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The Experience Quarterly

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Kelowna

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Wells Gray Tours Fall Destination Travel Shows

Finalization of our 2017 destinations is well underway and we are excited to share what's coming up with you. Join Wells Gray Tours for a multimedia presentation of upcoming tours, cruises and international destinations.

Salmon Arm

Thursday, October 13th

1:30 to 3:30 pm

Comfort Inn & Suites

1090 22nd Street NE

Salmon Arm, BC

Please RSVP to Maritime Travel 250-832-9481

Kelowna

Wednesday, October 19th

1:30 to 3:30 pm

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

2091 Gordon Drive

Kelowna, BC

Please RSVP 250-762-3435

Vernon

Thursday, October 20th

1:30 to 3:30 pm

Village Green Hotel

4801 27th Street

Vernon, BC

Please RSVP 250-545-9197

Kamloops

Wednesday, October 26th

1:30 to 3:30 pm

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

1136 6th Avenue

Kamloops, BC

Please RSVP 250-374-0831

Penticton

Monday, October 31st

1:30 to 3:30 pm

Days Inn Conference Center

152 Riverside Drive

Penticton, BC

Please RSVP 250-493-1255

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 and click "Receive Tour & News Updates".

The Wells Gray Team

OFFICE HOURS

Kamloops 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Vernon 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Kelowna 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Penticton 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed holidays & weekends

Full tour itineraries can be found online at www.wellsgraytours.com or at your local office.

- All tours include coach and/or air transportation, accommodation, knowledgeable tour director, and luggage handling at hotels, unless otherwise indicated.
- Tours depart from Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna, 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

Cover photo: Hornblower boat trip to the bottom of Niagara Falls, Ontario Theatre, itinerary on page 4.
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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!

The King and I in Seattle ~ January 30

Long Beach & Victoria ~ February

Portugal and Morocco ~ March

Terracotta Warriors at the Pacific Science Centre in Seattle ~ April

Panama Canal on *Eurodam* ~ April 5

Canada's 150th Birthday in Ottawa ~ June

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

When the tour comes out for sale, we will notify you but 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.

Travel Guard®

Do I really need travel insurance?

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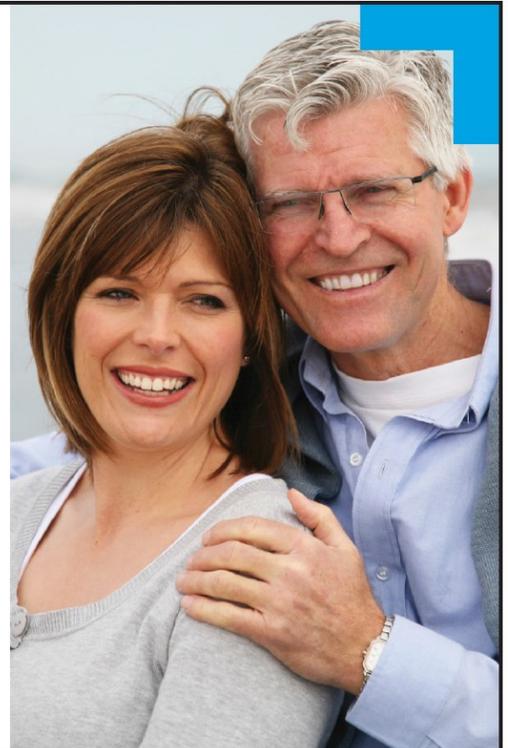
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- Pre-existing medical waiver applies to a maximum of \$1M when the medical upgrade is purchased.

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Waiver of Pre-existing Conditions, when purchased within 7 days of the initial trip payment:

- Insured must be medically able to travel at the time of purchase.
- If a claim is denied, a personal call to the client will be made to explain why.
- If Travel Medical Assistance is required, direct medical payment will be arranged when available.

Is there anything else?



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2016 SHOW TOURS

THANKSGIVING AT PARKSVILLE

October 8, 2016 — 5 days

\$1185 pp double **\$1460** single



Happy Thanksgiving! Join Wells Gray Tours for a relaxing fall getaway. Our first night is at the Fairmont Vancouver Airport Hotel and features an evening at the Stanley Theatre to see **Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery**. On the Island, we settle into the beautiful Beach Club Resort in Parksville for two nights. There is shopping time at unique **Coombs Market**, known for its goats grazing on the roof and a cheese sampling and wine tasting at **Morningstar Farm**. You will also enjoy a free afternoon to stroll on Parksville's long boardwalk or the sandy beach and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner. We will drive to Chemainus and enjoy a gourmet buffet lunch followed by a performance of **Hilda's Yard**. This is a hilarious situational comedy by Norm Foster, one of Canada's most prolific playwrights with over 50 plays written. On the way home we stay one night at Harrison Hot Springs Resort and dine in the elegant Copper Room with a three-course dinner followed by dancing and live music with the venerable Jones Boys.

ONTARIO THEATRE

October 11, 2016 — 9 Days

2 Early bookers left!

\$3420 pp double **\$3995** single
discounts up to \$90 pp



Ontario is the place to be if you want to experience Canadian Theatre at its best. Toronto has firmly established itself as the Broadway of Canada, plus the long running Shaw Festival and Stratford Shakespeare Festival consistently attract the best of the best in stage actors. This tour features three different theatre centres and six separate productions. Shows include: **Matilda the Musical, Cirque du Soleil Luzia, The Hypochondriac; The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe** or **Macbeth, Shakespeare in Love, A Chorus Line** and **Sweeney Todd**. You will also enjoy a sightseeing tour of Toronto with a local guide including the CN Tower and dinner in the revolving 360 Restaurant. You will have time to shop and even visit Canada's greatest Bavarian Festival, Oktoberfest in Kitchener-Waterloo. A sightseeing tour of the Niagara area is conducted by a local guide and you will ride the Hornblower (formerly Maid of the Mist) for an awesome view of the Horseshoe and American Falls. This is a tour filled with culture and wonder and one you don't want to miss!

BRANSON

October 26, 2016 — 10 days

\$3595 pp double **\$4170** single
18 seats left!



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 14 musical shows including **Daniel O'Donnell's** annual performance in Branson. Other shows include: **Presley's Country Jubilee, George Dyer, The Dutton Family Show, Dixie Stampede, Clay Cooper's Country Music Express, Down Home Country Show, Million Dollar Quartet, Showboat Branson Belle, Pierce Arrow, Moses, 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."

BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL & MAN OF LA MANCHA IN SEATTLE

October 27, 2016 — 4 days

\$1090 pp double \$1345 single
discounts up to \$60 pp



Beautiful: The Carole King Musical tells the story of the early life and career of Carole King, using songs that she wrote, often together with Gerry Goffin, and other contemporary songs by Barry Mann, Cynthia Weil, and Phil Spector. The original production of *Beautiful* received its world premiere in San Francisco in 2013 and moved to Broadway in January 2014. The London production began in February 2015. Both Broadway and London shows are scheduled to play into 2017. *Beautiful* has won two Tony Awards, three Drama Desk Awards, two Laurence Olivier Awards, and a Grammy Award. Seattle is the nearest city where you can see *Beautiful* during its 2016 national tour.

Man of La Mancha is a 1964 musical inspired by Cervantes' 17th century masterpiece, *Don Quixote*. The original Broadway production ran for 2,328 performances and won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The show has been revived four times on Broadway, becoming one of the most enduring works of musical theatre. Its best known song is *The Impossible Dream*.

THEATRE ESCAPE TO OAK BAY BEACH HOTEL \$1335 pp double \$1665 single November 22, 2016 — 5 days



If you love entertainment, then this is the tour for you. Enjoy a 5-day getaway featuring 5 varied theatrical shows. **A Christmas Story** is a familiar yuletide tale. For 9-year-old Ralphie, his coveted present is an Official Red Ryder carbine-action BB gun. **Broadway Nostalgia** features the legendary shows and musical numbers from Broadway, as well as a non-Broadway feature on the music of The Carpenters. A fascinating special exhibit is called **Mammoths: Giants of the Ice Age**. Mammoths and mastodons roamed North America from 1.8 million years ago to as recently as 10,000 years ago. This exhibit is on loan from the renowned Field Museum in Chicago. An Imax show is also included. **Songs of Joni Mitchell** is at the Belfry Theatre. This is a brand new musical event built around the songs of Joni Mitchell, with hits like *Big Yellow Taxi*, *Chelsea Morning*, *Both Sides Now* and *You Turn Me On*. Victoria Operatic Society presents **A Chorus Line** at the McPherson Theatre. With music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban, this classic musical centres on 17 Broadway dancers auditioning for spots on a chorus line. We stay 3 nights at the splendid oceanfront Oak Bay Beach Hotel and also visit the **Robert Bateman Centre** and enjoy a traditional British afternoon tea at the quaint **Abkhazi Garden Teahouse**.

CELTIC THUNDER November 23, 2016 — 2 days



\$380 pp double \$430 single



Celtic Thunder is composed of five male singers who perform both solo and ensemble numbers. They are Neil Byrne, Keith Harkin, Ryan Kelly, Damian McGinty, and Emmett O'Hanlon. **Celtic Thunder** debuted in August 2007 in Dublin, Ireland, when they accompanied the Celtic Concert Orchestra. Since the group's formation, **Celtic Thunder** has released 11 albums and the most recent was *Celtic Thunder: Celtic Roots, Myths & Legends* in 2015. In 2009, Billboard magazine named **Celtic Thunder** Top World Album Artist. Their first three albums also placed in the Top 10 for World Albums. The group is known for its eclectic style with songs ranging from a soloist to an ensemble focus. Their live shows feature dramatic effects via lighting and choreography as well as a stage set resembling an ancient stone pathway suggestive of those referenced in Celtic lore. **Celtic Thunder's** 2016 fall tour covers the USA with a few shows in Canada. For more information about Celtic Thunder and some concert pictures, refer to www.celticthunder.com.

CANADIAN GET-AWAYS

CRUISING THE LOWER FRASER RIVER

September 20, 2016 — 5 days

\$1295 pp double **\$1575** single

12 seats left!



During three cruises, this tour explores the last 130 km of the Fraser from its confluence with the Harrison River to its mouth at Steveston. The first is a nature-oriented trip from Mission to the historic Kilby Store at Harrison Mills, viewing bird and animal life with the benefit of an expert naturalist. The second cruise is on board the *MV Native*, an authentic replica of a Paddlewheeler, from Fort Langley to New Westminster, passing under four bridges. A second charter excursion on the *Native* continues downstream into the Strait of Georgia. All three cruises are unique experiences because they are available only to tour groups.

CYPRESS HILLS & WATERTON LAKES

September 21, 2016 — 8 days

\$1780 pp double **\$2230** single

1 seat left!



Southern Alberta has numerous attractions and each time we offer this tour we must select only a few to include, so the tour is often different from year to year. In 2016, we will return to Cypress Hills for the first time in 20 years; it is a naturalist's wonder with unique flora and fauna because the area was not glaciated during the last Ice Age. Other attractions celebrate history such as Frank Slide, Remington Carriage Museum, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, and Brooks Aqueduct. We stay in one of Canada's less visited national parks, Waterton Lakes, which has rugged mountains rising from a stark prairie, surrounding an idyllic lake. Add to this the Alberta Birds of Prey Centre, Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens, the ancient carvings at Writing-on-Stone Park, and the emerging autumn colours, and you have the perfect fall getaway!

JASPER PARK LODGE SENIOR FALL GETAWAY

October 3, 2016 — 5 days

from **\$1185** pp double from **\$1440** single

Second
Departure
Added!



Celebrate beauty and friendship in the majesty of the Canadian Rockies. Each fall, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge invites seniors to head out to the mountains for fresh air, fall foliage, and lots of fun. Delicious food, classic entertainment and a multitude of activities make for a great getaway. With fitness programs, craft-making, lectures, walking tours, and entertainment, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge program has it all! And you simply can't beat the value — a stay at the Lodge in summer with meals 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 stay in Lake Louise and the spectacular drive along the Icefields Parkway, and you have an unbeatable fall tour.

WAIT LIST ONLY!

- Maritimes & Newfoundland - August 28, 2016 - 25 days
- Quebec to New York Cruise - September 16, 2016 - 14 days
- Wells Gray Park - September 30, 2016 - 3 days
- Tyax Resort - October 3, 2016 - 4 days
- Natural Wonders of Iceland - June 3, 2017 - 19 days



USA DESTINATIONS

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MEXICO'S COPPER CANYON

October 11, 2016 — 15 days

2 seats left!

\$4695 pp double **\$5460** single



Excite your senses with this wonderful tour of Mexico's Copper Canyon. Enjoy a sightseeing tour around Mazatlan. Travel north along the coastal plain, nicknamed the "Bread Basket of Mexico" because of the fertile farmlands growing corn, wheat, sorghum, beans, oats, chile peppers, tomatoes and many other crops. Tour Tarahumara Indian land and hike to Cusarare Falls. Ride the amazing aerial tramway for magnificent views of the Copper Canyon. Enjoy 3 days of train excursions into the roadless terrain of one of the world's deepest and remotest canyons. This tour is full of cultural riches and activities.

NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY

October 17, 2016 — 11 days

\$3595 pp double **\$4430** single

14 seats left!



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 a place you will be captivated by. 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. Resourceful, stoic and inventive, these were the people who turned soup into gumbo and washboards into musical instruments. New for the 2016 tour is the fascinating heritage town of Natchez, Mississippi, with incredible mansions dating to the 19th century.

At a glance...

Day 1	Renton, WA > Quality Inn
Day 2-4	New Orleans, LA > Wyndham Hotel
Day 5	Bayou Lafourche, LA > Carmel Inn
Day 6-8	Lafayette, LA > Comfort Suites
Day 9	Natchez, MS > Hampton Inn
Day 10	Renton, WA > Quality Inn

Highlights...

- > Walking tour of the historic French Quarter
- > Locally guided driving tour of New Orleans with Audubon 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
- > Mardi Gras World, the famous float-making studio
- > 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
- > Visit Stanton Hall and Longwood House in Natchez
- > **15 meals included**



45th ANNIVERSARY CRUISE

May 5, 2017 — 9 days



In May 2017, Wells Gray Tours will celebrate its 45th Anniversary, and we plan to do so in grand fashion —on board *Norwegian Jewel* during an 8-day Alaska cruise. We have booked nearly one-third of the ship on this unique Alaska itinerary which features the awesome spectacle of **Tracy Arm Fjord** with the Sawyer Glacier and the lesser-known port of **Icy Strait Point**. We depart from Vancouver and return to Seattle with round trip coach transportation provided. Other ports of call are **Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway**, and **Victoria**, and there are two days of scenic cruising in the **Inside Passage**.

What a splendid opportunity to renew friendships, participate in our special 45th Anniversary activities, and enjoy Norwegian's superb cuisine and exceptional service! This tour is as all-inclusive as possible because we have included costs that are usually extra like port charges, taxes, ship's gratuities, unlimited alcoholic beverages and soft drinks, and four nights of specialty restaurants. Your only extra expenses are personal items and shore excursions.

What special date are you celebrating in 2017? Why not do it on board the *Jewel* in May? For instance, I will celebrate my 65th birthday and Anne and I will honour our 30th wedding anniversary. During spring 2016, many Wells Gray staff travelled on the *Jewel* on various cruise routes to check out the standards of the "new" Norwegian Cruise Line. We were all impressed with the superb staterooms, delicious food, fabulous stage shows, and impeccable service. I have travelled extensively with two other cruise lines and can tell you that Norwegian is as good or even better. It is an extraordinary turnaround for a company that had poor ratings just 8 years ago.

I still find it hard to believe that 4½ decades have passed since I organized that first tour to Wells Gray Park. I have been incredibly fortunate to spend my working days creating itineraries that showcase the wonders of our world and the people who live and work in it. I have had the pleasure of meeting thousands of adventurous and fascinating travellers, namely you, our clients.

Please join my family and I, plus many Wells Gray staff, on the *Jewel* to celebrate friends, travel, adventure, and life-long memories. See you on board!

Roland Neave, Owner & Founder

Stateroom category	Double/ twin	Single	Triple	Stateroom category	Double/twin	Single	Triple
Inside ID	\$2,030	\$3,135	\$1,955	Balcony BB	\$2,865	\$4,800	\$2,505
Outside OF	\$2,235	\$3,545	\$2,090	Balcony BA	\$2,890	\$4,855	\$2,525
Outside O1,OA,OB	\$2,325	\$3,720	\$2,145	Mini-suite MB	\$3,155	\$5,385	\$2,700
Balcony BC	\$2,835	\$4,740	\$2,485	Mini-suite MA	\$3,195	\$5,470	\$2,730

Fares are per person and include all taxes, port charges, and cruise gratuities. There is no GST charged. There are limited numbers of staterooms available in each category.

Includes

- Coach transportation to Vancouver
- 8 nights stateroom on board *Norwegian Jewel*
- Unlimited alcoholic beverages and soft drinks
- Cover charges for 4 specialty dinners
- Cruise gratuities
- Port charges and cruise taxes
- Two 45th Anniversary cocktail receptions
- Anniversary events and social gatherings
- Luggage handling on and off the ship
- Coach transportation from Seattle to home city
- Tour director on each coach
- **All meals:** 8 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners

Ask for our colour brochure all about the 45th Anniversary at your local office!

EARLY BOOKING INCENTIVES!

Book by Friday, July 29, 2016

Your name will be entered in a draw to win an **upgrade to a suite in The Haven**, category H4 or H5, for you and your spouse/partner. This suite is among the finest on the ship. Your choice may depend on your preferred number of beds. Suites feature a living room with dining table, separate bedroom, bathroom (or 2 bathrooms in H4) with dual sink vanity, private balcony, and floor-to-ceiling windows. Size is 400 to 600 square feet including the balcony. Most suites are located in the exclusive Haven on Deck 14 which features a private courtyard to relax, socialize with other suite guests, or enjoy a dip in the pool. A useful perk is the personalized service of a concierge and a butler. Other benefits of The Haven are champagne at boarding, bathrobes, gourmet treats served in your stateroom prior to dinner, a private cocktail party with ship's officers, breakfast and lunch served in Moderno Restaurant on Deck 13, and priority dinner reservations. You also get a \$50 shipboard credit (per stateroom) towards a shore excursion at each port, and 250 minutes of free internet. Note that this prize is for an upgrade, so you still pay for the stateroom you originally booked; value is \$7,000 to \$10,000 depending on your category. Draw will be held at 4 pm on July 29.

Book by Wednesday, August 31, 2016

Your name will be entered in a draw to win a **Glacier Explorer Helicopter Tour** or a **Taku Glacier Hovercraft Excursion**. Both trips are offered in Juneau on Monday, May 8. Winners can choose which excursion they wish to book. Your travelling companion can purchase a ticket at cost to accompany you. Maximum weight per person is 240 pounds. **Four spaces to be won, valued at \$400 each!** Draw will be held at 4 pm on August 31.

1) Taku Glacier Hovercraft Excursion

The massive, 60 km long Taku Glacier is the largest of all glaciers that flow from the Juneau Icefield. Several kilometres of shallow water and shifting sand bars prohibit approaching the face of the glacier by conventional boat – the only way to get there is by a hovercraft which floats on a cushion of air, with forward thrust provided by an aft-facing propeller. The hovercraft carries 8 passengers and travels at up to 35 knots. Your pilot navigates a maze of sandbars to a landing site near the face of Taku Glacier, then you have about 30 minutes to explore on foot while enjoying spectacular views in every direction.

2) Glacier Explorer Helicopter Tour

Discover the diversity of the southeast Alaska landscape via helicopter as you fly over temperate rainforests and granite peaks that surround Alaska's capital city. Your pilot chooses a landing site on one of the 36 glaciers in this vast wilderness. Your guide teaches you how to use a trekking pole and crampons for balance and traction, enabling you to travel easily on the ice. During this one hour leisurely walk, your guide explains glacial landforms and allows you ample time for photos. Flight time is about 30 minutes, with an hour on the glacier. No experience is necessary. The tour company supplies wind-proof and water-proof outerwear, hard shell mountaineering boots with crampons, gloves, a waist pack with a granola bar and water, and a trekking pole for stability on the glacier.



Enjoy Freestyle cruising with Norwegian. Flexibility and freedom to choose and create your own dining, fun, and activities.

**Complimentary drinks (alcoholic and soft drinks)
included throughout cruise**

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

CALL FOR AVAILABILITY!

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HIDDEN TREASURES OF ETHIOPIA
September 23, 2016 — 19 days

\$8125 pp double **\$9175** single



What inspires you to travel to new destinations?

Is it the exposure to new experiences that delicately please all five senses? How about those special interactions with the locals, or the stories that you're able to share with family and friends upon your return home?

Those are just a few of the reasons I love exploring new places and Ethiopia is the perfect example of fully satisfying all the above. It was in Ethiopia that I finally found the ultimate hotel room view that I had always been searching for. As I was sipping my morning coffee and watching the sun rise across the valley from this hotel room, I realized that this was pure travel bliss. Later that day I was enjoying the peaceful interior of Bet Giyorgis, one of the rock-hewn churches of Lalibela. A few days later I was walking through the Konso Village in south Ethiopia where the harvest season was in full operation. The children excitedly gathered around us and enjoyed practicing their newly-learned English words. Again – pure travel bliss. Ethiopia is certainly an up-and-coming travel destination. Now is the perfect time to explore this unique country while its rich culture is still fresh and pure!

Submitted by: Fraser Neave, Director of Product Development

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CHURCHILL POLAR BEARS
November 1, 2016 — 7 days

\$8175 pp double **\$9085** single



Experience one of the world's most wonderful natural phenomena — the annual polar bear migration on the Hudson Bay Coast. The world's largest polar bear denning area is 40 km southeast of Churchill and has been protected in the Wapusk National Park. The bears occupy this area through the summer and early fall. With October's snow and approaching winter, the polar bears start to migrate north to Churchill and wait for the ice to form on Hudson Bay where they spend the winter hunting seals. Therefore, early November is the prime viewing season and polar bear sightings are at their peak. While some tour companies offer only bear viewing, our tour is more diversified so you gain a full perspective of the region, history and eco-systems. As well as two days of polar bear viewing from a Tundra Buggy, we include museum visits, a town tour, Manitoba Conservation's Polar Bear Holding Facility, and a dogsled excursion. Our Churchill tour operator has been arranging tours here for three decades and boasts excellent naturalist guides with extensive experience in the natural and cultural heritage of the region. Get ready for the experience of a lifetime!

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COSTA RICA**January 16, 2017 — 17 Days****\$5930** pp double **\$7315** single**5 seats left!**

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. 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.

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MEKONG RIVER CRUISE**March 11, 2017 — 23 days**from **\$8695** pp double; from **\$11,625** single**discounts up to \$300 pp**

Fed by snowmelt from the Himalayas of Tibet, the Mekong flows 2,700 miles to the sea in South Vietnam. The Vietnamese call it Song Cuu Long, the Nine Dragons River, for the nine branches of the Mekong Delta where land and water intertwine to make perfect conditions for growing rice. On this tour we visit bustling cities like Phnom Penh and Ho Chi Minh City as well as rural river towns such as Tan Chau. Scenes of incredible beauty will delight the eye, from dazzling religious sites like the richly-detailed Angkor Wat to the Royal Palace. We board the luxurious boutique RV Mekong Prestige II in Cambodia for the week-long voyage down the mighty Mekong River to Vietnam. Reminiscent in design of the many French colonial-era manor homes that once lined the streets of old Saigon and Phnom Penh, the 32 cabin RV Mekong Prestige II boasts a sophisticated yet comfortable design with French balconies. After visiting Hanoi's main attractions you will discover the coastal majesty of Halong Bay, one of Vietnam's most captivating natural wonders, on a two day cruise aboard a traditional junk boat and set sail over the shimmering waters of the bay to see over a thousand limestone islands and mysterious caves. Our flight home is from Ho Chi Minh City to Shanghai where we spend three days enjoying Suzhou, cruises on the Grand Canal and Huangpu River, The Bund, and visit the Shanghai Museum and the Ming Dynasty Yuyuan Garden.

At a glance...

Day 1	Richmond > Fairmont YVR
Day 2-4	Cambodia > Saem Siem Reap Hotel
Day 5-11	RV Mekong Prestige II
Day 12-14	Hanoi > The Ann Hotel
Day 15	Halong Bay > Traditional Wooden Junk
Day 16-17	Ho Chi Minh City > Bay Saigon Hotel
Day 18-20	Shanghai > Wyndham Bund East Hotel
Day 21	China Eastern Flight
Day 22	Richmond > Fairmont YVR

Highlights...

- > Tour the magnificent Angkor Wat and enjoy a spectacular Apsara Dance Performance
- > 7 nights on board Mekong Prestige II
- > Tour of Phnom Penh including Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum
- > Tour of Tan Chau with fishing farm, and a silk and woven mats workshop
- > Vietnamese traditional Water Puppet Show
- > Sampan river trip through rice paddies
- > Overnight Halong Bay cruise and Tai Chi lesson
- > Tour of Ho Chi Minh City
- > Dinner cruise on Huangpu River
- > Cruise on the Grand Canal in Suzhou
- > Shanghai Museum, Emerald Exhibition Centre and Ming Dynasty Garden
- > **53 meals included**

2017 HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISE

MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE

January 25, 2017 — 15 days

from **\$3860** pp double; from **\$5030** single
discounts up to \$200 pp



Head south to Palm Springs and spend three nights at the excellent location of Palm Mountain Resort. We thrill to one of the city's highlights - the spectacular Palm Springs Aerial Tramway which ascends nearly 2,000 metres into the San Jacinto Mountains. We also tour Joshua Tree National Park and go to Palm Canyon Theatre for a show. We stop in San Diego for three days of sightseeing before boarding Holland America's *Westerdam* for a seven night cruise. Our first port is Cabo San Lucas situated at the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula. Overnight we cruise east to the mainland of Mexico and dock for a full day in Mazatlan. Our last port of call along the Mexican Riviera is the original colonial town of Puerto Vallarta. We have two relaxing days at sea before docking in San Diego. We visit Balboa Park, the nation's largest urban park, home to 15 major museums, admission is included to one of the museums of your choice. Join us for an ideal vacation with access to some of the most beautiful beaches in all of Mexico.

At a glance...

- Day 1-3 Palm Springs
 - > Palm Mountain Resort
- Day 4-6 San Diego
 - > Embassy Suites Hotel
- Day 7-13 Holland America's
 - > *Westerdam*
- Day 14 Renton
 - > Quality Inn

Highlights...

- > Ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, each car rotates slowly during the climb, affording an incredible 360-degree view
- > An afternoon drive around Palm Springs with a local expert past celebrity homes and historic attractions
- > Guided tour of Joshua Tree National Park, created in 1994. It protects 800,000 acres of Mojave Desert wilderness and a great array of desert plants
- > An evening show at Palm Canyon Theatre
- > Board the Africa Tram in San Diego Safari Park to view the animals which are in large natural enclosures
- > San Diego Harbor cruise including the lofty Coronado Bridge, the shipyards, Point Loma and the Naval Air Station
- > Visit the Museum of Making Music and Maritime Museum which features many nautical displays and three historic ships including the *Star of India*
- > 7 nights on Holland America's *Westerdam*
- > Ports of Call include Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta
- > An afternoon visit to Balboa Park which is the largest urban park in the USA and admission into one of the 15 museums
- > **29 meals included**



*** 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.

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CARIBBEAN CRUISE WITH NEW ORLEANS from **\$3395** pp double; from **\$4650** single
February 1, 2017 — 13 days



Where do you go when it is time to get away? What if you knew of a place where the scenery isn't all that changes? A place where centuries old architecture is the backdrop for a culture so invigorating, it'll rouse your spirit. Visit the most fun and authentic city in America: New Orleans. From the historic French Quarter to the elegant Garden District to the music-filled Marigny, there is great food, music and more to be found all across the city. Next, cue the calypso music and cruise to the Caribbean. Azure seas, white beaches, and green forests – there is nothing subtle about the landscapes of the Caribbean. Swim below the waters for a colour chart of darting fish and coral reefs and feel the sand between your toes on the picture-perfect beaches.

At a glance...

Day 1	Renton > Quality Inn
Day 2-4	New Orleans > Wyndam Hotel
Day 5–11	<i>Norwegian Dawn</i>
Day 12	Renton > Quality Inn

Highlights...

- > A walking tour of the French Quarter. Learn about the fascinating 300 year history of the city
- > Coffee and beignets at Café Du Monde, a New Orleans tradition
- > A locally-guided driving tour of the city
- > An elegant dinner at the Maison Bourbon Dixieland Club and jazz show
- > Tour Mardi Gras World, the famous float-making studio
- > Board the Natchez Riverboat, one of the few sternwheeler vessels left on the Mississippi River
- > Learn how to prepare the tastes of Louisiana, Cajun and Creole at the New Orleans School of Cooking
- > Historic tours of Laura and Oak Alley Plantations
- > 7 nights on board the *Norwegian Dawn*
- > A full day in Cozumel, the popular Mexican resort at the tip of the Yucatan
- > A full day on the Island of Roatan, off the coast of Honduras
- > Harvest Caye, Norwegian's private island resort off southern Belize
- > A full day at Costa Maya, Mexico
- > **28 meals included**



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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S TOURS

LEAVENWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

November 30, 2016 — 4 days

\$895 pp double **\$1125** 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 at the Enzian Inn, located across from Leavenworth's town square and is convenient to the shops. Highlights include a Christmas concert by Leavenworth's acclaimed harpist Bronn Journey, an afternoon at the Future of Flight Museum or an afternoon of shopping at Alderwood Mall and a performance at the Village Theatre *Singin' in the Rain*.

CHRISTMAS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

December 20, 2016 — 7 days

\$1795 pp double **\$2165** single
21 seats left!



Christmas in Victoria has been an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours for over 25 years. This tour includes the added benefit of staying two nights in Parksville at the beautiful Beach Club overlooking Parksville Bay. Stroll from your room on the kilometre-long boardwalk, enjoying the brisk sea air and the birdlife. Excursions are included to Coombs Market, Morningstar Farm for cheese and wine sampling, and Robert Held's Glass Studio. Then we head into Victoria for three nights at the Coast Harbourside Hotel. Three shows are included: *A Christmas Story* at Chemainus Theatre, *This Little Light* at Belfry Theatre, and the Ambrosia Dinner Theatre featuring *Broadway Nostalgia*. Other highlights for 2016 include a Christmas Eve reception with entertainment by the Linden Singers and a special exhibit at the Royal BC Museum called *Mammoths: Giants of the Ice Age*. Some wonderful meals are planned including brunch at Chemainus Theatre, Christmas Dinner at the hotel, and a festive lunch at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse.

CHRISTMAS AT HARRISON & VANCOUVER

December 21, 2016 — 6 days

\$1595 pp double **\$1945** single
discounts up to \$90 pp



This tour stays two nights at Harrison Hot Springs Resort with time to take in the healing hot springs and spa. We dine in the lovely Copper Room featuring a three-course menu, followed by entertainment and dancing with the Jones Boys. We then head to Vancouver and stay 3 nights at the Fairmont Waterfront, one of Vancouver's most luxurious downtown hotels. The hotel has 489 rooms and all our Christmas rooms have a view of the harbour and north shore mountains. Activities on this tour include: A tour of UBC Dairy Farm in Agassiz, *The Day Before Christmas* at the BMO Theatre, *The Music Man* at the Gateway Theatre, Vancouver Aquarium, *Fly Over Canada* multi-media show, and *Mary Poppins* at the Stanley Theatre. Come and enjoy Christmas 2016!

CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA

December 22, 2016 — 6 days



\$1675 pp double **\$1980** single
discounts up to \$45 pp



Christmas in Victoria is an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours. We have stayed at Chateau Victoria for many years and our guests love the Christmas décor and spirit. All rooms are one-bedroom suites. The hotel has a fine location near the corner of Burdett and Douglas, close to the Inner Harbour and Legislative Buildings. Highlights for Christmas 2016 include a choice of either *A Christmas Story* at Chemainus Theatre or *This Little Light* at Belfry Theatre, a reception with entertainment by the Victoria Operatic Society, Robert Bateman Centre, dinner theatre with Broadway nostalgia show, and *The Music Man* at Gateway Theatre. Some wonderful meals are planned including Christmas Dinner at the Coast Harbourside Hotel, Christmas Brunch at Vista 18 atop the Chateau, and a festive Christmas lunch at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse.

NEW YEAR'S IN VANCOUVER

December 31, 2016 — 3 days

\$795 pp double **\$945** single
discounts up to \$40 pp



Start the new year right with two shows and two nights at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

The Music Man — Meredith Willson's original show in 1957 became a Broadway hit and won 5 Tony Awards including Best Musical. This nostalgic family show begins when con man Harold Hill arrives in a small Iowa town, singing empty promises about starting a glorious marching band. Romantic and clever, *The Music Man* is a heart-warming story about personal redemption and the power of a big brass band.

Salute to Vienna has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. For over 60 years, the Vienna Philharmonic's "Neujahrskonzert" broadcast has thrilled 1.2 billion people annually around the globe – a joyous celebration of the musical legacy of Johann Strauss Jr. In 1995, concert producers, Attila and Marion Glatz, presented their first *Salute to Vienna* in Toronto and it was modelled carefully after the original. Now, 22 years later, the show has become a New Year's tradition in North America featuring glorious music performed by the Vancouver Symphony with an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers and dancers. The show is staged almost simultaneously in 21 cities throughout Canada and the United States. We have reserved superb seats at the ornate Orpheum Theatre in Right and Left Centre Orchestra Rows 11 to 16.

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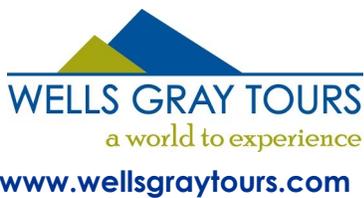
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