



# Alaska Cruise & CANADA

*on board the*

**'Brilliance of the Seas'**

Group A\* 16 – 29 July

Group B\* 3 – 15 September

**Tue** We meet at Malta International Airport at 04:00 to check in for our Lufthansa flight LH1313 departs 06:10 to Vancouver via Frankfurt. Arrive Vancouver 14:15 (local time). Transfer to our 4 Star hotel 'Blu Horizon' which is located in Robson Street, Vancouver's eating, shopping and entertainment hub. Vancouver a picturesque city surrounded by the waters and is one of the most lively city in the world. Assignments of rooms and a walk with the tour leader to familiarize you with the hotel area.

**Wed - Vancouver :** Today we visit Whistler Mountain, rated North America's premier resort. Drive from Vancouver along the breathtaking sea to Sky Highway, our first stop will be Shannon Falls Provincial Park with a stop near Squamish to visit the **'Shannon Falls'** is the 3rd highest falls in British Columbia. Take a few minutes to view the thundering waterfall and capture some fantastic images on your camera! Our next stop is the awe-inspiring **Sea to Sky Gondola** (tickets extra) An exciting ride to the top of Habrich Ridge, your views change dramatically, rising above the towering canopy of a coastal rainforest and upward above Howe Sound and the neighbouring mountains. Our last stop will be at the pedestrian village of Whistler which is located at the base of world-famous **Whistler-Blackcomb Mountains**. This world-famous ski resort also hosted many 2010 Olympic outdoor sporting events. We can enjoy exploring eclectic downtown shops and cafes, hiking along nature trails, or relaxing and breathing in the fresh mountain air.

**Thu Vancouver :** Half day **city tour** of Vancouver. This relaxing coach tour will take us to visit the city's famous sights including **Stanley Park**, Shaughnessy, English Bay and Queen Elizabeth Park... we also pay a visit to the **Granville Island** where you can stroll around the lively market, shops for unique souvenir, and enjoy street performers ranging from musicians to magicians. Afternoon free for personal sightseeing and shopping.

**Fri Vancouver :** Today we offer you an excursion to **Victoria Island** with an opportunity to experience a bit of the old England. We take the ferry [included] across Georgia strait through the scenic gulf Island to Swartz Bay, we tour the famed Butchart Gardens (ent. Fee extra) with 50 acres of brilliant flowers winding paths and leaping fountains.

**Sat Vancouver :** Today we travel to the North Shore. Our first stop will be the 'Capilano Salmon Hatchery'. This is a beautiful river forest setting where you'll be able to watch salmon as they return up-river to spawn. Sometimes there will be bear fishing in the river a few feet from your observation point. Are you ready for something really unique? Our next stop is the famous **Capilano Suspension Bridge** which spans the magnificent canyon (Ent. Fee extra) Let's go up to **Grouse Mountain**! Step aboard the Sky ride and take a 1.6Km journey like no other to the majestic nature of the Peak of Vancouver. You will take in breathtakingly views of towering trees, the city of Vancouver, the sparkling Pacific Ocean, the Gulf Islands, and nearby mountain peaks. You will have ample time to take a Chairlift (extra) to the peak, catch the humorous Lumberjack Show or watch a Birds in Motion Show. One of the highlights of your visit can be observing a Grizzly bear in the impressive Refuge for Endangered Wildlife atop Grouse Mountain

**Sun** Transfer to Vancouver Cruise Terminal to check in to board on the '**Brilliant's of the Seas' by Royal Caribbean Cruises** for an unforgettable cruise through Alaska. Make sure to be on the observation deck when we set to sail at 1700 for not to miss the Spectacular view of Vancouver. Full board onboard.

**Mon Cruise** : Cruising through the **Inside Passage** is really what has made Alaska cruising so popular. This trip captures so much of what people love about Alaska. There are glaciers the size of Rhode Island, misty rain forests and ghostly blue fjords and spirited communities that celebrate their varied heritage. Be sure not to miss any single view as you are sailing through one of the most beautiful parts of Alaska.

**Tue** Arrive **Sitka** at 11:59. Sitka is considered Alaska's most beautiful seaside town, with views of island-studded waters and stately spruce forests reaching to the water's edge. Sitka offers a combination of Native culture, Russian history, and Alaskan wilderness which provides a diverse and unequalled Alaskan experience. The mild climate and dense forests make Sitka one of the best places to view wildlife in Alaska. Sailing 19:00

#### Itinerary for Wednesday 24 July **Group A**

**Wed Cruise** Today by 06:30 cruising on the '**Tracy Arm Fjord**' which is nestled between 3,000-foot high granite walls, the narrow, twisting slice of ocean called Tracy Arm Fjord weaves through the Tongass National Forest for roughly 35 miles. The shoreline is spotted with waterfalls created by melting snowcaps and trees sprouting at odd angles from rocky outcroppings. You will have ample time to admire the landscape and perhaps catch sight of a few native animals. At 10:30 proceed to **Juneau** and arrive at around 13:30 which is the capital of Alaska, it was founded during a gold rush in 1880. Today, the former gold-mining town counts among its riches some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. Nestled at the foot of Mt. Juneau in the Alaska Panhandle, it faces the water from the mainland side of Gastineau Channel. Several magnificent fjords are located along the channel coast, and the majestic Mendenhall Glacier. Today we suggest you take a helicopter ride where you can watch bear, mountain goats, and moose. Once you've landed, we'll take you on a once-in-a-lifetime dogsled ride. Sailing at 22:00.

#### Itinerary for Wednesday 11 September **Group B**

**Wed Cruise** : Arrive **Juneau** at around 09:00 which is the capital of Alaska, it was founded during a gold rush in 1880. Today, the former gold-mining town counts among its riches some of Alaska's most spectacular scenery. Nestled at the foot of Mt. Juneau in the Alaska Panhandle, it faces the water from the mainland side of Gastineau Channel. Several magnificent fjords are located along the channel coast, and the majestic Mendenhall Glacier. Today we suggest you take a helicopter ride where you can watch bear, mountain goats, and moose. Once you've landed, we'll take you on a once-in-a-lifetime dogsled ride. Sailing at 22:00.

#### Itinerary for Thursday 25 July **Group A**

**Thu** Arrive **Skagway** at 07:00. In a single year from 1896 to 1897, this remote town along the Inside Passage grew from a few tents to a city of 20,000 gold seekers. Today, travellers come in search of other riches - to experience yesteryear along Skagway's charming boardwalk lined with buildings that replicate those Gold Rush days. Sailing at 16:00

#### Itinerary for Thursday 12 September **Group B**

**Thu Cruise** Arrive **Haines** 0800, located in northern Lynn Channel, and has a population of 1,260 people. Haines has the largest concentration of bald eagles in the world at the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. Another popular attraction is the recreated gold rush town of "Dalton City." There are also native history performances by the Chilkat Indian Dancers at the Chilkat Center for the Arts. Sailing 19:00

**Fri Cruise** : Arrive **Ketchikan** at 11:55 which is situated along the shores of Alaska's Inside Passage within the heart of the sixteen-million-acre Tongass National Forest. Evergreen mountains rise out of the water, the lush green landscape nurtured by the abundant rainfall of our temperate rainforest environment. Today we suggest that you to take (optional ) a one of a kind excursion to see the Black Bears of Herring Cove. You will enjoy an approximate 1.6Km hike along an improved trail as your guide leads you too prime bear viewing location. Sailing at 22:00

**Sat Cruise :** Today it's a 'Fun Day at Sea'. You can relax and enjoy the ship facilities like the Spa & Fitness centre, Sport Area, Game Arcade, Solarium and Library. On the pool deck you can warm up in one of the whirlpools. Or you can enjoy the panoramas which are dotted by small fishing villages along the coast and the protected waters are perfect for spotting wildlife.

**Sun** Arrive **Vancouver cruise terminal at 07:00** – After breakfast disembarkation transfer to Vancouver airport for our flight LH493 departure to Frankfurt at 16:15

**Mon** Arrive Frankfurt at 11:00. We fly back to Malta by LH1310 at 13:55 and arrive in Malta at 16:10 (All times local)

### Price per person includes:

- \* Flights by Lufthansa: Malta – Vancouver / Malta via Frankfurt]
- \* 8 Day Cruise on board the 'Brilliant's of the Seas' by *Royal Caribbean cruises*
- \* Full board during the cruise.
- \* Daily entertainment and use of on board facilities
- \* 5 nights in Vancouver at the Blue Horizon Hotel 4 \*on room basis only
- \* Full day Whistlet Mt., Shannon falls & Sea to Sky
- \* Full day Victoria & Cutchard Gardens
- \* Half day Vancouver City tour, Stanley Park and Granville Island Tour
- \* Full day Capilano Suspension Bridge & Grouse Mountain
- \* Airports & City Tax
- \* Port Taxes & Gratuities for the cruise
- \* Insolvency protection
- \* Tour Leader

### Rates in €uro per person valid till 30 January

Group A* 16 – 29 July	Single	Twin/Dbl	Triple
Outside cabin	5'780	4'460	4'260
Balcony Cabin	O/R	5'030	4'825
Group B* 03 – 15 September	Single	Twin/Dbl	Triple
Outside cabin	5'400	4'300	4'140
Balcony Cabin	O/R	4'760	4'360

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