

# USA RESEARCH

## Tippling at restaurants

- You DO NOT have to tip on the TOTAL AMOUNT of your bill. The total amount includes SALES TAX.
- Sales tax goes to the government as an extra cost. It is not associated with the business at all.
- Look at the TOTAL BEFORE SALES TAX IS ADDED ON. It should be itemized on every receipt. Tip your 15 –20% on that amount.
- Gratuity already included on the bill – you don't have to accept that \$ amount, can change the tip amount if you don't agree

## Step-by-Step Tippling Process

1. You ask the waiter, or the waiter will ask you if you are ready for your check/bill?
2. You will receive the bill/check usually in a folder that you can look over to make sure the cost and items you ate are correct.
3. Hand over your credit card to pay or pop it into the folder with the card sticking out so they know you are ready to pay.
4. The waiter will swipe your credit card details onto your account in their system. But they will not completely close it out yet.
5. The waiter will return with a final sign off receipt. There will be a merchant copy and one for you to take. On the merchant copy will be a space for you to add on your tip amount and place to sign. Fill this in and the final total and sign your name. Even if you don't tip, add a stroke or a zero on this line and a final total. If not, they could add a tip amount in after you leave.
6. Sign it and either hand it back or leave it on the table. You are free to leave.
7. They will then add in the tip amount you wrote down and close out the account.

## Tippling tour guides

- \$5- \$10 for both of us, \$1-2 for the bus driver.
- You don't tip tour guides at national parks or government sites.

## Tippling taxi & uber

- Tip 10 –15 % for taxi and Uber drivers. It depends on length of ride and how good the ride was
- \$5 for an airport taxi.

**The 10 cent (dime) is smaller than the 5 cent (nickel) and then they only have a quarter (25 cents) which is the biggest coin.**

## TEMPERATURES

Location	Temp (Celsius)	Rain
Las Vegas	36 / 14	0 days
Grand Canyon	36 / 20	3 days
The Arches national park	30 / 12	3 days
Bryce Canyon National park	20 / 3	4 days
Zion national park	25 / 9	-
Portland	24 / 12	5 days
Anchorage	13 / 6	10 days
Seattle	19 / 13	6 days
Vancouver	19 / 12	5 days

## Air Canada

- \$30 USD 1<sup>st</sup> bag (22.67g)
- Charges for overweight/oversized bags: \$100 CAD/USD for bags between 23-32kg (50-70lb)
- Although no weight limit applies to carry-on baggage, your bag must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted.
- <https://www.aircanada.com/au/en/aco/home/plan/baggage/checked.html#/>
- Email: my personal email Password: Aircanada22

https://www.aircanada.com/au/en/aco/home/plan/baggage/carry-on.html#/

### Carry-on Baggage


**Overview** | Liquids and Gels | Other Special Items

Not sure what you can bring on board with you? Take the guesswork out of packing by reviewing our carry-on guidelines.

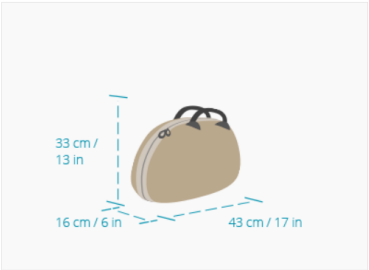
For starters, you can bring:

**Regardless of your destination, you can bring 1 standard article + 1 personal article.\***

Standard Article



Personal Article



- Maximum dimensions include wheels and handles.
- Although no weight limit applies to carry-on baggage, your bag must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted.
- Please place the personal item we have identified with a white tag under the seat in front of you

**Travelling with a 'smart bag'?**

There are special instructions for travelling with a bag that has built-in charging, location tracking or other battery-powered technology.

[Here's what you need to know.](#)

**Related Topics**

- [Checked Baggage](#)
- [Delayed / Damaged](#)
- [Limits of Liability](#)
- [Restricted / Prohibited Items](#)
- [Special Items](#)

**Additional Information**

- [Canadian Air Transport Security Authority \(CATSA\)](#)
- [Tips to Breeze through Security \(PDF document, 676 KB\)](#)
- [Where we fly](#)





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### Carry-on baggage

On flights operated by **Air Canada**, **Air Canada Rouge** or **Air Canada Express**, you may carry with you in the cabin 1 standard item (max. size: 23 x 40 x 55 cm [9 x 15.5 x 21.5 in]) and 1 personal item (max. size: 16 x 33 x 43 cm [6 x 13 x 17 in]). Your carry-on baggage must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted. [See our complete carry-on baggage policy.](#)

### Checked baggage

Please see below for details on the bags you plan on checking at the baggage counter.

Brisbane BNE - Las Vegas LAS		
 1 <sup>st</sup> bag <b>Complimentary</b>	 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag <b>AU \$100.00</b> Including taxes	Max. weight per bag: 23 kg (50 lb) Max. dimensions per bag: 158 cm (62 in)
Vancouver YVR - Brisbane BNE		
 1 <sup>st</sup> bag <b>Complimentary</b>	 2 <sup>nd</sup> bag <b>AU \$100.00</b> Including taxes	Max. weight per bag: 23 kg (50 lb) Max. dimensions per bag: 158 cm (62 in)

### Alaska Airlines

- \$30 USD 1st bag (22.67kg / 50 lbs), if over 22.67kg then the bag is \$100 USD
- Carry on 10kg per bag (22 pounds) – from another website, not Alaska Airlines website
- body of the bag itself, along with the wheels and handles, are 22" x 14" x 9" or less. All 3 measurements – length + height + width - may not add up to more than 45 inches.
- Alaska Airlines does not put a definite size limit on your personal item (cross body bag)
- Supposedly strict about carry on weight, but their website does not make mention of the carry on weight allowance
- <https://www.alaskaair.com/content/travel-info/baggage/checked-bags>

Travel that includes Alaska Airlines flights 5000-5499 (operated by Qantas), 5500-5525 (operated by Air Tahiti Nui), 5800-5899 (operated by Qatar), or 8001-8100 (operated by American) is subject to different baggage fees and rules. [Learn more](#)

Fees for checked baggage can be paid during online check-in, at a check-in kiosk, or at any of our airport ticket counters.

Standard bag fees	First bag	Second bag	Third + additional bags <small>*restrictions apply</small>
for bags that weigh up to 50 lbs and have a maximum dimension of 62" (linear).	\$30	\$40	\$100 each

\*During peak travel periods, we may [limit the number of bags](#) that can be checked per passenger.

Certain items, such as strollers, car seats, and mobility aids are [exempt from baggage charges](#).

[Baggage fee waivers](#) apply for select guests, including Alaska Airlines credit card holders, Elite level Mileage Plan members, and US military personnel.

Any baggage (including baggage checked free of charge) which exceeds the size or weight allowance, is subject to the additional fees outlined below. Exception: [Sporting equipment](#).

Oversize or overweight baggage	Bags that weigh 51-100 lbs	Bags with linear dimension of 63-115" (linear)
If a checked bag falls into more than one fee category (piece number, oversize, overweight), only the higher, single fee is charged.	\$100	\$100

No single piece of checked baggage may weigh more than 100 pounds and/or exceed 115"

**Baggage links**

- [Prohibited and restricted items](#)
- [Delayed, lost, or damaged bags](#)
- [Items left on board](#)
- [Special baggage](#)



**Measuring bags**

Measure the distance from the floor to the highest point on the top of the bag (typically the handle.) Then, measure the width of the bag from side-to-side when looking at it from the front. Last, measure the thickness of the bag when looking at it from the side. The sum of these equals the total linear inches.



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## Checked baggage

Travel may be solely on Alaska Airlines but can still be subject to another airline's bag charges. Refer to your travel confirmation to determine which airline's baggage policy applies. When Alaska Airlines baggage policy applies, the following rules and fees are in effect:

- [Rules and fees](#)
- [Fee waivers/exceptions](#)
- [20 minute guarantee](#)
- [Self-tag](#)
- [More](#)

### Our 20 minute baggage guarantee

We know that instead of waiting at baggage claim you'd rather be out enjoying your destination, or settling in back at home. That's why we are committed to getting you on your way faster, and we've been making that commitment for years.

Since 2010 we have put a guarantee behind our baggage delivery. If your bags are not at baggage claim within 20 minutes of your plane's arrival at the gate, we'll offer you a \$25 discount code for use on a future Alaska Airlines flight, or 2,500 Alaska Airlines Mileage Plan™ bonus miles.

In the rare instance that we don't meet our 20 minute guarantee, just get ahold of us at the baggage office within 2 hours of your flight's arrival for your discount code or miles. You can simply speak with one of our customer service agents at the airport.

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**Book a trip**

One-way  Use Miles

## Sales tax

- Nevada = 8.25%
- Utah = 7.2%
- Arizona = 5.6%
- Oregon = no state taxes
- Alaska = no sales tax in Anchorage (other localities may charge a sales tax)
- Washington = 6.5%

	Australia	USA
Rachael clothing size	10	6
Rachael shoe size	9	10
Mum clothing shirts	14	10
Mum clothing bottoms	16	12
Mum shoe size	8	9

International Clothing Size Conversion Chart

US & Canada	UK	Europe	Japan	Australia
2	4	32	5	6
4	6	34	7	8
6	8	36	9	10
8	10	38	11	12
10	12	40	13	14
12	14	42	15	16
14	16	44	17	18
16	18	46	19	20
18	20	48	21	22
20	22	50	23	24

Adult Men & Women Shoe Size Conversion Chart

Europe	Mexico	Japan		UK		Australia		US & Canada		Korea (mm)	Inch	cm
General	General	M	W	M	F	M	F	M	F	General		
35		21.5	21	3	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	3	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	5	228	9	22.8
35 <sup>1/2</sup>		22	21 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4	4	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	231	9 <sup>1/8</sup>	23.1
36		22.5	22	4	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	6	235	9 <sup>1/4</sup>	23.5
37		23	22.5	4 <sup>1/4</sup>	4	4 <sup>1/4</sup>	5	5	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	238	9 <sup>3/8</sup>	23.8
37 <sup>1/2</sup>		23.5	23	5	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	5	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	7	241	9 <sup>1/2</sup>	24.1
38	4.5	24	23.5	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	5	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	6	6	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	245	9 <sup>5/8</sup>	24.5
38 <sup>1/2</sup>	5	24.5	24	6	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	6	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	8	248	9 <sup>6/8</sup>	24.8
39	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	25	24.5	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	6	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	7	7	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	251	9 <sup>7/8</sup>	25.1
40	6	25.5	25	7	6 <sup>1/2</sup>	7	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	9	254	10	25.4
41	6.5	26	25.5	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	7	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	8	8	9 <sup>1/2</sup>	257	10 <sup>1/8</sup>	25.7
42	7	26.5	26	8	7 <sup>1/2</sup>	8	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	10	260	10 <sup>1/4</sup>	26
43	7.5	27	27	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	8	8 <sup>1/2</sup>	9	9	10.5	267	10 <sup>1/2</sup>	26.7
44	9	28.5	28	10	9 <sup>1/2</sup>	10	10 <sup>1/2</sup>	10 <sup>1/2</sup>	12	273	10 <sup>3/4</sup>	27.3
45	10	29.5	29	11	10 <sup>1/2</sup>	11	11 <sup>1/2</sup>	11 <sup>1/2</sup>	13	279	11	27.9
46 <sup>1/2</sup>	11	30.5	30	12	11 <sup>1/2</sup>	12	12 <sup>1/2</sup>	12 <sup>1/2</sup>	14	279	11	28.6
48 <sup>1/2</sup>	12.5	31.5	31	13 <sup>1/2</sup>	13	13 <sup>1/2</sup>	14	14	15.5	292	11 <sup>1/2</sup>	29.2

# 1. LAS VEGAS - FOOD

## Las Vegas restaurants

- Denny's diner – salmon with vegetables \$13, chicken and vegetables \$12.70, pot roast and veg \$12.80, 3 egg omelettes (no price), 5 chicken tenders (starter meal) \$8.70, milkshake (no price)
- Flights restaurant and bar – brownie with ice cream \$11, roast chicken breast (entree menu) \$25, Salmon \$28, 3 egg omelette (brunch only)
- Near our hotel - Gilley's Saloon, Dance Hall & Bar-B-Que - Pulled Pork Burrito \$18, grilled chicken breast \$21, Chicken Quesadilla \$15, Chipotle Chicken Sandwich \$18, Open-Faced Sloppy Joe \$17
- Curry Pot - Butter chicken or Tikka Masala \$24, chicken tikka sandwich \$15, lamb vindaloo \$24, Aloo Parantha V (whole wheat flatbread) \$16

## Gelato dessert

- Ghirardelli Ice Cream and Chocolate Shop (opposite Caesar's Palace) – sundaes \$15, shake \$9, plus chocolates and drinking chocolate (level C the LINQ Hotel & Casino, straight ahead from the entrance near Flour & barley pizza place)
- Sloan's ice cream \$14, chocolate fudge \$7
- Secret Creamery (near our hotel) – no prices online

## DAY 1 (BRISBANE - LAS VEGAS) – FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEP

### MORNING

- BNE - Vancouver 10:15am on Air Canada
- Arrive in Vancouver at 6:50am
- 2hr 50 min layover in Vancouver
  - Aquarium - You will find these exhibits in the International Terminal, Airside, Level 3 (main exhibit) and Level 4 (jellyfish exhibit)
  - Showers – no price stated - Airside – Plaza Premium Lounges (International and Domestic Terminal) and the Sky Team Lounge (International Terminal)
  - Observation Area – Watch the activity on the tarmac at the airport's observation area. There are telescopes, interactive kiosks and an interactive model of Sea Island. Location: Domestic Terminal, Level 4 (Landside). Rate: Free.
- Depart Vancouver 9:55am, arrive in Las Vegas at 12:38pm
- Sit on right side of the plane coming into Las Vegas for a view of the strip

### AFTERNOON

- Hotel check in
- Get to hotel approx. 1:30pm
- Lunch / snack somewhere
- Buy bus ticket
- Closest Deuce stop is across the road at Grand Canal Shoppes

### Las Vegas Deuce bus that runs along the strip

- Fares: A two-hour bus pass costs \$6, **a 24-hour pass costs \$8**, and a three-day pass costs \$20. Buses require exact fare.
- How to Pay: Riders can purchase a ticket aboard buses with exact change. Some stops also offer vending machines where riders can purchase tickets using cash or a credit card, but the machines don't give change. The RTC app, rideRTC, is free to download and offers tickets as well. All tickets are validated with a timestamp and are ready to use at the time of purchase
- If feel like it / too hot to be outside, then go to the titanic exhibit
  - <https://luxor.mgmresorts.com/en/entertainment/titanic.html>
  - Approx 20 min on the deuce bus, deuce bus departs every 10 min
- Photo spots
  - <https://www.jasminealley.com/instagrammable-las-vegas/>
  - Luxor walkway - This walkway is connected to the hotel drop off area at the main entrance to the Luxor Hotel.
  - Excalibur hotel and the bridge across to the other side of the strip
  - The venetian bridge
  - Paris Vegas, you'll find a two-thirds-sized replica of the Arc de Triomphe! It's located at the main drop off area of the hotel.
  - Eiffel Tower View From The Bellagio
  - stairwell by Caesar's Palace.

## **DAY 1 (BRISBANE - LAS VEGAS) – FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

- Trevi Fountain replica is located at The Forum Shops right on the main sidewalk
- Linq Promenade – Ghirardelli chocolate shop

### **EVENING**

- Dinner
- Walk 20 minutes from treasure island hotel to the Eiffel tower viewpoint
  - Go at 8pm (sunset around 7pm) to see the strip lit up at night
  - Level C, Casino, Paris Las Vegas – have to walk past the shops, the entrance is near the slot machines, opposite the Eiffel Tower restaurant
  - \$25 USD <https://www.caesars.com/paris-las-vegas/things-to-do/eiffel-tower>
  - Appear to have removed the skip the line ticket option for \$27. Looks like same price if you buy on arrival but will need to queue
  - Non-refundable if pre-purchase via viator or ticketmaster. Could be closed if there is bad weather – buy on arrival
  - Open 3pm - 10pm, Thursday-Monday weekly. Tickets are valid for 3 days from purchase date  
[https://www.ticketmaster.com/artist/1830626?\\_ga=2.73182611.1682246848.1653105803-654858615.1653105803](https://www.ticketmaster.com/artist/1830626?_ga=2.73182611.1682246848.1653105803-654858615.1653105803)
  - Your tickets will become available after 11:59PM on Sun. Sep 4, 2022, we will email you a reminder closer to the event day.
- Ben and Jerry's downstairs of treasure island hotel
- In bed around 9 - 10pm
- ~~8pm Shania Twain concert at Zappos theatre at Planet Hollywood \$89 USD for seats at back of the theatre. 8pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September~~

Due to time zones, we will depart on 9<sup>th</sup> September and arrive in the USA on the 9<sup>th</sup> September.

*Accommodation: Treasure Island Hotel*

Download Michaels Stores app for iPhone once arrive in the USA (currently blocked as located in Australia)

~~Optional – valley of fire day trip <https://www.viator.com/tours/Las-Vegas/Valley-of-Fire/d684-169224P2>~~



## **DAY 2 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 1) – SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **MORNING**

- Depart hotel at 9 or 10am, depending on when we wake up
- Photo of mum in front of the Golden Nugget where she stayed in the 70's
  - Freemont Street
  - 25 minute bus ride from Treasure Island - Deuce on The Strip Southbound
  - 25 minute bus ride back to our hotel
- Walk 1hr from hotel along the strip to the Las Vegas sign or take the bus to the Vegas sign and walk back (see which way we time the bus)
- On the way back from the sign, visit the Titanic exhibition at Luxor
  - Sep 6 – Nov 13, open 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM; last admission 5:00 PM
  - \$32 USD
  - Directions <https://luxor.mgmresorts.com/en/entertainment/titanic.html>
  - Should take approx. 1 hour

### **AFTERNOON**

- Go inside the shops at Caesar's Palace
- Go inside The Venetian
- Only if have time – Walmart Supercentre & Target (opposite Walmart in same complex)
  - 3615 S Rainbow Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89103, United States
  - 12 min each way Uber drive from the hotel (straight line inland from the strip)
  - Target open 8am to 10pm daily – look for Ghirardelli, stationery
  - Walmart open 6am to 11pm daily
- Only if have time – Town Square shopping centre at the airport end of the strip
  - Old Navy
  - H & M
  - The Container Store
  - Plenty of food places
- Only if have time – Fashion Show Las Vegas (across from our hotel)

### **EVENING**

- Globus tour meet at 6pm just drinks no dinner (level 2 of the hotel)
- Dinner at Denny's
- ~~Stratosphere viewpoint at night? <https://www.viator.com/en-AU/tours/Las-Vegas/Stratosphere-Tower-Observation-Deck/d684-9412P6> \$35 AUD~~

### **GLOBUS TOUR**

- Add on's – choose horseshoe bend and antelope canyon
- <https://www.globus.com.au/north-america-tours/enchanting-canyonlands-AM?season=2022>
- <https://www.globus.com.au/booking?tour=AM&season=2022>
- Optional add ons can only be purchased via credit card, not a debit card

*Accommodation: Treasure Island Hotel*

**DAY 2 to 11 (GLOBUS TOUR) – SATURDAY 10TH SEP to 20TH SEP**



## **DAY 3 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 2) – SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **Las Vegas - Grand Canyon National Park**

- Breakfast included
- LAS VEGAS: Scenic Drive through Mojave Desert along Route 66 en route to Grand Canyon National Park.
- GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK: Orientation tour of the rim area and village. Free time this evening – do the rim walk – better views / go farther while still daylight, go to the viewpoints on the left side of the hotel accommodation
- Dinner included

*Accommodation: Grand Canyon National Park Kachina Lodge*

## **DAY 4 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 3) – MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **Grand Canyon National Park - Lake Powell**

- Breakfast included
- GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK: Free time this morning.
  - Can we do the Bright Angel trailhead – or part of the Rim trail?
- Approx. 2.5hr drive from Grand Canyon to Lake Powell
- LAKE POWELL: Scenic cruise followed by free time this evening
  - 40 min walk one way to Lake Wahweap viewpoint
  - Another 15 min one way to Navajo Mountain viewpoint
- Dinner included

*Accommodation: Lake Powell Resort (not near the town)*

## **DAY 5 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 4) – TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **Lake Powell**

- Breakfast included
  - LAKE POWELL: Free day. (B)
    - Can we do Grand Canyon dam overlook lookout in Page
    - Rim view trail from Page
    - AM – Upper antelope canyon optional excursion \$20 USD p.p. (pay on day)
    - PM – Horseshoe bend overlook optional excursion \$30 USD p.p. (pay on day)
- ~~Rainbow Canyon on a tour from Lake Powell – we need to book ourselves?~~**
- ~~• ENHANCE YOUR FREE TIME in Lake Powell with a flightseeing adventure. This and more options throughout your tour are available for purchase on My Account. Get local maps and tips for free time on your GlobusGO mobile app.~~

<https://reservations.ahismworld.com/LakePowell/Plan-Your-Trip/Tour-And-Activity-Search/Results>

The screenshot shows the 'Plan Your Trip' page on the Lake Powell website. On the left, there is a 'Modify Your Search' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Navajo Canyon Boat Tour' and a date selector for '9/13/2022'. A 'CHECK AVAILABILITY' button is visible. The main content area is titled 'YOUR SEARCH:' and displays 'Navajo Canyon Boat Tour' for 'Tuesday, September 13, 2022'. Below this is a card for the 'Navajo Canyon Boat Tour' with a price of \$82.54 for adults and \$56.41 for children. The card includes a description: '2 1/2-Hour tour takes you to Glen Canyon Dam, Navajo Sandstone, Navajo Canyon and 50/50 Wall. Don't Forget to bring your camera!'. At the bottom, the 'Select Your Tickets' section shows a dropdown for 'Navajo Canyon Boat Tour' and a date/time selector for '(Tue) 9/13/2022 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM'. A 'Detailed Rate Information' table is partially visible below.

**1. There is a Lake Powell scenic cruise mentioned on day 3 (13th September). Will there be a double up with this cruise? <https://www.lakepowell.com/marinas/boat-tours/navajo-canyon-boat-tour/>**

The above linked cruise is different from the one that is included on Day 3 of our tour. They may cover some of the same sightseeing highlights, however the included Day 3 cruise is a 90-minute cruise focusing on the Glen Canyon Dam, whereas the above boat tour that the passenger has linked is a longer cruise and includes some additional highlights.

**2. If we do not want to do a scenic flight over Lake Powell, what else is there to do on day 4 (13th September)?**

Optional excursions on Day 4 (13 September), include:

- Rainbow Bridge Air Tour
- Top of the World Tour - Tower Butte Helicopter & Landing Tour
- Upper Antelope Slot Canyon, Nature's Sculpture Garden
- Horseshoe Bend Overlook

Accommodation: Lake Powell Resort

## **DAY 6 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 5) – WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **Lake Powell - Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park - Moab**

- Breakfast included
- Approx.. 2hr drive from Page / Lake Powell to
- MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK: Free time this afternoon (walking / take photos) before a Navajo backcountry cookout

*Accommodation: Monument Valley Goulding's Lodge (National Park)*

## **DAY 7 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 6) – THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park - Moab**

- Breakfast included
- Approx. 2.5hr drive from Monument Valley to Moab
- MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK: 4-wheel-drive backcountry tour with a Navajo Guide. Visit a Navajo Hogan (traditional housing) with rugweaving demonstration.
- MOAB: Wine tasting, followed by Western BBQ. Spend two nights at the exclusive riverfront Red Cliffs Lodge, offering luxurious Western charm
  - Accommodation is in middle of nowhere, no way to get into town and there is nothing to do at the resort

*Accommodation: Moab Red Cliffs Lodge (First-Class)*

## **DAY 8 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 7) – FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **Moab excursion to Arches National Park – Canyonlands National**

- ARCHES NATIONAL PARK: Scenic drive through the park with stops for photos and scenic walks.
- CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK: Scenic drive through the park includes Grand View Point.
- DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK: visit
- MOAB: Free time this evening. (B)
  - Walk around town and have dinner
- Dinner
  - Hotel restaurant – The Cowboy Grill - Dinner is served daily from 5:30 PM to close. Dinner reservations are required, please call 435-259-2002 to make a reservation or book below using Open Table. Steaks and sides, trout, shrimp (menu doesn't look very good for adults). Kid's menu grilled chicken breast \$16, fish and chips \$14
  - **Moab diner** – omelettes \$9.50, burgers \$10.50, sandwiches \$10, chicken steak \$12.50, roast beef \$12.50, smothered burrito \$12, grilled chicken breast \$11.50, tacos \$10 - Discount? <https://www.restaurant.com/moab-diner-ice-cream-shoppe-moab-pid=402775?prti=5087&rbitid=sp-fa4f5fd687c642b36a8fe5915a9c8235>
  - **Dewey's restaurant and bar** - Burgers \$14, sandwiches \$11, parmigiana \$17, cordon bleu \$18
  - Moab steak and waffles - Roast turkey, beef, chicken etc. with mashed potato and corn \$15, steaks, salads, noodle
  - Trailhead public house and eatery - Burgers and sandwiches \$13 - \$16
  - Numerous other options

*Accommodation: Moab Red Cliffs Lodge (First-Class) – 25 min drive north of Moab town. Take a photo of the hotel pool in the foreground with the mountains in the background*

## **DAY 9 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 8) – SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **Moab Capital Reef National Park – Bryce Canyon National Park**

- Breakfast included
- MOAB: Scenic drive on Journey Through Time Scenic Byway and through Capitol Reef National Park en route to Bryce Canyon National Park.
- BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK: Free time this evening
- Dinner at Ebenzer's barn and grill – buffet style (but pre-chosen plate) with western music show. No option to just have the meal without the show. Salmon \$50, baked chicken and pork \$39.50  
<https://ebenezersbarnandgrill.com/dinner-in-bryce-canyon/>

*Accommodation: Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand (First-Class) – inside national park*

## DAY 10 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 9) – SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEP

### **Bryce Canyon National Park**

- Breakfast included
- BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK: Guided sightseeing this morning includes Rainbow Point, Inspiration Point, and more
- Remainder of the day is free
  - Photo at the Bryce canyon national park sign (approx. 35 min – 45 min walk one way, from the hotel)
  - Peek-a-boo loop?
  - Fairyland point?
  - Bryce Point - to reach Bryce Point, travel 1.5 miles (2.4 km) past the Visitor Centre along the Main Road, turning left at the sign for Bryce Point. From here it is 2 miles up to the viewpoint. Bryce amphitheatre, inspiration point, sunset & sunrise point
  - Sunset is at 7:30pm
  - There's a laundromat in town if Mum needs one \$2.25 USD per load, dryer \$1.50. Also a laundromat at the hotel (price not stated on the website)
  - Dinner - no restaurant at the hotel, only 3 dinner options:
    - Ruby's Inn – greasy American food but mentions pizza. No prices on website
    - **Cowboy's Buffet & Steak Room - \$23 for half chicken, \$27 salmon. Lunch only \$15 swiss cheese and chicken burger**
    - Ruby's Inn general store for snacks

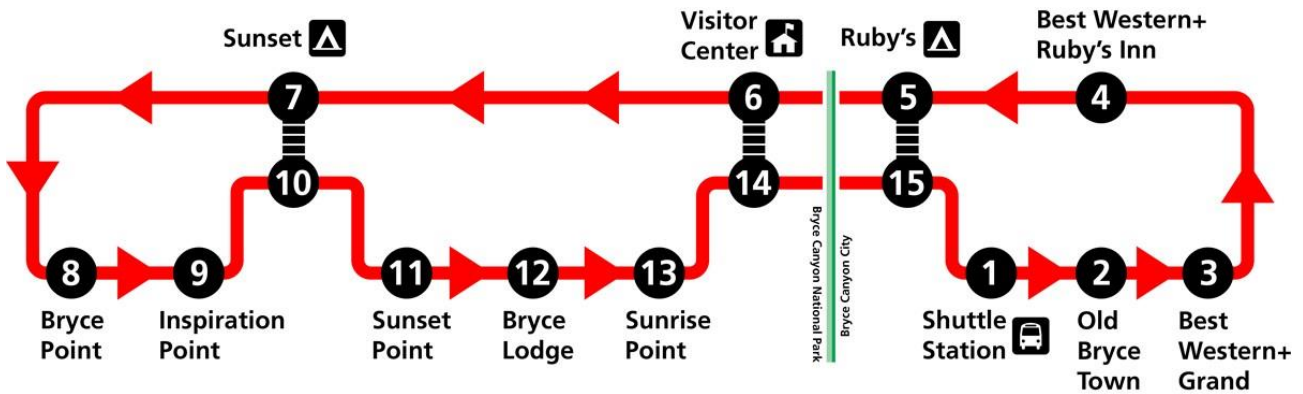
### **The Rim Trail (0-11 mi / 0-17.7 km round trip)**

The Rim Trail offers hikers the opportunity to see the Main Amphitheater from above. The entire Rim Trail extending from Fairyland Point to Bryce Point has several steep elevation changes and is 5.5 miles (9.16 kilometers) one way.

- The shuttle is free with park admission: Your park entrance receipt or annual pass allows you and the occupants of your vehicle unlimited shuttle access.
- Buses typically arrive at each stop every 15 minutes, but with the new Bryce Canyon Shuttle Tracker you can time your next ride to the minute.
- The best place to board the shuttle is before you enter the park, at the Shuttle Station in Bryce Canyon City (Stop 1), or at the Visitor Centre (Stop 6).

April 1 - May 13	8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
<b>May 14 - September 25</b>	<b>8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.</b>
September 26 - October 23	8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

## DAY 10 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 9) – SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEP



The Bryce Amphitheatre shuttle loop. Visitors can board the shuttle at any stop with proof of park admission, which can be purchased before boarding at the Shuttle Station, Ruby's Inn, and Ruby's Inn Campground.

Route duration is about 50 minutes, not including stops at facilities and overlooks.

<https://www.nps.gov/brca/playourvisit/shuttle.htm>

Individual pass is \$20 per person (valid for Bryce Canyon National Park only)

<https://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/74334>

**4. The free time at Bryce Canyon on day 9 (September 18th). Will we be dropped off at a viewpoint to do a hike or do we need to purchase a national park pass so we can use the shuttle to take us to the rim walking trail?** <https://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/74334>

Please note that the park entrance fee is included in the cost of the tour, so passengers will be able to use and access the shuttle throughout the day. If passengers leave the park and then want to re-enter again later in the day, there will be an additional charge which they will need to pay directly at the entrance ticket booth.

Accommodation: Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Grand (First-Class)

### 2022 Last Shuttle Times

▼ May 13 - September 25

Depart Shuttle Station: 7:30 p.m.  
 Ruby's Inn: 7:34 p.m.  
 Ruby's Campground Inbound: 7:36 p.m.  
 Visitor Center Inbound: 7:45 p.m.  
 Sunset Campground Southbound: 7:49 p.m.  
 Bryce Point: 7:55 p.m.  
 Inspiration Point: 8:02 p.m.  
 Sunset Campground Northbound: 8:04 p.m.  
 Sunset Point: 8:07 p.m.  
 Bryce Lodge: 8:10 p.m.  
 Sunrise Point: 8:12 p.m.  
 Visitor Center Northbound: 8:15 p.m.  
 Ruby's Campground Northbound: 8:19 p.m.  
 Return to Shuttle Station: 8:20 p.m.



## **DAY 11 (GLOBUS TOUR - DAY 10) – MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **Bryce Canyon National Park – Zion National Park – Las Vegas**

- Breakfast included
- BRYCE: Scenic drive past colourful sandstone walls descending a half-mile into Zion Canyon.
- ZION NATIONAL PARK: Free time to hike, visit scenic viewpoints, or enjoy lunch at Zion Lodge.
  - Angels landing trailhead + scout lookout + echo canyon passage
  - Emerald pools trailhead
  - Canyon junction bridge
- LAS VEGAS: Farewell dinner
- **Reconfirm the Portland day trip on Wed 21st**

*Accommodation: Treasure Island Hotel*

Don't forget to give the tour guide and driver a tip:

**Tour Director** USD \$6-8 per tour day, per tour member, (Which for your holiday at \$7 would amount to \$77.00 per person).

**Driver** USD \$5-7 per tour day, per tour member, (Which for your holiday at \$6 would amount to \$54.00 per person).

## 2. PORTLAND - GOOD TO KNOW

- No Walmart near the CBD

## 2. FOOD

### RESTAURANTS

- Southpark Seafood (open 7 days) – fish and chips \$21, salmon \$34, side of fries \$6
- Portland city grill (open 7 days) – herb crusted pork loin \$32, chicke marsala \$33, salmon \$43, scallops \$53, lamb \$58
- Terrane Italian kitchen and bar (open 7 days) – the porter hotel - Scallops \$24, half chicken \$24, prawns \$24, lamb (market price), roasted potatoes \$7 side
- Hubers (open 7 days) - Various sandwiches grille dham & cheese, tueky, burger, grilled chicken salad \$15 Roast Young Tom Turkye with mashed potatoe \$17.50, smoked turkey & chicken quesadilla \$10, salmon and mashed potatoes \$19, cod fish and chips \$17
- Mother's Bistro & Bar - calamari \$18, pulled pork quesadilla \$14, salmon \$32, pot roast \$30, fried chicken \$26 <https://www.mothersbistro.com/menu/dinner/>
- ~~Il terrazzo – no good Italian things on menu, lasagne only served Friday and Saturday~~

### DESSERT

- Salt and Straw ice cream shop
- The cookie dough café (comes in with ice cream too)

## DAY 12 (LAS VEGAS - PORTLAND) – TUESDAY 20TH SEP

### MORNING

- Las day of Globus tour is just breakfast
- Wake up time
- **Reconfirm the Portland day trip for tomorrow if didn't do yesterday**
- Sit on right side of the plane leaving into Las Vegas for a view of the strip
- Alaska Airlines Flight #833
  - Depart 10:30am, 2hr 22 minutes
  - Arrive in Portland 12:52pm
- Airport to hotel
  - 45 min on the max red line (tram), one way \$2.50 USD p.p., walk 2 min from Library/SW 9th Ave station to the hotel
  - Uber takes typically 20 – 45 min - request a ride and head directly to Island 2 outside of baggage claim
  - Shuttles at PDX can be found on the lower roadway, outside of baggage claim
- Check in to hotel (may need to use luggage storage)

### AFTERNOON

- Lunch - Alder Street Food Cart Pod (S.W. 10th Ave. & Alder St) or ity's first food market, Pine Street Market (126 SW 2nd Ave) OR something else nearby OR skip lunch and just get a snack
- ~~Portland Saturday market~~
- Pittock Mansion for views (don't need to go inside \$12 ticket), grounds are open until 9pm. No opening time stated
  - 45 min on public transport, one way or 10 – 20 min via Uber
- Nob hill viewpoint
  - Salt and Straw ice cream shop at nob hill (32 min one way through residential neighbourhood from Salt and Straw to Pittock Mansion – walk down from Pittock Mansion)
- Walk around Portland old town
- Photo stops
  - Portland Sign at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall
  - White Stag Sign (Portland sign)
  - Cathedral Park and St. Johns Bridge (go under the bridge)
  - Pioneer Courthouse Square
  - Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall
- The Steel Bridge - Walk across for a view back of the city
  - Eastbank esplanade
- Tom McCall Waterfront Park
  - Grounds are open from 6 AM to 9 PM
- The cookie dough café (comes in with ice cream too)
- CBD shops
  - Powell's bookstore – flagship store located at 1005 W Burnside S
  - Target – SW Morrison street
  - Nordstrom department store – 2 blocks from target

## **DAY 12 (LAS VEGAS - PORTLAND) – TUESDAY 20TH SEP**

- Ben and Jerry's – 2 blocks from Nordstrom
- Office Depot – 2 blocks from Nordstrom
- Muji Portland
- Kinokunya
- CVS – stocks dove chocolate
  
- Vancouver suburb of Portland for photos of old houses (historic area) & autumn colours – if we time the autumn colours, it'll probably be too early
- ~~Hoyt Arboretum? open 5am to 10pm, free but out of the way~~
- ~~River cruise? 1hr 45 min might be too long & is very expensive \$72~~  
<https://www.getyourguide.co.uk/portland-oregon-11024/portland-heart-of-portland-sightseeing-cruise-t398417/>
- ~~2hr 11:30 – 1:30pm \$40 or 7pm – 9:30pm \$50~~  
<https://www.portlandspirit.com/sightseeing.php>

### **EVENING**

- Dinner at Hubers restaurant

*Accommodation: Paramount Hotel*

## **DAY 13 (PORTLAND DAY TRIP) – WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEP**

### **MORNING & AFTERNOON**

- Wake up time: \_\_\_\_\_
- Columbia River Gorge - Multnomah Falls + Mount Hood
  - \$205 12 people maximum <https://www.viator.com/en-AU/tours/Portland/Columbia-Gorge-and-Mt-Hood-Tour/d5065-9634P6>  
BOOKED 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, pre-paid
  - Departure Time - 8:30 AM
  - Departure Point - 877 SW Taylor St, Portland, OR 97205, USA
  - We pick up at one of the corners of Director Park, located at the cross-streets of SW 9th Ave and SW Taylor St. The guide will aim to pull up in front of a restaurant called Pastini.
  - Wildwood Adventures +15033963929
  - Cancellation Policy - For a full refund, cancel at least 24 hours in advance of the start time of the experience

### **EVENING**

- Dinner at Mother's Bistro & Bar restaurant

*Accommodation: Paramount Hotel*

## **DAY 14 (PORTLAND) – THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEP**

### **MORNING**

- *Make sure have bags as going shopping this afternoon*
- Wake up time \_\_\_\_\_
- Depart hotel at \_\_\_\_\_
- ~~Portland Japanese garden, Washington park – possibly have autumn colors but expensive \$19 USD entry fee~~
- Portland aerial tram - SINGLE ROUND TRIP PASS: \*\$5.65 - ONLY VALID ON DAY OF PURCHASE. Used for one time round trip boarding during Tram operating hours. The return trip must be completed the same day. One way fare not available for purchase.
  - This commuter tram takes you up to the OHSU Marquam Hill Campus aka Pill Hill, where they have indoor and outdoor observation decks.
  - Approximately every five minutes, one of two cabins leaves its station. Each trip takes about four minutes.
    - Monday through Friday: 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
    - Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- At no later than 10am
  - 20 minute uber drive (otherwise 50min – 1hr 5 min on public transport) from Portland old town to shopping at Clackamas Town Center & shops along Se 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue - this area has the below stores all within walking distance

### **AFTERNOON**

- Joann's craft store - 10174 SE 82nd Ave (open 9am to 9pm, Sunday 10am – 6pm) – check the app for coupon codes
- Michaels
- Target
- Bath and body works for perfume
- Office depot
- Walmart
- Kohl's department store
- Old navy
- Barnes and Noble
- JC Penney
- J Crew
- Loft
- Leggings park
- Macy's
- <https://www.clackamastowncenter.com/en/directory/>
- Opening hours <https://www.clackamastowncenter.com/en/visit.html> usually open 10 / 11am to 7 - 9pm
- Try a Frosty at Wendy's

### **EVENING**

- Early dinner at Cheesecake Factory in the shopping centre before getting the train back to our hotel

### 3. ANCHORAGE - GOOD TO KNOW

- Hotel is 10 minutes drive from airport
- ATM's

### 3. FOOD

#### FOODS TO TRY IN ANCHORAGE

- Salmon
- Reindeer sausage

#### WHERE TO EAT IN ANCHORAGE

- Anchorage Cider House – open 7 days (pizzas woodfired \$16 to \$20 USD)  
<https://fatptarmigan.com/menu>
- 49<sup>th</sup> state brewing – open 7 days (\$16 wood fired pizza), salmon \$33 USD  
<https://www.49statebrewing.com/anchorage/>
- Fletchers Italian at our Hotel Captain Cook (open 7 days) – lasagne \$22 USD, calamari start \$18 USD, spaghetti and meatballs \$18 - \$24 USD, Alaska halibut and chips \$27 USD, burger \$16 to \$18, fired chicken sandwich \$16  
<https://captaincook.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Fletchers-Menu-V7.11.22.pdf>
- Alaska – Crepery - only open 8am to 6pm - \$12 USD
- Snow city café – cinnamon rolls \$7, mini \$4, hot chocolate \$3, crema cheese brownie \$4.50, cookie \$3
- Rustic bakehouse – cookies \$2.5, croissant \$5 - \$6, muffins \$4.50
- ~~Crow's Nest at our hotel - Hotel Captain Cook - \$40 - \$50 USD for a meal~~

## DAY 15 (PORTLAND - ANCHORAGE) – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> SEP

### MORNING

- Wake up time: \_\_\_\_\_
- Check out of hotel / depart hotel for airport at: \_\_\_\_\_
- Alaska Airlines Flight #547
  - Departs 9:50am, 3hr 52 minutes
  - Arrive in Anchorage 12:42pm
  - Alaska website says there is a Hotel/Motel Courtesy Van Service - Free airport pickup is provided for guests by many local hotels and motels. Arrange service through the telephone information board in the baggage claim areas. Not sure if this is correct, if it's not, just get an uber or taxi when arrive at the airport <https://dot.alaska.gov/anc/travelerInfo/busShuttleSrvcs.shtml>
  - Taxi from airport to downtown should cost between \$17 and \$22 USD
  - Get to the hotel around 1:30pm
  - Find a snack downtown e.g. Snow City Cafe or eat our own snacks

### AFTERNOON

- Tony Knowles Coastal Trail (3 hrs)
  - 1hr 40 min walk, one way to the farthest point which is Point Woronzof Park, may not go to the farthest point
  - Walk along the water and take a photo looking back at Anchorage – Downtown Anchorage Viewpoint (1hr 20 min, one way)
  - If walk a bit farther will get a view of planes come into land at the airport
  - Get back to the hotel around 5:30pm
- ~~Trolley tour? \$25 USD and only 50 min to 1 hr. Cannot find a route map online~~

### EVENING

- Check price of Uber, if not too expensive, then go to Walmart supercentre (open 6am to 11pm daily)
  - 6 min drive on way from the hotel, would need to get an uber
  - OR take a bus from Downtown Transit Centre \$2 USD one way and 15 min plus 5 min walking to station
  - There are buses back to downtown from Walmart until midnight so could go to Walmart in the evening
  - Carrs and Frey Meyer Supermarkets are nearby
  - Dinner at a restaurant near the Walmart supercentre
    - Sorrento's Italian restaurant
    - Moose's Tooth Pub & Pizzeria
    - Subway
    - Kinsley restaurant - Halibut and chips \$22 USD, duck breast \$28 USD <https://www.kinleysrestaurant.com/dinner/>
    - Serrano's Mexican Grill – Mexican quesadilla grilled \$12 chicken, beef <https://serranosmexicangrill.com/menu-pdf/>
    - Pho' Vietnam #8 – no prices on the menu – has fried rice with egg <https://www.phovietnamak.com/menu>
- Sunset at approx. 8pm, uber or bus back to our hotel



## **DAY 16 (ANCHORAGE) – SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **MORNING**

- Wake up time? \_\_\_\_\_ we can sleep in this day
- Reconfirm the glacier cruise tour for tomorrow
- Reconfirm the Mt Rainer day trip from Seattle (on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September)
  - Customized Tours +12068783965 need to confirm pickup time and location. Our viator ticket confirmation says 8am from Hotel Theodore
  - Ask what time the tour returns to the hotel so we can book the Cheesecake Factory for dinner
- Go shopping in CBD before the tour

### **AFTERNOON**

- Half day tour to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Centre, Seward highway and aerial tram at Aleyska resort
  - Departs 12 - 6pm
  - Booked via Alaska Shore Excursions on 27th June 2022
    - Phone: 1.888.586.8489 email: [orders@alaskashoreexcursions.com](mailto:orders@alaskashoreexcursions.com)
  - Can choose pickup at hotel or tour company office. Short walk from our hotel so just do pickup from the tour company office

### **EVENING**

- Dinner at a restaurant near our hotel

## **DAY 17 (ANCHORAGE) – SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **MORNING**

- Wake up 7:30am
- **Glaciers day tour \$898 AUD for both of us**
- Pickup at our hotel - 939 W 5th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501, USA
  - 9:00 AM Meet at Hotel Captain Cook by 5th Avenue door
  - Coach departs promptly at 9:15 AM. Photo stops as time allows
    - Watch and listen for the Phillips Cruises Coach Service representative holding a red sign with a yellow triangle logo on it.
  - 11:30 AM Travel through North America's longest shared rail and vehicle tunnel
  - 12:00 PM Arrive, Whittier
  - Check-in and board cruise by 12:15 PM

### **AFTERNOON**

Upon arrival at Whittier, proceed directly to Phillips Cruise ticket office "Express Check-In" located on the observation deck behind the ticket office. Present your photo I.D. and mobile ticket in Whittier to receive your cruise boarding pass, meal card for lunch, and a map indicating the location of your reserved seat. All guests must be on the cruise by 12:30 PM

- Cancellation Policy - for a full refund, cancel at least 24 hours in advance of the start time of the experience.
- Phillips Cruises & Tours, LLC +19072768023
- For other questions, contact: Viator Customer Care +1-702-648-5873
- USB Charging Stations are available at every table. Wifi is NOT available.
- Coffee and/or Tea - Coffee, hot tea, and ice water are available.
- Lunch - Wild Alaska smoked salmon chowder, oyster crackers, Julienne vegetable salad, cheese stick, fruit snack, and a Peppermint Pattie
- Restroom on board

### **EVENING**

- Dinner at a restaurant near our hotel

## 4. SEATTLE - FOOD

### FOODS TO TRY

- Clam chowder?
- Hot cakes

### WHERE TO EAT IN SEATTLE

#### Near main square / centre of town

- Cheesecake Factory (Pike Street) (open 7 days) – 2 minute walk from our hotel – shephards pie, fish, pizza, omelettes parmesan chicken on it's own or in a sandwich, plenty of burger options, flatbread pizzas
- Serious pie (open 7 days) – pizzas \$20 - \$24 USD
- Middle eastern food hall – Zuba \$11 grilled chicken meat wrap

#### Dessert & Snacks

- Three girls bakery
- Biscuit Bitch
- Dahlia Bakery
- Piroosky piroosky bakery – savoury Russian food
- Cinnamon works

## DAY 18 (ANCHORAGE TO SEATTLE) – MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEP

### MORNING

- Check if bid for upgrade is open for the long haul flight home
- Wake up \_\_\_\_
- Depart hotel at \_\_\_\_
- 10 minute drive to Anchorage airport
  - Shuttle / arrange transport to airport?
- Alaska Airlines Flight #90
  - Depart 9:00am, 3hr 20 minutes
  - Arrive in Seattle 1:20pm

### AFTERNOON

- Take the Light Rail to downtown - runs every 6 up to 15 minutes from Monday to Saturday (5am -1 am) and Sundays (6 am-1 am), 40 minute trip
  - Should cost \$4 USD, buy from vending machine at the station – buy a ticket not an orca card
  - <https://www.portseattle.org/page/public-transit-link-light-rail>
- Arrive at hotel around 2:30pm, use luggage storage
- **Make a reservation at Cheesecake Factory for dinner tonight**
- ~~15 minute walk from our hotel to the Columbia Centre – Sky View Observatory (only open from 12pm on Thursdays, closed Tuesday, Wednesday. Open 10am to 12:45pm in 15 min increments on Monday 26 September. We won't make it as will only land in Seattle at 1:20pm)~~
- Pike Place market
  - Open from 9am - 6 pm, closes 5pm on Sundays
  - Gum wall outside the entrance to pike place
  - Paper Hammer stationery store (near gum wall at Pike Place) – closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, open Wed to Sat 11am to 5pm
  - Target grocery
  - Our Fabric Stash - 1501 Pike Place Market # 326
  - Pure food fish market stand at pike place market
- Snack from Three Girls Bakery (croissants), Pirotsky pirotsky bakery – savoury Russian food or other bakery nearby
- 5pm - If weather is good, take bus up Queen Anne Hill to Kerry Park for free viewpoint
  - 30 minute uphill walk from the space needle so take the bus instead
  - 30 min transit from hotel D-Line
  - Sunset isn't until 7pm
  - Walk along West Highland Drive (Seattle mansions)
  - Molly Moon's Homemade Ice Cream is nearby
- If not cloudy, then Space needle viewpoint. Otherwise do tomorrow
  - Open 10am to 10pm Mon – Thurs, 9am – 10pm Fri to Sun
  - Last entry 45 minutes before closing
  - ~~Day / night pass \$59, one time entry \$35, or space needle plus Chihuly Garden \$57~~

## **DAY 18 (ANCHORAGE TO SEATTLE) – MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

- ~~Seattle Centre monorail – Westlake Centre~~
- ~~Only goes between 2 stations~~
  - ~~Departs approximately every 10 minutes from two stations:~~
  - ~~Westlake Center Station, at 5th Avenue and Pine Street~~
  - ~~Seattle Center Station, adjacent to the Space Needle~~

### **EVENING**

- Either walk / uber / bus etc. back to downtown
- Dinner at Cheesecake Factory (if they had an available spot), otherwise one of the restaurants on the list
- If cloudy weather, then grocery shopping
  - Target grocery
  - PCC community market

*Accommodation: Hotel Theodore*

## **DAY 19 (SEATTLE) – TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

### **MORNING**

- Check if bid for upgrade is open for the long haul flight home
- Wake up 8am, depart hotel at 9am
- 20 min walk, one way from our hotel to Pioneer Square
- 10am - Bill Speidel's Underground Tour 60 - 75 minutes
  - Tour departs from Doc Maynard's Public House in Pioneer Square, 614 First Avenue.
  - Bring Ticket Voucher to the Ticket Office at least 15 minutes prior to the start time of the tour, no refunds or exchanges.
  - ~~Beneath the Streets 1hr tour \$29 USD, tour runs 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 daily~~
  - ~~<https://www.beneath-the-streets.com/day-time-tour>~~
- Take photos looking down the street towards the water
- Photo of central public library building
- Pioneer Square for architecture old buildings
- Smith tower viewpoint
  - 'Straight Up' ticket for an elevator ride to the 35th floor \$19 USD plus tax
  - Purchase ticket at The Observatory Check-In, 500 Second Avenue, Seattle,
  - Smith tower viewpoint as the Columbia skytower observatory is closed on the days when we are there
- Walk through waterfall garden park, pioneer square on way back to downtown
- Kinokunya (if didn't go in Portland) – past the Smith Tower - 525 S Weller St, Seattle, WA 98104, United States
- CVS and 7Eleven for dove chocolate
- Space needle viewpoint if didn't go the day before

### **AFTERNOON**

- OPTION 1 - Take the ferry to Bainbridge island
  - USD \$10, 35 min one way trip
  - The ferry runs at least once per hour in each direction
  - 10 min walk to the town
  - Snacks & spend approx. 1 hour looking around the island
  - Esther's Fabrics for Mum – open 10am – 5pm every day except Sunday open 12pm – 5pm
- ~~OPTION 2 - Take the ferry to Alki~~
  - ~~Pier 50 (801 Alaskan Way) (entrance at the foot of Yesler Way)~~
  - ~~Cannot pre-book, access is first come, first served~~
  - ~~Need to ask which ferry to take to get to Alki – King Country ferry website is not clear~~
- Shopping near our hotel
  - Ross dress for less
- 10 min tram ride from our hotel to The Elliot Bay book company
  - Salt and Straw is near Elliot Bay Book Company
- ~~Hamilton viewpoint park for a view of Seattle skyline – takes 1hr, one way to get to it~~

## **DAY 19 (SEATTLE) – TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

- ~~Out of the way – ask mum if she wants to go – Pacific Fabrics~~
- ~~Michaels is out of the way near pier 91 / 30 min public transport / 10 min uber~~
- ~~Hobby Lobby 13 minutes uber / 35 minutes public transport~~
- ~~Gasworks park – 35 min one way public transport trip and views are not that greats~~
- ~~Amazon – The Spheres – only open First and third Saturday of each month (unless noted).~~
- ~~Approx. 20 min drive to Walmart Supercenter, 743 Rainier Ave S, Renton, WA 98057, United States~~

### **EVENING**

- Dinner at Cheesecake Factory again?
- Early to bed

## **DAY 20 (SEATTLE DAY TRIP) – WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

### **MORNING & AFTERNOON**

- Check if bid for upgrade is open for the long haul flight home
- Double check no issues with train timetable etc. For tomorrow
- Mount Rainer national park day trip
  - Pre-paid
  - \$240 per person AUD
  - <https://www.viator.com/tours/Seattle/Mt-Rainier-Day-Tour-from-Seattle/d704-5396MTR> If fall colors are what you're after, you should plan your trip for late September through mid-October, with peak colors hitting around the first week or so of October

### **EVENING**

- Dinner at Cheesecake Factory restaurant
- They hold reservation 5 minutes after the time
- <https://www.yelp.com/reservations/the-cheesecake-factory-seattle-seattle>

*Accommodation: Hotel Theodore*



# DAY 21 (SEATTLE TO VANCOUVER) – THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEP

## MORNING

- Check if bid for upgrade is open for the long haul flight home
- Wake up at 5:30am

## AFTERNOON

- 6:30am - take an uber from Hotel Theodore to Seattle King Street train station (6 min). Arrive by 6:40am
- Train depart 7:45am, arrive 11:45am
- Luggage must be checked 45 min + before the train departs, no need to pay extra for luggage like on USA flights, it's included in ticket price of the train
- Reservation #88A8A9
- Arrive at Vancouver's Pacific Central Station
- Walk 2 minutes to above ground metro station – Main Street – Science World
  - Dark Blue expo line 7 min / 4 stops to Waterfront Station
  - Walk 6 minutes to hotel
  - Or just get an Uber from the train station

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**Bicycle** \$5

Reserve space for your standard, full-size bicycle (50 lbs. or less, 70 inches x 41 inches x 8.5 inches). Depending on the train, bikes are stored in designated bike racks/areas inside Coach passenger cars or in the baggage car. Only one bike per traveler. Review the [bicycles guidelines and limitations](#).

**Pet** **Sold Out**

Bring your small dog or cat with you on this trip (max. weight of pet with carrier is 20 pounds). Review [guidelines for traveling with your pet](#). Don't forget to bring the completed Pet Release and Indemnification Agreement.

**Travel with Two Bags for Free**

Each traveler may bring two personal items (25 lbs. and 14 x 11 x 7 inches each), two carry-on items (50 lbs. and 28 x 22 x 14 inches each) and two checked bags (50 lbs. and 75 linear inches; length + width + height, where checked baggage is accepted. See all [baggage details](#).

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## **DAY 21 (SEATTLE TO VANCOUVER) – THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **Amtrak**

- Luggage must be checked at least 45 minutes prior to your train's scheduled train departure.
- Departing from a station with trainside checked baggage service, you'll need to tag your luggage with a baggage tag for your destination city and walk your luggage to the baggage car. At the baggage car, hand your luggage to the Amtrak crew member and you'll receive a claim check to retrieve your luggage at the destination station.
- When arriving at a station with trainside checked baggage service, the train crew will let you know where you can claim your luggage. When retrieving your luggage, hand the claim check to the Amtrak crew member to receive your luggage.
- <https://www.amtrak.com/checked-baggage#>
- Amtrak route map <https://www.amtrak.com/plan-your-trip.html>

### **AFTERNOON (VANCOUVER)**

- 2pm - take the SeaBus (takes 15 minutes, departing every 15 min on weekdays) to get to Lonsdale Quay from downtown Vancouver. 3pm, 3:15pm, 3:30pm, 3:45pm
  - Lonsdale Quay Observation Deck and market (Q tower 77 steps up to the top for a view). market level opens 9am to 7pm, retail level 10am – 7pm, both close 6pm on Sunday <https://vancouverbestplaces.com/north-shore/north-vancouver/lonsdale-quay/lonsdale-quay-public-market/>
- Return to Vancouver on ferry departing at 4:12pm, 4:27pm, 4:42pm
- ~~Vancouver harbour cruise? <https://boatcruises.com/cruises/vancouver-harbour-tour/> \$55 AUD for only one hour. Appears to be only one tour company option, probably similar views as the ferry to Lonsdale Quay~~

### **Dinner:**

- Joe Fortes seafood and chop house - \$18.95 calamari, roast chicken breast and vegetables \$37.95, fish and chips \$26.95, seafood linguine \$46.95
- Supermarket to get a Neilson Jersey Milk chocolate bar (IGA, Nester's Market, Urban Fare) open 8am to 10pm
- Walk along the waterfront at night & Gastown steam clock
- Gelato – motoretta gelato, rocky mountain chocolate or Dairy Queen

*Accommodation: Exchange Hotel Vancouver*

## **DAY 22 (VANCOUVER TO BRISBANE) – FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

### **MORNING**

- Check out of hotel, use hotel luggage storage
- Depart hotel at 10am
- Walk along the waterfront - Coal harbour from downtown for view of Stanley Park
  - Stop at Urban Fare supermarket on the way
  - Approx. 30 min walk, one way from Coal Harbour to Stanley Park
  - Stanley Park - walk past the seawall near the rowing club to Brockton Point lighthouse viewpoint and then walk back around to the Sylvia hotel
- Approx. 15 min on tram near Sylvia Hotel to downtown
- <https://vancouver.ca/parks-recreation-culture/coal-harbour-seawall.aspx>
- ~~Queen Elizabeth Park – supposed to have good autumn colors but too far out of the way~~

### **AFTERNOON**

- 11am Lunch (or just snack?)
- Photo spots
  - Carrall and Water Street in Gastown
  - The Gastown Steam Clock
  - Hotel Europe - 43 Powell St, Vancouver, BC V6A 1E9
  - Burrard Street Bridge – 45 min walk one way from Canada Place
- Shopping (only if have time)
  - Staples
  - Indigo Robson – only if have time
- 1pm - Vancouver Lookout \$17.50 CAD, open daily 11am to 6pm

### **EVENING**

- Dinner at 5pm at somewhere near our hotel or along the waterfront
  - Cardero's restaurant (view over the harbour) 20 min walk from downtown Vancouver seabus ferry terminal - Chicken with veggies \$29.50, salmon \$31, salmon burger \$20.50, sweet and sour chicken \$16, curry prawns \$14.50, squid \$18, Italian meatballs \$17.50
  - Lift Bar and Grill (view over the harbour) – scallops \$29, salmon \$39, chicken with veggies incl mashed potatoes \$37, halibut and chips \$30
  - Chipotle
- Be back at hotel by 6:30pm
- Leave for airport at 7pm
  - Get to the airport by 8pm (3hrs before flight depart)
  - \$36 CAD for a taxi
  - Canada line skytrain CAD \$9 one way per person, 25 min
  - You can purchase your tickets at the SkyTrain ticket machines on all Canada Line station platforms. They accept cash, credit and debit/ATM cards. You may also buy SkyTrain tickets at the 7-Eleven Store on Level 1 at the airport's Domestic Terminal building.
  - Mon-Fri from 05:07 to 00:56, Saturdays at 06:00 to 00:56, Sunday at 07:30 to 00:56.

## **DAY 22 (VANCOUVER TO BRISBANE) – FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEP**

- Rapid Transit Canada Line (YVR-Airport Station, between T1 and T2): A convenient rapid transit rail link that connects the airport with downtown Vancouver in 26 minutes
- Flight depart 10:55pm
- Arrive Brisbane 6:35am

## **DAY 23 (BRISBANE) – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> to 2<sup>ND</sup> SEP**

- We lose a day due to timezone difference
- Land in Brisbane at 6:35am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October