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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

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

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- 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, 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 is charged where applicable.
- Single and triple fares are available on most tours.
- Consumer Protection BC Licenses: Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924

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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.

**Please RSVP so that we can anticipate attendance.**

<p><b>Kamloops</b> Wednesday, May 24th 1:30 to 3:30 pm St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 1136 6th Avenue Kamloops, BC <b>250-374-0831</b></p>	<p><b>Penticton</b> Thursday, May 25th 1:30 to 3:30 pm Days Inn Conference Center 152 Riverside Drive Penticton, BC <b>250-493-1255</b></p>	<p><b>Vernon</b> Tuesday, May 30th 1:30 to 3:30 pm Village Green Hotel 4801 27th Street Vernon, BC <b>250-545-9197</b></p>	<p><b>Kelowna</b> Wednesday, May 31st 1:30 to 3:30 pm Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church 2091 Gordon Drive Kelowna, BC <b>250-762-3435</b></p>
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**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.**

**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**

### COMING SOON 2017!

**Theatre Escape to Oak Bay - November 21**

**Christmas on Vancouver Island - December 20**

**Christmas in Portland - December 21**

**Christmas in Victoria - December 22**

### COMING SOON 2018!

**Arizona - January**

**Belize Winter Getaway - February**

**Hamilton in Seattle- February or March**

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

**Love Never Dies (Phantom Sequel) in Seattle - May**

**Columbia River on American Empress - May 20**

**Les Miserables in Seattle - June**

**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

**\$9395** pp double **\$11,895** single

**14 Seats left!**



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

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### SOUTH AFRICA

September 14, 2017 — 19 days

**\$8655** pp double **\$9995** 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.

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**COSTA RICA**  
**January 17, 2018 — 16 days**



**\$6995** pp double **\$8355** single  
**discounts up to \$300 pp**



Costa Rica covers a mere 0.03% of the planet's surface, but is home to 5% of all living organisms on earth. Active volcanoes, lush cloud forests, lowland jungles, rolling savannas, and coral beaches create a spectacular setting to experience the country's natural beauty and exotic flora and fauna. Much of this area is preserved by one of the most remarkable park systems in the world, making Costa Rica a model for conservation in harmony with community development and economic growth. During this unique tour, we travel through some of the richest habitats of Costa Rica, from Caribbean lowland rain forests to central volcanic highlands, from a cloud forest interior to coastal resorts. The tour is accompanied throughout by a Wells Gray tour director. Costa Rican guides and naturalists meet us at various times to conduct in-depth experiences. A variety of hotels are arranged such as the Crowne Plaza in bustling San Jose, remote Aninga Lodge at Tortuguero, the Arenal Kioro with panoramic views of the volcano, and the Blue River spa resort with volcanic mineral mud pools. One highlight of the tour is our three-night stay at Barcelo Langosta Hotel at Tamarindo Beach on the Pacific Ocean. You will be awed by the natural beauty of this private tropical resort and have plenty of time to relax and soak up the sun. The resort is all-inclusive so meals, drinks and most activities are complimentary. Come and admire the natural wonders of Costa Rica and get away from a Canadian winter for two relaxing weeks.

**DANUBE RIVER CRUISE**  
**August 3, 2018 — 19 days**



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!**

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**Available at all of our offices**



## EXCITING 2017 CRUISES

ADVENTURE  
CANADA



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### GREENLAND & WILD LABRADOR CRUISE

September 22, 2017 — 17 days

from **\$11,270** pp double

from **\$11,415** single

**6 Seats left!**



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

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



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### HAWAII CRUISE

October 2, 2017 — 15 days

from **\$4945** pp double; from **\$6920** single

**discounts up to \$200 pp**



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

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

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

## EXCITING 2018 CRUISES



# Holland America Line®

SAVOR THE JOURNEY

### ANTARCTICA, ARGENTINA & CHILE CRUISE

January 2, 2018 — 29 days

from **\$14,150** pp double

from **\$18,780** 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.

### NEW ZEALAND PRESIDENT'S CRUISE

January 12, 2018 — 25 days

**2 Seats  
Left!**

from **\$11,395** pp double

from **\$14,675** single



Roland and Anne Neave invite you to join them for this exciting cruise from Sydney, Australia, to Auckland, New Zealand. About once a year, the Neaves choose a cruise route somewhere in the world and host their President's Cruise. Roland and Anne will host receptions and social gatherings most days and they look forward to renewing old acquaintances or meeting you for the first time. Home to numerous plant and animal species found nowhere else on earth, Australia and New Zealand are on any serious traveller's bucket list. Join the Neaves on this spectacular tour as there's no better way to experience them than on a cruise. We fly to Sydney and spend two days Down Under enjoying the Sydney area before boarding the MS Maasdam for 14 days. Private guided tours are included in Melbourne, and the island of Tasmania in Australia, and Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Napier, and Tauranga in New Zealand. We also spend four nights on New Zealand's North Island with four days of touring its best attractions before flying home.

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

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## EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AT HOME ~ DISCOVER BRITISH COLUMBIA!

### BARKERVILLE & SUN PEAKS RESORT

July 24, 2017 — 5 days

**\$855** pp double **\$1030** single  
*discounts up to \$25 pp*



Enjoy the warmth of the BC Interior summer with an ideal combination of exploring the historic Gold Rush Trail and relaxing in luxurious mountain resort comfort. Barkerville is celebrating its 156<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, and the restored town is still bringing joy to visitors young and old, as they relive the days of the old west. Sun Peaks is one of BC's best four-season resorts, with summer welcoming outdoor adventurers and holiday-seekers alike. Relax at the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel, the finest of many in the village and ideally located in the midst of all the shops and restaurants of this come-of-age resort town. Ride the chairlift high onto Tod Mountain and admire the early display of colourful alpine blossoms.

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### HAIDA GWAII ~ 7 days

July 31, 2017 — 2 Seats left! & August 20, 2017 1 Seat left!

**\$2775** pp double **\$3095** single



Officially renamed from the Queen Charlotte Islands in 2009, Haida Gwaii is an archipelago of more than 150 islands located about 80 km off the northwest coast of British Columbia. Haida Gwaii is the westernmost point of Canada and is known for its rugged coastlines, majestic mountains, stunning array of marine life, giant cedars, and the vibrant Haida culture. About 5,000 residents are scattered between several communities on the two largest islands, Graham and Moresby, in an eclectic mix of cultures and lifestyles. Haida Gwaii is nicknamed the Canadian Galapagos, a reference to the diverse natural history of the Galapagos as noted by Charles Darwin in 1859.

### FRASER RIVER FROM SOURCE TO MOUTH

September 6, 2017 — 10 days

**\$3075** pp double **\$3665** 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! Then we follow the Fraser downstream with exciting experiences all the way to the coast. 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.

### KOOTENAYS GHOST TOWNS & HOT SPRINGS

October 1, 2017 — 5 days

**\$1125** pp double **\$1390** 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!

## TYAX RESORT

October 3, 2017 — 4 days

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 Chilicotin wilderness is offered as an option.

**\$980** pp double **\$1245** single  
discounts up to \$25 pp



## THANKSGIVING AT TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE

October 7, 2017 — 5 days

Magnificent Tsa-kwa-luten 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. We stay two nights at the lodge and all rooms have an ocean view. Relax on your private balcony and enjoy the panorama of the ocean, the mountains of Vancouver Island beyond, the rapidly-moving tides, and the tugboats with barges navigating this narrow waterway. All meals are included due to the isolation of the lodge, including a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. There are walking trails along the waterfront to the lighthouse, and a more difficult trail to the bluff at Cape Mudge with a view south into the Strait of Georgia. It's a wonderful place to celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving. On the way home we stay overnight downtown Vancouver at the Blue Horizon Hotel and a theatre show is included.

**\$995** pp double **\$1235** single  
discounts up to \$50 pp



## CANADIAN GETAWAYS

### STIKINE & STEWART

August 6, 2017 — 13 days

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.

**\$3295** pp double **\$4040** single  
7 Seats left!



### LABRADOR & WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

August 11, 2017 — 16 days

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.

**\$5995** pp double **\$6950** single  
discounts up to \$150 pp



## COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES

September 13, 2017 — 7 days

**\$1685** pp double **\$2150** single

**15 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 — 5 days

**\$1195** pp double **\$1470** single

**discounts up to \$30 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 the spectacular drive through Rogers Pass, Kicking Horse Pass, and Yellowhead Pass, and along the Icefields Parkway, and you have an unbeatable fall tour.

### 2017 SHOW TOURS

## SUMMER THEATRE IN ALBERTA

July 18, 2017 — 6 days

**\$1490** pp double **\$1895** 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.

## LEAVENWORTH SUMMER THEATRE

August 29, 2017 — 4 days

**\$995** pp double **\$1235** single

**4 Seats left!**



Leavenworth celebrates the summer of 2017 with its 23rd season of theatre, anchored by its signature production, **The Sound of Music**. Experience the magic of theatre under the stars as you watch the show outdoors at the Ski Hill. The sun falls behind the ridge, the moon rises over the valley, and Maria actually descends the hillside singing the title song. At Hatchery Park two productions are included: **Bye Bye Birdie** & the beloved musical **Annie**.

## ALADDIN & RAGTIME IN SEATTLE

October 20, 2017 — 4 days

**\$1120** pp double **\$1375** single  
**discounts up to \$60 pp**



Theatre is a great way to celebrate the full range of human emotion, and these two love stories certainly accomplish that. **Aladdin** follows the familiar tale of how a poor young man discovers a genie in a lamp and uses his wishes to marry the princess that he loves and to thwart the Sultan's evil Grand Vizier. The show was adapted from the 1992 Disney movie and premiered in Seattle in 2011. It was nominated for five Tony awards and won one plus a Drama Desk Award. *A Whole New World* is the best known song. **Ragtime** was created by Canadian impresario Garth Drabinsky and opened in Toronto in 1996 and Vancouver in 1998. It was nominated for 13 Tony Awards and won 4, and 13 Drama Desk Awards and won 5. It tells the story of three groups in the USA in the early 20th century: African Americans, represented by Coalhouse Walker Jr., a Harlem musician; upper-class suburbanites, represented by Mother, the matriarch of a wealthy New York family; and Eastern European immigrants, represented by Tateh, a Jewish immigrant from Latvia. Filled with 36 songs and dramatic music and staging, this revival of *Ragtime* is not to be missed. We stay three nights at the beautiful Embassy Suites Hotel and enjoy a cooked-to-order breakfast each morning. Choose between Chihuly Garden & Glass or the Pacific Science Center & Imax Theatre.

## ANDRE RIEU IN TACOMA

October 27, 2017 — 3 days

**\$870** pp double **\$1110** single  
**Filling Fast!**



This Dutch musician has mastered the violin, as well as the art of conducting and composing music. He is best known for creating an international revival in waltz music with his "Johann Strauss Orchestra". Together, their music results in breathtaking beats, unforgettable accompaniment and overall a magical performance. Rieu and his orchestra have performed throughout Europe, North America and other continents. Winning a number of awards, including two World Music Awards, their recordings have received gold and platinum status in many countries, including eight-times Platinum in the Netherlands. Experience his amazing performance in Tacoma! André Rieu's 2017 world tour visits several European countries, Chile, Mexico, and USA. Unfortunately, there are no performances in Canada. Tacoma, Washington, is the closest concert for André Rieu's British Columbia fans. **Concert Seating:** Section 7A, rows 17 to 20. We stay two nights at the stunning Hotel Murano known for its amazing glass works which are on display throughout the lobby. We visit the Museum of Glass and a docent leads us through an interactive experience of the glass artwork including watching professional artists blow glass art in the Hot Shop. In the afternoon, choose between America's Car Museum or Lakewold Gardens Estate. On the way home we stop at the Duty Free Store in Oroville.

## CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S *KURIOS* IN VANCOUVER

November 17, 2017 — 3 days

**\$885** pp double **\$995** single  
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**Kurios:** Step into the curio cabinet of an ambitious inventor who defies the laws of time, space and dimension in order to reinvent everything around him. Suddenly, the visible becomes invisible, perspectives are transformed, and the world is literally turned upside down. **Kurios** premiered in Montreal in 2014 and has toured the USA since then. This is the show's first visit to Vancouver. **Show seating in the Grand Chapiteau:** Seats are in Section 200, Rows O and P. This is the best category with excellent viewing of the stage and the stunning aerial acts. The next day in the afternoon we go to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for **Jersey Boys**. We have been waiting since 2012 for the return of **Jersey Boys** to Vancouver! Winner of 4 Tony Awards, this musical is about The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. This is the story of how a group of blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time during the 1960s. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sound, and sold 175 million records worldwide - all before they were 30. The show features their hit songs *Sherry*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Rag Doll*, *Oh What a Night* and *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*. We stay both nights at the renowned Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and enjoy a fun evening at Federico's Supper Club, one of Vancouver's best Italian restaurants. Guests are treated to authentic cuisine, complete with live music, dancing, and entertainment.

## 2017 NORTH AMERICAN DESTINATIONS

### MYSTERY TOUR

September 4, 2017 — 8 days

**\$2195** pp double **\$2895** single  
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We never tell you where you will go or what you will see, but that is the intrigue of Mystery Tours! You may be amazed when the coach pulls up beside a cruise ship, or you board a plane for an overseas flight, or you arrive at a unique hotel. Each day of the tour has surprises, as the mystery route is revealed only as we travel along from day to day. However, we can promise you that our route or destination has interesting sights and unusual experiences — often the first time that Wells Gray has been there or stayed at a particular hotel. Some mysteries are offered in subsequent years as a regular tour. Wells Gray Tours has been a pioneer in offering Mystery Tours in British Columbia. Among the 800 or so tour operators in North America, only a handful offer multi-day mystery itineraries like ours. Please join us for Mystery Tour #55! Some exciting surprises are waiting for you.

**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. Peter waits at his gates during a heavy shower and welcomes his guests to Paradise.
2. Cars are prohibited on these Venetian islands, but a Nissan is the exception.
3. A floral opera was created by Wagner in 1938 and a garbage collector started showing off his favourite vehicles in 1978.
4. This land area, almost surrounded by American water, reminds people of a media frenzy in 1984 and 1996 elsewhere in the USA.
5. This town is talked about in every kitchen and is well known for its sunset.
6. Dean and Felix nearly met in 2007 but it was almost 10 years before Matthew joined them on this lofty mountain-top.
7. We pass trickery, bad weather and a popular president on our way to a sunny hotel.

### SAN JUAN ISLANDS

September 5, 2017 — 4 days

**\$1175** pp double **\$1515** single  
**discounts up to \$30 pp**



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 and crew tell entertaining tales of discovery, smuggling and war. We have a morning cruise on the *Victoria Star* from Bellingham to Friday Harbor and also an afternoon cruise with lunch on board. Enjoy a guided tour around the San Juan Islands including Lime Kiln State Park, Alpaca Ranch, English Camp, Roche Harbor Resort, the San Juan Island National Historic Park and Westcott Bay Sculpture Park.

**Note: This tour is limited to 32 people for extra comfort on the *Victoria Star*. Early booking is recommended.**

### BLACK HILLS & YELLOWSTONE

September 27, 2017 — 14 days

**\$3595** pp double **\$4745** 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 6, 2017 — 8 days

**\$1990** pp double **\$2490** single  
discounts up to \$60 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

**\$3645** pp double **\$4195** 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

**\$1950** pp double **\$2350** 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.

## WE ARE ALREADY MAKING PLANS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

### LEAVENWORTH LIGHTING December 6, 2017 — 4 days

**\$920** pp double **\$1165** single  
discounts up to \$50 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 Seattle for an overnight at the beautiful Embassy Suites and a matinee performance of *Elf* at the Paramount Theatre. On the way home we stop at Bellis Fair Mall and the Duty-Free Store.

### NEW YEARS IN VANCOUVER December 30, 2017 — 4 days

**\$1055** pp double **\$1270** single  
discounts up to \$60 pp



Start the new year right with two shows and three nights at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. We go to Canada Place to experience **Fly Over Canada** and have a free evening to visit family and friends. We thrill to **Cirque du Soleil's Kurios**, on December 31. We have excellent seats in the Grand Chapiteau in Section 201 Rows H to L. A three-course New Year's Dinner is included in Gastown at the popular Steamworks Grill. On January 1, we enjoy the annual performance of **Salute to Vienna** which has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. 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. We have reserved superb seats at the ornate Orpheum Theatre in Right and Left Centre Orchestra Rows 11 to 13.

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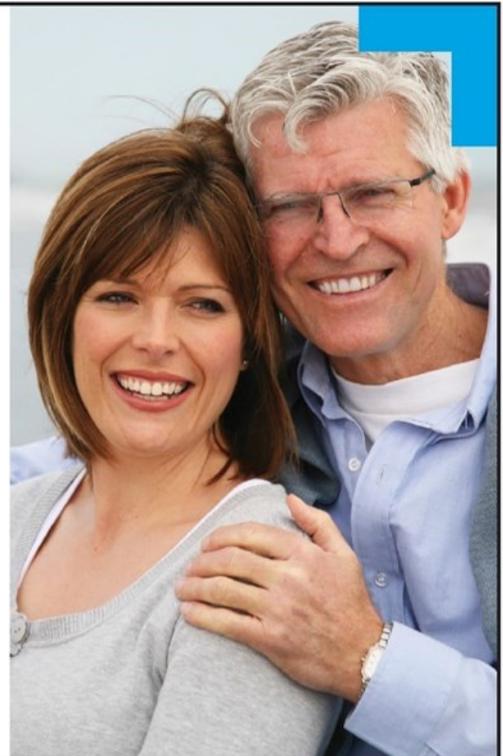
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