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a unique travel experience just for women

Canada & Alaskan Dream

21 days departing 17 September 2016



PRICE: \$14,995.00 per person twin share
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$4,758.00 (land & cruise)
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$2,272 (land only)

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Small group experience of a lifetime
- Gold Leaf Rocky Mountaineer – Rainforest to GoldRush rail journey
- 7 night cruise onboard the ms Nieuw Amsterdam enjoying Verandah Staterooms
- Stunning accommodation at Fairmont Hotels (in most cities)
- Banff sightseeing including Banff Gondola and Lake Minnewanka
- Scenic sightseeing from Banff to Lake Louise and Yoho National Park
- Scenic sightseeing from Lake Louise to Jasper including Icefield Parkway
- Glacier Adventure and Glacier Skywalk
- Vancouver to Victoria sightseeing including ferry crossing
- Victoria sightseeing including a visit to the Butchart Gardens
- Fly over Canada experience including Vancouver city tour
- Vancouver Capilano Suspension Bridge and Skyride
- Theatre at Grouse Mountain

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Personally escorted from Australia, your SWT tour hostess is on hand to assist with making your holiday a memorable one
- Return economy airfares with Qantas/Air Canada to Calgary/Vancouver
- Private touring coach with professional driver and guide
- Rail travel onboard Rocky Mountaineer in Gold Leaf including lunch and dinner daily
- 7 night cruise onboard Holland America ms Nieuw Amsterdam in category V verandah cabins
- Private airport, rail and hotel transfers throughout
- All meals whilst cruising
- All accommodation as detailed in itinerary
- Tipping for drivers and tour guide only
- All gratuities whilst onboard Rocky Mountaineer and ms Nieuw Amsterdam
- Amazing sightseeing as per our itinerary
- Room matching for single travellers
- Meet and Greet prior to departure (subject to minimum numbers attending)
- Sisterhood documentation and ticket wallet
- Assistance with booking onshore cruise excursions

itinerary

DAY 1 Saturday 17 September 2016

Melbourne – Vancouver – Calgary – Banff ~ (L)

Join your Sisterhood Womens Travel tour hostess and fellow travellers at the Melbourne Airport at the designated time for our flight to Canada. Transiting via Sydney to Vancouver and upon our arrival into Calgary we'll be transferred to Banff. En-route a scheduled refreshment stop before arriving at the beautiful Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel around 3.30pm. Welcome to Canada! Dinner tonight at leisure. Overnight at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff.

DAY 2 Sunday 18 September 2016

In Banff ~ (B,D)

This morning we'll enjoy a full day tour of Banff. Cherished by Canadians, Banff National Park is renowned around the world as a protected paradise with 6,641 square km of mountains, forests, and lakes to explore. Banff National Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site) is set in the heart of the Canadian Rockies attracting 4 million visitors each year.

Today's sightseeing will highlight many local delights including Bow Falls, the Hoodoo Lookout, Lake Minnewanka and Surprise Corner. Tour highlights include a ride on the Banff Gondola for a panoramic 360° view of the six surrounding mountain ranges, a short cruise (60 minutes) on Lake Minnewanka one of Alberta's largest bodies of water beneath the jagged peaks of Mt Aylmer and Inglismaldie, the hoodoo clusters and into Devil's Gap. Tonight we'll enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel.

DAY 3 Monday 19 September 2016

Banff to Lake Louise ~ (B,D)

This morning after breakfast we'll depart Banff for a full day tour to Lake Louise and Yoho National Park. Tour highlights include Johnston Canyon, Lake Louise, Moraine Lake, The Spiral Tunnels, Takakkaw Falls and Emerald Lake. We'll arrive at the gorgeous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise in the afternoon with dinner in the restaurant. Overnight at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

DAY 4 Tuesday 20 September 2016

Icefield Parkway Tour to Jasper ~ (B,L,D)

This morning we'll enjoy a tour to Jasper via the Icefield Parkway. Heading north, spectacular scenery surrounds us.

Viewing opportunities include: Crowfoot Glacier, Bow Lake and Peyto Lake with an experience of a lifetime; a visit to a Columbia Icefield! Shuttle to the Athabasca Glacier to board specially designed 'Ice Explorer' vehicle for a guided tour on the surface of the Glacier – a true Ice age adventure!

Later a visit to the Glacier Skywalk, an awe-inspiring experience featuring the only unobstructed, completely accessible glacier view in the world! It provides an interpretive, guided experience focusing on the wonder of the unique ecosystem, glaciology, natural and aboriginal history of the Columbia Icefield area in the Canadian Rockies. A Buffet Lunch is served at Columbia Icefield Discovery Centre.

In the afternoon transfer to our hotel in Jasper. Dinner tonight will be served at our hotel restaurant. Overnight at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper.

DAY 5 Wednesday 21 September 2016

Rocky Mountaineer – Jasper to Quesnel ~ (B,L)

Today we'll meet our Rocky Mountaineer representative in the hotel lobby and transfer to Jasper Rail Station to board the famous Rocky Mountaineer train.

Travel onboard the Rocky Mountaineer in luxury Gold Leaf from the mountain resort of Jasper in the Canadian Rockies to the charming rural town of Quesnel, gateway to the North Cariboo. Pass through the Rocky Mountain Trench, with the steep Rocky and Cariboo Mountains either side, and on to the rolling hills and vast forests of British Columbia's Northern Interior. Highlights include Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies, Yellowhead Pass and Moose Lake.

Our day concludes as the Rocky Mountaineer passes through the town of Prince George and follows the Fraser River into Quesnel. Overnight in Quesnel at the Best Western Tower Inn.

DAY 6 Thursday 22 September 2016

Rocky Mountaineer – Quesnel to Whistler ~ (B,L)

Our journey continues south today to the four-season resort of Whistler. Enjoy breathtaking and varied scenery from the desert-like conditions of the Fraser Canyon, through the rolling hills and vast ranch lands of the Cariboo Plateau, to the river canyons and lush farmland of the Pemberton Valley. Highlights include sweeping views of the Fraser Canyon, the crossing of Deep Creek Bridge, one of the highest railway bridges in the world and the shorelines of glacial-fed Seton Lake and Anderson Lake.

Our rail journey ends today on arrival in the resort town of Whistler, host of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games alpine events. Another beautiful property when we overnight in Whistler at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler.

DAY 7 Friday 23 September 2016

Rocky Mountaineer – Whistler to Vancouver ~ (B,L)

Our morning is free to explore Whistler Village at leisure. After checking out from our hotel, we'll transfer to the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre for a delicious lunch and a tour of the SLCC. This afternoon return to Vancouver onboard the Rocky Mountaineer through the stunning scenery of the Sea to Sky Corridor. Highlights of the trip include the Cheakamus Canyon, the dome peak of Mount Garibaldi, Brandywine Falls, and breathtaking views of Howe Sound and the Coast Mountains. An afternoon snack is served onboard.

On arrival at the North Vancouver train platform, we will be transferred to our accommodation in downtown Vancouver. Overnight at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, Vancouver.

DAY 8 Saturday 24 September 2016

All aboard the cruise ship – Nieuw Amsterdam! ~ (B,D)

Discover Vancouver today at our leisure. A visit to the ultimate virtual experience 'Fly Over Canada' is included in our visit; a 30-minute flight simulation ride that provides us with an introduction to Canada and all its territories from east to west. In the afternoon we transfer to the cruise port to depart on our Alaskan Cruise at 5pm. Whilst onboard we'll enjoy verandah deck cabins (Category V) for our amazing Inside Passage voyage.

itinerary

DAY 9 Sunday 25 September 2016 Cruising Scenic cruising of the Inside Passage ~ (B,L,D)

Today is a day to familiarise ourselves with our beautiful ship and take advantage of all the onboard activities. Overnight on board the ms Nieuw Amsterdam.

DAY 10 Monday 26 September 2016 Cruising Tracy Arm and Port of Call Juneau, Alaska ~ (B,L,D)

Today we sail the Tracy Arm fjord to see one of Alaska's most dramatic glacier settings. Arrive in Juneau by 1pm. Explore the rustic shops in town or choose an optional excursion to Mendenhall Glacier, Juneau Icefields, or go whale watching. Our ship departs Juneau at 10.00pm. Overnight on board the ms Nieuw Amsterdam.

DAY 11 Tuesday 27 September 2016 Cruising Port of Call Skagaway, Alaska ~ (B,L,D)

This morning we'll arrive into Skagaway at 7am. Stroll into the past at the Red Onion Saloon, visit the Trail of 98 Museum or relive the The Last Great Adventure at the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park or enjoy an optional excursion. We depart Skagaway at 9pm. Overnight on board the ms Nieuw Amsterdam.

DAY 12 Wednesday 28 September 2016 Cruising Glacier Bay Scenic Cruise ~ (B,L,D)

Get your camera ready to capture a monumental chunk of ice as it splits from a glacier and crashes into the sea with a thunderous sound. Another day to enjoy the beautiful scenery as we cruise along the beautiful Alaskan Inside Passage. Overnight on board the ms Nieuw Amsterdam.

DAY 13 Thursday 29 September 2016 Cruising Port of Call Ketchikan, Alaska ~ (B,L,D)

Today we'll marvel at deep water fjords crated by retreating glaciers have left stunning granite cliffs. Arrival to Ketchikan is at 10:00am. Explore Creet Street, the Tongass Historical Museum, Totem Bright State Historical Park, or Saxman Village or enjoy an optional excursion. We'll depart Ketchikan at 6:00pm. Overnight on board the ms Nieuw Amsterdam.

DAY 14 Friday 30 September 2016 Cruise The Inside Passage ~ (B,L,D)

Today we'll cruise the inside Passage past Haida Gwaii (formerly known as the Queen Charlotte Islands) and Vancouver Island. We'll enjoy our last night onboard the ms Nieuw Amsterdam.

DAY 15 Saturday 1 October 2016 Vancouver Disembarkation – Travel to Victoria ~ (B)

Today we say farewell to ms Nieuw Amsterdam and disembark in Vancouver. This morning we'll travel by ferry through the Gulf Islands and across the Strait of Georgia from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay. In Victoria, our excursion will include many points of historical interest such as the Victorian-era Parliament Buildings and the Empress Hotel situated on the Inner Harbor. Overnight at the Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel, Victoria.

DAY 16 Sunday 2 October 2016 Victoria Sightseeing ~ (B)

Today we'll meet our guide and enjoy a full day Victoria city tour. Highlights include the exclusive residential areas of Oak Bay and Uplands, Marine Drive, Beacon Hill Park and the world renowned 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 – just to name a few. A visit to Butchart Gardens is a treat for all our senses. Overnight at the Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel, Victoria.

DAY 17 Monday 3 October 2016 Victoria to Vancouver ~ (B,D)

This morning we'll transfer to Swartz Bay and board a BC Ferries vessel bound for the mainland and transfer to Vancouver. On arrival we'll enjoy a city tour of Vancouver. Tour highlights including entry to Stanley Park with 1000 acres of majestic evergreens and 10km of scenic seawall. Experience the city's kaleidoscope of cultural heritage with visits to the West Coast Native Totem Poles, British-flavoured Gastown with its unique steam clock, and colourful Chinatown, second in size only to San Francisco, Lions Gate Bridge Prospect Point and English Bay. This evening we'll enjoy a farewell to Canada dinner event held at a nearby restaurant. Overnight at the Hotel Fairmont, Vancouver.

DAY 18 Tuesday 4 October 2016 Vancouver Sightseeing ~ (B)

On our final day in Vancouver our sightseeing program includes a stop at the famous historic Capilano Suspension Bridge, one of the world's longest suspension bridges - 450 feet across and 230 feet above the Capilano Canyon. We continue our excursion onboard the famous Grouse Mountain Sky Ride high above towering Douglas firs with breathtaking views of the city of Vancouver, the sparkling Pacific Ocean, Gulf Islands and snowy peaks unfold as we journey up the mountainside. North America's largest aerial tramway is our gateway to the majestic nature of the Peak of Vancouver, and an experience in itself. Overnight at the Hotel Fairmont, Vancouver.

DAY 19 Wednesday 5 October 2016 Transfer to Vancouver Airport ~ (B)

This morning breakfast is served at our hotel. Later today we'll meet our guide and transfer to Vancouver airport to begin our journey home. Relax and reminisce about great memories shared with friends.

DAY 20 Thursday 6 October 2016 Inflight ~ (Meals Inflight)

We cross the international date line and head towards home.

DAY 21 Friday 7 October 2016 Arrive Sydney/Melbourne

Welcome Home! Thank you for travelling with Sisterhood Womens Travel and we look forward to welcoming you back soon!

terms and conditions

Booking Conditions

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

When booking a Sisterhood Womens Travel tour it is imperative that you are aware of all of our terms and conditions as these form part of your agreement with Sisterhood Womens Travel. **It is recommended that all travellers adopt a sense of adventure, an easy going outlook and the ability to 'expect the unexpected'.** It is the expectation that all travellers will respect fellow passengers and understand the key to an enjoyable tour is you.

ABILITY TO TRAVEL

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Sisterhood tour. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk 2km on uneven ground, carry your own luggage and walk up a few flights of stairs. We rely on the information you provide on our 'Fit to Travel' form completed as part of your booking application. You acknowledge that there are no other medical issues (both physical/mental) that SWT needs to be aware of when making your travel arrangements. SWT will not be liable for any damage, injury, death or loss of any kind arising from your failure to disclose relevant medical information. Women with disabilities are welcome on all SWT tours provided you are accompanied by an able bodied companion and do not require special assistance from SWT personnel. SWT reserves the right to refuse to carry anyone if it is felt the individual cannot cope with the requirements of the tour and who may require services and facilities that SWT cannot guarantee will be available

EXCLUSION FROM TOUR

You may be excluded from any tour at our discretion if you fail to comply with our reasonable instructions whilst on tour or if you interfere with other client's enjoyment of the tour and you will be responsible for all costs associated with your tour expelition.

VARIATION TO TOUR COMPONENT

No deduction in our tour costing will be made for leaving a tour early as this will cause a reduction in our travelling numbers and create additional costs.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

SWT is happy to assist with additional arrangements before and after each tour subject to an additional handling fee of \$150.

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS

Payments required are:

International	25% deposit within 7 days
	35% deposit within 120 days
	Final Payment 90 days prior to departure
Domestic	25% deposit within 7 days
	Final Payment 75 days prior to departure

On occasion and outside of SWT's control a higher deposit or earlier payment date may be required.

LAST MINUTE BOOKINGS

Bookings made after final payment date will be subject to availability and will require full payment upon confirmation. A late fee of \$100 per person will apply.

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

We accept direct deposit, money order, bank cheque or Visa/Mastercard payment. For credit card payments an additional 1.5% surcharge is payable (non- refundable)

MINIMUM NUMBERS

All tours are subject to minimum numbers. If a tour falls below the minimum number required for a fully escorted tour, SWT reserves the right to offer the tour escorted by a local guide upon arrival to your destination. If SWT cancels a tour due to lack of numbers a full refund is offered or transfer to another tour. Should a tour be cancelled, SWT cannot assume any responsibility for any additional costs relating to travel arrangements made outside of SWT or travel insurance not taken out through SWT.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be made in writing to Sisterhood Womens Travel and will be subject to cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received.

CANCELLATION

Prior to Final Payment: Loss of Deposit

After Final Payment: 100% of tour cost.

Regrettably cancellation charges cannot be waived.

After Departure: No refund

Final Payment dates are determined by SWT suppliers and may vary from tour to tour.

AMENDMENTS

Once your tour is confirmed and a deposit is paid, a \$100 amendment fee will be incurred for any changes to your tour arrangements.

TOUR PRICING & ITINERARY CHANGES

SWT operates on the basis of fluid pricing. This is the practice within the Travel Industry where pricing changes due to various factors including, but not limited to changing airfares, currency fluctuations, and availability of product. We reserve the right to change our prices without notice. This can mean that different passengers on the same tour may have been charged different prices. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our tours SWT takes no responsibility for any itinerary changes that may occur prior to or during travel and any such changes will be at the discretion of the airlines and our ground operators. Changes in flights and land arrangements are beyond the control of SWT. Every effort will be made to minimise any inconvenience to SWT passengers. SWT advises making full payment for tours as early as possible to avoid any potential price increases.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that travellers are adequately insured for the full duration of their tour arrangements in respect of illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment. SWT offers comprehensive travel insurance at a competitive price and will not be responsible outside their offered policy for inadequate travel insurance in the event of any insurance claims.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

When travelling alone a great way to keep your costs down and make new friends is to be prepared to share a room with another traveller. We are unable to guarantee that your room mate will be of similar age group but it is an enjoyable way to travel and could mean the start of a great friendship. Of course if you prefer a room to yourself the single supplement will apply. If we are successful in matching you with a fellow traveller we give you the opportunity prior to departure to make contact. SWT takes no responsibility for any mismatch of passengers and will not be liable for any additional charges incurred for changing room configuration whilst on tour.

HEALTH & IMMIGRATION

The traveller is responsible for all visa, passport, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of the countries visited or transited. If travelling on an Australian passport you will need at least 6 months validity on your passport taken from the date of re-entry into Australia. If you are travelling under any other passport please advise at the time of booking. Sisterhood Womens Travel will not be held responsible for any incorrect re-entry visas for non-australian passport holders. SWT is happy to offer assistance with visas (additional charges may apply). Please note that passport and visa requirements are the responsibility of you the traveller and SWT takes no responsibility for failure to comply with the provided advice.

NAMES AS PER PASSPORTS

When booking on any tour, it is imperative that you provide SWT with your full correct name as per your passport and a copy of your passport (for international tours) SWT will not be held liable for any or expense incurred for incorrect names.

CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by contacting 1300 444135 or visiting their website www.dfat.gov.au. We recommend that you review this

information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

These conditions represent the entire agreement between the client and Sisterhood Womens Travel. SWT will be responsible to the client for supplying the services and accommodation as described in their itineraries, except where such service cannot be supplied or the itinerary used is changed due to delays or other cause of whatever kind or nature beyond the control of SWT. In such circumstances we will do our best to supply comparable services, accommodations and itineraries, and there shall be no refund in this situation. SWT acts only as agent for the client and upon the express condition that SWT will not be held liable or responsible for any direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damage, injury, loss, accident, delay or irregularity of any kind, which may be occasioned by reason or any act or omission of any third party (including without limitation, any act, inaction or breach of contract of any third party, which is to or does supply any goods or services for SWT tours). Without limiting the foregoing, SWT does not own or operate any third party suppliers of services such as hotels, restaurants, transportation companies, sightseeing companies or local tour operators and is not responsible for any injury, death or expense due to overbooking accommodation, default of any third parties, sickness, weather, strikes, acts of God, Government, acts of terrorism, criminal activity, war, quarantine, force majeure events or any other cause beyond its control. All such risk, loss and expense must be borne by the client. Any personal expenses incurred by a client as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any tour, whether caused by mechanical defect, strikes or any other cause are the responsibility of the client (travel insurance is mandatory on all SWT tours). SWT is unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services, or guarantee the operation of any particular service. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles other than specified to ensure the operation of a tour. SWT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking, or to refuse to carry client where payment has not been received by SWT.

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