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The Experience Quarterly

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GREETINGS FRIENDS

Welcome to the summer edition of the Wells Gray Tours Experience Quarterly. Summer is here and even though the BBQs and lake activities are beckoning, we are hard at work planning fun Christmas, winter and spring tours. Remember these tours do tend to sell out quickly so even though it may seem a long way away it is a good time to start thinking about your holiday travel plans.

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 email address, so call your local office today or visit us online at www.wellsgraytours.com and click "Receive Tour & News Updates".

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.

The Wells Gray Team

Wells Gray Tours Fall Destination Travel Shows

Finalizing our 2016 international destinations are well underway and we are excited to share what's coming up with you. Join Wells Gray Tours for a multimedia presentation of upcoming tours, cruises and international destinations.

Penticton	Vernon	Kelowna	Kamloops
Monday, November 2 1:30 to 3:30	Tuesday, November 3 1:30 to 3:30	Friday, November 6 1:30 to 3:30	Tuesday, November 10 1:30 to 3:30
Days Inn Penticton Riverside Conference Centre 152 Riverside Rd. Penticton, BC	Village Green Hotel 4801 27th St. Vernon, BC	Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church 2091 Gordon Dr. Kelowna, BC	St Andrews Presbyterian Church 1136 6th Ave. Kamloops, BC

OFFICE HOURS

Kamloops 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Vernon 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Kelowna 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Penticton 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed holidays & weekends

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 at hotels, unless otherwise indicated.
- Tours depart from Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton and communities in between. Depending on the individual tour routing and number of people in a location, additional pick up points may be available or added.
- GST charged where applicable.
- Single and triple fares are available on most tours.
- Consumer Protection BC License: Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924

Cover photo: The Double Arch in Arches National Park, Yellowstone and Canyonlands tour, itinerary enclosed on page 13. Photo Credit: Roland Neave

2015 SHOW TOURS

PIPPIN AND MATILDA IN SEATTLE

August 21, 2015 — 4 days

\$980 pp double **\$1230** single



Pippin is Broadway's high-flying, death-defying hit musical! Full of extraordinary acrobatics, wondrous magical feats and soaring songs from the composer of *Wicked*, *Pippin* won four 2013 Tony Awards® including Best Musical Revival. It features sizzling choreography in the style of Bob Fosse and breathtaking acrobatics by Les 7 Doigts de la Main, the creative force behind the nationwide sensation *Traces*. *Pippin* is noted for its songs including *Corner of the Sky*, *Magic To Do*, *Glory and Morning Glow*. It first opened on Broadway in 1972 and played 1,944 performances. Now, enjoy this magical, unforgettable revival of *Pippin*.

Matilda the Musical has received widespread critical acclaim and box-office popularity, winning seven 2012 Olivier Awards and five 2013 Tony Awards. It is the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny. Based on the beloved novel by Roald Dahl, *Matilda* continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages on Broadway and in London's West End. *The Wall Street Journal* says, "The makers of *Matilda* have done the impossible – triumphantly! It is smart, sweet, zany and stupendous fun."

MY FAIR LADY IN SEATTLE

November 6, 2015 — 4 days

\$980 pp double **\$1230** single

discounts up to **\$25** pp



Theatre is a great way to celebrate the full range of human emotion, and these two musicals do that—one that few people have heard of and one with beloved songs that everyone can sing or hum. **If/Then** opened on Broadway in March 2014 and was nominated for six theatrical awards. It played 430 performances, then a national tour was announced with Seattle being one of the first locations. *If/Then* is a contemporary new musical that follows two distinct storylines in the life of Elizabeth, a city planner who moves back to New York to restart her life in the "city of infinite possibilities". When her carefully designed plans collide with the whims of fate, Elizabeth's life splits into two parallel paths. *If/Then* follows both stories simultaneously as this modern woman faces the intersection of choice and chance. **My Fair Lady** by contrast opened on Broadway in 1956 and played for 6½ years, setting a record at the time of 2,717 performances with a similar run in London. Originally starring Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews, the show has garnered 15 awards and enjoyed numerous revivals, most recently in 2013. The story is about Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl, who takes speech lessons from professor Henry Higgins so that she may pass as a lady.

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S *KOOZA* IN VANCOUVER **\$695** pp double **\$860** single

November 18, 2015 — 3 days **Second coach added!**



KOOZA tells the story of The Innocent, a melancholy loner in search of his place in the world. *KOOZA* is a return to the origins of *Cirque du Soleil*. It combines two circus traditions - acrobatic performance and the art of clowning. The show highlights the physical demands of human performance in all its splendour and fragility, presented in a colourful mélange that emphasizes bold slapstick humour. The Innocent's journey brings him into contact with a panoply of comic characters such as the King, the Trickster, and the Obnoxious Tourist and his Bad Dog. Between strength and fragility, laughter and smiles, turmoil and harmony, *KOOZA* explores themes of fear, identity, recognition and power. The show is set in an electrifying and exotic visual world full of surprises, thrills, chills, audacity and total involvement.

ONCE Winner of eight 2012 Tony Awards including Best Musical, *Once* is a truly original Broadway experience. Featuring an impressive ensemble of actor/musicians who play their own instruments on-stage, *Once* tells the enchanting tale of a Dublin street musician who's about to give up on his dream when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs.

THEATRE ESCAPE TO OAK BAY BEACH HOTEL \$1225 pp double **\$1550** single
October 30, 2015 — 5 days discounts up to **\$35** pp



Enjoy a pampered extra-long weekend on this fun-filled theatre tour featuring 4 performances: *Chelsea Hotel* — this stylish musical is an exuberant tribute to Leonard Cohen featuring six performers who play 17 instruments; *Grace & Glorie* — the story of a cantankerous 90-year-old and her caregiver; dinner theatre with entertainment by Variety Fare — a dynamic singing ensemble of six; and the Victoria Symphony with Oril Shaham. Attractions also included are the Robert Bateman Center, Abkhazi Garden Teahouse, and the Royal British Columbia Museum for the special Exhibit *Gold Rush: Eldorado in B.C.* with Imax Theatre show. This tour is also a rare opportunity to enjoy the elegant amenities of the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, including the seaside mineral pools, steam room and fitness centre.

CANADIAN FALL GET-AWAYS

FRASER RIVER FROM SOURCE TO MOUTH \$2770 pp double **\$3255** single
September 9, 2015 — 10 days



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!

At a glance...

Day 1-2	Valemount > Super 8 Motel
Day 3	Prince George > Sandman Signature Hotel
Day 4-5	Williams Lake > Coast Fraser Inn
Day 6	Lillooet > Mile 0 Motel
Day 7	Harrison Hot Springs > Harrison Hot Springs Resort
Day 8-9	New Westminster > Inn at Westminster Quay

Highlights...

- > Scenic helicopter flight to the source of the Fraser River
- > Heritage tour and lunch at the Huble Homestead
- > Tour Hat Creek Historic Ranch and ride the stagecoach
- > Ride the cablecar down to awesome Hells Gate
- > Enjoy the hot pools at Harrison Hot Springs
- > Dine in elegance in the Copper Room with music and dancing by the Jones Boys
- > Fraser River Safari boat excursion, viewing bird and animal life with an expert naturalist
- > Paddlewheeler cruise from New Westminster to the mouth of the Fraser River
- > **21 meals included**

Wells Gray Tours in Vernon is moving!

After 8 ½ years on 43rd Avenue, we are moving back downtown around the middle of August. We have bought our own building, so we should be there for a long time. It is a charming house that was converted to a doctor's office in 2007. Our new address is 3206 - 35th Street and the phone number is the same. This is at the corner of 35th Street, 32nd Avenue and Centennial Drive. There is customer parking at the rear off Centennial Drive or a bus stop right outside. We are just 1½ blocks from Schubert Centre and 1 block from Safeway. Darlene and Lynne are thrilled with the new location and we hope you are too. Watch for the announcement about our Grand Opening tea in late August.

COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES

September 16, 2015 — 6 days

\$1250 pp double **\$1570** single



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 a 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, Fort Macleod, Remington Carriage Museum, and Frank Slide. Southern Alberta also boasts one of Canada's less visited national parks — Waterton Lakes. 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 fall getaway.

At a glance...

Day 1	Canmore > Ramada Inn
Day 2-3	Pincher Creek > Ramada Inn
Day 4	Waterton Lake > Bayshore Inn
Day 5	Fairmont Hot Springs > Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

Highlights...

- > Peter Lougheed Provincial Park
- > Bar U Ranch National Historic Site, a living ranch experience that commemorates western Canadian ranching heritage
- > Interpreter-guided tour of Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- > Northwest Mounted Police Museum and walking tour of Fort MacLeod
- > Cardston's Remington Carriage Museum, containing North America's largest collection of horse drawn vehicles, plus carriage ride
- > Cruise on Waterton Lakes
- > Frank Slide in the Crowsnest Pass
- > Relaxation time at Fairmont Hot Springs pools
- > **12 meals included**

KOOTENAYS GOLF EXPERIENCE

September 28, 2015 — 5 days

\$1195 pp double **\$1450** single

discounts up to **\$60** pp



Come and discover some of Canada's "hidden gems" along the Kootenay Golf Trail. With the towering Purcell Mountains to the east and pristine Kootenay Lake in the foreground, the quiet serenity of the Kootenay region makes for a spectacular place to get away from your home golf course! Allow Wells Gray Tours to spoil you on this tour with high-class accommodations, fabulous meals, post - golf drinks with good company, and luggage handling throughout. Fabulous Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort is an unbeatable central location for golfing in the region where you can unpack for a few days and enjoy unlimited use of the hot springs. So pack your golfing socks — the pair with a hole in one — and join us on our first golf tour!

At a glance...

Day 1	Revelstoke > Coast Hillcrest Lodge
Day 2-4	Nelson Area > Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort

Highlights...

- > Revelstoke Golf Club - 18 holes and shared power cart
- > Unlimited access to Ainsworth Hot Springs
- > Balfour Golf Course - 18 holes and shared power cart
- > Kokanee Springs Golf - 18 holes and shared power cart
- > Option to play a round on the 9-hole Kaslo Golf Course
- > Clubhouse beverage after finishing each course
- > **12 meals included**

KOOTENAYS GHOST TOWNS & HOT SPRINGS **\$1175** pp double **\$1395** single

October 3, 2015 — 5 days



In the boom and bust economies of British Columbia's last 150 years, a lot of towns have come and gone. Some rivalled San Francisco for size and luxuries, but are now just a collection of broken buildings. Some are still inhabited, but are now a ghost of former glories. This is another of Wells Gray's popular themed tours. During five days, we visit ghost towns, historic towns, and a mansion in the West Kootenays. Featured ghost towns are Retallack and Sandon, as well as a created one at Three Valley Gap. Historic towns are Greenwood, Kaslo, Nelson, and Revelstoke. We visit the Kootenays' grandest mansion, Blaylock in Nelson. Unique experiences include a ride on Nelson's heritage Streetcar #23, lunch with a talk in Nelson's old Hume Hotel, and a tour of the historic powerhouse at Sandon. Guides are hired at each attraction or town to explain the historical details as only a local person can do. We stay 3 nights at Ainsworth Hot Springs, so you have unlimited use of the pools. Come and join us on this exciting tour with a ghostly twist!

At a glance...

- Day 1-3 Nelson area
> Ainsworth Hot Springs
- Day 4 Three Valley Gap
> Three Valley Lake
Chateau

Highlights...

- > Locally guided tour of Greenwood
- > Enjoy unlimited access to the hot pools at Ainsworth Hot Springs overlooking Kootenay Lake
- > Tour the restored sternwheeler SS Moyie
- > Explore the ghost towns of Retallack and Three Forks with a local guide
- > Tour the century-old powerhouse, hear stories of "Headless Eric", Sandon's longtime ghost and tour the Sandon Museum
- > Visit Blaylock Mansion, one of the finest examples of Tudor architecture
- > Ride the restored Streetcar #23, built in 1906
- > Walking tour of Nelson's downtown heritage
- > Enjoy a barbecue dinner at the old saloon at Three Valley Gap
- > **12 meals included**

THANKSGIVING AT TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE **\$970** pp double **\$1150** single

October 10, 2015 — 5 days



Happy Thanksgiving! Join Wells Gray Tours for a relaxing 2 night stay on Quadra Island at the magnificent Tsa-kwa-luten Lodge. The lodge was built by the Kwagiutl people and its vast lobby resembles a traditional "Big House" with massive timbers, a soaring cathedral ceiling and huge windows overlooking Discovery Passage.

At a glance...

- Day 1 Nanaimo
> Best Western
Dorchester Hotel
- Day 2-3 Quadra Island
> Tsa-kwa-luten Lodge
- Day 4 Vancouver
> Blue Horizon Hotel

Highlights...

- > Free time for shopping and lunch at unique Coombs Market
- > 2 nights at the magnificent Tsa-kwa-luten Lodge with time to relax on your private balcony and view of the ocean
- > Tour of Quadra Island, and visit to the Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre
- > **9 meals included**

JASPER PARK LODGE SENIOR FALL GETAWAY from **\$1175** pp double **\$1435** single October 25, 2015 — 5 days **Second coach added!**



Celebrate beauty and friendship in the majesty of the Canadian Rockies. Each fall, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge invites seniors to head out to the mountains for fresh air, fall foliage, and lots of fun. Delicious food, classic entertainment and a multitude of activities make for a great getaway. With fitness programs, craft-making, lectures, walking tours and entertainment, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge program has it all! And you simply can't beat the value — a stay at the Lodge in summer with meals will cost over \$500 per night. This tour offers extraordinary savings and lets you experience this renowned lodge, with exceptional meals and experiences included, at a very attractive price. Combine this with a night at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, another icon of the Canadian Rockies, and the spectacular drive along the Icefields Parkway, and you have an unbeatable fall tour.

At a glance...

Day 1 Lake Louise
> Fairmont Chateau
Lake Louise
Day 2-4 Jasper
> Fairmont Jasper Park
Lodge

Highlights...

- > Enjoy the spectacular drive along the Icefields Parkway
- > All programming and activities at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge including hiking, yoga, lectures on history, nature, photography, wellness, soapstone carving or jewelry making.
- > Welcome reception followed by dinner in the elegant Beauvert Dining Room
- > **12 meals included**

Facebook Photo Contest

Every year, we plan incredible trips to show you the world. Now we want to see the world through your eyes. Send us your favourite shot from your Wells Gray Tours adventure and we'll enter it in our Facebook Photo Contest. You could win a \$300 Travel Voucher! Contest closes December 31, 2015.

What we're looking for: Pictures you've taken while travelling with Wells Gray Tours that show your exceptional experiences. Action photos, close-ups, destinations, people, places, nature or culture – give us your best shot!

How to enter: Submit your photo by email to kerrie@wellsgraytours.com. Include your name, names of people appearing in photo, date, location and tour. There is no limit on the number of entries per person.

How to win: Photos appear in the Wells Gray Tours Facebook page photo album titled "Photo Contest 2015". The picture with the most "Likes" will win – get your friends to "Like" your picture on Facebook!

* * You can only win once per year.

PRIZES

1st Place - \$300 Travel Voucher
2nd Place - \$100 Travel Voucher
3rd Place - \$50 Travel Voucher

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WEST COAST CRUISE & RAIL

from **\$2950** pp double; from **\$3670** single

September 26, 2015 — 12 days



Enjoy 3 nights on Holland America's MS *Oosterdam* before docking in San Francisco. A local guide takes us on a sightseeing tour around San Francisco. Our next adventure is the Sacramento River Dinner Train for a 28-mile ride along the river, through farmlands and across a long wooden trestle while enjoying a three-course dinner. We then board the renowned Napa Valley Wine Train for a three-hour journey served with a gourmet lunch. We also visit the California Railroad Museum and the Charles Schulz Museum. This tour also includes the Skunk Steam Train through the coastal redwoods. For the journey home we board an Amtrak train for a daylight excursion with terrific scenery as we climb over the Cascade Range.

ANTARCTICA, ARGENTINA & CHILE CRUISE

January 6, 2016 — 28 days

from **\$11,535** pp double; from **\$14,095** single



Wells Gray Tours offers a cruise to Antarctica about every 3 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, and perhaps the most memorable will be the three 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 will probably take a break from the bridge to explain his route finding skills. Other memorable experiences are elegant Buenos Aires, awesome Iguazu Falls, 2 miles wide and 260 feet high; charming Puerto Madryn, the bleak and isolated Falkland Islands, the thrill of rounding Cape Horn, legendary Strait of Magellan; Ushuaia, southernmost city in the world; and cruising in the Chilean Fjords, through Darwin Channel and past Amalia Glacier. After disembarking at Valparaiso, Chile, we drive through the Casablanca Valley to Santiago. This tour and cruise should be on everyone's Bucket List. It will also qualify you for two more continents on Wells Gray Tours' 7 Continents Certificate.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 30 DAYS from **\$9,850** pp double; from **\$11,785** single

January 25, 2016 — 30 days



Wells Gray Tours has never offered an Around the World experience before, but many people claim it is an important item on their Bucket Lists. This one-month tour combines air and a 17-day cruise. Dubai is also a Bucket List city for many and this tour stays 4 nights there prior to boarding the ship. The title of this tour "Around the World in 30 Days" is intended to be a play on Jules Verne's popular book, *Around the World in 80 Days*. Published in 1873, the novel is the story of Phileas Fogg who accepts a wager to make this journey and travels eastward by ships and trains. Upon his return to London, he thinks he has lost the wager by arriving late, then realizes that he crossed the Date Line and gained a day. This tour is 30 days long if you count crossing the Date Line during the flight from Beijing to Vancouver as a day. However, on the calendar it is 29 days, from January 25 to February 22, 2016. Roland and Anne Neave invite you to join them for this Around the World tour by cruise and air, the 4th Annual President's Cruise.

HAWAII CRUISE

April 26, 2016 — 20 days

from **\$4840** pp double; from **\$6450** single
discounts up to **\$100** pp



On this cruise you will enjoy many relaxing days at sea and 5 ports: This cruise features 10 days at sea and 7 days visiting 5 ports in the Hawaiian Islands plus a stop in Victoria. 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 Hawaii ports are Honolulu on Oahu (overnight), Hilo and Kona on Hawaii, Lahaina on Maui, and Nawiliwili on Kauai. On many cruises, shore excursions are a significant additional expense. On this cruise, 6 shore excursions are included — one each day at Honolulu and one at each of the other 4 ports.

PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

April 27, 2016 — 25 days

from **\$5900** pp double; from **\$7825** single
discounts up to **\$125** pp



A dream more than 400 years in the making, the Panama Canal opened in 1914 and this epic man-made marvel changed the world in the process. Sail between two mighty oceans from Ft. Lauderdale. A Panama Canal expert is on board to explain its history and technical operations as your ship passes through the locks. Ashore there is everything from Costa Rican rainforests to Old World cities like Cartagena that recall the Age of Exploration. You will enjoy 21 days on Holland America's *Amsterdam* and locally guided tours in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Guatemala.

YUKON & ALASKA

July 28, 2016 — 25 days

from **\$7465** pp double from **\$10,380** single
discounts up to **\$300** pp



Journey by coach along the famous Alaska Highway to the Yukon Territory. Admire the landscape and the wildlife of Canada's north, and keep an eye on the night sky for the Aurora Borealis. Board the White Pass & Yukon Railway for a thrilling journey through the rugged St. Elias Mountains from Skagway to Carcross, pan for gold on Bonanza Creek, enjoy an Alaskan Salmon Bake, and travel 53 miles into Denali National Park before boarding the *Noordam* for a 7-day Holland America cruise from Seward to Vancouver. This enormous natural paradise is a place where ancient traditions, untouched landscapes and incredible wildlife exist like nowhere else on earth.



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* 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.

GREENLAND & BAFFIN ISLAND CRUISE



August 3, 2016 — 14 Days from **\$13,360** pp double; **single cabins are waitlist only**

Join us for an Arctic Safari cruise on board *Ocean Endeavour*. This epic expedition begins by exploring Greenland's dramatic fjords and dynamic maritime communities. We will spend our days searching for every exploratory opportunity. In the winding fjords of Greenland, in the multitudinous islands of Nunavut, we will live and breathe the natural history of some of the planet's most striking features. We will search for the animal life that ekes out their hardy lives in hostile conditions and find striking beauty in the immense and indomitable north. Expedition staff are experts on the Arctic including geology, glaciation, history, and flora and fauna. There are frequent lectures, educational presentations, and interactive workshops. Evening entertainment is offered. There is a fully-stocked library for additional reading about our destinations. During many days, there are expeditions ashore or to nearby attractions, using the ship's 20 zodiacs. All meals are included in the Polaris Restaurant and there are also on-deck barbeques and afternoon tea.

PRE-CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S TOURS

AMERICAN THANKSGIVING IN SPOKANE

November 26 4 days

\$995 pp double \$1250 single



American Thanksgiving typically signals the start of the festive season, and our celebratory tour to Spokane is no different. The Davenport Hotel will be spectacularly decked out for Christmas, making an already stunning property even more special. There is a shopping opportunity on "Black Friday" at a Spokane mall. For those more interested in the charms of the region, this extra-long weekend features an historic tour of Davenport Hotel, dinner at the century-old Spokane Club, a cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene, a local city tour, Bing Crosby's childhood home, and sampling of tea, spice and oils at Spice Trader Mercantile. **Discounts up to \$50 pp**

LEAVENWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

December 1 4 days

\$875 pp double \$1090 single



The beauty of the Christmas season joins with a quaint Bavarian theme to create a magical experience in Leavenworth. Browse the shops, savour the pastries and enjoy the entertainment. All the buildings are decorated and adorned with lights, so in the evening the town seems like a fairyland setting. Note that we are scheduled to be in Leavenworth on a weekday when the town is not as crowded as on the famed Saturday light up days. This tour stays at the Enzian Inn, located across from Leavenworth's town square and is convenient to the shops. Highlights include a Christmas concert by Leavenworth's acclaimed harpist Bronn Journey and a performance of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*.

CHRISTMAS AT HARRISON & VANCOUVER

December 21 6 days

\$1520 pp double \$1850 single



This tour stays two nights at Harrison Hot Springs Resort with time to take in the healing hot springs and spa. We dine in the lovely Copper Room featuring a three-course menu, followed by entertainment and dancing with Patsy B. and the Lefties. We then head to Vancouver and stay 3 nights at the Fairmont Waterfront, one of Vancouver's most luxurious downtown hotels. The hotel has 489 rooms and all our Christmas rooms have a view of the harbour and north shore mountains. Activities on this tour include: A tour of UBC Dairy Farm, *A Christmas Story* at Stanley Theatre, *The Wizard of Oz* at Gateway Theatre, the Vancouver Aquarium, *Fly Over Canada* multi-media show and *Peter and the Starcatcher* at West First Theatre. Come and enjoy Christmas 2015! **Discounts up to \$80 pp**

OREGON COAST & PORTLAND AT CHRISTMAS

December 21 7 days

\$1860 pp double \$2330 single



Before Christmas, you stay two nights at the splendid Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Portland. As with all Embassy Suites, there is a nightly cocktail reception for two hours and a generous cooked-to-order breakfast included. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, you stay at Elizabeth Street Inn in Newport, located directly beside the beach with a fabulous view of the ocean from every room. A hot salmon chowder appetizer is served at 5 pm, fresh baked cookies each evening, and full hot breakfast each morning. Amenities include an indoor pool and spa. Activities on this tour include: the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, *The Miracle Worker* at Repertory Theatre, *The Nutcracker* with Oregon Ballet, Evergreen Aviation Museum & Spruce Goose, *My Fair Lady* at Village Theatre, and a two-hour sea-life cruise around Yaquina Bay. **Discounts up to \$100 pp**

CHRISTMAS AT VICTORIA HARBOURSIDE HOTEL

December 23 6 days

\$1545 pp double \$1830 single



Christmas in Victoria is an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours. This is the first year that we have stayed at the Coast Harbourside Hotel, but our groups have enjoyed Christmas Dinner there for several years. We have booked premium rooms which have a view of the harbour. The hotel has a fine location close to the Inner Harbour and Legislative Buildings. Highlights for 2015 include a Christmas Eve reception with entertainment by the Linden Singers, the Christmas Lights Festival at Butchart Gardens, dinner theatre at Oak Bay Beach Hotel, and *The Wizard of Oz* at Gateway Theatre. Some wonderful meals are planned including Christmas Brunch and Dinner at the hotel, and Boxing Day afternoon tea at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse.

CHRISTMAS AT CHATEAU VICTORIA

December 23 6 days

\$1595 pp double \$1895 single



We have stayed at Chateau Victoria for many years and our guests love the Christmas décor and spirit. All rooms are one-bedroom suites. The hotel has a fine location near the corner of Burdett and Douglas, close to the Inner Harbour and Legislative Buildings. Highlights for Christmas 2015 include a reception with entertainment by the Victoria Operatic Society, the Christmas Lights Festival at Butchart Gardens, dinner theatre at Oak Bay Beach Hotel, and *The Wizard of Oz* at Gateway Theatre. Some wonderful meals are planned including Christmas Dinner at the Coast Harbourside Hotel, Christmas Brunch at Vista 18 atop the Chateau, and Boxing Day afternoon tea at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse.

NEW YEAR'S IN VANCOUVER

December 31 3 days

\$720 pp double \$855 single



Start the New Year right with two shows. Our accommodation for two nights is at the Fairmont Waterfront, one of Vancouver's most luxurious downtown hotels. On this tour we visit Fly Over Canada for a breathtaking coast to coast aerial journey through the latest in virtual flight ride technology. The first show we see is *The Wizard of Oz* — Click your heels together and follow Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tinman, and the Cowardly Lion down the yellow brick road through the magical land of Oz. The second show, *Salute to Vienna*, has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. For over 60 years, the Vienna Philharmonic's "Neujahrskonzert" broadcast has thrilled 1.2 billion people annually around the globe — a joyous celebration of the musical legacy of Johann Strauss Jr. In 1995, concert producers, Attila and Marion Glatz, presented their first *Salute to Vienna* in Toronto and it was modelled carefully after the original. Now, 20 years later, the show has become a New Year's tradition in North America featuring glorious music performed by the Vancouver Symphony with an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers and dancers. **Discounts up to \$20 pp**

2015 NORTH AMERICAN DESTINATIONS

SAN JUAN ISLANDS CRUISE

September 8, 2015 — 5 days

\$1525 pp double \$1850 single



The 60-foot long *Viking Star* has comfortable interior seating for 30 passengers. She is equipped with two restrooms and galley, and the bridge is fully-equipped with all the latest navigation instruments. The size of the *Viking Star* is an advantage because she can cruise through many narrow channels that are impassable to larger ships. The San Juan Islands are an archipelago of 172 islands. Explored in 1791 by the Spanish expedition of Francisco de Eliza, these islands are rich with history, and the captain tells entertaining tales of discovery, smuggling and war. We cruise past Burrows Island lighthouse, as well as points of interest with names like Iceberg Point, Deadman's Island, and Cattle Pass.

At a glance...

Day 1	Bellingham > Silver Reef Hotel & Casino
Day 2-3	Friday Harbor > Earthbox Inn and Spa
Day 4	Bellingham > Silver Reef Hotel & Casino

Highlights...

- > 3 days of cruising on the *Viking Star* in the sheltered waters of the 172 San Juan Islands
- > Stop at historic Roche Harbor with guided tour
- > Old fashioned Cracked Crab Feast lunch
- > Visit the famous Rosario Estate on Orcas Island and meet Christopher Peacock, accomplished musician and author
- > Visit unique horseshoe-shaped Sucia Island State Park, and enjoy a picnic lunch
- > **10 meals included**

**Exciting new itinerary!
Experience Oregon
Coast from Gold
Beach to Newport**

OREGON COAST EXPLORER
September 14, 2015 — 9 days

\$1880 pp double **\$2425** single
discounts up to **\$50** pp



Oregon's nearly 400 miles of pristine, public coastline is made up of diverse terrain that changes from rugged cliffs to lush evergreen forests to Sahara-like dunes and boundless sandy beaches. From Brookings on the southern tip to Lincoln City in the north, join Wells Gray Tours as we follow the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, US Highway 101, past a smorgasbord of one-of-a-kind attractions. The scores of quaint towns have a penchant for serving up legendary seafood, historic lighthouses, breathtaking viewpoints, stunning state parks, a cornucopia of galleries and museums, and a world class aquarium. This tour experiences many of the recreational opportunities and attractions that make the area unique. Wonder at the giant redwoods and spend hours idly beachcombing. Explore an aquarium, then savour dinner among the sea creatures. Taste the treasures of the region, such as world famous cheese, cranberries, and seafood. Get up close and personal with sea lions and fishermen. Yell out loud as you cruise the sands in a dune buggy. Get ready for the Oregon Coast!

At a glance...

- Day 1 Renton, WA
> Quality Inn
- Day 2 Canyonville, OR
> Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino
- Day 3-4 Gold Beach, OR
> Gold Beach Resort
- Day 5 Florence
> Driftwood Shores Resort
- Day 6-7 Newport, OR
> Elizabeth Street Inn
- Day 8 Lynnwood, WA
> Embassy Suites Hotel

Highlights...

- > Stop and learn the history and preservation of the Redwoods National Forest
- > Enjoy a scenic five-hour jetboat cruise up the Rogue River
- > Learn from an expert fisherman about his trade and life on the sea
- > Exciting adventure on the Giant Dune Buggy Tour at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area
- > Tour Yaquina Head Lighthouse
- > Board the MV Discovery for a two-hour sea-life cruise around Yaquina Bay
- > See Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose at Evergreen Aviation Museum
- > **15 meals included**



ACTIVITY LEVELS



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YELLOWSTONE & CANYONLANDS

October 6, 2015 — 14 days

\$2935 pp double **\$3895** single



From the erupting geysers of Yellowstone to the soaring peaks of the Grand Tetons, from the depths of the Colorado River canyons to the extraordinary natural bridges of Arches Park, this tour has an amazing variety of natural wonders. The fall foliage, the brilliant red and orange rocks of southeast Utah, and the multitude of hues around the geyser basins all combine to create this kaleidoscope of colour. We visit six famous national parks: Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Dinosaur, Colorado, Arches, and Canyonlands. Later in the tour, a contrast from the natural attractions is found in Salt Lake City, the museums of Temple Square, and the splendid music of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

At a glance...

- Day 1 Spokane, WA
 - > Red Lion Hotel
- Day 2 Butte, MT
 - > Best Western Butte Plaza Inn
- Day 3-4 West Yellowstone, MT
 - > Yellowstone Park Hotel
- Day 5 Jackson, WY
 - > Lexington Inn
- Day 6 Rock Springs, WY
 - > Best Western Outlaw Inn
- Day 7 Grand Junction, CO
 - > Grand Vista Hotel
- Day 8-9 Moab, UT
 - > Best Western Canyonlands Inn
- Day 10-11 Salt Lake City, UT
 - > Crystal Inn
- Day 12 Boise, ID
 - > Red Lion Hotel
- Day 13 Pasco, WA
 - > Red Lion Hotel

Highlights...

- > See the extensive gold and silver mines in the quaint town of Wallace and Cataldo Mission, Idaho's oldest building
- > Enjoy lunch at exquisite Old Faithful Inn, one of the largest log buildings in the country
- > Visit the Norris Geyser Basin, Mammoth Hot Springs, mighty Yellowstone Falls, and Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone
- > Take yourself back in time at the Dinosaur National Monument where the fossil bones of 14 species of dinosaurs have been unearthed
- > Admire the red rocks of Colorado National Monument with a picnic lunch at a viewpoint
- > Watch the spectacular multi-media show on a boat called Canyonlands by Night
- > Tour Arches National Park, featuring the world's finest collection of natural rock arches
- > Hop on a Jetboat for a tour of Colorado River canyons
- > Locally guided tour of Salt Lake City, and the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir of over 360 members
- > Visit the inspiring Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
- > **25 meals included**

COMING SOON!

West Edmonton Mall - November 2, 2015
India – Big 5 Jungle Safari - February 2016
Paris, Berlin, Prague, Budapest - May 3, 2016
Coast to Coast by Train - June 5, 2016
Ethiopia - October 2016
Churchill Polar Bears - November 2016

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

2015 & 2016 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS



MACHU PICCHU, CUZCO & LAKE TITICACA **\$8225** pp double **\$9515** single November 1, 2015 — 20 days



This exciting tour begins in Peru where we explore Lima, the modern capital, and Cuzco, the capital of the 12th century Inca Empire. We enjoy a flight over the mysterious Nazca Lines, visible only from the air. Next is an awesome train excursion through the rugged Andes to the ruins of Machu Picchu. This archeological wonder majestically crowns a 9000-foot high ridge and was hidden from the world until its rediscovery in 1911. We also head into Bolivia where we will visit the Uros Floating Islands, man-made islands of reeds on Lake Titicaca and spend 2 days in La Paz. La Paz is known as the city that touches the clouds, sitting between 3300 and 4100 metres above sea level, making it the highest capital city in the world.

At a glance...

Day 1	Richmond, BC > Fairmont YVR
Day 2	Flight to Lima, Peru
Day 3	Lima > Hotel La Hacienda
Day 4	Paracas > San Agustin Resort
Day 5	Nazca > Hotel Majoro
Day 6-7	Lima > La Hacienda
Day 8-9	Ollantaytambo > Casa Andina
Day 10	Aguas Calientes > Hotel El Mapi
Day 11	Ollantaytambo > Casa Andina
Day 12-13	Cuzco > Eco Inn
Day 14-15	Puno > Casa Andina
Day 16	Copacabana > Hotel Rosario
Day 17-18	La Paz > Radisson Plaza Hotel
Day 19	Fly from La Paz to Vancouver

Highlights...

- > Cruise to the spectacular Ballestas Islands to view sea lions and more than 150 species of sea birds
- > Visit Pachacamac archeological site
- > Thrilling flight over the mysterious Nazca Lines
- > Tour the Larco Museum and the San Francisco Monastery
- > Sightseeing tour of Lima
- > Shop at the Pisac Market, famous for weavings and crafts
- > Explore the ruins of Ollantaytambo Fortress
- > Board the train for a 1½ hour journey to Machu Picchu
- > Guided tour of Machu Picchu the "Lost City of the Incas"
- > Leisure time for a nature walk, a soak in the hot springs, or browsing the market in Aguas Calientes
- > Walking tour featuring the Temple of the Sun
- > Driving tour to Sacsayhuaman, an incredible Inca structure
- > Stops at Q'Enko, and Inca Rock Worship site; Puca Pucara, and Tambomachay
- > Visit the La Vicunita Factory where alpaca and llama sweaters can be purchased
- > Enjoy a Folklore show in Cuzco
- > Board motorboats to the legendary Isla del Sol
- > Boat excursion to renowned Uros Floating Islands
- > Visit the Sillustani ruins on the shores of Lago Umayo
- > Visit Pilkokaina Inca Palace and the ruins of Tiahuanaco
- > Tour of La Paz including the Witches Market, the colonial Church of San Francisco, the craft shops on Sagarnaga Street, and Murillo Square
- > **49 meals included**



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GUATEMALA WINTER GET-AWAY

January 26, 2016 — 19 days

\$6150 pp double **\$7295** single
discounts up to **\$150** pp



Sharing a border and cultural connections to the magical Mayan world, Guatemala and Belize are world-renowned biodiversity hotspots. Colourful markets, smoking volcanoes, an impressive colonial history, mysterious traditions, and warm hospitality describe the Guatemalan highlands and the discoveries you can enjoy during this tour. You will have the opportunity to experience the dramatic environments each country is known for while learning cultural traditions from the people whose lives unfold there. This is a unique journey for the culturally adventurous with numerous highlights! Come and admire the natural and historic wonders of Guatemala with a sample of Belize, and get away from a Canadian winter for 2½ relaxing weeks.

At a glance...

- Day 1 Richmond, BC
> Fairmont YVR
- Day 2-3 Guatemala City
> Barcelo Hotel
- Day 4-6 Lake Atitlán
> Porta Hotel del Lago
- Day 7 Quetzaltenango
> Pensión Bonifaz Hotel
- Day 8-10 Antigua
> Porta Hotel in Antigua
- Day 11 Copán
> Marina Copán Hotel
- Day 12 Rio Dulce
> Catamarán Island Hotel
- Day 13-15 Flores
> Camino Real Tikal Hotel
- Day 16-17 Belize City
> Radisson Fort George
- Day 18 Richmond, BC
> Fairmont YVR

Highlights...

- > Sightseeing tour of Guatemala City with a local guide
- > Visit the Popol Vuh Museum and Ixchel Museum of Mayan Costumes
- > Shop at the Sololá Market, an authentic indigenous market
- > Enjoy a boat cruise across Lake Atitlán to the picturesque Indian village of Santiago Atitlán
- > Cultural walking tour of San Antonio Palopó
- > Enjoy market day in Chichicastenango, one of the most colourful and picturesque open-air markets in Guatemala
- > Witness the captivating religious ceremonies held at the 400-year old Church of Santo Tomás
- > Walk through the sprawling Iximché Archaeological Site, the first Spanish capital, established in 1524
- > Tour to Pacaya Volcano, one of Guatemala's active volcanoes
- > Learn about all of the historical wonders of Antigua
- > Explore and marvel at the beautiful Mayan stelae, and majestic temples at the archaeological site of Copán
- > Boat excursion on the Rio Dulce the largest river in Guatemala, and experience the abundant wildlife and birdlife
- > Tour the Tikal National Park with an expert guide and visit the Great Pyramid and Temple IV, the highest of the Mayan Pyramids
- > Locally guided tour of Belize City
- > Leisure time to enjoy the Caribbean beaches
- > **51 meals included**

WAIT LIST ONLY!

MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND

August 27, 2015 — 24 days

\$6095 pp double **\$7695** single



NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY

October 12, 2015 — 11 days

\$3180 pp double **\$3945** single





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BRANSON

October 14, 2015 — 10 days



\$3375 pp double **\$3950** single



Branson began its transformation into a major tourist attraction in 1983 when the Roy Clark Celebrity Theatre opened and began to bring famous country music stars to Branson. During the next ten years, performers such as Box Car Willie, Andy Williams, Shoji Tabuchi, and Glen Campbell built their own theatres. The television series *60 Minutes* aired an episode in 1991 which declared that Branson was the "music capital of the entire universe", much to Nashville's chagrin. Currently there are 40 theatres operating in Branson and it has more theatre seats than Broadway or Las Vegas. It has been named the #1 U.S. destination for groups for the past five years and entertains more than six million visitors annually, but has a year-round population of only 11,000. Branson's title today is the "live music show capital of the world."

On this fun-packed tour you will enjoy a locally-guided sightseeing tour of Branson area with College of the Ozarks, a lunch cruise and show on the Showboat *Branson Belle*, explore the Titanic Exhibit, attend the Dixie Stampede, and see 15 musical shows. You will hear the *Rankin Brothers*: voted Best Show in 2009 and 2010, the *Jonah* show at Sight & Sound Theatre, *The Letterman Show*, *Million Dollar Quartet*, *Down Home Country Show*, *Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies*, *The Duttons*, *Brett Family Show*, *Acrobats of China*, *Billy Dean*, *George Dyer*, *Pierce Arrow*, and the *Oakridge Boys*. There is something for everyone on this tour and there is not one area in the United States that can beat the hospitality and friendliness that is shown throughout the beautiful Ozarks.

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