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## Please join us for a Celebration!

It is hard to believe it has been 5 years since our office opened here in Victoria. We are so proud to be part of the community and extremely pleased that you have placed your trust in us for your travel needs. We look forward to a long and happy relationship full of travel adventures.

We would like to thank for your business and invite you to:

### 5th Anniversary Customer Appreciation Tea

Tuesday, May 5

James Bay United Church, 511 Michigan St. (corner of Michigan and Menzies)

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Please be our guest to reconnect with fellow travellers and enjoy refreshments. It is our small way of saying "Thank You" for your business. Please RSVP so that we can anticipate attendance. Enjoy the blossoming of spring and the warmth of the sun!

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**The Wells Gray Team**

## 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 email address, so call your local office today or visit us online at [www.wellsgraytours.com](http://www.wellsgraytours.com) and click "Receive Tour & News Updates".

## OFFICE HOURS

Victoria 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 charged where applicable.
- Single and triple fares are available on most tours.
- Consumer Protection BC License: 65842



Cover photo: Peruvian women traditional weaving, Machu Picchu, Cuzco & Lake Titicaca, itinerary enclosed.

## THEATRE AT CHEMAINUS



### ***THE MOUSETRAP***

**May 6**

**1 day**

**\$130 pp**

Who will escape Monkswell Manor? A snow storm traps curious guests, a police detective and a killer in a series of betrayals and murders. No one escapes suspicion...no one is safe...until the final moments of mystery!

### ***TWIST AND SHOUT: THE BRITISH INVASION***

**July 8**

**1 day**

**\$130 pp**

The British are coming! Bop back to the 1960s at this irresistible music revue with chart topping hits by the Beatles, Gerry & The Pacemakers, The Hollies, The Kinks, The Rolling Stones, Dave Clark Five and more.

### ***GRACE AND GLORIE***

**November 5 1 day**

**\$130 pp**

In a quaint Virginia cottage, a cantankerous 90-year-old faces her final days while her guilt-ridden, big-city caregiver faces her future. They don't often see eye-to-eye, but will inspire heartwarming laughs and new perspectives on life.

### ***ELF THE MUSICAL***

**December 9 1 day**

**\$130 pp**

When Buddy the Elf discovers he's actually human, he has just one wish –to discover his true identity. But finding his father and restoring the holiday spirit turns out to be his biggest Christmas surprise.

## SPRING GET-AWAYS

### **WELLS GRAY PARK**

**May 22, 2015 — 4 days**

**\$995 pp double \$1155 single**

discounts up to **\$15 pp**



Wells Gray Park is a vast wilderness area, nicknamed Canada's "Waterfalls Park" and the "Volcanoes Park". Late spring is an excellent time to visit Wells Gray Park since the waterfalls are spectacular with high run-off. During the days in the Park, you are guided by Roland Neave, owner of Wells Gray Tours, Clearwater River Chalet and Wells Gray Gateway Guesthouse. Roland is also the author of the guidebook *Exploring Wells Gray Park* and the 6th edition was published in early April. A complimentary copy is included as a souvenir.

### **MYSTERY TOUR**

**May 31, 2015 — 8 days**

**\$2695 pp double \$3225 single**



Wells Gray Tours has been a pioneer in offering Mystery Tours in British Columbia. Please join us for our 52<sup>nd</sup> Mystery Tour! We never tell you where you will go or what you will see. 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 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 (e.g. Catalina Island in fall 2013).

#### **SPECIFIC MYSTERY TOUR CLUES**

Here are some clues to the mystery route. These clues are arranged in the order that they occur on the itinerary. Find a map and have fun guessing where we're going!

1. Victoria's city was founded by a conflicted man better known as a trail builder.
2. A spoonful of politics follows a policeman's parade.
3. Picture this creature with its mouth wide open, wandering along a boardwalk and guarding its empire.
4. Dance by a salty beach in the company of a great spirit.
5. Stay in a Bavarian castle where a river flows into the sea. Your host had a royal connection in the 1930s. The numbers 9, 14 and 35 are significant.
6. A flat but tasty lily paddles under the bridges on a southern river that ends in a capital lake.

## INSIDE PASSAGE & SKEENA TRAIN

June 22, 2015 — 8 days

**\$2195** pp double **\$2580** single



B.C. Ferries' Northern Expedition was specially designed for Inside Passage voyages. Launched in 2009, she is 150 metres long with a beam of 23 metres and a draft of 7½ metres. She carries 130 vehicles, 600 passengers and 30 crew at a travelling speed of 20.3 knots. The ferry has three passenger decks and an outdoor sun deck. Facilities include the Canoe Café, Vista Restaurant, gift shop and Raven's Lounge. A comfortable reserved seat in the private Aurora Lounge is included in your fare. The 500-kilometre journey from Prince Rupert to Port Hardy takes 15 hours, all in daylight to permit great viewing of the rugged coastline and abundant wildlife, marine life and birdlife. Our motorcoach travels on the ferry, so luggage and other belongings can be stored there. Please book early! Unsold ferry and train space must be released on May 8. Even though we may have seats on the motorcoach, there may not be space on the ferry or train if you book after this date.

### At a glance...

Day 1	Kelowna > Sheraton Four Points
Day 2	Williams Lake > Coast Fraser Inn
Day 3	Prince George > Sandman Signature Hotel
Day 4-6	Prince Rupert > Crest Hotel
Day 7	Port Hardy > Glen Lyon and Quarterdeck Inns

### Highlights...

- > Enjoy lunch at the Ashcroft Manor, a roadhouse built in 1862
- > Spend a day in Barkerville with an afternoon show at the Theatre Royal
- > Spectacular all-day journey aboard the Skeena Train
- > Visit the acclaimed Museum of Northern British Columbia and tour the North Pacific Cannery Museum
- > All-day boat excursion to Khutzeymateen Sanctuary for grizzly bear viewing
- > Board the Northern Expedition ferry for a scenic voyage through the Inside Passage from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert
- > Enjoy reserved seating in the ferry's Aurora Lounge
- > **6 meals included**

## NEW TOUR JUST RELEASED!

### ANTARCTICA & SOUTH AMERICA CRUISE

January 6 , 2016 — 28 Days from **\$11,735** pp double; from **\$14,295** single



Early booking discounts up to **\$400** pp

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, but probably 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; 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.



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## 2015 CRUISE DESTINATIONS



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### **WHITEHORSE & GLACIER BAY CRUISE** from **\$1750** pp double; from **\$2525** single **June 30, 2015 — 9 days**



Fly to Whitehorse and take in the sights such as the SS Klondike, and a soak in Takhini Hot Springs. Board Holland America's *MS Volendam* for a 4-night cruise from Skagway to Vancouver. Sail through scenic Glacier Bay amidst floating ice castles, and through BC's Inside Passage.

### **BEST OF CANADA'S ARCTIC** from **\$8195** pp double; from **\$10,925** single **July 31, 2015 — 31 days**



Join Wells Gray Tours for an unforgettable journey to the Canadian Arctic, which will leave you inspired by the explorers who came before you and the Inuit people who live in this region now. Enjoy a traditional lunch at an Inuit home, an Inuit fashion show, and pan for gold on Bonanza Creek before boarding the *Oosterdam* for a 7-day cruise from Seward to Vancouver. This tour is scheduled for August, so you can enjoy colourful fall foliage, pleasantly warm days and cool nights. This enormous natural paradise is a place where ancient traditions, untouched landscapes and incredible wildlife exist together like nowhere else on Earth.

### **WEST COAST CRUISE & RAIL** from **\$3050** pp double; from **\$3770** single **September 26, 2015 — 12 days**

discounts up to **\$150** pp



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 home of *Peanuts* creator, Charles Schulz. 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.

### **VANCOUVER TO AUSTRALIA CRUISE** from **\$7830** pp double; from **\$10,165** single **September 28, 2015 — 30 days**

discounts up to **\$150** pp



This cruise features 16 days at sea and eight days in ports. The cruise is most likely to appeal to people who enjoy lots of time on the ship, plenty of relaxing days at sea, good books and movies, and all the shipboard activities and entertainment. The ports are: Astoria, San Diego, Hilo and Honolulu in Hawaii, Apia in Samoa Islands, Suva and Lautoka in Fiji, and Mare in New Caledonia. The cruise starts in Vancouver and ends in Sydney, Australia.

#### **\* NOTE FOR ALL CRUISES \***

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

## 2015 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATION



### MACHU PICCHU, CUZCO & LAKE TITICACA

November 1, 2015 — 20 days

**\$8425** pp double **\$9715** single

discounts up to **\$125** pp



This exciting tour begins in Peru where we explore Lima, the modern capital, and Cuzco, the capital of the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 100 years ago 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 Vancouver 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
- > **48 meals included**



**Wells Gray Tours is proud to introduce to our clients 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**





## 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 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.**

## FALL GET-AWAYS

**MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND**  
**August 27, 2015 — 24 days**

**\$6295** pp double **\$7895** single



2015 will be Wells Gray's 38<sup>th</sup> year of Maritimes tours! No other company in British Columbia has offered 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 2015 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.

### At a glance...

- Day 1-4 Halifax
  - > Cambridge Suites
- Day 5 Saint John
  - > Delta Brunswick Hotel
- Day 6-7 Fredericton
  - > Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel
- Day 8-10 Prince Edward Island
  - > Delta Prince Edward
- Day 11-13 Sydney
  - > Cambridge Suites
- Day 14-15 Corner Brook
  - > Glynmill Inn
- Day 16 Cow Head
  - > Shallow Bay Motel
- Day 17-18 St. Anthony
  - > Hotel North & Haven Inn
- Day 19 Deer Lake
  - > Holiday Inn Express
- Day 20-21 Gander
  - > Sinbad's Hotel
- Day 22-23 St. John's
  - > Delta

### Highlights...

- > Locally guided tour of historic Halifax including the waterfront, universities, St. Paul's Church, and Halifax Citadel
- > Visit Halifax's Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and Alexander Keith's brewery with tour and tasting
- > Historical attractions include King's Landing, Founders Hall, Bell Museum, Fortress of Louisbourg, L'Anse aux Meadows, Cape Breton Miner's Museum
- > Natural attractions include Hopewell Rocks on Bay of Fundy, Peggy's Cove, Cabot Trail on Cape Breton, Viking Trail at Gros Morne National Park, Bonne Bay boat tour and Cape Spear
- > Tour includes not-to-be-missed icons of the region: Confederation Bridge, Anne of Green Gables cottage, Halifax waterfront, Lunenburg fishing stories, a Newfoundland Screech-In, and Cabot Tower
- > **31 meals included**

## FRASER RIVER FROM SOURCE TO MOUTH

September 8, 2015 — 11 days

**\$3165** pp double **\$3725** single

discounts up to **\$75** 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!

### 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
- > **20 meals included**

## KOOTENAYS GHOST TOWNS

October 2, 2015 — 7 days

from **\$1395** pp double from **\$1725** single

discounts up to **\$60** pp



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 Kelowna
  - > Best Western
- Day 2-4 Nelson area
  - > Ainsworth Hot Springs
- Day 5 Three Valley Gap
  - > Three Valley Lake Chateau
- Day 6 Penticton
  - > Ramada Hotel

### Highlights...

- > A 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
- > **14 meals included**

## COMING SOON 2015 & 2016 !

American Thanksgiving in Portland - November 2015  
Around the World in 30 Days with Dubai to Singapore Cruise - January 2016

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

### THANKSGIVING AT TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE

**October 9, 2015 — 3 days**

**\$555** pp double **\$630** single  
discounts up to **\$30** pp



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 1-2 Quadra Island  
> Tsa-kwa-luten Lodge

#### 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
- > **6 meals included**

### JASPER PARK LODGE SENIOR FALL GETAWAY

**October 25, 2015 — 6 days**

**\$1395** 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 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 Sun Peaks Resort going to Jasper and South Thompson Guest Ranch returning, both near Kamloops, and you have an unbeatable fall tour.

#### At a glance...

Day 1 Sun Peaks Resort  
> Sun Peaks Grand Hotel  
Day 2-4 Jasper  
> Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge  
Day 5 Kamloops  
> South Thompson Guest Ranch

#### Highlights...

- > 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
- > Stop to see 200-foot high Spahats Falls in Wells Gray Park
- > **14 meals included**

## AMERICAN GET-AWAYS

### OREGON COAST EXPLORER

September 14, 2015 — 9 days

**\$1995** pp double **\$2555** single  
discounts up to **\$100** 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!

### YELLOWSTONE & CANYONLANDS

October 5, 2015 — 15 days

**\$3450** pp double **\$4495** single  
discounts up to **\$80** pp



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 2 Spokane, WA  
> Red Lion Hotel
- Day 3 Butte, MT  
> Butte Plaza Inn
- Day 4-5 West Yellowstone, MT  
> Yellowstone Park Hotel
- Day 6 Jackson, WY  
> Lexington Inn
- Day 7 Rock Springs, WY  
> Best Western Outlaw Inn
- Day 8 Grand Junction, CO  
> Grand Vista Hotel
- Day 9-10 Moab, UT  
> Best Western Canyonlands
- Day 11-12 Salt Lake City, UT  
> Crystal Inn
- Day 13 Boise, ID  
> Red Lion Hotel
- Day 14 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 your self 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**



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**NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY**  
**October 12, 2015 — 11 days**

**\$3395** pp double    **\$4160** single



Fall in love with New Orleans and Louisiana. The state of Louisiana is divided into five distinct regions, and you experience three on this vacation. New Orleans is one of the great cities in the western world, not a place you simply visit, but one you fall in love with. The cultural riches, sensual indulgences and unparalleled service that define the New Orleans experience still flourish. History comes to life in Plantation Country. Wind along the Great River Road as you travel back to the 1800s to the days of sprawling antebellum plantations, glimpsing the lives of both master and slave. Cajun Country, along the peaceful bayous, is where the first French Canadians settled and forever changed the landscape and culture of the state.

**At a glance...**

- Day 1      Renton, WA  
            > Quality Inn
- Day 2-4    New Orleans  
            > Four Points Sheraton
- Day 5      Bayou Lafourche, LA  
            > Carmel Inn
- Day 6-8    Lafayette, LA  
            > Comfort Suites
- Day 9      Baton Rouge, LA  
            > Indigo Hotel
- Day 10     Renton, WA  
            > Quality Inn

**Highlights...**

- > Walking tour of the historic French Quarter
- > Locally guided driving tour of New Orleans with City Park and famous St. Charles Avenue
- > Dinner at the Court of Two Sisters, the largest courtyard in the French Quarter
- > Jazz show at the Maison Bourbon Dixieland Club
- > Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World, where 90% of the floats used in Mardi Gras parades are made
- > Mississippi River sightseeing cruise on board the paddlewheel Natchez Riverboat with jazz band
- > Cooking lessons at the New Orleans School of Cooking featuring the taste of Louisiana, Cajun and Creole
- > Plantation Country along the Mississippi River with tours at Oak Alley and Laura plantations
- > The outdoor Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge
- > Locally guided tour of Cajun Country with Avery Island (home of the Tabasco factory) and Martin Accordions, Jungle Gardens, Evangeline Oak
- > Boat cruise through the Cypress swamps
- > **14 meals included**

# BRANSON

October 14, 2015 — 10 days

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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. Fame came to Branson in 1907 when Harold Bell Wright published his novel about the Ozarks, *The Shepherd of the Hills*. Hugo and Mary Herschend acquired Marvel Cave in 1950 then, ten years later, built Silver Dollar City, a re-creation of a frontier town which still operates today with rides and shows. The Baldknobbers Jamboree opened the first live musical show in Branson in 1959, but the first theatre on Highway 76 was Presley's Mountain Music Jubilee in 1967. 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."

## At a glance...

- Day 1 Lynnwood  
> Embassy Suites
- Day 2 Kansas City  
> Drury Inn
- Day 3-8 Branson  
> Radisson Hotel
- Day 9 Renton  
> Quality Inn

## Highlights...

- > Rankin Brothers Show, voted Best Show in 2009 and 2010
- > Locally-guided sightseeing tour of Branson area with College of the Ozarks
- > Lunch cruise and show on Branson Belle
- > Jonah show at Sight & Sound Theatre
- > The Letterman Show
- > Titanic exhibit
- > Dixie Stampede dinner show
- > Million Dollar Quartet show
- > Down Home Country Show
- > Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies show
- > The Duttons Show
- > Brett Family Show
- > Acrobats of China show
- > Billy Dean show
- > George Dyer show
- > Pierce Arrow show
- > Oakridge Boys show
- > **17 meals included**

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