore this beautiful town. Captains Choice (2 nights)

Fri 17: White Pass & Yukon Summit Tour - We travel by water taxi to Skagway and explore this well preserved frontier town before boarding the famous White Pass & Yukon Railroad for the journey through to White Pass and back. This is one of the most spectacular railway lines in the world. We can view glaciers, mountains, gorges, waterfalls and historic sites. We return to Haines by water taxi in the afternoon.

Sat 18: Haines to Whitehorse - We travel the Haines Hwy today to Haines Junction, Yukon, where we join the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse. Best Western Gold Rush Inn (1 night)

Sun 19: Whitehorse to Dawson City - We drive north along the Klondike Highway through ranchlands, vast lakes and the beautiful expanses of the Yukon River Valley to Dawson City which was the heart of the Klondike Goldrush. Eldorado Hotel (2 nights)

Mon 20: Dawson City - This morning we visit Gold Dredge #4 and the Discovery Claim, home to the richest placer gold strike in history. The remainder of the day is free to explore this town, which has been declared a national historic site.

Tue 21: Dawson City to Fairbanks - Today we drive along the scenic 'Top of the World' and Alaska Highways en-route to Fairbanks. Along the way we pass through Chicken, Tok and Rika's Roadhouse. Bridgewater Hotel (2 nights)

Wed 22: Riverboat Discovery Cruise - In the morning we board the 'Riverboat Discovery' for a cruise down the lovely Chena River. This tour includes a visit to a recreated Chena Indian Village and demonstration of dog sledding. The afternoon is free to explore the town.

Thu 23: Fairbanks to Denali - We board our luxury motor coach this morning and drive through the heart of Alaska to Denali National Park. The afternoon is free to explore the park. Denali Grizzly Resort (2 nights)

Fri 24: Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour (B/L) - Today we join the Tundra Wilderness Tour taking us into the Denali National Park and Preserve. Our tour provides an opportunity to view the magnificent scenery that makes this wilderness region so famous. During the tour we keep a close watch for wildlife such as bear, moose, wolves, caribou and Dall Sheep.

Sat 25: Denali to Anchorage (B) - This morning we drive on the Parks Highway to Anchorage. Clarion Suites (2 nights)

Sun 26: Anchorage (B) - Full day at leisure. Set at the base of the Chugach Mountains, Anchorage has many attractions including the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the Museum of Art, Earthquake Park and Ship Creek.

Mon 27: Anchorage to Victoria (B) - Today we fly with Alaska Airlines to Seattle, and then to Victoria. Executive House (2 nights)

Tue 28: Butchart Gardens Excursion - This morning we visit the renowned Butchart Gardens and its amazing floral displays.

Wed 29: Victoria to Vancouver - Today we transfer from Victoria to Vancouver International Airport and join our departing flights. *If not departing Vancouver on the scheduled group flights, please do not book a flight earlier than 7pm.*

Thu 30: In flight

Fri 31: Arrive back in Australia

Tour Prices (\$A Per Person)

Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$ 9,300
Internal flights (refer note 3)	\$ 700
Price excluding International flights	\$10,000

Notes

1. **International airfares** - refer to page 17 for details of alternatives for international airfares
2. **Single supplement** - refer to page 17 for details of policy on single supplement
3. **Internal flights** - includes the following sectors:
Anchorage/Seattle, Seattle/Victoria

Tour Inclusions:

- ▲ Accommodation in clean and comfortable hotels with private facilities
- ▲ Meals as indicated (B=breakfast / L=lunch / D=dinner)
- ▲ Vancouver City Tour
- ▲ Rocky Mountaineer Railtour - RedLeaf Service
- ▲ Icefields Parkway Tour & Ice Explorer Ride
- ▲ AnAn Bear ViewingTour
- ▲ Stikine River Cruise
- ▲ White Pass & Yukon Railway excursion
- ▲ Alaska Marine Highway fares & cabins as shown

Featured in GCH2 ONLY

- ▲ Riverboat Discovery Tour
- ▲ Denali Tundra Wilderness Tour
- ▲ Dawson City Discovery Claim
- ▲ Victoria & Butchart Gardens Excursion

Upgrades and optional tours (A\$ per person)

- ▲ Rocky Mountaineer GoldLeaf \$950

Fall West Canada & Inside Passage Group Tour

21 days departing 01 August 2012

August 2012

Tour Code GCI2

Wed 01: Vancouver - Arrival into Vancouver.

Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel (2 nights)

Thu 02: Vancouver City Tour - This morning we take a sightseeing tour of Vancouver including: Stanley Park, Gastown, English Bay, Chinatown and the waterfront. The afternoon is free to explore the city.

Fri 03: Vancouver to Kamloops (B/L) - Early this morning we commence our two day Rocky Mountaineer rail excursion. On the first day we travel through the fertile plains of the Fraser River Valley, then through the rugged Fraser Canyon before arriving into Kamloops. Hotel is assigned by Rocky Mountaineer (1 night)

Sat 04: Kamloops to Banff (B/L) - We re-board the Rocky Mountaineer train in the morning and head into The Rocky Mountains on our journey to Banff. Highlights include: Yoho National Park, Kicking Horse Pass and the Spiral Tunnels. Banff Park Lodge (2 nights)

Sun 05: Banff - Our day is free to explore the attractions around the town of Banff and Banff National Park. Some popular places to visit include: Bow Falls, The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel and Banff Gondola.

Mon 06: Banff to Jasper - Today we tour the spectacular Icefields Parkway with its towering mountain peaks, tranquil lakes and cascading waterfalls. We stop at several sights including Lake Louise and the Columbia Icefield Centre where we take an Ice Explorer ride onto the Athabasca Glacier. Marmot Lodge (2 nights)

Tue 07: Jasper - Our day is free to explore this picturesque alpine town. With amazing views from every street, there are a number of nearby walking tracks and attractions that we can enjoy.

Wed 08: Jasper to Prince George (L/D) - We cross the Yellowhead Pass on the ride to Prince George. On clear days there are excellent views of Mt. Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. Ramada Inn (1 night)

Thu 09: Prince George to Prince Rupert (B/L/D) - This morning we board VIA Rail's Skeena service for the journey to the port town of Prince Rupert. We will be travelling in touring class which includes all meals and access to the Park car. Highlights of the day include views of the Coast Mountains and Skeena River. Pacific Inn (2 nights)

Fri 10: Prince Rupert - Day at leisure.

Sat 11: Prince Rupert to Wrangell - In the morning we board an Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry for our voyage to Wrangell. Stikine Inn (4 nights)

Sun 12: AnAn Bear Viewing Tour (B) - Today we tour to AnAn where we may have the opportunity to safely photograph black and brown bears in the wild, at the most likely spot they come to feed on salmon. We start with a boat ride to the sanctuary and then take a short walk to the viewing platforms. We are accompanied by an experienced local guide.

Mon 13: Stikine River Wilderness Tour (B) - This morning we take another boat ride, this time through the lower reaches of the Stikine River. This pristine wilderness features glaciers and possible wildlife sightings include: bear, moose and eagle.

Tue 14: Wrangell (B) - Day at leisure to explore the town including: Petroglyph Beach, Chief Shakes House and the local museum.

Wed 15: Wrangell to Inside Passage (B) - We board our AMHS ferry this morning for the overnight journey to Haines. On board cabin with private facilities (1 night)

Thu 16: Inside Passage to Haines - We have an early morning arrival into Haines, giving us time to explore this beautiful town. Captains Choice (2 nights)

Fri 17: White Pass & Yukon Summit Tour - We travel by water taxi to Skagway and explore this well preserved frontier town before boarding the famous White Pass & Yukon Railroad for the journey through to White Pass and back. This is one of the most spectacular railway lines in the world. We can view glaciers, mountains, gorges, waterfalls and historic sites. We return to Haines by water taxi in the afternoon.

Sat 18: Haines to Whitehorse - We travel the Haines Hwy today to Haines Junction, Yukon, where we join the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse. Best Western Gold Rush Inn (1 night)

Sun 19: Whitehorse to Vancouver - Fly to Vancouver and then onto Australia.

Mon 20: In flight

Tue 21: Arrive back in Australia

Tour Prices (\$A Per Person)

Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$ 6,500
Internal flights (refer note 1)	\$ 460
Price excluding International flights	\$ 6,960

1. Internal flights - includes the following sector: Whitehorse/Vancouver

2. Inclusions - refer to page 13 **Tour Inclusions**

3. Single supplement and international flights - refer to page 17

This tour is a shorter version of Fall Canada and Alaska group tour featured on pages 12 and 13.

West Coast USA Tour Extension (12 days not escorted)

Day 1: Los Angeles - Arrive in Los Angeles and transfer to Annabella Hotel in Anaheim (3 nights)

Days 2 and 3: Los Angeles - At leisure to explore attractions such as Disneyland, Universal Studios, Long Beach and Hollywood.

Day 4: Los Angeles to San Francisco - In the morning board Amtrak Coast Starlight rail service for a full day trip through to San Francisco. This is widely regarded as one of the most spectacular routes in the USA. Villa Florence (2 nights)

Day 5: San Francisco - Day at leisure in San Francisco to visit attractions such as: Fishermans Wharf, Alcatraz, and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Day 6: San Francisco/Yosemite National Park - In the morning you will be collected from your hotel and taken by coach to Yosemite National Park. The drive takes you along the south side of the Merced River where you can see the Half Dome and waterfalls. Yosemite View Lodge (2 nights)

Day 7: Yosemite National Park - Today enjoy an 8 hour grand tour of Yosemite which includes the Glacier Point area and Mariposa Grove of big trees.

Day 8: Yosemite/San Francisco - Morning at leisure in Yosemite before returning in the afternoon by coach to San Francisco. Villa Florence (1 night)

Day 9: San Francisco/Seattle - Fly from San Francisco to Seattle (flight cost not included). Roosevelt Hotel (3 nights)

Day 10: Seattle - Day at leisure.

Day 11: Seattle - Boeing Factory Tour - The Boeing Company and its Everett product line are located 25 miles north of downtown Seattle. As part of the tour, visitors will tour the largest building in the world by volume. On the Boeing flight line, visitors will see airplanes in various stages of flight test and manufacture for airline customers around the world.

Day 12: Seattle/Vancouver - Transfer by coach from Seattle to Vancouver

Inclusions:

- 11 nights accommodation as specified
- Amtrak rail fares
- 2 night Yosemite National Park tour
- Boeing Factory Tour

Indicative land cost:

- From AUD \$2,900 (twin share basis)

Tour Modifications

This itinerary can be modified and/or the direction of the tour can be reversed.

The Maritime Provinces - Self Drive Tour (13 days not escorted)

Day 1: Arrive Halifax - Arrive in Halifax and pick-up your hire car. Citadel Halifax Hotel (2 nights)

Day 2: Halifax Sightseeing - Start your exploration of Nova Scotia with a Nature and Whale Watching cruise (included) on Halifax Harbour.

Day 3: Halifax to Baddeck - Drive from Halifax to Baddeck on Cape Breton Island. Located on the shores of Bras d'Or Lake. Inverary Resort (2 nights)

Day 4: Cape Breton Highlands National Park - Driving along the Cabot Trail you will find the highlands are a colorful tapestry of woodland, and tundra.

Day 5: Baddeck to Charlottetown - Drive from Baddeck to Prince Edward Island (PEI). Rodd Charlottetown (2 nights)

Day 6: Prince Edward Island National Park - Start your exploration of "Anne's Island" with a wildlife cruise (included) along the island's shore. In the afternoon visit the home of Anne of Green Gables.

Day 7: Charlottetown to Moncton - Drive across the Confederation Bridge onto the mainland and then into downtown Moncton. Rodd Park House Inn (1 night)

Day 8: Moncton to St. Andrews - Today's drive takes you along the Bay of Fundy, and through Fundy National Park. The Fairmont Algonquin (2 nights)

Day 9: St. Andrews-by-the-Sea - Visit historic buildings and gardens, whilst passing by picturesque farms,

Day 10: St. Andrews to Digby - Board Bay Ferries (fare included) and sail across the Bay of Fundy to Digby, first established as a port for the Empire Loyalists escaping from New York and New England. Mountain Gap Resort (2 nights)

Day 11: Digby - This southern Nova Scotia town makes a great base to explore the communities and ports where the Bay of Fundy meets the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 12: Digby to Halifax - For your last day exploring Atlantic Canada, you have a leisurely drive back to Halifax. Citadel Hotel (1 night)

Day 13: Depart Halifax - Return hire Car and depart from Halifax International Airport.

Inclusions:

- 12 nights accommodation as specified
- 13 days car hire - mid size vehicle
- National Historic Sites Pass
- Nature & Whale watching cruises
- Ferry fares

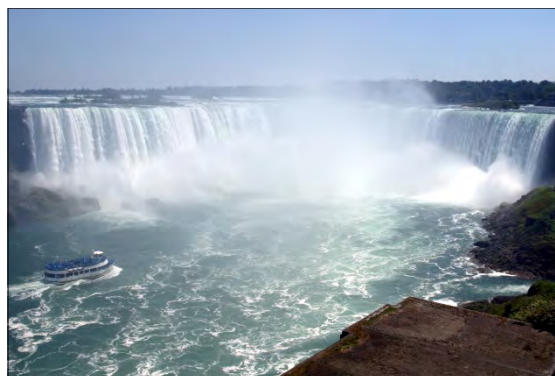
Indicative land cost:

- From AUD \$2,900 per person (twin share basis)

Eastern Coast Pre or Post Tour extension (14 days not escorted)



Chateau Frontenac, Quebec



Niagara Falls

Day 1: Toronto - Arrive in Toronto and transfer to Holiday Inn Toronto Downtown (3 nights)

Day 2: Toronto - Trolley Tour - Experience the sights, sounds and the history of one of the world's great multicultural cities on the hop-on hop-off trolley tour. Your ticket allows you to see the city with professional drivers and commentary. Highlights of this tour include University of Toronto, Yorkville Village, CN Tower, Skydome, Chinatown, Queen's Quay and Toronto Harbourfront.

Day 3: Toronto - Niagara Falls - Depart on a full day scheduled sightseeing excursion to one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Niagara Falls. Highlights include the Whirlpool Rapids, Floral Clock, the smallest chapel in the world, and Brock's Monument. You will have time at leisure to explore the 'Falls' on your own before returning to Toronto.

Day 4: Toronto/Quebec City - Travel on VIA Rail Corridor Service (comfort class) to Quebec City. Chateau Laurier (2 nights)

Day 5: Quebec City - Day at leisure to explore one of the most beautiful cities in the world including The Latin Quarter, Plains of Abraham, Ramparts, world famous Chateau Frontenac, National Assembly, Basilica, City Hall, Place Royale and Citadel.

Day 6: Quebec City/Montreal - Travel on VIA Rail's Corridor Service (comfort class) from Quebec City to Montreal. Hotel Maritime Plaza (2 nights)

Day 7: Montreal - Tram Tour - This comprehensive tour covers various points of interest including: the Old Port, Mount Royal Lookout, the Olympic Park, McGill University, Chinatown and the Notre Dame Basilica.

Day 8: Montreal/New York - Full day rail trip on Amtrak Adirondack service from Montreal to New York. Pennsylvania Hotel (3 nights)

Days 9 and 10: New York - All Loops Double Decker Tour - this flexible tour offers the best sights of Manhattan and Brooklyn with hop-on hop-off service at over 60 stops on its Uptown, Downtown, Brooklyn and Night Loops. The ticket is valid for 48 hours.

Day 11: New York/Boston - Travel on Amtrak rail service from New York to Boston. Copley Square Hotel (3 nights)

Days 12 and 13: Boston - Your package includes a two day Go Boston Card which allows general admission to a number of different sightseeing tours and attractions including: Beantown trolley tour, Boston Harbor Cruise, Charles River Boat tour and various historic homes. You may also like to take a self guided tour on the Freedom Trail. The Trail covers a unique collection of museums, churches, meeting houses, parks, a ship, and historic markers that tell the story of the American Revolution.

Day 14: Depart Boston

Inclusions:

- Accommodation and transfers as specified
- VIA Rail and Amtrak fares comfort class
- Toronto city trolley tour
- Niagara Falls excursion
- Montreal hop-on hop-off tour
- New York All Loops Double Decker tour
- Two day Go Boston Card

Indicative land cost:

- From AUD \$2,900 per person (twin share basis)

Tour Extensions and Options

This itinerary can be modified and/or extended to include the Canadian Maritimes (eg. Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, etc) or other cities and towns such as Washington DC and Philadelphia. For further information please feel free to contact us.

International Flights

Group flights depart Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane - we are holding a number of seats with Air New Zealand from each city for the various group tours. Passengers travelling with the group will board flights in their respective cities and then meet up in Auckland for the flights through to Vancouver, San Francisco or Los Angeles. Prices for the group flights are shown in the table below.

Group fares Perth/Adelaide - flights with Air New Zealand are available from Adelaide and Perth to Auckland and therefore it is possible to travel with group. There is however an extra charge of \$100 per person. In addition, it may be necessary to spend a night in Auckland as the flights do not always connect. We can assist with accommodation arrangements in Auckland if you wish. Another option is to fly into Melbourne, Sydney or Brisbane and join up with the Group. In the case of passengers travelling from Perth, we can also look at organising flights via Asia with either Singapore Airlines or Cathay Pacific.

Tour name	Code	A\$ per person		
		Group Airfare	Estimated Taxes	Total fare incl taxes
Spring Alaska & Canada	GCB2	\$2,300	\$150	\$2,450
Spring Alaska & Inside Passage	GCC2	\$2,300	\$150	\$2,450
Early Summer Canada & Alaska	GCD2	\$2,500	\$150	\$2,650
Early Summer West Canada & Inside Passage	GCE2	\$2,500	\$150	\$2,650
Late Summer Alaska & Canada	GCF2	\$2,200	\$150	\$2,350
Late Summer Alaska & Inside Passage	GCG2	\$2,200	\$150	\$2,350
Fall Canada & Alaska	GCH2	\$2,300	\$150	\$2,450
Fall West Canada & Inside Passage	GCI2	\$2,300	\$150	\$2,450

Flights with other carriers - we have access to wholesale fares through to North America with other airlines including Hawaiian Airlines and Air Canada. In most cases we can hold firm reservations for international flights with these airlines without having to issue tickets until approximately 60 days prior to departure. We can also make reservations with Qantas, VAustralia, and United Airlines if you prefer to travel with these carriers.

Frequent Flyer Points - you are welcome to book your own flights on frequent flyer points if you wish.

Round World Flights - if you are planning to visit Europe or Asia as part of your trip we can make reservations on Round World flights.

Single Supplement

If you are travelling alone and willing to share with another person of the same gender we will not charge a single supplement. If you prefer not to share and wish to be guaranteed a room of your own, the single supplements shown in the table below will apply.

Tour Name	Code	Single supplement
Spring Alaska & Canada	GCB2	\$3,000
Spring Alaska & Inside Passage	GCC2	\$1,900
Early Summer Canada & Alaska	GCD2	\$2,800
Early Summer West Canada & Inside Passage	GCE2	\$1,900
Late Summer Alaska & Canada	GCF2	\$2,800
Late Summer Alaska & Inside Passage	GCG2	\$1,600
Fall Canada & Alaska	GCH2	\$2,800
Fall West Canada & Inside Passage	GCI2	\$1,800

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BOOKING FORM - 2012 ALASKA & CANADA TOURS

	1st Passenger Details	2nd Passenger Details
Title	_____	_____
Surname	_____	_____
Given names per passport	_____	_____
Preferrred Name	_____	_____
Street Address	_____	_____
Suburb/Town	_____	_____
State	_____	_____
Postcode	_____	_____
Email Address	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
Mobile Phone	_____	_____
Date of Birth	_____	_____
Nationality per Passport	_____	_____
Passport Number	_____	_____
Passport Expiry	_____	_____
Body Weight (note a)	_____	_____
Rocky Mountaineer - Class	GoldLeaf [<input type="checkbox"/>] RedLeaf [<input type="checkbox"/>]	

Note: Passengers travelling together in the same room must take the same train class

Single travellers - are you prepared to share a room _____

(a) This information is only required for the following tours which include light plane flights: Late Summer Alaska & Canada Group, Late Summer Alaska & Inside Passage Group

Please indicate which tour you are interested in	Start Date	Code	Tick
Spring Alaska & Canada - 33 days	18 May 2012	GCB2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spring Alaska & Inside Passage - 22 days	18 May 2012	GCC2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Summer Canada & Alaska - 31 days	27 June 2012	GCD2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Early Summer West Canada & Inside Passage - 21 days	27 June 2012	GCE2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Late Summer Alaska & Canada - 31 days	22 July 2012	GCF2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Late Summer Alaska & Inside Passage - 20 days	22 July 2012	GCG2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fall Canada & Alaska - 31 days	1 August 2012	GCH2	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fall West Canada & Inside Passage - 21 days	1 August 2012	GCI2	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return this booking form along with photocopies of your passport and deposit of \$500 per person to our office. If you are in the process of re-newing your passport, a photocopy can be forwarded separately.

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