

Breathtaking Canadian Rockies & Alaska Cruise 16 Days

~~\$5,999.00~~ **\$4,899.00**

Canadian Rockies, Vancouver, Alaska, Victoria BC, Seattle

Introducing a once-in-a-lifetime best of the Canadian Rockies sampler tour, capped off with a luxurious Inside Passage cruise of the natural wonders of Alaska docking in Juneau, Skagway, Victoria BC and more. From the stunning alpine mountains, glacier-fed turquoise lakes & charming towns of the majestic Canadian Rockies to the vast Alaskan wilderness, totally immerse yourself in the absolute best that mother nature has to offer.

Highlights

- Revel in the unspoiled natural beauty of iconic **Banff National Park**
- Reminisce in the tranquil serenity of glacier-fed **Lake Louise**
- Lose yourself in the pristine alpine surrounds of **Jasper National Park**
- Venture into Grizzly Bear Valley on a jaw-dropping **Blue River Safari**
- Explore cosmopolitan metropolis **Vancouver & 'Emerald City' Seattle**
- Indulge in a luxurious week-long **Inside Passage Cruise of Alaska**
- Extend your trip to **Yellowstone National Park & Grand Canyon USA**

Features

- Cruise on either Explorer of the SeasSM or award-winning Celebrity SolsticeSM, with no surcharge – choose your cruise!
- Fly with award-winning Qantas Airways and frequent flyer points for Qantas members
- Less time driving, more time exploring the Rocky Mountains
- Stay centrally in Banff and Jasper
- Vancouver and Seattle day tours
- Cruise Gratuities included
- More departure dates

The Nexus Holidays Advantage

Less driving, more sightseeing

Did you know that travelling to The Rockies normally involves long energy-sapping road trips to the mountains? While much of the sightseeing time is usually spent aboard the coach, Nexus Holidays' brand new itinerary is based on the most direct route to the mountains, with reduced travel times and virtually no backtracking. This means extra comfort and time for you to enjoy the spectacular scenery.

So beat 'road lag' and maximise your time at the attractions that you actually set out to see – the iconic Banff and Jasper National Parks, staying centrally in the alpine resort towns of Banff and Jasper, with seamless stop-offs at Vancouver and Seattle en route to a luxurious Inside Passage Cruise of Alaska. The most relaxing way to end a truly memorable journey.

Testimonial:

We have returned from our fantastic Alaska and Rockies trip. I would say thanks to you Jenny and your excellent staff for providing us the opportunity to experience such an amazing adventure. Everything was fantastic starting from our arrival in Seattle and being met by Spencer who was just the most amazing and fantastic tour guide who showed us the wonderful sights of Seattle, he was just so knowledgeable and friendly, the accommodation at the Sheraton – Bellevue in Seattle was great the beds were to die for after a flight of 18 hours +. We also had a fabulous small group of fellow travellers -13 who all got on so well together, and having the smaller tour coach was great, we will remain friends for a long time. The smaller coach just added to the trip.

The cruise with Royal Caribbean, Explorer of the Seas was amazing we had the best cabin on the boat right at the very front, fabulous experience, the Sawyer Glacier was incredible, as were the shore excursions we took, can't wait till the next cruise !!!

After the cruise Ursula and our driver Nick met us at the dock and started another amazing adventure – the fabulous Rockies. Ursula was another fantastic guide who provided us with so much information and looked after us in every aspect. She is truly an asset as is Spencer, and Nick was a very good and safe driver.

The Rockies were amazing, the scenery spectacular, the whole trip fabulous, the accommodation was great and the food choices on the package were excellent, the additional tours we undertook were all worthwhile and enjoyed to the max, some of the scenery was just the wow factor, we also experienced being snowed upon, which living in our desert climate was a great experience, for us.

All in all it was an adventure we won't forget in a long time and thank you for helping us with every aspect of the trip and nothing was ever too much trouble for you and your staff, thank you thank you, and also thanks for provided such excellent tour guides, can't thank you and your team enough.

(Gaynor Holliday. October 11, 2016 at 11:05 am)

In stock

Category: USA & Canada Tags: Alaska, Canada, Cruise Collection, Nexus Collection, USA

Departures

| 2018 | | Value Package |
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| 06 May | 29 Jul** | From \$4,899 per person twin share — Single Supplement \$2,500 |
| 27 May | 19 Aug | |
| 10 Jun | 02 Sep** | |
| Peak Season Surcharges: * \$300 ** \$500 | | |

Inclusions

- Return International economy class airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Sydney, Melbourne ,Brisbane*, Adelaide* or Perth* with Qantas Airways
- 7 nights cruising aboard Explorer of the Seas® or Celebrity Solstice interior stateroom with on-board meals, gratuities, taxes & port charges
- 6 nights hotel accommodation (twin share)
- Round trip airport & hotel transfers
- Air conditioned motor coach transportation
- Daily breakfast
- Admissions to scenic attractions and national parks (unless otherwise indicated)
- Professional English-speaking tour guides

Exclusions

- Tour guide and driver tipping prepaid in Australia: \$100
- Optional Admission Package▲
- Optional cruise shore excursions, select onboard activities & specialty dining options
- ESTA US visa waiver application fee (approx USD\$14, mandatory)
- eTA Canada visa waiver application fee (approx CAD\$7, mandatory)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenditure and anything not stated

Price Guide

Surcharges:

- Interstate Surcharge: Brisbane \$300, Adelaide \$400, Perth \$650 (flights may be via Sydney)
- Triple Share: Not available
- Child Price: Same as adult

Upgrade Your Stateroom:

- Explorer of the Seas® (twin share): Oceanview from \$800, Balcony from \$1800, Junior Suite from \$2800

- Explorer of the Seas® (single supplement): Oceanview from \$700, Balcony from \$1600, Junior Suite from \$2250
- ★ Celebrity Solstice® (twin share): Oceanview from \$800, Balcony from \$1500, Junior Suite from \$2950
- ★ Celebrity Solstice® (single supplement): Oceanview from \$700, Balcony from \$1300, Junior Suite from \$2700

Extend Your Stay (excludes accommodation):

- Early Arrival Surcharge: Calgary from \$350
- Stay Behind Surcharge: Seattle from \$350
- Stopover Surcharge: Los Angeles/San Francisco/Vancouver from \$350 per city

Note: All prices are per person subject to availability plus applicable fare difference. The airline and flights are not available until 1 month before departure and may involve up to 2 transits per leg.

^ International long haul sectors only

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Optional Admission Package▲

~~\$380~~ \$350

Purchase all admissions and save

Our admission package adds another dimension to your tour and includes transportation to the venues, taxes, handling and service fees. Due to popular demand, admissions must be booked at least 60 days before departure and may not be available for individual purchase on site.

- Banff Gondola \$50
- Ice Explorer \$90
- Glacier Skywalk \$50
- River Safari \$110
- Space Needle + Chihuly Garden & Glass \$80

Note: Alternative activities and attractions may not be available in the vicinity and cannot be arranged. Non-participants must wait for the group to complete the activities.

Explorer of the Seas®

Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas® is home to an array of innovations that give you whatever type of vacation you desire. Climb a rock wall that overlooks the sea, or find your adventure on the basketball court, ice-skating rink or mini-golf course. If it's zen you seek, achieve it poolside or at the relaxing Vitality at Sea Spa. Liven up your nights on the Royal Promenade, with parades, dancing, and duty-free shopping deals. And bring along some friends – with spacious public areas, enhanced staterooms, and a spectacular three-story dining room, this ship has room for your whole crew.

Rest & Relaxation

- Vitality at Sea Spa with 100+ treatments including medi-spa treatments and relaxing massages
- 4 pools including the Solarium, an adults-only retreat#
- 6 whirlpools
- State-of-the-art Fitness Centre, with classes# including yoga and tai chi
- Outdoor poolside movie screen
- Stateroom amenities such as flat screen TVs, new bathrooms and completely remodelled interiors, including new linens and furniture

Action & Adventure

- Rock-climbing wall
- Ice-skating rink

- Mini-golf course
- Basketball court
- Jogging tracks
- FlowRider surf simulator

Dining Options

- Main Dining Room with complimentary, multi-course dining for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- More complimentary options including Windjammer Café, Café Promenade for coffee and pastries/snacks, and room service#
- Casual dining and snacks at Johnny Rockets and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream #
- New specialty dining including, our signature steakhouse, Chops Grille, Italian-style trattoria Giovanni's Table and Izumi Japanese cruising#

Entertainment & Shopping

- Complimentary Broadway-style entertainment in the Main Theatre
- Complimentary ice-skating shows in Studio B
- 9,623 square foot Vegas-style Casino Royale® with 287 slots and 16 tables
- Bars, clubs and lounges, including Diamond Club, Star Lounge, R Bar, and The Tavern
- Variety of name-brand, duty-free shopping on the Royal Promenade including jewellery, perfumes, apparel and shopping for teens and kids

Select onboard activities and specialty dining options are at your own expense

★ Celebrity Solstice®

Unique Features & Accolades

- Celebrity Cruises® voted best premium cruise line 8 years running
- Celebrity Solstice® voted best ship in Australia 2015
- 5 star décor / service / cuisine
- 24/7 complimentary room service
- 2:1 staff to guest ratio
- 15% larger staterooms and bathrooms
- More time docked in ports

Celebrity Solstice® is one of the most decorated ships at sea, offering fine dining, magnificent venues, spacious staterooms and award-winning service. It's no wonder that it's full of "firsts" like the first Lawn Club at sea, the first Hot Glass Show, and the first cruise line to have 5 women known as the "The Leading Ladies" redesign the staterooms. Other things that set the Celebrity Solstice® cruise ship apart are its specialty restaurants. Our passion for outstanding cuisine has taken the restaurants, the food and the overall dining experience to a whole new level in the cruising world. But staterooms and specialty restaurants are only part of this ship's charm. Celebrity Solstice® also has the Canyon Ranch SpaClub® and fitness centre, where you can pamper yourself with spa treatments or push yourself in a workout with one of our trainers.

- Canyon Ranch SpaClub®
Relax and rejuvenate in our serene spa at sea. Experience the unique services of Canyon Ranch in a breathtaking setting—aboard Celebrity's modern luxury ships. Enhance your vacation with a complete wellness and lifestyle program that increases resilience, restores serenity, and helps you feel rejuvenated.
- Cellar Masters
Try a bold collection of both familiar and unknown wines from around the world in this inviting wine bar. To help you explore, we feature the state-of-the-art Enomatic® wine-by-the-glass dispensing system. It will pour your choice directly from the bottle in a 1-ounce, 2.5-ounce or 5-ounce portion as you swipe your SeaPass® card. Our Sommeliers will offer further insight into the fine art of wine selection.
- Lawn Club
A freshly manicured lawn on the highest deck of Celebrity Solstice®. Enjoy casual outdoor activities in a decidedly Country Club atmosphere, and let the grass between your toes take you places no cruise has gone before.
- Sky Observation Lounge

A quiet refuge by day for gazing over the sea with a cocktail at hand. At night, the space comes to life with live music and dancing. In addition, special interactive theme parties include Live@Sky—music and dances of the 40s with a modern twist—and Motown, featuring funky soul with a live band, singers and dancers.

- **The Hot Glass Show**
Don't just appreciate art, experience it. Witness the incredible, gorgeous art of glassblowing with intimate live demonstrations. Watch and learn from professional glassblowers in this popular, one-of-a-kind exhibition from the renowned Corning Museum of Glass.
- **Silk Harvest Restaurant**
A subtle taste of Far East delicacies meant to share. As the first Asian restaurant in the Celebrity fleet, Silk Harvest takes you on a journey to the Far East, offering authentic Asian hospitality perfectly paired with a contemporary blend of Chinese, Japanese, Thai and Vietnamese cuisine. Here you enjoy family-style dining in a warm and friendly setting.
- **Main Restaurant**
The Main Restaurant is the centrepiece of our immersive and enriching range of culinary experiences. We're proud to present an unparalleled wealth of choices every evening. Working literally around the clock, the galleys delight in sending out artfully presented dishes, every delicate micro-green garnish perfectly in place.

Note: Select onboard activities and specialty dining options are at your own expense

Value Accommodation

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| Banff | Charltons Banff, Inns of Banff or similar |
| Jasper | The Athabasca Hotel, Chateau Jasper Hotel, The Crimson Jasper, Mount Robson Inn or similar |
| Kamloops | The Thompson Hotel & Conference Centre or similar |
| Vancouver | Executive Airport Plaza Hotel Richmond or similar |
| Seattle | Sheraton Bellevue Hotel or similar |

Optional Post-tour Extension

The Best of USA National Parks 5 Nights – 2018

From \$1,999 per person twin share

Experience five of the USA's best national parks in a single trip, with the highlights being Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon, Zion, and Grand Canyon National Parks. Be sure to have your cameras ready for bears, wolves, bison, elk, antelope and some of the world's most exotic plants. Marvel at a volcano's hidden power rising up in colourful hot springs, mudpots and geysers. Explore mountains, forests and lakes to witness wildlife and the drama of the natural world unfold. From the steep-sided canyons and ever-present waterfalls to the arresting sandstone walls of the mesmerising Grand Canyon, the road is endless with Nexus Holidays.

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Departures

19 May

09 Jun

23 Jun

11 Aug *

01 Sep

15 Sep

* Peak Season Surcharge: \$200

Inclusions

- Economy class flights into Salt Lake City and out of Las Vegas
- 5 nights hotel accommodation (twin share)
- Round trip transfers
- Air conditioned motor coach transportation
- Admissions to scenic attractions and national parks (unless otherwise indicated)
- Professional English speaking tour guide(s)

Exclusions

- Tour guide and driver tipping prepaid in Australia: \$130
- Meals
- Optional prepaid Grand Canyon Skywalk ▲
- ESTA US visa waiver application fee (mandatory, approx. USD\$14)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenditure and anything not stated

Price Guide

- Single Supplement: \$800
- Stay Behind/Stopover Surcharge: Las Vegas/Los Angeles from \$350 per city (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- Triple/Quad Share: Same as twin share price
- Child Price: Same as adult

Optional Grand Canyon Skywalk ▲

\$110

A Legacy Gold Package is required for a Skywalk Ticket to walk on the glass bridge. This is prepaid in Australia and includes:

- Skywalk Ticket to walk on the glass bridge
- Meal at viewpoint of choice
- Hualapai Visitation Certificate
- Photo Opportunities with Hualapai Members

Accommodation

- Idaho Falls: Comfort Inn or similar
- West Yellowstone: The White Buffalo Hotel or similar
- Salt Lake City: Ramada Salt Lake City Airport Hotel or similar
- St. George: Red Lion Hotel & Conference Centre St. George or similar
- Las Vegas: Stratosphere Casino Hotel & Tower or similar

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Day 1: Australia ✈️ Calgary 🚌 Banff (In-flight Meals)

Fly to **Calgary** via connecting cities, then transfer to the iconic alpine resort town of **Banff**. The main thoroughfare is lined with boutiques and restaurants mixed with chateau-style hotels and souvenir shops. The surrounding 6500 square kilometres of parkland are home to wildlife including elk and grizzly bears.

Day 2: Banff 🚌 Lake Louise 🚌 Banff (B)

Embark on a scenic road trip of breathtaking **Banff National Park** along the **Bow Valley Parkway**, between the iconic mountain resort towns **Banff** and **Lake Louise**. Marvel at glorious **Moraine Lake** with a panoramic view of the **Valley of the Ten Peaks**, followed by a leisurely hike to the **Lower Falls of Johnston Canyon**. Then stroll along the picturesque shores of **Lake Louise**, crowned as the 'Jewel of the Rockies'. Conclude the day with a quick stop at world famous **Bow Falls** before riding the Banff Gondola[▲] (optional at your own expense) to the top of Sulphur Mountain, with breathtaking panoramic views of the Rockies.

Day 3: Banff 🚌 Columbia Icefield 🚌 Jasper (B)

Today's highlight is a jaw-dropping road trip to **Jasper National Park**. Be prepared to take in the world's most scenic glaciers, lakes and mountain peaks as we traverse the **Icefields Parkway**, passing by subalpine forests on the way to the immense **Columbia Icefield**. Here, embark on a glacier adventure ride aboard the massive **Ice Explorer**[▲] (optional admission at your own expense) snow coach onto the surface of **Athabasca Glacier**, and experience an exhilarating cliff-edge **Glacier Skywalk**[▲] (optional admission at your own expense). Next is a quick stop at the powerful waterfall of **Athabasca Falls** before heading into the beautiful alpine town of **Jasper**.

Day 4: Jasper 🚌 Blue River 🚌 Kamloops (B)

Step into UNESCO World Heritage Site **Mount Robson Provincial Park**, home to the highest peak in the **Canadian Rockies** and recognised for its vast natural beauty and mountain landscapes containing rare species, peaks, glaciers, lakes, waterfalls, canyons, limestone caves, and fossils. Then take off to **Blue River** for an exciting **River Safari**[▲] (optional admission at your own expense) to stunning **Grizzly Bear Valley** where you are likely to witness active wildlife on the riverbank. Reinvigorate yourself with an overnight stay at the city of **Kamloops**.

Day 5: Kamloops 🚌 Hope 🚌 Vancouver (B)

Set out on a fun hike at **Othello Tunnels**, a series of old train tunnels and bridges that cut through the solid granite walls and pass over the wild **Coquihalla River** near the town of Hope, location of the film 'Rambo – First Blood'. After lunch, enjoy a mini tour of cosmopolitan metropolis **Vancouver city**, stopping by bustling **Granville Island Public Market**, a food lover's paradise, before reaching the coastal city of Richmond.

Day 6: Vancouver 🚌 Seattle 🚢 Alaska Glacier Cruise (B, Onboard Meals)

Bid farewell to beautiful Western Canada and cross the border into the United States of America through to the **Port of Seattle** to embark on your luxury week-long **Inside Passage Cruise** of Alaska's undisturbed wildlife, rugged wilderness and jaw-dropping natural wonders.

Day 7: At Sea 🚢 (Onboard Meals)

Enjoy the day at sea as we sail through the natural wonders of Alaska.

Day 8: Alaska Inside Passage 🍷 Juneau (Explorer) or Ketchikan (Solstice) (Onboard Meals)

Explorer of the Seas: At midday arrive at **Juneau**, which boasts some of the country's most amazing scenery. Visit several fjords, or the majestic Mendenhall Glacier which is nearby. Depart at 9pm.

Celebrity Solstice: Cruise to **Ketchikan** docking at 7am, The 'Salmon Capital of the World' is a popular port of call for Alaska cruises. If you're up for an adventure, take a canoe and nature trail excursion, or a wilderness exploration followed by a scrumptious crab feast. Depart at 4pm.

Day 9: Cruise to Skagway (Explorer) or Tracy Arm Fjord and Juneau (Solstice) 🍷 (Onboard Meals)

Explorer of the Seas: Arrive at **Skagway** at 7am and relive the gold rush. Make the most of all the area has to offer until the 8.30pm departure.

Celebrity Solstice: Cruise to **Tracy Arm Fjord**, arriving at 6am. Gaze in awe at a landscape carved by glaciers, with hundreds of waterfalls cascading down 3000-foot granite walls. Depart at 10am. Cruise to Juneau, the capital of Alaska, docking at 1:30pm and departing at 10pm.

Day 10: Tracy Arm Fjord (Explorer) or Skagway (Solstice) 🍷 (Onboard Meals)

Explorer of the Seas: Cruise through **Tracy Arm Fjord**, arriving at 7am. Gaze in awe at a landscape carved by glaciers, with hundreds of waterfalls cascading down 3000-foot granite walls. Depart at 12 noon.

Celebrity Solstice: Cruise to **Skagway**, arriving at 7am. Relive the gold rush by riding the Yukon Railroad. Discover Dyea, or go horseback riding through the majestic forests. Depart at 6pm.

Day 11: At Sea 🍷 (Onboard Meals)

Enjoy the day at sea as we sail through the calm waters of **Alaska**.

Day 12: Victoria 🍷 (Onboard Meals)

Cruise to **Victoria, BC** docking at 9am and prepare to be romanced with blooming flowers, magnificent architecture, and gourmet treats, an unforgettable getaway. **Explorer of the Seas** arrives 9am and departs at 6pm. **Celebrity Solstice** arrives 5.30pm and departs at 11.59pm

Day 13: Alaska Glacier Cruise 🍷 Seattle (Onboard Breakfast)

Disembark from the cruise after an early breakfast. Begin your tour of 'Emerald City' **Seattle** as we head downtown for a familiarisation drive stopping at scenic views as we pass by distinct neighbourhoods sitting high on hilltops or afloat on the calm waters. Explore the colourful **Pike Place Market** overlooking Elliot Bay, Seattle's most popular tourist destination and home to a large variety of shops and restaurants with waterfront views. Scale the iconic **Space Needle**▲ (optional admission at your own expense), and view the dazzling skyline from 158 meters on the observation deck. Then we will view the amazing collection of blown glass art and sculptures at popular **Chihuly Garden & Glass**▲ (optional admission at your own expense).

Day 14: Seattle ✈ Australia (B)

Today bid farewell to the beautiful USA, with a transfer to the airport for your homebound or onward flights via connecting cities.

Day 15: In Transit (In-flight Meals)

In flight. Your trip may be over but the memories will certainly last a lifetime.

Day 16: Australia

Arrive at home sweet home this morning.

Optional Post-tour Extension

The Best of USA National Parks 5 Nights

Fly - Tour - Stay

Nature's undisputed 'awesome foursome' trip of a lifetime has arrived with Nexus Holidays – and it's a game-changer. Experience beauty overload at picturesque Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park and wilderness recreation area, atop a volcanic hotspot. Be sure to have your cameras ready for bears, wolves, bison, elk, antelope and some of the world's most exotic plants. Marvel at a volcano's hidden power rising up in colourful hot springs, mudpots and geysers. Explore mountains, forests and lakes to witness wildlife and the drama of the natural world unfold. From the steep-sided canyons and ever-present waterfalls to the arresting sandstone walls of the mesmerising Grand Canyon, the road is endless with Nexus Holidays.

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Day 14: Seattle ✈ Salt Lake City 🚌 Idaho Falls (B)

Today, bid farewell to beautiful Seattle with a transfer to the airport for your flight to **Salt Lake City**, the high-altitude capital of Utah. Upon arrival, transfer to the city of **Idaho Falls**, named after the colossal waterfall caused by construction of a massive canal to irrigate the desert and feed a hydroelectric powerplant.

Day 15: Idaho Falls 🚌 Grand Teton National Park 🚌 Yellowstone National Park 🚌 West Yellowstone

Commence your tour of the USA National Parks with a road trip to **Grand Teton National Park** for a picture-perfect scenic photo shoot at **Colter Bay Village** overlooking the beautiful shores of Jackson Lake with the majestic Grand Tetons as a backdrop. Before long, you will enter the world-renowned **Yellowstone National Park**, the world's first national park and a vast wilderness recreation area atop a volcanic hotspot characterised by hydrothermal geysers, hot springs, mud pots and fumaroles. Begin your tour of Yellowstone at the **Old Faithful** cone geyser, which shoots water over 37 metres in the air. Then stop at the Midway Geyser Basin to see the **Grand Prismatic Spring**, the country's largest hot spring, and prepare to be mesmerised by the vivid colouration thanks to heat-loving bacteria that produce colours ranging from green to red, lining the edge of the deep blue spring water. Time permitting, glance the **Fountain Paint Pot** named after the reds, yellows, and browns of the bubbling mud.

Day 16: West Yellowstone 🚌 Yellowstone National Park 🚌 Jackson Hole 🚌 Salt Lake City

Continue your journey through Yellowstone National Park at **Norris Geyser Basin**, the hottest geyser basin in Yellowstone and comprised of two distinct sections: The Back Basin in a forest setting and the Porcelain Basin, which

is characterised by a lack of vegetation. Then we ascend the steep stairway of **Uncle Tom's Trail** at the "Grand Canyon of Yellowstone" for an observation deck view of the 400 foot tall Lower Yellowstone Falls. Continue past the picturesque Yellowstone Lake towards the resort town of **Jackson** in the Jackson Hole valley of Teton County, famous for cowboy bars and western souvenir shops among many Old West attractions. Return to Salt Lake City to rest overnight.

Day 17: Salt Lake City 🚗 Bryce Canyon National Park 🚗 Zion National Park 🚗 St. George

Begin the day driving by the beautiful landscape and historic buildings of **Temple Square** in the heart of Salt Lake City before arriving at historic long-standing **Cove Fort**, constructed of volcanic rock. Then gain an everlasting impression of some of the world's most beautiful scenery at Sunset Point in **Bryce Canyon National Park**, characterised by its vast expanse of orange and red sandstone cliffs sculpted by nature into 'hoodoo' pillars. Cap off the day at one of the United States' most scenic canyons with a road trip through Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to **Zion Lodge** in Zion National Park, where steep canyons, stone towers, have been carved over millions of years by rushing streams amidst lush vegetation. Refresh yourself overnight in the metropolitan city of St. George.

Day 18: St. George 🚗 Grand Canyon National Park 🚗 Las Vegas

Stop at **Hoover Dam**, one of the 'Seven Wonders of the Industrial World', for a perfect photo opportunity along the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge. Then proceed the majestic **Grand Canyon**. As you gaze out from the **West Rim** at Eagle Point and Guano Point, you are viewing 2 billion years of geological history. Millions of people each year stand in awe at the canyon and leave with a sense of fulfilment and the realisation that they have witnessed nature at her finest. If time permits, take a **Grand Canyon Skywalk** ▲ (optional admission at your own expense) for a 720 degree view of the Canyon on the highest man-made structure in the world, a horseshoe-shaped cantilever bridge on the very edge of the Grand Canyon West Rim, with nothing but glass separating you and the Colorado River 4,000 feet below. A complete change of scenery awaits when you arrive in the heart of "Sin City" **Las Vegas**, a neon-lit desert oasis offering a collection of bright lights, shopping malls, iconic dancing fountains, famous hotels and innumerable casinos.

Day 19: Las Vegas ✈ Australia

Enjoy the morning and early afternoon at your own pace and leisure to explore the entertainment capital of the world. Then in the mid-afternoon, bid farewell to glitzy Las Vegas with a transfer to the airport for your homebound or onward flight via connecting cities.

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