

# CANADA & USA

The JAGGS Clan  
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Life can throw an unexpected opportunity



A Disney Cruise with the Grand Children

Thanks to Stuart & Vivien Searle

# Where on earth?

- So this was the plan
- Vancouver to  
Skagway
- And back
- **But first**



# Auckland to Vancouver – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July

- So Auckland Traffic is @?!!`%.@^&&\*\*\*\*\*#!
- Why, because it is the school holidays.
- But despite this, we made the airport on time
- Air NZ Lounge was ..... **FULL!**
- But we finally found a table for 2 for the 4 of us to crowd around
- The cousins, finally found another one
- Off on the big 777
- Some movies, some wine, some food and a little sleep
- Then some 12+ hours later.....



# Vancouver – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July (still .....

- Paperless entry into Vancouver airport a plus
- 2 large taxi's later (so many bags)
- The apartment @ the Times Square Suites
- Old, but clean & practical
- Stuart & Vivien arrived the day before
- 3 x 2 bed apartments for 3 families
- Time for a walk, then dinner





# Capilano Bridge – Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July

- The last time we were here it was night and snowing
- Today it was sunny, hot & the park was fairly busy
- Built 1889. 450' across and 230' above the river
- The park is 27 acres with a cool Treetops Adventure
- And a cantilevered walkway along the canyon wall
- Kids had a ball climbing the tree huts and aerial walkways



- Amazing engineering throughout
- The bridge has survived a 95t treefall
- At night, its fully lit
- Lots of fun





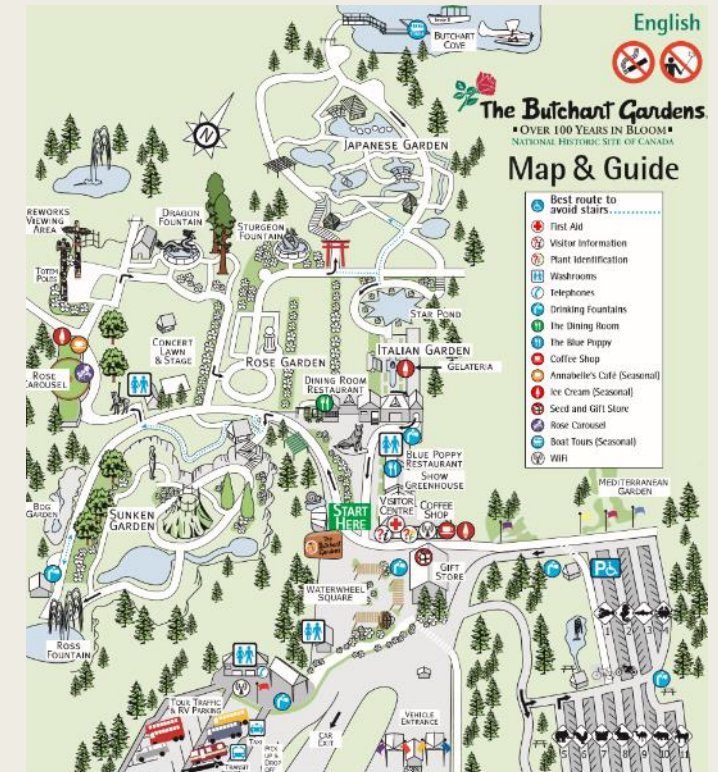
# Victoria, Vancouver Island – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July

- Took a packaged tour and caught the ferry to Victoria
- Arrived half way through the Gay Pride Parade
- The capital of BC. With colourful culture (today)
- There are some things you can't 'un-see' on parade
- Caught up with Friends who live 2hrs north
- A spot of shopping
- A great lunch
- Then off to the Butchart Gardens



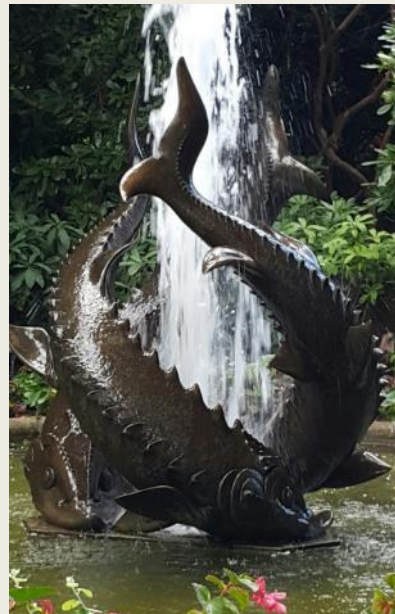
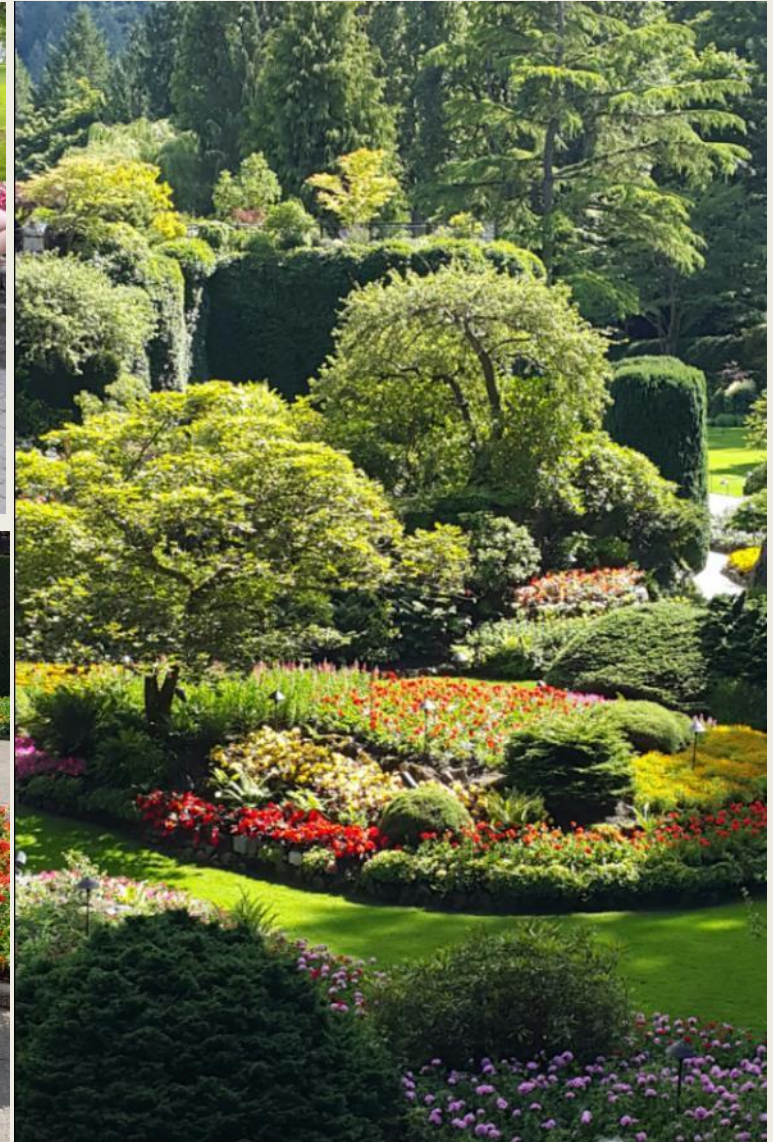
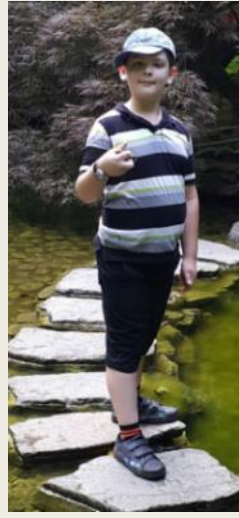
# Butchart Gardens – Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July

- Founded by Robert Pim Butchart of Portland Cement
- 55 acres of a former quarry
- About 1.5hrs needed for a quick look
- Gardeners could spend days
- Speaking of gardeners, you will never see one
- About 60 come out at night after everyone has left
- Lots of garden types (Japanese, Italian, Sunken Bog, Rose, Herb etc)
- Lots of statues and fountains etc





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# What sort of Mickey Mouse Cruise is this?

- The adventure begins





# Disney Wonder – Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July

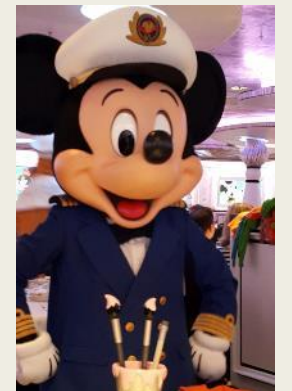
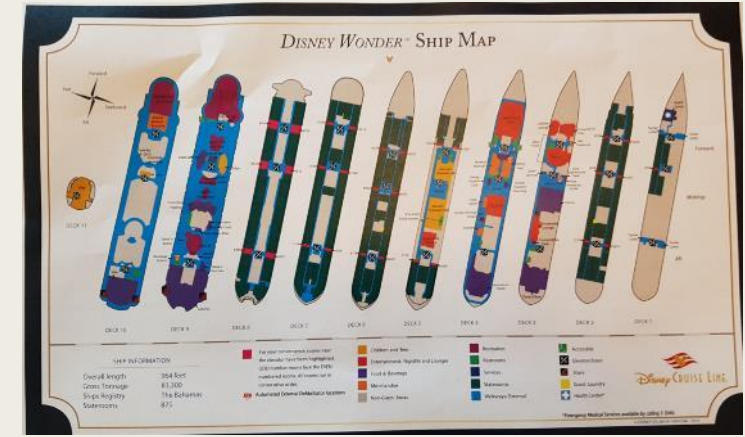
- Wow, wow, wow .....
- Cool stateroom
- Lots of facilities & lots of ‘characters’
- A great send off show on the upper deck
- Themed dinner @ Tiana’s Restaurant





# Day at sea – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July

- Games & Kids Clubs for Captain America
- Kids clubs were awesome & safe
- Mike shocking at Anna's Challenge
- Resting, reading & a kids swim
- Tooth Fairy required (with tools)
- Food, food & more food
- Dinner @ Tritons Restaurant



# Glacier Day– Wed 12<sup>th</sup> July

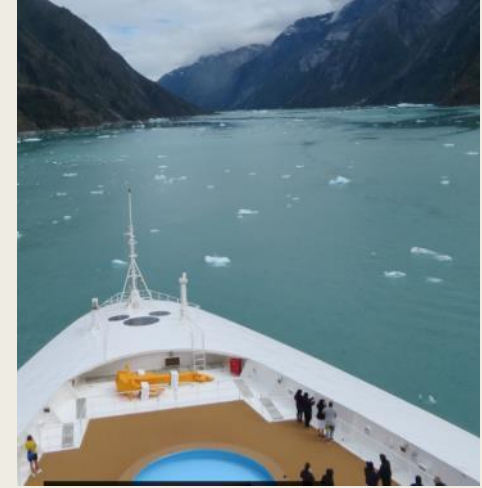
- Breakfast @ Animators Palette
- Goofy, Pluto & Mickey
- Tracey Arm closed by Ice
- But we managed to get into another Glacier





# Galcier Day– Wed 12<sup>th</sup> July

■ Wow!





# Skagway– Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July

- Family Challenge Day
- Gold Panning (about \$70 worth)
- Sled Dogs & Puppies
- Strange Fact: The Siberian Huskie was bred only as a show dog
- 40 Degrees Below in a Freezer
- Making Root Beer & Smores
- A bit of shopping





# Juneau – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July

- The capital of Alaska
- Salmon Fishing for the boys
- Sled Dog ride for Leanne & Kids





# Ketchikan – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> July

- Zip lining in the rain for Leanne
- Princesses, Capt America, Kids Club & shopping
- Mike, the kids & grandparents the Lumberjack Show

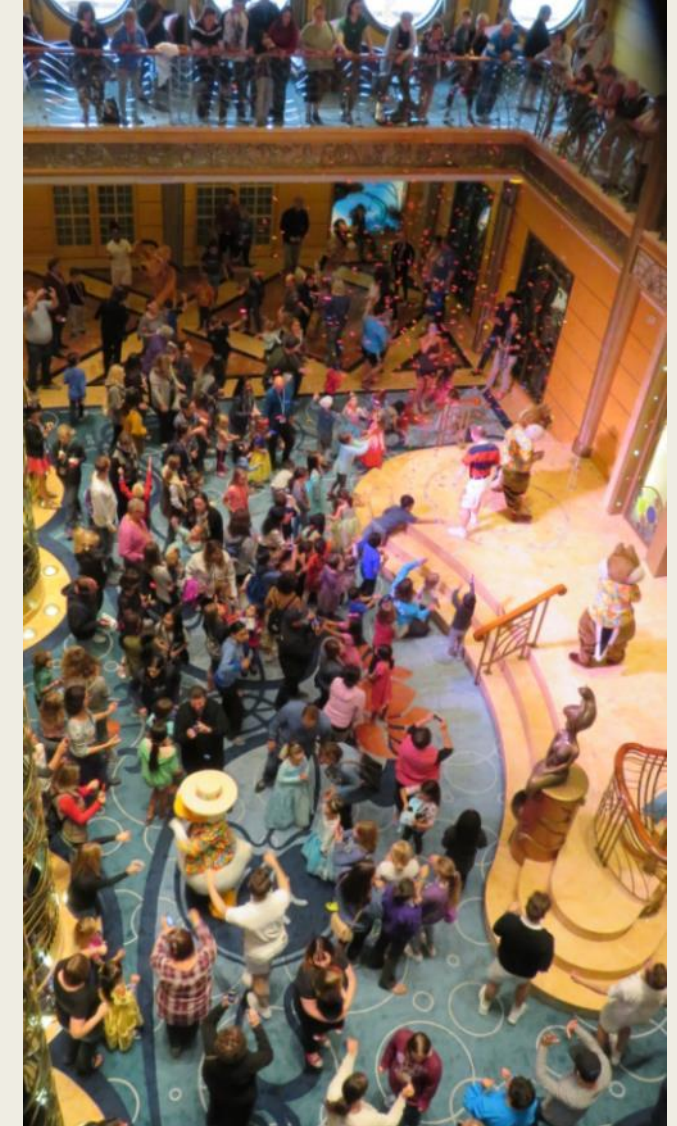
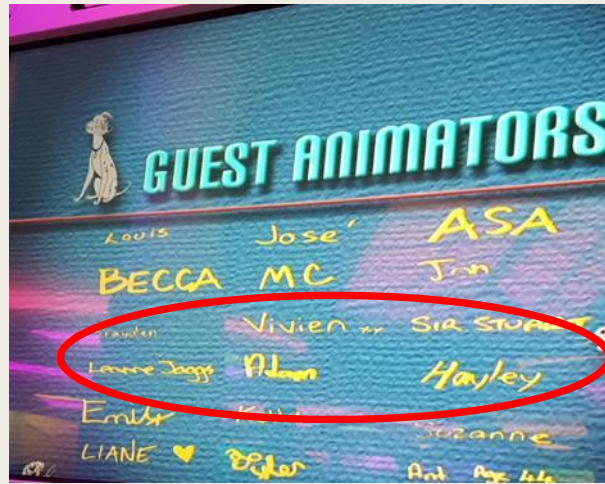




# Last day @ Sea – Sun 16<sup>th</sup> July

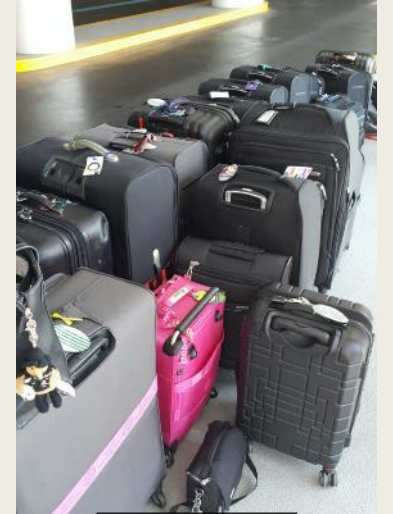


- Breakfast @ Animators Palate
- Our artwork made the big screens



# To San Francisco – Mon 17<sup>th</sup> July

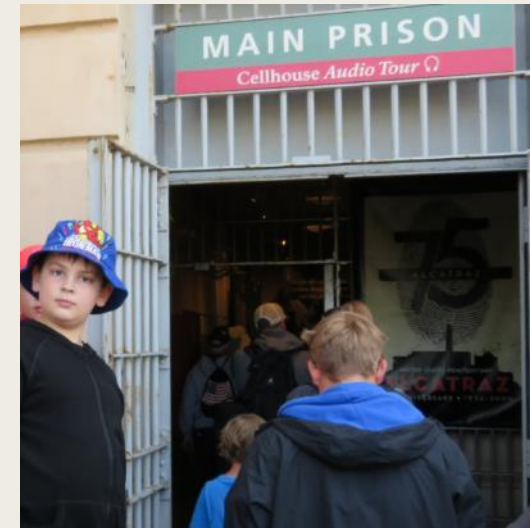
- 6 adults, 5 kids, **half a ton of luggage**
- Took most of the day, but we made it
- Vancouver Airport – ummmm!
- Some challenges with the baggage (now plus another 3 bags)
- We were not able to get into the lounge
- Service at Burger King – What service!
- Finally on board
- Flight OK
- Filled the shuttle to the brim including bags on knees
- Hotel was old, but 3 full suites





# San Francisco – Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July

- Caught the Tram Train into town, then the Street Car
- A great bus tour of all the highlights in the misty morning
- Golden Gate Bridge
- Pier 39
- Alcatraz (now sunny)
- Bubba Gumps (+5% tax just because its San Fransisco)
- Hanging on the side of the Cable Car





# San Francisco – Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July

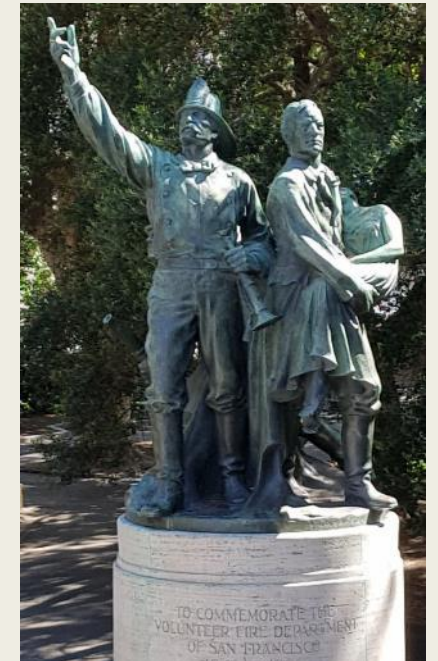
- Stuart, Ant & Kelly with kids off to Yosemite
  - *Big fires in the news, but they got there in the end*
- Van no room for any more people or bags
- We caught the Tram Train back to Pier 39
- The Aquarium
- Carousel (again & again & again)
- A little shopping for Leanne





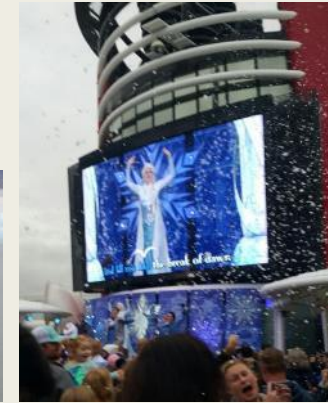
# San Francisco– Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July

- Double Deck Bus tour
- Back to Pier 39
- The Carousel again
- The 7D experience ride
- The Mirror Maze
- Some last minute shopping after lunch
- Shuttle to airport
- The whanau joined us at the airport
- We got into a lounge ...!!!
- Air NZ back home



# Summary

- Vancouver as always was great
- Victoria & Butchart Gardens a great new experience
- Disney Wonder Inside Passage cruise
  - *Service was amazing*
  - *Facilities were amazing*
  - *Food was amazing*
  - *Off ship sight seeing activities as always overpriced*
  - *We would do it again in a heartbeat*
- San Francisco. A first for Mike
  - *Another day would have been great*
  - *Would go back again*



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