

# YELLOWSTONE & CANYONLANDS

October 5, 2015 - 15 Days



a world to experience



## Fares Per Person:

**\$3450** double/twin

**\$4495** single

**\$3155** triple

Tour is exempt from GST.



>**Early Bookers:** \$160 discount on first 15 seats; \$80 on next 10

>**TIC Travel Insurance:** Plan 3-Comprehensive  
\$328 double/twin, \$427 single, \$300 triple

**Redeem Experience Points:** Book by **August 5** and redeem up to **71 e-points**

## Includes

- Return flight Victoria to Kelowna with transfers
- Coach transportation for 14 days
- 14 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Cataldo Mission
- Grizzly Discovery Center
- Yellowstone Imax Theatre
- Yellowstone National Park fee
- Tour of Yellowstone National Park
- Grand Tetons National Park fee
- Dinosaur National Monument fee
- Museum of the West
- Colorado National Monument fee
- Arches and Canyonlands National Park fees
- Canyonlands by Night boat excursion
- Jetboat tour of Colorado River canyons
- Locally-guided tour of Salt Lake City
- Mormon Tabernacle Choir
- Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **25 meals:** 13 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 4 dinners

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## A Kaleidoscope of Colour

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.

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**Activity Level:** To fully enjoy all the sights on this itinerary, you must be capable of moderate activity including walking up to ¼ mile on paved or gravel trails and boardwalks with some steps. Some stops in Yellowstone and Grand Tetons are at an elevation of over 6,000 feet. There is no white water during the two boat trips. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 2, Wells Gray recommends that you bring a companion to assist you, as you cannot expect ongoing assistance from tour director, driver or fellow travellers.

## Itinerary

### Monday, October 5:

A transfer is provided to the airport. We fly from Victoria to Kelowna and stay overnight at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel.

### Tuesday, October 6: *Meals: L*

We meet the Interior passengers, then travel Hwy #33 to Rock Creek. Lunch is in Greenwood, then we cross the border near Grand Forks. We overnight in **Spokane** at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park, located by the Spokane River and Riverfront Park.

### Wednesday, October 7: *Meals: B,L,D*

During the short drive across the panhandle of Idaho, we see its extensive gold and silver mines, the quaint town of Wallace and **Cataldo Mission**, Idaho's oldest building. After entering Montana, we follow the Clark Fork River through Missoula and stay overnight in **Butte** at the Best Western Butte Plaza Inn. A get-acquainted dinner is included along with a film about Our Lady of the Rockies statue on a nearby mountaintop.

### Thursday, October 8: *Meals: B*

Butte is nicknamed "richest hill on earth" for its vast mine workings. We drive through the historic district and see the abandoned Berkley Open Pit. Then we continue over the **Continental Divide** and follow the Madison River to **West Yellowstone**. We stay two nights at the Yellowstone Park Hotel.

### Friday, October 9: *Meals: B,L*

Our sightseeing drive around **Yellowstone Park**, the United States' oldest national park, stops first at famous **Old Faithful Geyser** which erupts about every hour. Lunch is included at exquisite Old Faithful Inn, one of the largest log buildings in the country and noted for its vast lobby with an 80-foot ceiling. This afternoon we visit Norris Geyser Basin, **Mammoth Hot Springs**, mighty Yellowstone Falls, and Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

### Saturday, October 10: *Meals: B,L*

We stop at West Thumb Geyser Basin and walk the shore of huge Yellowstone Lake. Soon we enter **Grand Teton National Park** and drive along the base of the towering Grand Teton Range where peaks soar to nearly 14,000 feet. Numerous films have been shot in Jackson Hole and one of the popular locations is the Oxbow Bend of the Snake River. In **Jackson**, there is free time during the afternoon to explore the quaint shops and galleries around the Town Square. Our overnight accommodation is at the Lexington Inn.

### Sunday, October 11: *Meals: B*

We continue through the "Grand Canyon" of the Snake River, then south across Wyoming to **Rock Springs**. The night stop is at the Best Western Outlaw Inn.

### Monday, October 12: *Meals: B,L,D*

Happy Canadian Thanksgiving! After visiting 500-foot high Flaming Gorge Dam on the Green River, we enter Utah. Our next park is **Dinosaur National Monument** where the fossil bones of 14 species of dinosaurs have been unearthed. We stay overnight in **Grand Junction**, Colorado, at the Grand Vista Hotel. A traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner is included.

### Tuesday, October 13: *Meals: B,L,D*

The morning is devoted to Grand Junction's Museum of the West and a wonderful downtown art display called Art on the Corner. Then we admire the red rocks of **Colorado National Monument** with a picnic lunch at a viewpoint. Back in Utah, we follow a country road along the Colorado River with red cliffs towering above. Our accommodation for two nights is in **Moab** at Best Western Canyonlands Inn. Dinner is included beside the Colorado River, then we enjoy a unique experience — a spectacular multi-media show called **Canyonlands by Night**. The audience is seated in a large boat cruising slowly up the Colorado, the stage is the night sky above illuminated 500-foot high canyon walls, and the script includes Indian legends, Moab pioneers and geological wonders.

**Wednesday, October 14:***Meals: B*

During the morning, in **Arches National Park**, we marvel at the world's finest collection of natural rock arches. Stops include fantastic monoliths such as Double Arch, "Parade of Elephants", Balancing Rock, and Park Avenue. In the afternoon, we board jetboats to explore the labyrinth of canyons and mesas in **Canyonlands National Park**. The three-hour cruise downstream from Moab visits some of the Colorado River's awe-inspiring gorges with rock walls that rise 2,200 feet from the river (there is no white water). The trip includes a short walk into a petrified forest, a fossilized sea bed, and views of arches and petroglyphs.

**Thursday, October 15:***Meals: B*

We journey through the Wasatch Mountains and fertile Provo Valley, and arrive in **Salt Lake City**. We stay two nights at the Crystal Inn, located a few blocks from historic Temple Square. Tonight, we attend the weekly rehearsal of the world-famous **Mormon Tabernacle Choir** in the ornate Tabernacle on Temple Square. The choir has 360 members and is accompanied by the Tabernacle organ with 11,600 pipes.

**Friday, October 16:***Meals: B*

A morning tour with a local guide goes to Salt Lake's most noted sights such as Beehive House, the State Capitol and This is the Place Monument. The afternoon is free time to visit the museums in **Temple Square**, browse the shops in the newly-opened City Creek Center, or research your roots in the world's largest family history library. Transfers are provided from the Crystal Inn.

**Saturday, October 17:***Meals: B,L*

Leaving Salt Lake, we head northwest on Interstate 84 into Idaho. There is an impressive view of the **Snake River Canyon** from lofty Perrine Bridge. We stay overnight in **Boise**, the capital of Idaho, at the Red Lion Hotel.

**Sunday, October 18:***Meals: B,L,D*

At Baker City in eastern Oregon, we visit the inspiring **Oregon Trail Interpretive Centre** which commemorates the migration of thousands of settlers to the American west during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Our last night is at the Red Lion Hotel in **Pasco**. A farewell dinner is a chance to reminisce with fellow travellers about all the natural wonders we have experienced in Yellowstone Park and the Canyonlands.

**Monday, October 19:***Meals: B*

On our last day, we drive north through the Columbia Basin. After shopping at the Duty Free Store, we cross the border at Osoyoos then go to Kelowna Airport for our evening flight home to Victoria. A transfer is provided to your pickup point.

**Tour Policies**

**Payments:** A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 5, 2015.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$160 discount on first 15 seats and \$80 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 5.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to August 5, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From August 6 to September 1, the cancellation charge is 30% of the tour fare. From September 2 to September 22, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After September 22, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to taxes or exchange rates and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes until departure.

**TIC Insurance:** In addition to Plan 3-Comprehensive, plans are available for Trip Cancellation & Interruption only and Extended Medical Coverage only. Policies can be purchased no later than at final payment.

**Home pickups and dropoffs** may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and the size of the chartered vehicle. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

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**e-points:** This tour earns 71 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. 1 e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 5.

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