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Travel

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CANADA/ALASKA LUXURY TOUR

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We invite you to join Karl and Lynette on an absolutely five star tour of Canada and Alaska.

We begin in the vibrant city of Vancouver, including tours to Victoria and Whistler. We take in majestic mountains, glacial lakes and glaciers in Banff, Lake Louise and the ice fields. We transverse the Rocky Mountains in luxury in gold leaf service on the Rocky Mountaineer Train, wondering at nature's triumphs while sipping pina colodas and tasting gourmet morsels. And then we cruise through some of the most breath taking scenery in the world on one of Holland America's newest and most luxurious ships.

....All this as well as enjoying the culture and music of the region and the musical delights and fun from our fabulous duet of Karl and Lynette.



Vancouver



Rocky Mountaineer



Johnston Canyon, Banff National Park

PLACES WE STAY AND ENJOY

Sutton Place, Vancouver is a five star, privately owned hotel, impeccably furnished and centrally located within easy walking of main shopping area and restaurants.

Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise (subject to final confirmation) is located on the shores of one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. This iconic hotel is all about yesteryear charm and has been accommodating the rich and famous for over 100 years. We enjoy lake view rooms in this prestigious hotel.

The Rimrock Resort Hotel offers exceptional views of the Canadian Rockies, and is located in the Banff National Park. It offers luxury lodge like decor and experience, including fine dining.

Rocky Mountaineer Train with Gold Leaf service is the best of the best as we journey through some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, through the inaccessible majestic terrain in the Canadian Rockies. We enjoy this luxurious train with gourmet meals and all drinks included. (Please note we stay in the 4 star Hotel 540 in Kamloops. It is considered one of the most luxurious hotels in Kamloops, they do not offer a five star hotel here).

Nieuw Amsterdam is one of the newest ships in the Holland America Fleet, only launched in 2010. It boasts superb art, (over \$3 million worth), shows, entertainment, bars with live music, and great food. We will enjoy upper deck cabins with balconies.

Fairmont Empress Hotel, Victoria. We will spend our final night here in this award winning hotel, honoured with the Travel + Leisure distinction as a top Canadian hotel. The Fairmont Empress graces Victoria's sparkling inner harbour with an iconic presence with its distinctive French chateau style.



The Rimrock Resort Hotel, Banff



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise



MS Nieuw Amsterdam



Fairmont Empress Hotel, Victoria

VANCOUVER (3 nights)

~ Sutton Place Hotel

Vancouver is a vibrant city. Besides the natural beauty of its mountain backdrop and blue Pacific waters, it is considered one of the most liveable cities in the world.

HIGHLIGHTS in Vancouver include:

- 👁️ Welcome dinner with music from Karl and Lynette in a private room at our beautiful five star hotel.
- 👁️ Discover why Vancouver is one of Canada's most popular destinations with a city tour which includes Stanley Park, with 1000 acres of majestic evergreens and 10 kms of scenic seawall.
- 👁️ Experience the cultural heritage with visits to West Coast Native Totem Poles, British-flavoured Gastown with its unique steam clock, and colourful Chinatown, second in size only to San Francisco.
- 👁️ Afternoon and evening is at leisure.
- 👁️ Free day to enjoy your own tours.

LAKE LOUISE (3 nights)

~ Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

(At time of printing brochure this hotel was still to confirm)

Situated on the banks of a breathtaking lake with the majestic Rocky Mountains providing an astounding backdrop, The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise combines beautiful scenery with unrivalled service to make our stay stunning with Deluxe Lake View rooms.

HIGHLIGHTS travelling to and in Lake Louise include:

- 👁️ We fly to Calgary and enjoy an incredible mountain drive through to Lake Louise. Be on the lookout on the way for bears as we drive for three hours through the Canadian Rockies! Last time we were here we saw a Mother Bear with her cub, luckily from the comfort of our coach.
- 👁️ Local restaurant for lunch in Calgary and city tour.
- 👁️ Experience the Ice Age along the world-famous Icefields Parkway, to one of the largest bodies of ice south of the Arctic, the Columbia Icefield. Feeding a chain of eight glaciers, the Icefield reaches a depth of 250 - 320 metres and covers almost 325 square kms.
- 👁️ A day of spectacular scenery including Crowfoot Glacier, Bow Lake and Peyto Lake.
- 👁️ Ice Explorer Tour which includes driving onto a glacier!
- 👁️ Full free day at leisure.



BANFF (2 nights)

~ Rimrock Resort Hotel

Situated in the mountains and a popular ski region, Banff is a beautiful, thriving town, with activities all year round.

We travel to Banff on another amazing scenic drive, which includes the Bow River Valley, Castle Mountain and Hole-in-the-Wall, and a visit to Johnston Canyon.

HIGHLIGHTS in Banff include:

- 👁️ Private room for dinner and music in Banff.
- 👁️ Tour of Banff and surrounds including Bow Falls, the Hoodoo Lookout, Lake Minnewanka and Surprise Corner.
- 👁️ Afternoon is at leisure.
- 👁️ Banff Gondola and sightseeing
- 👁️ Dinner/theatre show (dependent on availability).

ROCKY MOUNTAINEER TRAIN JOURNEY (2 days)

KAMLOOPS (1 night) ~ Hotel 540

HIGHLIGHTS on the Rocky Mountaineer Train include:

- 👁️ 2 full days of the Rocky Mountaineer Gold Leaf Service which is the best of the best.
- 👁️ Enjoy a custom designed Gold Leaf Dome Coach which puts you right in the middle of the awe-inspiring scenery of the Canadian Rockies with high dome windows so you can see the mountains looming above you.
- 👁️ Journey through the legendary Spiral Tunnels and pass by the spot where the Last Spike on the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven.
- 👁️ Enjoy stunning scenery throughout.
- 👁️ Enjoy stunning hospitality with five star food, service and all drinks, even at 9am if you like!
- 👁️ Dinner at Hoodoos in Kamloops.
- 👁️ Second day highlights include the steep slopes and rock sheds along the Thompson River and the rushing waters of Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon.

VANCOUVER (2 nights)

~ Sutton Place Hotel

HIGHLIGHTS in Vancouver include:

- 👁️ Full day tour to the coastal mountain resort of Whistler which includes a spectacular drive along the Pacific Highway.
- 👁️ Free time at leisure in Whistler.



Bow Falls, Banff National Park



Lake Louise, Banff National Park



Whistler Village, Vancouver

MS NIEUW AMSTERDAM (7 nights)

We are transferred to the MS Nieuw Amsterdam for our seven night cruise of Alaska.

We have reserved upper deck, balcony cabins on board.

Launched from Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri's Marghera shipyard in Venice on July 4, 2010, the 86,000-ton Nieuw Amsterdam celebrates the glamour and history of New York City, formerly called Nieuw Amsterdam, with its inspired interior design and art collection.

The ship presents shows every night in its fabulous theatre, plus bars and restaurants showcasing music including BB Kings!

HIGHLIGHTS on our cruise include:

TRACEY ARM INLET to observe the magnificent Glacier face.

JUNEAU, ALASKA (IN PORT 2 PM -10 PM)

Surrounded by dark-blue waters, deep green forests and majestic mountains, Juneau is one of America's most beautiful state capitals. Explore Juneau's gold mining past, fly over Mendenhall Glacier or spend a pleasant day exploring curio shops and art galleries, the choice is yours.

Shore excursion no 1 (included in the cost of your trip).

Evening whale watching: on a deluxe catamaran specially designed for wildlife viewing, we explore Stephens Passage, a pristine marine wilderness of snowcapped mountains and glaciers. This area is world-renowned as a favoured summer feeding ground for humpback whales. As whales are sighted, our skilled captain will gently manoeuvre the vessel to allow exceptional viewing opportunities. The whales are often close enough to hear them breathe.

SKAGWAY, ALASKA (IN PORT 7 AM – 9 PM)

Shore excursion no 2 (included in the cost).

Best of Skagway: an unforgettable journey along the eastern side of White Pass aboard the world-famous narrow-gauge White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad, built more than 100 years ago.

Pass through some of the North's most rugged terrain on board a comfortable, old-fashioned parlour car as we retrace the original route through breathtaking scenery beyond the summit of White Pass at 2,865 feet.

Journey down the west side of White Pass Canyon and the Tormented Valley and Pitchfork Falls en route.



Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska



Humpback Whales, Juneau



Skagway, Alaska

GLACIER BAY, ALASKA

- 👁️ Marvel at nature's unrelenting power in Glacier Bay National Park, with more actively caving tidewater glaciers than anywhere else on earth.
- 👁️ Time to relax and cruise at sea in Glacier Bay.

KETCHIKAN, ALASKA (IN PORT 10 AM - 6 PM)

- 👁️ Shore excursion no 3 - **Bight and City Highlights** tour (tour included in our tour price).
- 👁️ An action-packed experience at the Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show, where the world's best lumberjacks go head to head in more than a dozen exciting events such as chopping, sawing, relay races, axe throwing, log rolling and a 50-foot speed climb.
- 👁️ Stroll the Totem Bight Trail under a canopy of majestic hemlock and cedar trees. Through lively stories we learn about the culture and lifestyle practiced by the Northwest Coastal Natives.
- 👁️ Visit an authentic Native clan house and the quaint Alaska Totem Trading Store.
- 👁️ An entertaining city tour shows us the industries that made Ketchikan the "Salmon Capital of the World."
- 👁️ Time at sea at leisure.
- 👁️ All meals included with time to meet and enjoy drinks, dinner and shows together as well as time at leisure to watch the world go by!

VICTORIA - Vancouver Island (1 night) ~ Fairmont Empress Hotel

HIGHLIGHTS on Vancouver Island include:

- 👁️ Travel through the rich farmlands of the Fraser River delta to Tsawwassen where we board a B.C. Ferry bound for Vancouver Island.
- 👁️ Visit the world famous Butchart Gardens with over 50 acres of gardens including the fragrant Rose Garden, the relaxing Japanese Garden, the unique Sunken Garden, the Italian Garden, the Concert Lawn, and Ross Fountain.
- 👁️ Time at leisure to enjoy the magnificent Fairmont Empress Gardens Hotel.
- 👁️ Time to wander around picturesque Victoria.
- 👁️ Farewell Dinner in Palm Court private room with our own pianist and entertainment from Lynette and Karl.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 👁️ For further information please ring our office or visit our website.
- 👁️ All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- 👁️ All deposits are refundable up until final payment date minus any costs that the company has incurred.
- 👁️ Please refer to our terms and conditions on our booking form.
- 👁️ While we carefully plan our trips to be well paced, all travellers need to possess a certain level of fitness. Some trips are more arduous and carry an advisory note in the itinerary that a specific level of fitness is required.
- 👁️ Operatunity Travel requires all travellers to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. Please be sure to ring our office if you require any information or clarification about insurance or any questions regarding travelling with Operatunity Travel.

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THE YEAR AHEAD

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Single Room supplement add \$3,880

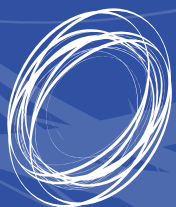
Initial Deposit on booking \$2,000
 Second Deposit due 23 January 2018 \$4,000

Final Balance due 3 April 2018

Deposits refundable (less costs incurred) prior to FINAL BALANCE DUE DATE. Itinerary details are subject to change, however any changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- 22 day absolute five star tour of Canada and Alaska including five star centrally located period hotels, lake or mountain view rooms, Gold leaf service on the Rocky Mountaineer and upper cabins with balconies on MS Nieuw Amsterdam.
- Return airfare: Air New Zealand direct flight - Auckland to Vancouver plus Vancouver/Calgary one way flying Air Canada including taxes.
- 7 night Alaskan cruise on board the elegant MS Nieuw Amsterdam with Holland America Line. Many wonderful sights and excursions including the stunning Glacier Bay & Alaska's wonderful inside passage. The cruise includes 3 special shore excursions - whale watching, best of Skagway tour, Bight and City tour, Ketchikan.
- 2 days aboard the Rocky Mountaineer Train Banff to Vancouver with spectacular Rockies viewing with Gold Leaf seating in glass domed luxury carriages.
- 5 nights in Vancouver at the five star Sutton Place including tours of Vancouver & Whistler.
- Victoria, Vancouver Island for 2 days, 1 night stay at the famous Fairmont Empress Hotel including the fabulous Butchart Gardens and final dinner at Fairmont Empress Hotel.
- 3 nights stay at Lake Louise at the fabulous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise in deluxe lake view rooms! (subject to final confirmation).
- 2 nights in Banff and surrounds - including a half day tour of Banff.
- All tours as per itinerary, all entrances, special flavours including 2 shows, and 3 concerts presented by escorts.
- 1 night stopover in Kamloops.
- Breakfast included every day, plus 16 dinners and 11 lunches.
- All tips, portorage and appropriate gratuities included.



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