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GREETINGS FRIENDS

Happy New Year to you and your family! We thank you for your business and wish you all good health and prosperity for 2017. Your Wells Gray Tours team has been hard at work and have lots of exciting options close to home or tours that will take you across the globe!

Stay Informed

Wells Gray Tours provides tour policies on every tour itinerary. This information varies slightly for each tour and addresses specific items pertaining to each tour such as payments, discounts, cancellation policies, fare changes, insurance and activity levels. Please be sure to read this area carefully and call your local office with any questions. We want your tour experience to be exceptional from the moment you book.

E-Newsletter

Sign up for our monthly E-Newsletter to get access to newly released tours, travel tidbits and information on upcoming events. All we need is your contact information, so call your local office today or visit us online at www.wellsgraytours.com and click "Receive Tour & News Updates".

Facebook Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to Diane Toth, winner of our 2016 Facebook Photo Contest, for her photo taken in the Uummanaq Fjord in Greenland. Diane wins a \$300 travel voucher towards her next Wells Gray tour. Bill Batten wins a \$100 voucher for coming in 2nd for his photo of Saltspring Island, taken from the top of Mount Maxwell. June Awrey wins a \$50 voucher for 3rd place for her photo of the sunset at Poet's Cove, South Pender Island.

Thank you to everyone who participated and sent in their fabulous photos. Keep those cameras clicking! Our 2017 Photo Contest runs June to December.

E-mail your photos to kerrie@wellsgraytours.com



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Share the world- Give the gift of TRAVEL!
Wells Gray Tours Gift Certificates Available**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed weekends and holidays

Full tour itineraries can be found online at www.wellsgraytours.com or at your local office.

- All tours include coach and/or air transportation, accommodation, knowledgeable tour director, and luggage handling, unless otherwise indicated.
- Tours depart from various pick up points in the Greater Victoria area. Depending on the individual tour routing and number of people in a location, additional pick up points may be available or added.
- GST is charged where applicable.
- Single and triple fares are available on most tours.
- Consumer Protection BC License: 65842

Cover photo: Labrador & Western Newfoundland, itinerary on page 6.

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You're invited to our
CLIENT APPRECIATION TEA



Spend a fun afternoon with Wells Gray Tours, reconnect with your fellow travellers and enjoy refreshments. It's our way of saying "Thank You" for your business.

VICTORIA

Wednesday, June 7th

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

**St Andrews Presbyterian Church
680 Courtenay St. Victoria**

Please RSVP by June 1st so that we can anticipate attendance 250-590-7889



45th ANNIVERSARY CRUISE
May 5, 2017 — 9 days



NOSTALGIC SLIDE SHOW DURING THE 45th ANNIVERSARY CRUISE!

We are collecting photos from the past 45 years of travels with Wells Gray Tours. We are looking for photos of funny things or memorable events that happened, unique transportation or hotels or meals, and customers doing interesting activities. Sorry, we do not need any group photos. Please email your photos to info@wellsgraytours.com and include a brief description of where and when. Photos must be high resolution meaning at least 2 megs. If you have several photos, it is best to email them one at a time. If you have prints or slides, please bring them to your nearest Wells Gray office and we will try to get a good quality scan done. **Deadline to submit photos is February 24.** The show will be on May 6 at 8:30 am in the Stardust Theatre on board the Norwegian Jewel.



We hope we are your favourite travel company and we hope you will tell your friends about us too!

That's why we are rewarding you when you REFER A FRIEND. Introduce someone new to Wells Gray Tours, and if they book any tour, and you let us know at the time of booking you are both eligible for a discount based on the value of your tour! You both must book within a week.

It's just our way of saying "Thank You" for your recommendation.



ACTIVITY LEVELS



Wells Gray Tours offers tours at three levels of activity. The symbol  of one, two or three walkers appears on each tour brochure to indicate the activity level you can expect. A written description is also provided. In addition, on Activity Level 3 tours, every customer must sign a statement that he/she understands that the tour has lots of activity and is capable of handling it. Tours with Activity Level 1 or 2 have the following statement on the brochure:

If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 1 or 2, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

COMING SOON IN 2017!

Thanksgiving on Oregon Coast - October 6

Kootenays Ghost Towns - October

Branson - October 24

Jasper Park Lodge Fall Getaway - October 9

Las Vegas - November

FUTURE TOURS 2018!

New Zealand 5th Annual President's Cruise - January 12

Columbia River on *American Empress* - May

Natural Wonders of Iceland - June 2

Northwest Passage Cruise on *Ocean Endeavour* - September

Call our office to be put on our "Interested List"

When the tour comes out for sale, we will notify you. Please note, this does not mean you are automatically booked on the tour. To book you on the tour we must speak to you and collect a deposit.

EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AT HOME DISCOVER BRITISH COLUMBIA

SCENIC WATERFRONT HOTELS

April 23, 2017 — 6 days

\$1290 pp double **\$1595** single
discounts up to \$35 pp



Join Wells Gray Tours on a scenic spring get away. We spend three nights at the beautiful Kingfisher Resort & Spa, nestled in a coastal forest right beside the beach with wonderful views of the ocean and mountains. We spend an afternoon at the Air Force Museum and enjoy a winery tour in the Comox Valley. We visit Beaufort Winery, which was the first estate winery in the area and has won 76 national and international medals. We then head over to Quadra Island and stay two nights at magnificent Tsa-kwa-luten Lodge. Built by the Kwagwiltl people, its vast lobby resembles a traditional "Big House" with massive timbers, a soaring cathedral ceiling and huge windows overlooking Discovery Passage. Relax on your private balcony and enjoy a view of the oceans and mountains of Vancouver Island. We also visit the Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre and the Museum in Campbell River which has excellent displays and a film about blowing up Ripple Rock. Before heading home we enjoy a delicious lunch at the oceanfront Beach Club in Parksville.

SEA TO SKY GETAWAY

June 18, 2017 — 4 days

\$1060 pp double **\$1335** single
discounts up to \$60 pp



This tour features a night at Harrison Hot Springs Resort. Dine in elegance in the lovely Copper Room featuring a three-course menu along with entertainment and dancing with Patsy B. and the Lefties. We drive through the famous Fraser Canyon and ride the Hell's Gate Airtram. In 1966, the Garibaldi Lift Company opened its ski area on the west side of Whistler Mountain. The development of Whistler Resort just 14 years later, and its successive growth into an award-winning, international resort, is unparalleled in ski history. To complement Whistler Mountain, Blackcomb Mountain opened in 1980, and Whistler Village was built at the base of these adjacent mountains. We have a leisurely day to enjoy Whistler and the spectacular Peak 2 Peak Gondola is included. It opened in 2008 at a cost of \$51 million, and connects Whistler Mountain with Blackcomb Mountain. The gondola holds the world record for longest distance between towers (3 km) and height above the ground of 436 metres. Back in Whistler Village, we visit the Audain Art Museum which opened in 2016 and has a large collection of British Columbia art.

This tour stays at the Listel Hotel which has an excellent location on the village square with dozens of restaurants within walking distance.

BARKERVILLE & WELLS GRAY PARK

July 15, 2017 — 6 days

\$1295 pp double **\$1615** single
discounts up to \$70 pp



Escape to the warmth of the BC Interior summer with an ideal combination of exploring "Canada's Waterfalls Park" and the historic Gold Rush Trail. In Wells Gray Park, the music of nature rings through the air in the form of rushing rivers and tumbling waterfalls including the 4th highest waterfall in Canada, Helmcken Falls. We explore this amazing park with the guidance of Roland Neave, park expert, author of *Exploring Wells Gray Park*, and owner and founder of Wells Gray Tours. A complimentary copy of the 6th edition of Roland's book is provided as a souvenir of your visit. Barkerville celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2011, and the restored town is still bringing joy to visitors young and old, as they relive the days of the old west. Listen to Judge Begbie; watch the gold cleanup at the Cornish waterwheel; ride in a stagecoach; and enjoy a lively show at Theatre Royal.

FRASER RIVER FROM SOURCE TO MOUTH

September 5, 2017 — 11 days

\$3395 pp double **\$4065** single
discounts up to \$160 pp



The source of the Fraser River was discovered by a Beautiful British Columbia Magazine team in the mid-1980s. The nearest road is 50 km away and there is no trail to the site, so the only access is by a helicopter. Less than 200 people, most of them travelling with Wells Gray Tours, have seen the remarkable phenomenon of a tiny dripping spring flowing into a pond from where the Fraser River, all of six inches wide, starts its long journey to the ocean. This tour lets you experience the thrill of a helicopter ride, as well as planting your feet on each side of the not-so-mighty Fraser. You have bragging rights for a truly unique opportunity! We also enjoy a relaxing evening at Harrison Hot Springs Resort and dine in elegance in the Copper Room with music and dancing by the Jones Boys. Enjoy a two-hour jet-boat excursion from Mission to the mouth of the Harrison River with an expert Naturalist, and board the paddlewheeler MV Native for a four-hour excursion down the last 30 km of the Fraser River.

CRUISING THE GULF ISLANDS

September 10, 2017 — 4 days

\$1225 pp double **\$1530** single
discounts up to \$70 pp



Poets Cove is the premier luxury resort of the Gulf Islands. Nestled in Bedwell Harbour on South Pender Island, the resort has every amenity you could wish for. The main building has 22 beautifully-appointed bedrooms, all with ocean view and a deck. The Aurora Dining Room serves our dinners, and Syrens Bistro serves breakfasts, plus offers a pub atmosphere for casual evening get-togethers. Spa treatments are available in the Susurrus Spa and there is free time when you can enjoy this service. An outdoor pool and hot tub are tucked into the hillside above the lodge. This tour was first offered as Wells Gray Tours' spring 2010 Mystery Tour and everybody was impressed with the luxury of Poets Cove and the scenic cruises in the Gulf Islands. For 2017, enjoy two days of cruising in different parts of the Gulf Islands and San Juan Islands. The *Pride of Victoria* carries only 32 passengers for comfort, with limited capacity on this tour, early booking is recommended.

TYAX RESORT

September 25, 2017 — 6 days

\$1495 pp double **\$1950** single
discounts up to \$80 pp



Join us for a Fall Foliage Tour in the South Chilcotin and spend 3 nights at Tyax Wilderness Resort, a peaceful retreat on Tyaughton Lake with a fine view of snowy peaks. The lodge is one of the largest log buildings in western Canada and you are sure to admire its fine craftsmanship, especially the cathedral lobby with a soaring stone chimney. It was built in 1986 and totally renovated a few years ago. You will have a free day to relax at Tyax Resort and enjoy the beautiful setting as well as numerous entertaining and recreational activities. Enjoy a locally guided tour of Bralorne & Gold Bridge and a flight over the nearby glaciers and peaks of the South Chilcotin wilderness is offered as an option.

CANADIAN GETAWAYS

MYSTERY TOUR

June 16, 2017 — 8 days

\$3920 pp double **\$5295** single

19 Seats left!



We never tell you where you will go or what you will see, but that is the intrigue of Mystery Tours! You may be amazed when the coach pulls up beside a cruise ship, or you board a plane for an overseas flight, or you arrive at a unique hotel. Each day of the tour has surprises, as the mystery route is revealed only as we travel along from day to day. However, we can promise you that our route or destination has interesting sights and unusual experiences — often the first time that Wells Gray has been there or stayed at a particular hotel. Some mysteries are offered in subsequent years as a regular tour. Wells Gray Tours has been a pioneer in offering Mystery Tours in British Columbia. Among the 800 or so tour operators in North America, only a handful offer multi-day mystery itineraries like ours. Please join us for Mystery Tour #54! Some exciting surprises are waiting for you.

Here are a couple of clues to the mystery route.

1. Four horsemen with heavy loads ride to the lake shore with a Princess.
2. The Governor of a British island gave his name to a mighty fortress that recalls Shakespeare's play with numbers.

SUMMER THEATRE IN ALBERTA

July 17, 2017 — 7 days

\$2060 pp double **\$2565** single

discounts up to \$40 pp



We fly to Kelowna and stay overnight at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel to start the tour. Alberta has numerous experiences to enjoy, ranging from natural attractions to excellent theatre and fascinating museums. This tour spends a night at Radium Hot Springs, where you can relax in the soothing waters of Canada's biggest hot springs pool. From here we go to Calgary and to the Stage West Dinner Theatre for a superb buffet and the musical comedy **Murder for Two**. Then it's off to Drumheller to the intimate 200-seat Opera House of Rosebud Theatre. Their summer play is **The Spitfire Grill**. We will also attend the **Canadian Badlands Passion Play**, one of only a few large scale dramatic productions in the world that portray the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Before heading home we will visit the impressive Royal Tyrrell Museum, a multi-million dollar tribute to the Dinosaur Age, and enjoy some sights in the Red Deer River Valley near Drumheller, such as the Rosedale Suspension Bridge and the Atlas Coal Mine. Our final theatre production will be **Another Flashdance** at the Jubilations Dinner Theatre.

LABRADOR & WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

August 11, 2017 — 16 days

\$6195 pp double **\$7150** single

discounts up to \$300 pp



As Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are fond of saying, this place is about as far from Disneyland as you could possibly get. And yet, we think you will find that it competes as one of the happiest places on earth. The people are extremely proud of their province — Labrador on the mainland and the island of Newfoundland — and are very resilient. Economic hardship has often plagued this land, and yet the people endure and thrive in spite of it, most often with great joy. The natural wonders here are unparalleled, with stark rugged landscapes warmed by thousands of kilometres of shoreline. The history is vibrant, full of stories of adventure and global events and ordinary people doing extraordinary things. This is a journey off the beaten path, but an experience not soon forgotten. Thrill to the train ride from Sept-Îles, Quebec, north into Labrador, a memorable journey past innumerable waterfalls and lakes. View what is left of Churchill Falls which once ranked among the world's mighty cataracts until most of its water was diverted through turbines in 1970. Wander the empty streets of Battle Harbour where fishermen's homes have been converted into very unique lodgings. Drive the newly-completed Trans-Labrador Highway. Be humbled by history at Saddle Island, used by Basque whalers in the 16th century, and L'Anse aux Meadows, settled by the Vikings about a thousand years ago. Admire the soaring cliffs of Western Brook Pond. Don't miss this rarely-offered tour. It is an amazing experience in the wilds of Atlantic Canada.

MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND

August 28, 2017 — 24 days

\$6695 pp double **\$8310** single

6 Seats left!



2017 will be the 40th year that Wells Gray has offered Maritimes tours! No other company in British Columbia has organized this tour for so many years or knows Atlantic Canada better than we do. All our hotels, attractions and restaurants are chosen carefully to ensure you have a memorable experience. Very few competing tour itineraries include Newfoundland and our 2017 tour stays 10 nights there. We strongly believe you should see this scenic province while you are touring eastern Canada. It has been a highlight of our Atlantic Canada tours since 1990. Most hotel stays are for two or three nights, so you do not have to put up with the inconvenience of repacking your suitcase every morning. A Wells Gray Maritimes tour is noted for its leisurely itinerary, many included meals and attractions, and superb hotels in great locations.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER CRUISE

September 3, 2017 — 10 days

from **\$5050** pp double from **\$6625** single

Filling Fast!



Roland and Anne Neave, owners of Wells Gray Tours, cruised on the *Canadian Empress* in September 2016 and loved the whole trip. Come and experience a different kind of river cruising on an intimate ship. The *Canadian Empress* is 33 metres long with a 9-metre beam and a draft of just 1.5 metres. She carries only 66 passengers in 32 cabins. There are three decks. St. Lawrence Deck is the lowest and has most of the cabins and the gift shop. Ottawa Deck has 8 cabins, the Grand Saloon Lounge and Dining Room. The ship docks most nights in a town along the St. Lawrence River, so you can go ashore at your leisure and explore the area. Although the ship enters the USA several times, it does not dock there, so no passport is needed for the whole trip. We will sail the St. Lawrence River from Kingston to Quebec City, and all shore excursions are included. A highlight of our cruise on the *Canadian Empress* is the opportunity to pass through seven locks between Kingston and Montreal, experiencing an overall change in water level of 75 metres! Fly to Toronto and home from Quebec City.

COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES

September 12, 2017 — 8 days

\$2195 pp double **\$2725** single

discounts up to \$80 pp



The road that traverses the foothills of Alberta's Rocky Mountains has been nicknamed the Cowboy Trail. Ranching and the cowboy life are still very much part of the culture of this region. On this tour, we visit several attractions that celebrate history such as Bar U Ranch, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Remington Carriage Museum, Fort Macleod, and Frank Slide. Southern Alberta also boasts one of Canada's less visited national parks, Waterton Lakes, and admission is free during Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017. Shared with Glacier National Park in Montana, Waterton has rugged mountains rising from a stark prairie, surrounding an idyllic lake. Add to this the dramatic beauty of Kananaskis and Crowsnest Pass, relaxing Fairmont Hot Springs, and the emerging fall colours, and you have the perfect late summer getaway.



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Wells Gray Tours is proud to provide the Tour 25 travel experience.

Tours indicated by this icon on our website and brochures are Tour 25 departures, meaning group capacity is a maximum 25 participants or less. This allows Wells Gray Tours to create a more personal, flexible and authentic experience, which is perfect for many destinations. Travelling in smaller groups allows us to access exciting new places and to offer more up close, personal and unique encounters. It is one more way we are working to meet your evolving travelling preferences.

Look for the Tour 25 logo for a more intimate travel experience

2017 NORTH AMERICAN DESTINATIONS

NEW YORK CITY

June 24, 2017 — 7 days

\$3530 pp double **\$4450** single

15 Seats left!



New York City, the city of icons. Empire State Building. Statue of Liberty. Rockefeller Center. American Museum of Natural History. Top of the Rock. Macy's Fifth Avenue. Radio City Rockettes. Metropolitan Museum of Art. Ground Zero. Central Park. Times Square. Wall Street. Broadway. The list of familiar sights and experiences goes on and Wells Gray Tours is proud to take you there. The tour is planned for late June, traditionally a quieter time for the city. Temperatures are warm, but not too hot and humid. This tour has lots of choices. There is a balance of organized activities and free time to help you maximize your exploration during your stay. We have included a two-day hop-on hop-off all loop pass for double decker touring, a great way to get around the city and get insider information as well. Your knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director is available to assist you with your plans. **The time is now – New York, New York!**

STIKINE & STEWART

August 5, 2017 — 14 days

\$3875 pp double **\$4740** single

9 Seats left!



Embark with us on our Northern British Columbia adventure. We travel along the world-famous Alaska Highway which was built in 1942 in just eight months, and enjoy scenic views all the way to Dease Lake. Here board a float plane or a helicopter for a thrilling flight into the wilderness of Mount Edziza or Stikine River Provincial Parks. We also visit Canada's most northerly ice-free port, Stewart. This tour has a variety of natural wonders making this a spectacular getaway.

BLACK HILLS & YELLOWSTONE

September 26, 2017 — 15 days

\$4155 pp double **\$5430** single

14 Seats left!



One of the first highlights is travelling through the Rockies and across Montana by train. In the Black Hills, we view two incredible mountain carvings, Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse, admire the strange formations of Badlands National Park, stroll the vast Wall Drugstore, and go underground at Wind Cave. Later, we are awed by the soaring peaks of the Grand Tetons and the erupting geysers, bubbling mud pots, and roaring waterfalls of Yellowstone. The fall foliage of the Black Hills, the brilliant colours of the Badlands, and the multitude of hues around the geyser basins all combine to create a kaleidoscope of colour. We visit seven national parks and monuments, ranging from famous to obscure: Glacier, Theodore Roosevelt, Mount Rushmore, Badlands, Wind Cave, Grand Tetons, and Yellowstone.

WAIT LIST ONLY!

B.C. Fjords Cruise - May 27 - 7 days

Coast to Coast by Train - May 28 - 15 days

Wells Gray Park - June 1 - 4 days

Natural Wonders of Iceland - June 3 - 19 days

Inside Passage & Skeena Train - June 24 - 8 days

Canada's 150th Birthday in Ottawa - June 24 - 9 days

EXCITING 2017 CRUISES

ADVENTURE
CANADA



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GREENLAND & WILD LABRADOR CRUISE September 22, 2017 — 17 days

from **\$11,465** pp double
from **\$11,610** single



This extraordinary sailing showcases staggering geographic diversity, from the head of Sondre Stromfjord in Greenland all the way to St. John's, NL. Covering over 2,200 nautical miles our adventure will encompass four distinct Canadian National Parks and is designed for maximum absorption of the awe inspiring landscape and to foster a deep understanding of the cultural connections to the land. We will set out along the western coast of Greenland, calling at Nuuk, one of the world's northernmost capital cities, and exploring one of the many fjords for which the area is famed. Across the Davis Strait in Canada, we visit the stunning Torngat Mountains National Park. Here, at the edge of the vast Canadian Shield, massive mountains tumble down to the Atlantic Ocean in one of the most dramatic seascapes in Canada. The Torngat Mountains National Park is the first and only National Park in Canada to be staffed completely by Inuits. Northern Labrador has to be seen to be believed—and we will do just that, via daily Zodiac expeditions and organized hiking.

As we move further south, we'll visit the newly created Akami-Uapishku-KakKasuak-Mealy Mountains National Park Reserve, Canada's 46th National Park. Encompassing 10,700 square kilometers, the Park is the largest in Eastern Canada. Crossing over to Newfoundland, we'll pay our respects to North America's Viking visitors at L'Anse aux Meadows before ending our voyage in historic St. John's. This cruise is on *Ocean Endeavour* which carries less than 200 passengers.



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HAWAII CRUISE

October 2, 2017 — 15 days

from **\$5075** pp double; from **\$6680** single
discounts up to \$200 pp



This cruise features five days at sea and four ports in the Hawaiian Islands. The cruise is most likely to appeal to people who enjoy lots of time on the ship, relaxing days at sea, good books or movies, and shipboard activities or entertainment. The ports are Hilo and Kona on Hawaii, Kahului on Maui (overnight), and finishing at Honolulu on Oahu. On many cruises, shore excursions are a significant additional expense. On this cruise, four shore excursions are included — one at each of the ports. These range from four to six hours and visit some of the highlights of each island. Attraction admissions are included and one tour has lunch included as you are away from the ship most of the day. Unlimited beverage package included on the ship.

*** NOTE FOR ALL CRUISES ***

Early booking is essential. Unsold staterooms are taken away by the cruise company when the ships get close to being full.



Holland America Line®
SAVOR THE JOURNEY

ANTARCTICA, ARGENTINA & CHILE CRUISE

January 2, 2018 — 29 days

from **\$14,350** pp double

from **\$18,980** single

discounts up to \$300 pp 

Wells Gray Tours offers a cruise to Antarctica every two to three years. This is a very special opportunity to visit the 7th continent and certainly has bragging rights because probably not many of your friends have been there. There are so many highlights on this tour, but probably the most memorable will be the four days cruising among the gigantic icebergs of Antarctica. It is hard to imagine waking up one morning and looking out to see an iceberg longer and higher than the Zaandam. Antarctica experts are on board to present lectures about glaciology, geology, natural history, and history, plus the ice pilot may take a break from the bridge to explain his route finding skills.

Other memorable experiences are elegant Buenos Aires, awesome Iguazu Falls, three km wide and 80 metres high; charming Puerto Madryn; the bleak and isolated Falkland Islands; the thrills of rounding Cape Horn and entering the legendary Strait of Magellan; Ushuaia, world's southernmost city; cruising in the Chilean Fjords and Darwin Channel, and past many tumbling glaciers including the vast Amalia Glacier.

This tour and cruise should be on everyone's bucket list. It will also qualify you for two more continents towards being honoured by Wells Gray Tours' 7 Continents Certificate.

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EXOTIC GETAWAYS

SCOTLAND & NORTHERN ENGLAND

August 19, 2017 — 21 days

\$9545 pp double **\$12,045** single

14 Seats left!



Scotland is renowned for its rich heritage, its passionate people, and its contribution to the world past and present. Scottish culture has spread across the globe through emigration, and around 40 million people worldwide identify themselves as Scottish. Those whose ancestry reaches back to the land of Robert the Bruce, Sir Walter Scott and Sean Connery hold strong to the traditions and characteristics of the people. There are so many recognizable Scottish icons: Gaelic, tartans, kilts, whiskey, thistle, bag pipes, Robbie Burns, St. Andrews, and the Stone of Destiny. On this tour we will visit the former home of poet William Wordsworth, ride the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway and enjoy locally guided tours in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and the archeological sites Skara Brae and Maes Howe. Highlights include Edinburgh Castle, St Giles Cathedral, Provands Lordship, Kelvingrove Museum and Gallery, and the Kingdom of Fife ancestral home of the Scottish monarchs. There are also cruises on lovely Lake Windermere, Trossachs National Park on Loch Katrine and Loch Lomond, the legendary Loch Ness, and an afternoon on board the Royal Yacht Britannia. We have reserved seats for the spectacular Edinburgh Military Tattoo and time to sip the superb whiskies at Glengoyne Whisky Distillery. We will also visit Stirling Castle, Scotland's grandest and most impressive works of architecture and Queen Mother's beloved Castle of Mey. Wells Gray Tours is excited to be offering this encompassing yet leisurely journey, our 4th tour to Scotland, that delves into the diverse land, history and personalities of this remarkable country.

SOUTH AFRICA

September 15, 2017 — 18 days



\$TBA pp double **\$TBA** single



The sheer beauty of South Africa's landscape, the unsurpassed flora and fauna, and the diversity of its people and culture is bewitching. South Africa offers the visitor a unique diversity of captivating landscapes — from the bushveld of Kruger National Park to the wetlands of Coastal Maputaland, to the soaring mountains and vineyards of the Winelands, to the white sandy beaches of the Indian Ocean. Embark on a journey of discovery to the land of colourful contrasts and animals that stretch your imagination. South Africa is known as the Rainbow Nation because of its magnificent natural beauty and its amazing diversity. The urban centres of Johannesburg and Pretoria offer an international urban flavour and the excitement of a developing economy, plus the pivotal history of the Nelson Mandela era. A safari into Africa's wildlands is one of the most rewarding experiences of a lifetime, and the opportunities in South Africa to view the Big Five – lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino, and leopard – are exceptional. The national parks, in addition to the bordering private game reserves that our group accesses, has wildlife in abundance. Swaziland displays the tribal culture that has existed in time immemorial. Cape Town introduces us to the historic legacy of colonization and coexistence. It is impossible to learn the secrets of this continent and her many cultures in just one journey. But in South Africa, we can experience a glimpse of her many magical faces and celebrate the extraordinary diversity that is Africa.

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THE MAGIC OF TANZANIA
November 4, 2017 — 14 or 17 days

Exciting New
Tour!

\$9090 pp double **\$9695** single
discounts up to \$300 pp



As many of you know I had the opportunity of a lifetime to visit Tanzania in November 2015. Tanzania is the land of safaris. Wildebeest stampede across the plains, hippos jostle for space in muddy waterways, elephants wander along seasonal migration routes and you will hold your breath while a lion pads in front of your vehicle. It is the world's most unchanged wildlife sanctuaries. Nature surrounds you, the largest of animals mingle with the most minute; birds of every size and colour soar and sing; trees and plants burst with flowers; landscapes are colourful and diverse. There are so many experiences to drink in here, and endless opportunities for wildlife viewing and cultural components. You will roam with the Maasai – Tanzania's famous warriors and experience the hospitality of local meals and the rhythms of their traditional dances. You will have the opportunity to tour their homes and villages including visiting their schools and hospitals. The food in Tanzania is superb, local and homemade and I'm certain you will love tasting and touring the organic, fair trade, coffee and tea farms as much as I did. You will also visit "Africa's Garden of Eden," the Ngorongoro Crater which is a 12-mile-wide ecosystem within an ecosystem that was created by a massive collapse of land following a volcanic eruption. It is labeled one of the seven natural wonders of Africa. The crater sits at 1,800 metres above sea level and evidence suggests hominids have lived in the wider conservation area for over 3 million years. On this tour there is an optional balloon safari, which was one of the most thrilling things I have ever done. You launch as the sun rises, and gently float over the plains of the magnificent Serengeti. And of course a trip to Tanzania would not be complete without a visit to Zanzibar so we have added an option of three nights on this island paradise. Here you will delve into the tastes and textures of Zanzibar's island markets that draw in flavours from African, Arab, Indian and European cuisine.

This was truly a life-changing trip for me, and inspired me to start the fundraiser "Pledge a Pencil—Sharpen a Future" all of the school supplies we collected have been shipped to the Lake Natron School, so stay tuned for photos once the goods have arrived.

I believe this destination will not only etch lifelong unforgettable memories but become a special place in your heart. It really is a live version of The Lion King!

Written by: Kerrie Niemeier



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save \$50	on tours up to \$5000
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- No maximum age
- 24/7/365 assistance services



What about Extra Coverage?

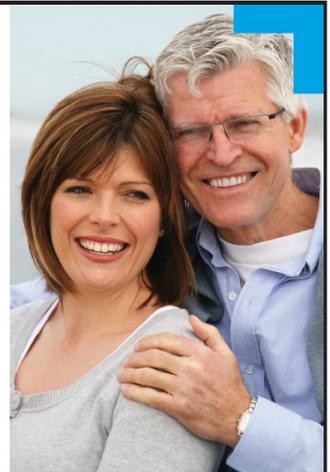
- Waiver of Pre-existing Conditions, when purchased within 7 days of the initial trip payment:
- Insured must be medically able to travel at the time of purchase.
 - Pre-existing medical waiver applies to a maximum of \$15,000 per person for trip cancellation.
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Is There Anything Else?

- If a claim is denied, a personal call to the client will be made to explain why.
- If Travel Medical Assistance is required, direct medical payment will be arranged when available.

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