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# The Experience Quarterly

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## GREETINGS FRIENDS

Ah, spring! This season brings increasing daylight, warming temperatures and the rebirth of flora and fauna. It's also a time for new tours — keep reading and you're sure to find your next escape!

### 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](http://www.wellsgraytours.com) and click "Receive Tour & News Updates".

### 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 runs June 1 to December 31, 2017.

**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](mailto:kerrie@wellsgraytours.com). Include your name, names of people appearing in photo, date, destination 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 2017". 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

Visit our Facebook page or our website for official contest rules & deadlines.

## 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](http://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

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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 (In the Kirk Hall)  
680 Courtenay St. Victoria**

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



**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 2018!**

**Arizona - January**

**Costa Rica - January 12**

**Belize Winter Getaway - February**

**Trans-Atlantic Cruise to Spain on *Norwegian Epic* - April 5**

**Columbia River on *American Empress* - May**

**Natural Wonders of Iceland - June 2**

**Around the World in 23 days (Featuring the Trans Siberian Railway) - July**

***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.**

## EXOTIC GETAWAYS

### SCOTLAND & NORTHERN ENGLAND

August 19, 2017 — 21 days

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

**16 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.

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### SOUTH AFRICA

September 14, 2017 — 19 days

**\$8805** pp double **\$10,145** single

**10 Seats left!**



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.

**tour**  
a more intimate travel experience

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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**

## EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AT HOME - DISCOVER BRITISH COLUMBIA

### BARKERVILLE & WELLS GRAY PARK

July 15, 2017 — 6 days

**\$1295** pp double **\$1615** single  
discounts up to \$35 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Roland's book is provided as a souvenir of your visit. Barkerville celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> 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  
9 Seats left!



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.

### AUTUMN IN THE OKANAGAN

September 15, 2017 — 6 days

**\$1640** pp double **\$2095** single  
discounts up to \$90 pp



The Okanagan is ripe with surprises. The sunshine and the heat of the Okanagan Valley make it a prime growing area in British Columbia. Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy the colourful fall foliage and the harvest season for fruits, grapes, and vegetables. Some highlights are the historic O'Keefe Ranch, an orchard tour, the Kettle Valley Steam Train, the SS Sicamous sternwheeler, the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre, and an afternoon touring Osoyoos wineries. Two delightful waterfront hotels are offered — Eldorado Hotel on Okanagan Lake and Watermark Beach Resort on Osoyoos Lake. This is a great time to visit the Okanagan after the summer crowds have gone home.

## TYAX RESORT

September 25, 2017 — 6 days

**\$1495** pp double **\$1950** single  
discounts up to \$40 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.

## KOOTENAYS GHOST TOWNS & HOT SPRINGS

September 30, 2017 — 6 days

**\$1670** pp double **\$1995** single  
discounts up to \$30 pp



In the boom and bust economies of British Columbia's last 160 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 such as Retallack and Sandon, as well as a created one at Three Valley Gap, and historic towns like Revelstoke, Kaslo, Nelson, and Greenwood. We visit the gardens at Blaylock, the Kootenays' grandest mansion. Unique experiences include a ride on Nelson's heritage Streetcar #23, lunch with a Nelson historian, an overnight at 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 2 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!

## CANADIAN GETAWAYS

### SUMMER THEATRE IN ALBERTA

July 17, 2017 — 7 days

**\$2060** pp double **\$2565** single  
2 Seats left!



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 Spiffire 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.

### STIKINE & STEWART

August 5, 2017 — 14 days

**\$3875** pp double **\$4740** single  
7 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!



## LABRADOR & WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

August 11, 2017 — 16 days

**\$6195** pp double **\$7150** single  
discounts up to \$150 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.

## COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES

September 12, 2017 — 8 days

**\$2175** pp double **\$2705** single  
17 Seats left!



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.

## JASPER PARK LODGE SENIOR FALL GETAWAY

October 9, 2017 — 6 days

**\$1420** pp double **\$1695** single  
discounts up to \$80 pp



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 costs 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 Sun Peaks Resort going to Jasper and South Thompson Guest Ranch returning, both near Kamloops, and you have an unbeatable fall tour.

## 2017 NORTH AMERICAN DESTINATIONS

### BLACK HILLS & YELLOWSTONE

September 26, 2017 — 15 days

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

**9 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.

### THANKSGIVING ON THE OREGON COAST

October 5, 2017 — 9 days

**\$2330** pp double **\$2910** single

**discounts up to \$120 pp**



Oregon's nearly 550 km 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. Join Wells Gray Tours as we follow the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, US Highway 101, past a smorgasbord of one-of-a-kind attractions between Coos Bay and Lincoln City. The 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. Stroll the beaches and do some beachcombing. Wonder at the unique myrtlewood crafts. Explore an aquarium, then savour dinner among the sea creatures. Taste the treasures of the region, such as renowned cheese, cranberries, and seafood. Get up close and personal with a myriad of marine creatures. Yell out loud as you cruise the sands in a dune buggy. Watch the waves crashing into the narrow slot of Devil's Churn. Get ready for the Oregon Coast!

### BRANSON - *See 13 Musical Shows!*

October 24, 2017 — 10 days

**\$3845** pp double **\$4395** single

**discounts up to \$100 pp**



The entertainment in Branson, Missouri is non-stop, filled with music, laughter and legends of the stage. Bring your sense of fun and excitement to experience 13 musical shows including **Daniel O'Donnell's** annual performance in Branson. Other shows include: **Presley's Country Jubilee, George Dyer, The Dutton Family Show, #1 Hits of the Sixties Show, Puttin' on the Ritz Show, Down Home Country Show, Million Dollar Quartet, Showboat Branson Belle, Pierce Arrow, Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies, Texas Tenors**, and the **Oakridge Boys**. Branson had its modest beginning in 1882 when Reuben Branson opened a general store and post office in the area. The first tourist attraction opened in 1894 when William Lynch bought Marble Cave, renamed it Marvel Cave, and began charging for tours. 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. 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."

## VIVA LAS VEGAS!

November 8, 2017 — 5 days

**\$2050** pp double **\$2450** single  
discounts up to \$50 pp



Las Vegas is an internationally renowned resort city known primarily for its gambling, shopping, fine dining, entertainment, and nightlife. It bills itself as "The Entertainment Capital of the World" and is famous for its mega casino-hotels and grandiose shows including seven Cirque du Soleil productions and headliner stage shows. Las Vegas traces its roots to 1905, but 1931 was the pivotal year when Nevada legalized casino gambling and construction started on the nearby Hoover Dam. Today, Las Vegas annually ranks as one of the world's most visited tourist destinations. We stay at the MGM Mirage, one of the outstanding hotels on the famous Las Vegas Strip. It offers 14 restaurants, cafés and delis, two gigantic free-form pools with waterfalls, lavish entertainment, spa, shopping centre, and a casino with lots of games. Something for every interest during your leisure time! There is so much to do in Las Vegas that it is hard to plan a day that satisfies everybody's interests. Some are content to visit casinos —nearby are Caesars Palace, Bellagio, Flamingo, Harrah's, and Treasure Island. Some enjoy the museums, some relax in a spa or pool, and others attend as many shows as possible. This tour offers some included activities, but there is lots of free time to do as you wish.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST GETAWAY

November 22, 2017 — 6 days

**\$1755** pp double **\$2275** single  
discounts up to \$100 pp



Join us for a fun filled fall getaway! We escape to the Shores of Washington State's most beautiful coastlines and spend our first night at the Best Western Ocean Shores. From here we head south down to Astoria. Climb the stairs at the Astoria Column which stands 600 feet above sea level and unleashes an unrivaled view of Young's Bay, the Coast Range, and the mighty Columbia River. We also enjoy a delicious lunch at the Wet Dog Brewery, Astoria's oldest brewery. We celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday at the Embassy Suites Hotel, located in downtown Portland right near the Portland Saturday Market and central to shopping and attractions. It is a lovely historic property with evening cocktail receptions and daily cooked to order breakfast. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner is included at the hotel. Although there are plenty of opportunities to shop, the hotel's location allows us to enjoy a weekend full of holiday celebration including Macy's Thanksgiving Parade and the multitude of vendors at the wonderful Saturday Market. We enjoy an afternoon on board the *Portland Spirit* for toe-tapping live entertainment, delicious Northwest cuisine, & amazing views. Two shows are included on this tour: *The Humans* at Artists Repertory Theatre and *Newsies* at Village Theatre and there is an option to ride the Portland Aerial Tram which travels 3,300 linear feet from South Waterfront to Marquam Hill.

## LEAVENWORTH LIGHTING

December 5, 2017 — 4 days

**\$1030** pp double **\$1275** single  
discounts up to \$60 pp



The beauty of the Christmas season joins with the 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 nights. This tour stays 2 nights at the Enzian Inn, located across from Leavenworth's town square and is convenient to the shops. A sure highlight is the Christmas concert by Leavenworth's acclaimed harpist Bronn Journey. There is an option for Red Tail Canyon Farm sleigh ride or to visit Aplets & Cotlets. We then head to Lynnwood for an overnight at the beautiful Embassy Suites. An afternoon at the Future of Flight Museum or an afternoon of shopping at Alderwood Mall and a performance of *Elf* at the Paramount Theatre are included. On the way home we stop at Bellis Fair Mall and the Duty-Free Store.

## EXCITING 2017 & 2018 CRUISES

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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.



### HAWAII CRUISE

October 2, 2017 — 15 days

from **\$5075** pp double; from **\$7050** 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.



### DANUBE RIVER CRUISE

August 3, 2018 — 19 days

Hot Off The Press!

from **\$9795** pp double; from **\$10,520** single  
**discounts up to \$250 pp**



Many of Europe's major capital cities are along the Danube River, a testament to its importance in the history of civilization in this area. Our Avalon Waterways cruise takes in a very scenic portion from Bucharest in Romania to Budapest in Hungary with eight relaxed days to enjoy the vistas from the river. A highlight is the Iron Gates gorge. Award-winning land programs help you experience each destination, with guided sightseeing in every port (complete with headsets), engaging port lectures, VIP access into key destinations, no waiting in lines, and great cultural immersion and storytelling thanks to skilled cruise directors and guides. This is the 4th river cruise that Wells Gray has offered with Avalon.

**Book by June 6, 2017 and receive an additional \$600 discount!**



**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 \$150 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.

**\* 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.**

**NEW ZEALAND PRESIDENT'S CRUISE**

**January 12, 2018 — 25 days**



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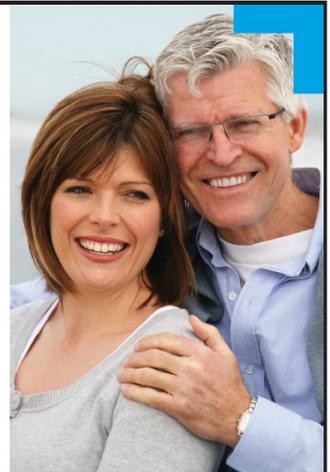
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