



# Safaris Into Africa with Clive & Anne Arnold

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## 2012 Safaris Into Africa Itineraries

### 26 Day Canada Safari

Day 1: Vancouver - On arrival at Vancouver airport you will be transferred to your hotel by private car. Please make your way out of the terminal and look for the AEROCAR vehicles that are waiting curbside. If there is not a vehicle waiting, please use the free phone at the terminal to call the dispatch office, and a car will be sent immediately.

Hotel: Rosedale on Robson (D)

Day 2: Sitka - • Today you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to the airport for your onward flight. Your afternoon will be free for you to relax or explore.

• **Alaska Airlines flight: AS2265 Economy Vancouver/Seattle Depart: 0850 Arrive: 0945**

• On arrival in Seattle please connect with your onward flight.

• **Alaska Airlines flight: AS63 Economy Seattle/Sitka Depart: 1155 Arrive: 1320**

Hotel: Westmark Sitka Hotel (BD)

Day 3: Juneau- embark on Innersea Discoveries Cruise. **Welcome aboard! Meet the crew, settle in, and relax with your shipmates. Within minutes you'll cruise the scenic channels of the Inside Passage.**

Cruiseline: Innersea Discoveries Cruise (BLD)

Day 4-6: Glacier Bay national Park – Early morning, you'll enter Glacier Bay National Park, a UNESCO Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve. Here you'll pick up the National Park Ranger who will be with you to explore coves and corners of the bay that most visitors miss. One of America's crown jewel national parks will be yours to explore and marvel at for the next three days. Here in the bay there are sea lions, mountain goats, bears, moose, eagles, and spectacular scenic backdrops. Linger near South Marble Island and spot the many species of birds that call this area home, keeping your eyes on the water and the island for brightly-colored puffins. After searching for more wildlife, stop at the Park Service's Headquarters at Bartlett Cove for a hike through the rainforest or possibly a native cultural presentation. Tidewater glaciers sweep like rivers of ice down massive mountain valleys, terminating before you in the waters of Glacier Bay. Enjoy two consecutive evenings in virtual isolation inside Glacier Bay at anchor in a hidden cove as larger vessels have exited the bay. Conditions permitting, you'll also have a rare opportunity to hike or kayak or tour via shore boat.

Cruiseline: Innersea Discoveries Cruise (BLD)

Day 7: Icy Strait - Set your course for arguably the richest whale waters in Southeast Alaska. Join the Captain on the bridge or the Expedition Leaders/Naturalists out on deck in search of marine mammals, primarily in the Icy Strait/Pt. Adolphus area. Ride the skiffs for a closer inspection of the remote coastline with eyes set on the shoreline for possible bear sightings.

Cruiseline: Innersea Discoveries Cruise (BLD)



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Day 8: Chichagof Island- Meander along the “waterfall coast” of Chichagof Island. In the spirit of expedition un-cruising, marvel at the grand scenery as our crew expertly guides you through the hidden treasures of the region. In the evening you could be anchored in Red Bluff Bay or perhaps you’ve discovered a new remote shelter providing another grand opportunity to lower the kayaks and skiffs. Enjoy another delectable dinner onboard and relax in the hot tub before calling it a day.

Cruiseline: Innersea Discoveries Cruise (BLD)

Day 9: Peril Strait - Running 50 miles from Chatham Strait to Salisbury Sound, this haven for small ships is scenically highlighted by a very narrow connecting passageway called Sergius Narrows and an opening at Hoonah Sound. This wildlife-rich waterway is a great place to explore the shoreline for bear, the waters for otters and whales, and to watch for eagles. The passage narrows to only 300 feet in one spot (24 feet deep.) After an adventurous, but “non-perilous” day, toast your voyage with a festive Farewell Dinner and a “photo journal” of your trip presented by your Expedition Leaders.

Cruiseline: Innersea Discoveries Cruise (BLD)

Day 10: Sitka- Disembark. Gather for breakfast this morning as you cruise into Russian-influenced Sitka for disembarkation. After disembarking your cruise you will be transferred to the Juneau Airport for your flights to Kodiak.

- Alaska Airlines flight: AS65 Economy Juneau/Anchorage Depart: 1249 Arrive: 1438
- On arrival in Anchorage please connect with your onward flight.
- Alaska Airlines flight: AS4892 Economy Anchorage/Kodiak Depart: 1745 Arrive: 1855

A hotel shuttle is provided to/from Kodiak airport.

Hotel: Best Western Kodiak Inn (BD)

Day 11-13: **Katmai Wilderness Lodge** - Katmai National Park is located on the northeast coast of the Alaska Peninsula. The park was first named a national monument in 1918 after exploration following the eruption in 1912 of Novarupta Volcano. In 1980 the monument was enlarged and designated a national park. Katmai has a large population of protected brown bears - more than 2000. As they are not hunted and food during summer is plentiful, the bears are extremely tolerant of humans and extraordinary viewing is possible. Katmai Wilderness Lodge is the only private establishment on the coast of Katmai National Park’s 3.6 million acre wilderness, located in Kukak Bay against a backdrop of majestic mountains. Comfortable accommodation is provided in modern log cabins with private bathrooms. Deluxe meals are served in the dining room and a basic assortment of beverages is included. The lodge is powered by solar, wind and gas generator. Each day you will set out by boat to explore this beautiful wilderness area. Activities include guided bear viewing & hikes, sea kayaking and fishing.

Hotel: Katmai Wilderness Lodge(BLD)

Day 14: Anchorage- Today you will be transferred by float plane from Katmai Wilderness Lodge to Anchorage. The float plane is scheduled to arrive into Kodiak at approximately 1400. Catch the complimentary shuttle bus to your hotel and have the afternoon free to relax or explore.

Hotel: Clarion Suites Downtown (BD)



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Day 15: Denali National Park - Please take the hotel courtesy bus to Anchorage train station for your Alaska Railroad train journey to Denali. **Your train departs at 0815. Expected arrival time is 1545.**

You'll know from the very moment you climb aboard the Alaska Railroad, you're riding on one of the best trains in the world. The charm and scenic appeal of this great and vast land is amplified through panoramic windows and underscored by historical narratives of lifelong Alaskan conductors and tour guides. If you choose Gold Star, you will delight in the features of luxury double-deck railcars which feature a glass roofed upper level open air platform. Included are seating in the new luxury cars, a commemorative and edible Gold Star gift, complimentary non-alcoholic beverages during your journey and access to a private outdoor viewing platform reserved exclusively for Gold Star guests. Seating is plush, leather trimmed and with more leg room than most first class airline seats. The entire roof is curved glass to nearly waist level height. Front and rear walls will also be glass to afford a new level of wildlife and scenery observation throughout the journey. There will be a bar with full time attendant on the upper deck and Gold Star passengers will be given priority seating in the dining car or alternatively meals can be brought back to the seats. Each Gold Star guest will receive a commemorative Gold Star pin at check-in.

Hotel: Denali Bluffs Hotel (D)

Day 16: Denali National Park - Denali National Park is one of Alaska's top attractions with an area of 6 million acres. Within the park there are 37 species of animals including bear, caribou, wolves & moose, along with 130 different bird species. Much of the park is remote and roadless with just one 95 mile restricted access road built to maximise the chances of seeing wildlife. The park is also home to Mount McKinley, at 20,316 feet, the highest peak in North America. A spectacular sight if you are lucky enough to catch it on a clear day.

Depart early morning by bus from the Denali Park entrance area to Kantishna joined by a naturalist driver/guide. Lunch is taken at a lodge in the park. This is a full day (12 to 13 hour) tour.

Hotel: Denali Bluffs hotel (BLD)

Day 17: Anchorage- Please make your own way to Denali train station for your Alaska Gold Star Railroad train journey to Anchorage. **Your train departs at 1225. Expected arrival time is 2000.**

Catch shuttle bus from train station to hotel.

Hotel: Clarion Suites Downtown (BD)

Day 18: Vancouver - Please take the hotel courtesy bus transfer to Anchorage Airport • for your flight.

• **Alaska Airlines flight: AS120 Economy Anchorage/Seattle Depart: 0730 Arrive: 1204**

• **On arrival in Seattle please connect with your onward flight.**

• **Alaska Airlines flight: AS2024 Economy Seattle/Vancouver Depart: 1340 Arrive: 1435**

On arrival at Vancouver airport you will be transferred to your hotel by private car. Afternoon free for you to relax or explore

Hotel: Rosedale On Robson (D)

Day 19: Vancouver - Explore the city at your own pace on the hop on and hop off Trolley Tour for any length of time at 23 of Vancouver's premier attractions, parks, gardens, galleries and restaurants. Highlights include: Gastown, Robson Street, English Bay, Granville Island, Stanley Park, totem poles, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen



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Garden and many more. Be sure to enjoy the incredible views from the top of the Harbour Centre Tower (admission to tower included). A live commentary will be provided throughout the tour.

Hotel: Rosedale on Robson (D)

Day 20: Kamloops - This morning please make your own way to the Rocky Mountaineer Vancouver Station for your Rocky Mountaineer Rail Gold Leaf tours journey.

Experience the magnificent scenery of the Canadian Rockies as you relax on one of the world's classic rail journeys. The adventure takes you through unspoilt wilderness and you will be dazzled by snowy mountain peaks, shimmering glacial lakes, towering waterfalls and gigantic trees. Experience all this from the comfort of the Rocky Mountaineer rail coaches, On the prestigious **GoldLeaf Service**, with its Dome Coach and gourmet dining room. All the tours take place in daylight, so you won't miss a minute of the awe-inspiring scenery.

Hotel: hotel accommodation (BLD)

Day 21: Jasper - On arrival at Jasper railway station you will be met and transferred • to your hotel.

**Château Jasper** The Château Jasper is an exceptional hotel with an excellent variety of accommodations and facilities. This conveniently located hotel offers 119 fully air-conditioned luxury guest rooms and suites, pleasantly furnished with mountain decor in mind. Other features of this intimate hotel include an indoor swimming pool and whirlpool, a variety of meeting rooms, a lounge and an award-winning, fine dining room.

Hotel: Chateau Jasper (D)

Day 22: Jasper - Today you will depart on a 3.5 hour wildlife discovery tour. Explore some of Jasper's lesser known gems as we travel off the beaten path in search if bear, moose, elk, sheep, goats and wolves. This is a chance to enjoy spectacular scenery and learn about Jasper's original inhabitants in a small-group environment. Don't forget your camera!

Hotel: Chateau Jasper (D)

Day 23: Lake Louise - Today you will be transferred from Jasper to Lake Louise, sightseeing along the way. The tour takes approximately 8 hours. Your journey to Lake Louise travels along the Icefields Parkway one of the most spectacular drives in the world. The scenery is typical "Rocky Mountains icon" scenery. Visit the Columbia Icefield, a series of glaciers 325 square kilometres in area, where time is available for a Ice Explorer ride (included) onto the surface of the Athabasca Glacier. Time is provided for lunch (not included) before you continue to Lake Louise via the Athabasca River Valley. Scenic stops are made at glacier-fed Peyto Lake and the Crowfoot Glacier. The road travels through Jasper and Banff National Parks so there is also the possibility of seeing black and brown (or grizzly) bears, elk, moose, mountain goats and dall sheep.

Hotel: Fairmont Chateau lake Louise (D)

Day 24: Banff - Today you will be transferred from Lake Louise to your Banff hotel by coach. Banff Ptarmigan Inn. Situated in downtown Banff, the Ptarmigan Inn is within walking distance from many attractions such as Bow Falls, Cave & Basin National Historic site and the Banff Upper Hot Springs and is the perfect place for those who love to ski, hike, golf and fish. Boasting 134 guest rooms that feature maple

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furnishings complete with natural tones, each of the rooms is comfortably equipped with TV, telephone, coffee maker, hairdryer and room service. The hotel also has a fitness centre including spa treatments, a sauna and jacuzzi. Guests can dine at the Caramba Restaurant which offers a mix of West Coast and Mediterranean influences or dine at one of the many restaurants and bars nearby.

Hotel: Banff Ptarmigan Inn (D)

Day 25: Banff - This morning you will be collected from your hotel for your tour of Banff. This 3 hour tour will show you the highlights of Banff and its surrounding area. Ascend Tunnel Mountain Drive to view the town of Banff. Visit Cave & Basin National Historic Site, where a natural hot springs led to the creation of Canada's first National Park in 1885. Take a stroll along lake Minnewanka before the final stop at Banff Gondola. Enjoy a ride on the gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

Hotel: Banff Ptarmigan Inn (D)

Day 26: End of Arrangements -• Today you will be transferred from Banff to Calgary for you to catch your onward flights. The transfer takes approximately 2 hours. (B)