

# Breathtaking Canadian Rockies & Alaska Cruise 16 Days

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

Calgary, Banff, Jasper, Vancouver, Juneau, Skagway, Victoria BC, Seattle & more!

## 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**

From the stunning alpine mountains, glacier-fed turquoise lakes & charming towns of the majestic Canadian Rockies to a luxurious Alaska Glacier Cruise, totally immerse yourself in a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Our itinerary guarantees the most direct route to the Rocky Mountains, meaning *less time driving, more time sightseeing* compared to others' itineraries. Designed for your comfort, the itinerary takes you to the heart of the Rockies, staying centrally in the alpine resort towns of Banff and Jasper, with seamless city tours of Vancouver and Seattle, en route to a relaxing Alaska Glacier Cruise.

*Pace: Leisurely*

In stock

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

## Departures

2018		Twin Share PP	Single Supplement
19 Aug* 1 balcony room left only, please call			
2019			
19 May	11 Aug*		
26 May	18 Aug		
16 Jun*	25 Aug		
23 Jun*	01 Sep		
04 Aug*			
* = Peak season surcharge: \$500pp			

## Inclusions

- Airfares, taxes & fuel surcharges departing Sydney or Melbourne with a full service North American carrier^
  - Eg. United Airlines, Delta Airlines (subject to availability)
- 7 nights cruising on Celebrity Solstice® in a lead-in interior stateroom with onboard meals, gratuities, taxes & port charges

- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- Airport & hotel transfers
- Air conditioned motor coach transportation
  - Baggage limit: 1 piece 20kg per person
- Daily breakfast
- Admissions to attractions & national parks
- English-speaking tour guide(s)

## Exclusions

- Prepaid tipping: \$100pp
- ESTA US visa waiver (approx USD14pp, required)
- eTA Canada visa waiver (approx CAD7pp, required)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenses & anything optional

## Price Guide

Upgrade your flights^:

- Qantas, Virgin Australia, Air Canada: fr \$500pp

Upgrade your cruise:

- ★ Ovation of the Seas®: fr \$200pp

Upgrade your stateroom:

- Celebrity Solstice® (twin share): Ocean View fr \$850pp, Balcony fr \$1195pp, Junior Suite fr \$3195pp
- Celebrity Solstice® (single supplement): Ocean View fr \$750pp, Balcony fr \$1055pp, Junior Suite fr \$2855pp
- ★ Ovation of the Seas® (twin share): Ocean View fr \$695pp, Balcony fr \$1355pp, Junior Suite fr \$2595pp
- ★ Ovation of the Seas® (single supplement): Ocean View fr \$595pp, Balcony fr \$1195pp, Junior Suite fr \$2295pp

*Note: Prices are for the lead-in stateroom type, higher stateroom types within a category incur fare differences*

Interstate surcharge:

- Brisbane \$300pp, Adelaide \$400pp, Perth \$600pp (flights may be via Sydney)

Extend your stay:

- Early arrival airfare surcharge: Calgary fr \$350pp
- Stay behind airfare surcharge: Seattle fr \$350pp
- Stopover airfare surcharge: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Vancouver fr \$350pp per city
- Pre/post-tour accommodation: \$380/twin room/night (single supplement \$350)

Please note:

- All air & cruise prices above are subject to availability & additional applicable fare difference
- Triple/quad share: Same as twin share price, available on request only
- Child price: Same as adult
- Group size: Maximum 48 passengers
- ^ = International long haul sectors only. Internal flights may be operated by partner carriers.
- Flights are not available until 2 weeks before departure & may involve up to 2 transits per leg.

Disclaimer: All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Itinerary and sites to be visited are subject to change due to local and seasonal conditions, minimum and maximum numbers, time and other unforeseen constraints beyond our control. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all **Booking Conditions**.

## Tour Extensions

## Best of USA National Parks 5 Nights

From **\$1999pp**

*Five National Parks: Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon, Zion & Grand Canyon + Las Vegas*

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.

Inclusions:

- Airfares & taxes for flights into Salt Lake City and out of Las Vegas
- 5 nights twin share hotel accommodation
- All transfers
- Air conditioned motor coach transportation
- Admissions to attractions & national parks
- English-speaking tour guide(s)

Exclusions:

- Prepaid tipping: \$130pp
- Meals

Price Guide:

- Single supplement: \$800
- Triple/quad share: Same as twin share price, available on request only

Please Note:

- A minimum of 10 passengers is required for this tour to operate
- Itinerary is subject to change

Hotel 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

**Optional Grand Canyon Skywalk▲**

**\$120pp**

A prepaid Legacy Gold Package is required to walk on the glass bridge and includes:

- Skywalk Ticket
- Meal at viewpoint of choice
- Hualapai Visitation Certificate
- Photo opportunities with Hualapai members

## Stopover Packages

**Los Angeles or San Francisco 3 Nights Self-Guided**

From **\$750pp**

Los Angeles is the second largest city in the United States and has cultural attractions that are second to none, whether it's the Space Shuttle Endeavour, Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Getty Center or art galleries and urban art. Los Angeles is also known as the centre of the nation's film and television industry, not far from its iconic Hollywood sign, studios such as Paramount Pictures, Universal and Warner Brothers offer behind-the-scenes tours. During your free time, you may consider enjoying the Venice Beach Boardwalk.

San Francisco is a vibrant & bustling city full of museums, theatres and destination neighbourhoods such as Chinatown, Union Square, and Fisherman’s Wharf. San Francisco is also home to the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and Pier 39, all of which are easy to locate in the city. Consider a day trip to award winning wineries in Napa and Sonoma.

Inclusions:

- Airfares
- 3 nights twin share accommodation in a 3-star downtown hotel
- Airport & hotel shuttle transfers

Exclusions:

- Meals
- Resort fee payable to hotel upon arrival (approx. USD30/room/day)

Price Guide:

- Hotel upgrade: 4-star fr \$200pp twin share
- Single supplement: 3-star \$250, 4-star \$450

Accommodation Guide	Los Angeles	San Francisco
Standard Hotel	The Fullerton Hotel or similar	Embassy Hotel or similar
Upgrade Hotel	Hilton Anaheim or similar	Hilton San Francisco Union Square or similar

## Tour Admission Package▲

~~\$380pp~~ **\$350pp** Purchase all admissions and save!

Our admission package adds another dimension to your tour and includes transportation to the venues, taxes, handling & service fees.

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

Please note: Due to popular demand, admissions must be booked at least 60 days before departure and may not be available for individual purchase on site. Alternative activities may not be available in the vicinity and cannot be arranged. Non-participants must wait for the group to complete the activities.

## 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.

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

## ★ Ovation of the Seas®

Royal Caribbean International's Ovation of the Seas® is the third of RCI's Quantum class ship, entering service on April 14, 2016. Cruise Critic Australia voted Ovation of the Seas® 'Best New Ship' of the year.

Home ported in Sydney for our summers during 2016-19, Ovation of the Seas® will be based in Seattle starting in the 2019 Northern summer, making her the first-ever Quantum class ship to ply the famed Alaskan Inside Passage!

From the world's highest viewing deck on a cruise liner, to robot bartenders, to a Jamie Oliver Italian restaurant – there's just so much to do and explore on board!

### Activities, Dining, and Drinks:

- **Flowrider:** Test the waters on this exciting outdoor wave simulator
- **Dreamworks:** Experience lounge with beloved characters from popular Dreamworks films
- **Dance Classes:** Enjoy some fun on the dancefloor with professional instructors
- **Movie Nights on the Big Screen:** Enjoy an outdoor night at the the movies – poolside!
- **Leisure and Sports Facilities:** Rock climbing wall, basketball courts, swimming pool, an aqua park and more!
- **Pool Party:** Stay up late and enjoy a pool party onj the top deck with the grown-ups
- **Fine and Casual Dining:** More than twenty options for your dining pleasure, or order gourmet room service
- **Drinks and Date Nights:** Explore nine venues, from poolside to piano lounge, to classy cocktails
- **Art on the High Seas:** View some of the 11,000 pieces of art on board – AU\$5.8 million dollars worth!

### Key Characteristics:

- **Tonnage:** 168,666 GT
- **Length:** 348 m (1,142 ft)
- **Beam:** 41.2 m (waterline)
- **Draught:** 8.5 m (28 ft)
- **Decks:** 18 (16 passenger-accessible)
- **Speed:** 22 knots (41 km/h)
- **Capacity:** 4,905 passengers (max. occupancy)

## Hotel Accommodation

Calgary	Coast Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre or similar
Banff	Inns of Banff or similar
Jasper	The Crimson Jasper or similar
Kamloops	The Thompson Hotel & Conference Centre or similar
Vancouver	La Quinta Inn Vancouver Airport or similar
Seattle	Sheraton Bellevue Hotel or similar

## Testimonials

We have returned from our fantastic Alaska and Rockies trip. I would to 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)

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

Fly to Calgary via connecting cities and take a shuttle transfer to your hotel for rest.

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

Transfer to Banff in the morning and 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.

## 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 **Vancouver city**, stopping by bustling **Granville Island Public Market**, a food lover's paradise.

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

Cross the border into the United States of America through to the Port of Seattle to embark on your luxury week-long **Alaska Glacier Cruise** for your chance to witness the undisturbed wildlife and jaw-dropping natural wonders of the Alaskan wilderness.

## Day 7: 🚢 At Sea (Onboard Meals)

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

## Day 8: 🚢 Ketchikan, Alaska (Solstice) or Alaska Inside Passage, Juneau (Ovation)

## (Onboard Meals)

**Celebrity Solstice®:** Cruise to **Ketchikan**, 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.

**Ovation of the Seas®:** Have your camera ready to capture the rugged beauty of the islands and mainland coast of southern Alaska. The views include glaciers, fjords, soaring cliffs and misty northern rainforest. Watch for the exotic wildlife, including moose and whales. Witness enormous glaciers, misty temperate rainforests, and blue fjords. Surrounded by fjords, forest and snow-capped mountains, **Juneau** (pictured at right) is a gorgeous state capital. Its historic city centre harks back to its gold-rush origins and you can still pan for gold. But nature is the priceless treasure. You can't miss the amazing glacial landscape.

## Day 9: Tracy Arm Fjord & Juneau (Solstice) or Skagway (Ovation) (Onboard Meals)

**Celebrity Solstice®:** Cruise to the **Tracy Arm Fjord** (pictured right), and gaze in awe at a landscape carved by glaciers, with hundreds of waterfalls cascading down 3000-foot granite walls. Then, cruise to **Juneau**, the capital of Alaska, where you'll spend the afternoon, departing late evening. Surrounded by fjord, forest and snow-capped mountains, Juneau (pictured at right) is a gorgeous state capital. Its historic city centre harks back to its gold-rush origins and you can still pan for gold. But nature is the priceless treasure. You can't miss the amazing glacial landscape.

**Ovation of the Seas®:** The great Klondike Rush lives on in **Skagway's charming city centre** of restored 19th-century buildings and its historic railway. From the vintage train, admire the mountains and see the 1898 trail that fortune seekers travelled on foot. You'll arrive early in the morning and depart in the evening.

## Day 10: Skagway, Alaska Inside Passage (Solstice) Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier (Ovation) (Onboard Meals)

**Celebrity Solstice®:** Cruise to **Skagway** (pictured right), arriving early in the morning. Relive the gold rush by riding the Yukon Railroad. Discover Dyea, or go horseback riding through the majestic forests. Depart late afternoon to sail through the Alaska Inside Passage. Have your camera ready to capture the rugged beauty of the islands and mainland coast of southern Alaska. The views include glaciers, fjords, soaring cliffs and misty northern rainforest. Watch for the exotic wildlife, including moose and whales.

**Ovation of the Seas®:** One of Alaska's lesser-known gems, **Endicott Arm Fjord** marks the southern edge of Ford's Terror Wilderness area. As you drift through its 30-mile-long stretch, you can't help but be awed by the surrounding granite cliffs, mountain valleys and dozens of gushing waterfalls. Drifting icebergs, deep blue waters and a spectacular tidewater glacier only add to this natural spectacle's appeal. Glacier Harbour Seals: Endicott Arm is one of the largest breeding grounds for harbour seals on the planet. Keep your eyes peeled for these creatures splashing in icy waters near the ship. Along the shore, you might also glimpse brown bears, bald eagles, sea ducks, deer, moose and wolves.

**Dawes Glacier:** Your journey through scenic Endicott Arm Fjord ends with a front-row view of Dawes Glacier. Standing over 182 metres tall and 0.8 km wide, this very active ice cap is known for its spectacular calving displays which produce the huge, chunky icebergs that float in the area.

## Day 11: At Sea (Onboard Meals)

**Celebrity Solstice®:** Enjoy the day at sea as we sail along the Canadian coast. Explore the varied onboard activities, restaurants, and bars.

**Ovation of the Seas®:** Spend the day at sea. Whether you seek an adrenaline rush or total tranquility, our ships have it all. Try rock climbing, bumper cars and flying without having to leave the ship in our skydiving simulator. Melt away land-based stress with a spa massage, build a scrapbook of memories or simply relax by the side of the pool. On board, dining is about more than just food. Think ambience, variety and the flexibility to decide when and what you savour.



## Day 12: 🏰 Victoria, BC (Onboard Meals)

Cruise to **Victoria, BC**. The capital of British Columbia is filled with blooming gardens, heritage architecture and historic charm. The heart of Victoria is its scenic harbour and Old Town, compact areas that are made for strolling and easily explored on foot. Prepare to be romanced with blooming flowers, magnificent architecture, and gourmet treats – an unforgettable getaway.

## Day 13: 🏰 Seattle (Onboard Breakfast)

Disembark from the cruise after 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)

Bid farewell to beautiful Canada and Alaska, with a transfer to the airport for your homebound or onward flights via connecting cities.

## Day 15: In Transit (In-flight Meals)

In flight.

## Day 16: Arrive Australia

Arrive back in Australia this morning.

## Post-Tour Extension

### Best of USA National Parks 5 Nights

Experience five of USA's best national parks in a single trip with the top highlights of 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.

Tour Highlights:

- Embark on a breathtaking expedition of Yellowstone National Park
- Cherish the mesmerising Grand Teton, Bryce Canyon & Zion National Parks
- Step foot on the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon
- Enjoy a romantic rendezvous at Las Vegas

## 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** (pictured), the

high-elevation capital of Utah. Upon arrival, transfer to the city of **Idaho Falls**, named after beautiful man-made dams and colossal waterfalls.

### Day 15: Idaho Falls 🚌 Grand Teton 🚌 Yellowstone 🚌 West Yellowstone

Commence your tour 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 hot spot characterised by hydrothermal geysers, hot springs, mud pots and fumaroles. Begin your tour of Yellowstone at the **Old Faithful** cone geyser shooting 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 the heat-loving bacteria that produce colours ranging from green to red lining the edge of the deep blue spring water. Time permitting, take a look at the Fountain Paint Pot named after the reds, yellows and browns of the bubbling mud.

### Day 16: West Yellowstone 🚌 Yellowstone 🚌 Jackson 🚌 Salt Lake City

Continue your journey through **Yellowstone National Park** at **Norris Geyser Basin**, the hottest geyser basin in Yellowstone comprised of two distinct sections: The **Back Basin** in a forest setting and the **Porcelain Basin** characterised by a lack of vegetation. Then 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 by the picturesque Yellowstone Lake towards the resort town of Jackson in the **Jackson Hole valley in Teton County**, famous for cowboy bars and western souvenir shops among many Old West allures. Return to **Salt Lake City** to rest overnight.

### Day 17: Salt Lake City 🚌 Bryce Canyon 🚌 Zion 🚌 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 the **Sunset Point of 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 United States' most scenic canyons with a road trip through Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to **Zion Lodge in Zion National Park** whose steep canyons, stone towers and lush vegetation are carved over millions of years by rushing streams.

### Day 18: St. George 🚌 Grand Canyon 🚌 Las Vegas

Stop at **Hoover Dam** for a perfect photo opportunity along the Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge. Then proceed to one of the Seven Wonders of the Industrial World, 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 realisation that they have witnessed nature at her finest. Time permitting, take a **Grand Canyon Skywalk**▲ (optional admission at your own expense) for a 720 degree view of the Canyon on the tallest 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 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 beautiful Las Vegas with a transfer to the airport for your homebound or onward flight via connecting cities.

### Day 20: In Transit ✈ (In-flight Meals)

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

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## **Day 21: Arrive Australia**

Arrive back in Australia this morning.