



# WELLS GRAY TOURS

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## The Experience Quarterly

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## GREETINGS FRIENDS

Are you craving warmth and new adventures? You're in luck! We have lots of exciting Christmas tours, winter get-aways, cruises, and exciting international destinations planned for the winter season and 2018. If a particular destination interests you, call your nearest Wells Gray Tours office or booking agent for details. Remember to book early so that you have access to the early booking discounts!

### 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".

## WELLS GRAY TOURS IS GIVING BACK

### Pledge a Pencil - Sharpen a Future

Are you booked on the Tanzania or Belize tour? Both tours will be visiting schools and schools in these destinations have a consistent need for supplies vital to the students' educational pursuits. Many students do not have enough basic supplies like pencils or paper to help with their learning. As many of you know, Kerrie Niemeier from our Kelowna Office collected donations last year for the Lake Natron school in Tanzania. She shipped many of the supplies but still has some left which you can take along with you on your tour. She will be bringing all of the supplies to the fall travel shows for all of our clients. If you are unable to attend the fall travel shows please let your local office know and supplies can be picked up there instead. Thank you! We really appreciate your support.



### 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

**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 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: Zion National Park. Arizona Winter Escape, itinerary on page 5.

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# Wells Gray Tours Fall Destination Travel Shows!

## Don't forget to RSVP

Finalization of our 2018 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

**Wednesday, October 18th**

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 - NEW LOCATION!!

**Wednesday, October 25th**

1:30 to 3:30 pm

#### Best Western Plus Kelowna Hotel & Suites

2402 Hwy 97 N  
Kelowna, BC

**Please RSVP 250-762-3435**

### Vernon

**Thursday, October 26th**

1:30 to 3:30 pm

#### Village Green Hotel

4801 27th Street  
Vernon, BC

**Please RSVP 250-545-9197**

### Penticton

**Tuesday, October 31st**

1:30 to 3:30 pm

#### Days Inn Conference Center

152 Riverside Drive  
Penticton, BC

**Please RSVP 250-493-1255**

### Kamloops

**Wednesday, November 1st**

1:30 to 3:30 pm

#### St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

1136 6th Avenue  
Kamloops, BC

**Please RSVP 250-374-0831**



## ACTIVITY LEVELS



Wells Gray Tours offers three levels of activity on our tours. 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.**

### Do I really need travel insurance?

Unexpected emergency medical treatment is the single most expensive hidden cost you can incur.

#### Why Travel Guard?

- No medical questionnaire!
- Insurance is fully refundable if tour is cancelled
- No maximum age
- 24/7/365 assistance services

#### What about Extra Coverage?

- 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.
  - Pre-existing medical waiver applies to a maximum of \$15,000 per person for trip cancellation.
  - Pre-existing medical waiver applies to a maximum of \$1M when the medical upgrade is purchased.

#### Is There Anything Else?

- 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.

The insurance products available through Travel Guard Group Canada, Inc. ("Travel Guard") are underwritten by AIG Insurance Company of Canada. The insurance policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. Coverage may not be available in all provinces. 1962\_002 04/25/16



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

### LEAVENWORTH LIGHTING

December 6, 2017 — 4 days

**\$920** pp double **\$1165** single

18 Seats left!



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. A visit to The Aplets & Cotlets factory is included and there is an option for a sleigh ride at Red Tail Canyon Farm. 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.

### CHRISTMAS IN PORTLAND

December 21, 2017 — 7 days

**\$1940** pp double **\$2490** single

discounts up to \$50 pp



Our Christmas tour stays four nights at the splendid **Embassy Suites Hotel** in downtown Portland. Built in 1912 as the Multnomah Hotel, it became a government office building during the 1970s and 1980s, then it was closed and empty during the 1990s. A \$20 million restoration brought this beautiful structure back to life as an all-suite hotel in 1998. It features an elegant columned lobby with fountain, a restaurant, indoor pool, and fitness centre. As with all Embassy Suites, there is a nightly cocktail reception for two hours and a generous cooked-to-order breakfast included. Four shows are included: *A Christmas Memory* paired with *Winter Song* at Elyn Bye Studio; *The Nutcracker* with Oregon Ballet, and *Newsies* at Village Theatre in Issaquah.

### CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA

December 22, 2017 — 6 days

**\$1795** pp double **\$2150** single

Filling Fast!



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 2017 include *Cornwall Christmas* at Chemainus Theatre, a reception with entertainment by the Victoria Operatic Society, Robert Bateman Centre, and *Beauty and the Beast* at Stanley Theatre. Some wonderful meals are planned including Christmas Eve Dinner at Coast Harbourside Hotel, Christmas Brunch at Vista 18 atop the Chateau, Christmas Dinner at Grand Pacific Hotel, and a festive Christmas lunch at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse.

### NEW YEARS IN VANCOUVER

December 30, 2017 — 4 days

Second Coach  
just added!

**\$1055** pp double **\$1270** single

Filling Fast!



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. 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.

## WINTER GETAWAYS

### ARIZONA WINTER ESCAPE January 6, 2018 — 18 days

**\$5520** pp double **\$7145** single  
discounts up to \$150 pp



In January, British Columbians are longing for blue skies and a warm sun, and that is when a getaway to Arizona is very welcome. This tour offers the warm weather, but there is lots more than just sitting beside the pool. Some highlights are Zion National Park, the vast Grand Canyon, Verde Canyon Railroad, a back-country jeep tour in Sedona, the exquisite Kartchner Caverns, a cooking class in Tucson, Dutton Family show, Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West, and a cruise on Saguaro Lake. Some marvelous hotels are also featured. Enjoy a 2-week escape from winter with 4 nights in Tucson and 5 nights in Scottsdale! We fly home with Westjet from Phoenix to Kelowna.

### KOOTENAYS HOT SPRINGS February 19, 2018 — 5 days

**\$1020** pp double **\$1275** single  
discounts up to \$50 pp



The Kootenays region is known for many incredible wonders, one of which is the great variety of hot springs. February is a beautiful time to admire the winter wonderland of this area. Soaking up the snowy mountain scenery from the warmth of a steaming outdoor pool is nothing short of magical. This tour visits three hot springs: Fairmont, Radium and Ainsworth. Accommodation is right next to the hot pools at Fairmont for two nights and Ainsworth for two nights. A 1-hour step on guided drive around Nelson with George Miller and lunch at Hume Hotel in Nelson are included. Just bring your swim suit and be prepared to relax.

### LONG BEACH & VICTORIA THEATRE February 21, 2018 — 6 days

**\$1515** pp double **\$1830** single  
discounts up to \$80 pp



Long Beach is known for its wild winter storms. A pleasant winter experience is to snuggle up to a warm fire and watch the rain and wind lash the hotel windows. More intrepid travellers bring lots of warm and waterproof clothes and enjoy the weather outdoors. We stay 2 nights in Tofino at the oceanfront Tin Wis Resort. There is time to stroll the lovely beach and bay and we also take you to Long Beach at Pacific Rim National Park and to Amphitrite Lighthouse in Ucluelet to watch the waves roll in. Unfortunately, Wells Gray Tours cannot guarantee that you will witness a thrilling west coast storm; in fact, the 2017 group experienced cool but sunny weather. From Long Beach, the tour travels to Victoria and stays two nights at the popular Chateau Victoria downtown. Two shows are included — Chemainus Theatre (show to be announced in November 2017) and *La Bohème* presented by Pacific Opera. Lunch at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse is included as well.

## WAIT LIST ONLY!

**Christmas on Vancouver Island - December 20 - 7 days**

**New Zealand President's Cruise - January 12 - 25 days**

**Costa Rica - January 17 - 16 days**

**Belize Winter Getaway - February 5 - 13 days**

**Hamilton in Seattle - February 23 - 4 days**

## EXCITING 2018 CRUISES



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### ANTARCTICA, ARGENTINA & CHILE CRUISE

January 2, 2018 — 29 days    7 Seats left!

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

from **\$18,780** single



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.

### SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

January 10, 2018 — 20 days

from **\$5555** pp double; from **\$7505** single

20 Seats left!



Treat yourself to a 14 day cruise aboard Holland America's *Rotterdam*, and savour a vacation defined by enriching activities, fine cuisine, room to move and intuitive personal service. You are sure to create memorable adventures on your Caribbean cruise that will inspire you for a lifetime. Life on the islands offers more than awe-inspiring views of vast blue waters and hilly scenery. Each port city has its own unique flavour and rhythm. The ports of call on this tour are Key West in Florida, San Juan in Puerto Rico, St. Thomas in US Virgin Islands, St. John's in Antigua, Castries in Saint Lucia, Willemstad in Curacao, Oranjestad in Aruba, and George Town in Cayman Islands. Highlights include a locally-guided tour of St. Petersburg, Salvador Dali Museum, and a visit to the Ringling Museum and Mansion. **Please note: some ports may change, updates will be available in mid October.**

### SAN DIEGO TO VANCOUVER CRUISE

April 26, 2018 — 11 days

from **\$2795** pp double; from **\$3625** single

11 Seats left!



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 two days of sightseeing. We spend two nights at Embassy Suites in beautiful La Jolla. Highlights here include a tour at the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad where we discover and play musical instruments at a unique museum that tells the story of how instruments were made, used and sold. We also spend one morning cruising the San Diego Harbour and the afternoon at Seaport Village for lunch and shopping. Boarding Holland America's *Zaandam* for a five night cruise back to Vancouver we have three relaxing days at sea and an all day port stop in San Francisco.



**GREENLAND & ICELAND CRUISE**  
**June 25, 2018 — 25 days**

from **\$10,390** pp double; from **\$14,105** single  
**discounts up to \$150 pp**



Come cruise and enjoy 18 days on the *Rotterdam* from the Netherlands to Boston. Holland America Line's "Flagship of Excellence," *MS Rotterdam*, made her grand entrance into the cruising world in 1997. A sister ship to the *Amsterdam*, the *Rotterdam* reflects a graceful combination of classic and state-of-the-art features, exhibiting wood and deep, vibrant colours for a traditional ship feel. Every day has a full schedule of optional activities: dance class, bridge, bingo, shuffleboard, table-tennis, karaoke, board games, and fitness activities. The Wajang Theatre shows recent movies several times a day. Every evening, there is live entertainment in the Mainstage Theatre, plus musicians are playing in most lounges.

We start this epic journey in Amsterdam and spend three nights exploring historic buildings and impressive sights such as the Dam Square, Royal Palace, the New Church, the canals, and Waterloo Square. We also visit the renowned Rijksmuseum, Anne Frank House and the UNESCO-listed village of Zaanse Schans.

Our first port stop is in Bergen where we enjoy a morning tour including the Old Bergen Museum and the Funicular up Mount Floyen. Next in the Shetland Islands, a six hour tour of the largest Island, is included. We dock in Akureyri, Iceland and an all-day tour takes you around Lake Myvatn with a swim in the hot springs at Myvatn Nature Baths. In Reykjavik, the northernmost capital of Europe, many highlights are included such as Strokkur Geysir which erupts every 5-10 minutes, mighty Gullfoss waterfall, and Pingvellir National Park.

We enjoy scenic cruising in Prince Christian Sound along the rugged east coast of Greenland. Our first port is in Qaqortoq, where we tender into shore. You have the opportunity to stroll through the town and marvel at this isolated community that lives a very simple life. We also visit the southernmost community in Greenland, Nanortalik, where only 1,300 people reside.

A day of leisure cruising takes us across the Labrador Sea before arriving in St. John's, Newfoundland. Here an afternoon tour with a local guide includes the Cabot Tower atop Signal Hill, Confederation Building, and Quidi Vidi Battery. Next, we dock in Halifax where our coach and guide are waiting to provide an all-day tour of Halifax highlights, followed by a drive out to famous Peggy's Cove.

Our last port of call is in Boston, one of the oldest cities in the USA, founded in 1630 by Puritan colonists from England. It was the scene of several key events of the American Revolution, such as the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the Siege of Boston. There is a driving tour with a local guide who will take us to Beacon Hill, Boston Common and Massachusetts State House as well as a leisurely walk along a one kilometre section of Boston's Freedom Trail. From Boston we fly back to Kelowna via Toronto on Westjet.



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## PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

**April 4, 2018 — 26 days**

from **\$6310** pp double; from **\$8675** single  
**13 Seats left!**



Treat yourself to a 21 day cruise aboard the *Norwegian Pearl* from New Orleans to Seattle. Spend three nights in New Orleans before boarding the *Pearl* and enjoy a walking tour of the French Quarter, Mardi Gras World, a unique experience at the New Orleans School of Cooking, a cruise on Sternwheeler Natchez on the Mississippi River and a jazz show at the Maison Bourbon Dixieland Club. A dream more than 400 years in the making, the Panama Canal opened in 1914 and this epic man-made marvel changed the world in the process. A Panama Canal expert is on board to explain its history and technical operations as your ship passes through the locks. Ashore there is everything from Costa Rican rainforests to Old World cities like Cartagena that recall the Age of Exploration. Locally guided tours in Colombia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Acapulco and Los Angeles are included. Our tour in Costa Rica features a boat trip on the Tarcoles River and Guacalillo Estuary. We see one of the world's largest colonies of crocodiles, the richest mangrove forest in the mid-Pacific Coast, and the country's most important conservation area for the scarlet macaw. We enjoy a locally guided tour to the colonial city of Leon in Nicaragua and in Guatemala we take a trip up to the highlands and the picturesque town of Antigua. Then before sailing home we spend a full day touring the City of Angels. Look for stars in Hollywood at Grauman's Chinese Theatre; view the rich abodes in Beverly Hills, the Hollywood Bowl, downtown skyline, Music Center, and El Pueblo de Los Angeles.

## TRANS-ATLANTIC CRUISE TO SPAIN

**April 5, 2018 — 21 days**

from **\$5970** pp double; from **\$7965** single  
**discounts up to \$250 pp**



This cruise features 15 days and nights on the *Norwegian Epic* visiting 5 ports plus the port of disembarkation, Barcelona. The cruise is most likely to appeal to people who enjoy lots of time on the ship, many relaxing days at sea, good books or movies, and shipboard activities or entertainment. Locally-guided tours are included in Bermuda, Madeira, Seville, Gibraltar, Granada, Alhambra and Barcelona where we stay two nights before flying home. A four-hour tour is included in Bermuda with local guides and features a walking tour of St. George's, the oldest town on the islands, with a visit to the World Heritage Centre and a film. Back in Hamilton, we go to Queen Elizabeth Park for a town crier greeting. In Madeira, our tour visits the fishing village of Camara de Lobos with its enchanting harbour. Then we travel up through Madeira's famous vineyards to Cabo Girao, a cliff which rises 580 metres from the ocean and has a glass skywalk to enhance the view. We also visit the hamlet of Monte and its church. Our guided tour in Seville includes a visit to the massive Seville Cathedral, world's largest Gothic structure with its notable La Giralda Tower and the tomb of Christopher Columbus. A local tour is included in the morning visiting the highlights of Gibraltar including the colony of Barbary apes and a tour to the awe-inspiring Alhambra Palace. Highlights in Barcelona include a visit to the Cathedral, Columbus Monument, Picasso Museum, Pueblo Espanol (Spanish Village) stroll down Las Ramblas enjoying the ambiance of this lively city.

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## EXOTIC GETAWAYS!

### NATURAL WONDERS OF ICELAND

June 2, 2018 — 18 days

**\$11,595** pp double; **\$14,150** single

**15 Seats left!**



Iceland was settled by Nordic people in the ninth century and is a unique destination that offers unspoilt nature, breathtaking landscapes and vibrant culture. Everywhere you turn there are glaciers, waterfalls, lava fields, rainbows, streams and mountain ranges. The scenery is truly out of this world, and falls right into your lap. A sightseeing tour in Reykjavik includes the landmark Hallgrímskirkja Church, the harbour, the University, City Hall and Höfði House. Next is the Geysir area where we walk around the boiling hot springs and hissing fumaroles. A boat excursion takes us around the rocky islands of Breiðarfjörður viewing many nesting birds including puffins, kittiwakes, cormorants, fulmars and the white-tailed eagle. We also take a short ferry ride to Hrísey, to view plovers, arctic terns, and ptarmigans. Cars are rare here so our tour on the island is on a wagon pulled by a tractor. Iceland is known as the "Land of Ice and Fire" because of the numerous glaciers and volcanos that are scattered around the island. An awesome sight awaits us at Vatnajökull, the largest glacier in Europe at 8,300 square kilometres or covering about 8% of Iceland. Then, at the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, we board an amphibious boat and sail among huge floating icebergs. A soothing swim in the Blue Lagoon is a must, as the water temperature averages 37–39 °C year round making it one of the most popular destinations in Iceland. We will also learn the secrets of the Icelandic horses during a farm horse show and in Husavik view the minke on a whale watching excursion. This enchanting visit of Iceland's natural wonders will fill you with wonder and astonishment.

### IRELAND

June 7, 2018 — 18 days

**\$6985** pp double; **\$8515** single

**discounts up to \$150 pp**



With the known history of Ireland dating back over 6,000 years, the past has truly paved the way for the island's buoyant present and future. The culture is vibrant, evolving and global, for there are an estimated 80 million people who claim Irish ancestry. The Irish are fond of folklore and traditions, particularly expressed through music and dance. In fact, the pub lies at the heart of the cultural life of Ireland, a place where friends gather to philosophize on life and politics, listen to stories and poems, enjoy traditional music, and share a feast. This is the 5th time that Wells Gray Tours has offered a tour to Ireland and our travellers have been thrilled with the experience. We have partnered again with Discover Ireland Tours, a company based in Cork that is committed to connecting groups to the real people of Ireland. Our tour circles the island and includes not only the major cities and sights of Ireland, such as Giant's Causeway, Ring of Kerry, and Blarney Castle, but also those personal experiences that put you in touch with the people, such as a horse-drawn cart trip through Muckross Park, tea & scones with a local family, and an overnight stay in a castle. So don your richest green, pocket your lucky shamrock, and go where Ireland takes you.

### 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.

Are you booked on our upcoming Trans-Siberian Adventure? Or are you thinking about it, but want to know more? Our General Manager, Stephanie Dilling, recently returned from travelling the Trans-Siberian Railway from Beijing to Moscow and she wants to tell you all about it. Join us for an information session hosted by Stephanie in each of our offices. She will share with you her experiences, show photos, and answer your questions.

**4:00 PM in all locations. Please RSVP**

Kelowna	Tuesday, November 14th	250.762.3435	103 - 3001 Tutt St
Penticton	Wednesday, November 15th	250.493.1255	100 -159 Wade Ave E
Vernon	Thursday, November 16th	250.545.9197	3206 - 35th St
Kamloops	Tuesday, November 21st	250.374.0831	250 Lansdowne St

## TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

**July 15, 2018 — 22 (23) days**

from **\$15,585** pp double; from **\$19,265** single

**10 Seats left!**



Experience one of the world's greatest train journeys — the Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Beijing. Crossing three countries (Russia, Mongolia and China) and seven time zones, this legendary rail excursion spans more than 9,000 kilometres and stops at 80 stations. Wells Gray Tours has booked space on the Tsar's Gold Train which is among the most deluxe with impeccable service and meals. Wells Gray customers can mingle with other well-heeled travellers from around the world. English is the primary language on board, but you may also hear (and practice) French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian. We start our journey with three nights in Amsterdam touring the many historic buildings, including the Dam Square, Royal Palace, Rijksmuseum, and take a canal cruise. A three-hour flight then takes us to Moscow where we stay two nights. Highlights here include the Bolshoi Theatre, Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin. We board the Trans-Siberian Railway in Moscow and begin our 11-day adventure to the Far East. The route passes 87 cities or towns, and hundreds of hamlets. Winding through the Ural Mountains and along the shore of stunning Lake Baikal, and traversing the Gobi Desert, a trip on the Tsar's Gold Train on the Trans-Siberian Railway is likely to be one of life's most memorable journeys. We reach the end of our epic journey in Beijing and spend three days and nights touring the city before returning home. We tour the Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall of China and Ming Tombs.

## DANUBE RIVER CRUISE

**August 3, 2018 — 19 days**

from **\$9795** pp double; from **\$13,710** single

**Call for availability!**



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.



**We hope we are your favourite travel company and that 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 of each other.**

**It's just our way of saying "Thank You" for your recommendation.**

## NORTH AMERICAN DESTINATIONS

### SAVANNAH & CHARLESTON

March 7, 2018 — 10 days

New  
Tour!

**\$4875** pp double; **\$5835** single  
discounts up to \$250 pp



Discover waterfront cities, a bygone era of plantations, 19th century mansions, and antebellum culture on this guided tour to Charleston, Savannah, and Georgia's Golden Isles. Visit the home of Margaret Mitchell, author of *Gone with the Wind*, see how the news is delivered at CNN Studios, explore history in Charleston, admire Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, do a tasting at North America's only tea plantation, cruise Charleston's Harbor, ride a trolley through Savannah's historic district, and savour a special low country dinner party. The Golden Isles will delight with gorgeous marsh views, St. Simons Island Pier Village, shrimp boating, and a night's stay at the renowned Jekyll Island Club, once the domain of Rockefellers and Vanderbilts. Beautiful magnolias, live oaks draped with Spanish moss, and the clip, clop of horse-drawn carriages will entice you to slow your pace, sip a mint julep, and utter greetings like "hey y'all!"

### SKAGIT TULIP FESTIVAL

April 10, 2018 — 4 days

**\$965** pp double; **\$1250** single  
discounts up to \$50 pp



The Skagit Valley explodes in an abundance of colour when the tulips blossom. Although Mother Nature ultimately decides the dates, the middle of the month tends to be good timing for this showy display. Whether early or late, there are usually dainty yellow daffodils first, followed by a rainbow of tulips, then the irises and lilies after that. We visit the Tulip Festival on a weekday to avoid the crowds that come here on weekends from Seattle. This tour spends a morning in La Conner, a delightful waterfront town of heritage buildings and interesting shopping. The local Kiwanis Club organizes a salmon bake dinner each evening during the Tulip Festival, and we join this event on the second evening. A cruise from La Conner through narrow Deception Pass and the Swinomish Channel is a highlight on Day 3. This tour stays at the luxurious Tulalip Resort and Casino, located about 30 minutes drive from the focal area of the Tulip Festival. Come and enjoy the blossoms and colours of the Skagit Valley.

### LOVE NEVER DIES IN SEATTLE

May 10, 2018 — 4 days

**\$1155** pp double; **\$1425** single  
14 Seats left!



The year is 1907. It is 10 years after his disappearance from the Paris Opera House and the Phantom has escaped to a new life in New York where he lives among the screaming joy rides and freak-shows of Coney Island. In this new electrically-charged world, he has finally found a place for his music to soar. All that is missing is his love – Christine Daaé. Now one of the world's finest sopranos, Christine is struggling in an ailing marriage to Raoul. So, it is with excitement she accepts an invitation to travel to New York and perform at a renowned opera house. In a final bid to win back her love, the Phantom lures Christine, her husband, and their young son Gustave from Manhattan to the glittering world of Coney Island. Christine soon discovers the true identity of her mysterious impresario and that all is not what it seems. *Love Never Dies* opened in London in 2010 and played for nearly 18 months, followed by shows in Australia, Copenhagen, Tokyo, and Hamburg. The US National Tour will play in 30 cities across the USA in 2017-2018. The show is not coming to Canada, so Seattle is the nearest place to see it. We also see *Hairspray* at the intimate Village Theatre in Issaquah. The year is 1962. The '50s are out and change is in the air. Baltimore's Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion to dance. We stay all three nights at the beautiful Embassy Suites Hotel in Lynnwood on the north side of Seattle and a choice of Chihuly Garden & Glass OR Seattle Space Needle is included.

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**COLUMBIA RIVER CRUISE****May 20, 2018 — 11 days**from **\$5570** pp double; from **\$9560** single**Call for availability!**

Fraser Neave, Director of Product, cruised on the *American Empress* in June 2015 and loved the whole trip. Come and admire the spectacular sights along the storied Columbia. We cruise from Clarkston to Portland. All shore excursions and daily lectures by a Columbia River expert are included. Highlights include Nez Perce National Park, Bridablik House, Lewis and Clark Center for Arts & History, Franklin County Historical Society & Museum and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center.

**NEW ENGLAND****May 31, 2018 — 17 days****\$6180** pp double; **\$7645** single**discounts up to \$300 pp**

This new tour route takes you to the rolling hills, coastal beauty, and historically rich areas of New England. We fly non-stop from Seattle to Boston where we stay for two nights. A Locally-guided tour of Boston including a walk along the Freedom Trail, a visit to the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum are included. We then board the Amtrak train for a 2 ½ hour journey north to Portland, Maine. Here we enjoy a locally-guided tour of Portland, the Lighthouse Lovers cruise in Portland harbour, the Maine Lighthouse Museum, an afternoon tea at the Looking Glass, a locally-guided tour of Bar Harbor, a Bar Harbor cruise with lobster bake and attend the Great Maine Lumberjack show. Leaving the coast, we drive west into New Hampshire. A highlight here is the Café Lafayette Dinner Train with a five course dinner. Our next train ride is the Mount Washington Cog Railway, the world's first mountain-climbing rack-and-pinion railway. We then continue west and head into Vermont for two days and visit Rock of Ages, a gigantic granite quarry, and Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory for a tour and sample of the delicious ice cream. Rhode Island is our next stop including a tour of The Breakers mansion, an afternoon aboard the elegant Schooner *Aquidneck* sailboat and a Dune buggy tour of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Before heading home we also devote a day to Martha's Vineyard. New England is, without a doubt, the most naturally stunning part of the entire United States. Join us and enjoy 3 of the most scenic of railroads available in this area!

**NEW YORK CITY****July 2, 2018 — 7 days****\$3795** pp double; **\$4715** single**discounts up to \$100 pp**

**New York City**, the city of icons. Empire State Building. Statue of Liberty. Rockefeller Center. American Museum of Natural History. Top of the Rock. Macy's Fifth Avenue. Radio City Rockettes. Metropolitan Museum of Art. Ground Zero. Central Park. Times Square. Wall Street. Broadway. The list of familiar sights and experiences goes on and Wells Gray Tours is proud to take you there. The tour is planned for early July, traditionally a quieter time for the city, when hotel rates are not as exorbitant. Temperatures are warm, but not too hot and humid. This tour has lots of choices. There is a balance of organized activities and free time to help you maximize your exploration during your stay. We have included a two-day hop-on hop-off all loop pass for double decker touring, a great way to get around the city and get insider information as well.

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**MEXICO'S COPPER CANYON****October 15, 2018 — 14 days****\$4825** pp double; **\$5515** single**9 Seats left!**

Excite your senses with this wonderful tour of Mexico's Copper Canyon. This tour is full of cultural riches and activities. We fly from Seattle non-stop to Tucson and then travel south along the coastal freeway through the vast agricultural farmlands growing corn, wheat, sugar cane, chile peppers, tomatoes and many other crops. We board the Chihuahua Al Pacifico Railroad and thrill to its engineering wonders during our ride in the first class "Ferromex" coach for our journey from El Fuerte to Creel through 86 tunnels and over 39 bridges. We enjoy 3 days of train excursions into the roadless terrain of one of the world's deepest and remotest canyons. We also tour the Tarahumara Indian land and meet the natives who inhabit the caves along the canyon walls. A walk to 30-metre high Cusarare Falls and a ride on the remarkable aerial tramway for magnificent views of the Copper Canyon are also included. Our last stop is in Mazatlan for 2 nights where we enjoy a sightseeing tour and free time to enjoy the Inn at Mazatlan Resort hotel and beach.

## JOURNEY ACROSS CANADA BY TRAIN! TWO DEPARTURES!

All aboard for the adventure of a lifetime! The railway in Canada is an integral and essential foundation for the country. When the last spike was driven in the cross-country rail line on November 7, 1885 at Craigellachie, something truly magnificent had been accomplished: Canada had been united. The railway was written into the agreement of Confederation on that historic day when the Dominion of Canada was formed in 1867. The railway was a condition of entry into Confederation by British Columbia and it was the common thread that linked the vast spaces and diverse cultures of the grand new nation.

### COAST TO COAST WESTBOUND BY TRAIN

**May 15, 2018 — 19 days**

**\$8865** pp double **\$10,235** single

**discounts up to \$300 pp**



We start our journey by flying from Kelowna to Halifax and spend three nights at the historic Westin Hotel. After exploring the sights and sounds of Halifax we board VIA Rail and head west. Locally-guided tours are included in Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg. A sure highlight on this trip will be riding in the luxury of Business Class from Montreal to Ottawa to Toronto. We stay two nights in Ottawa at the historic Lord Elgin Hotel and tour the Parliament Buildings, the House of Commons and the Senate chambers. We also visit the Canadian Museum of History and spend a night in Niagara.

#### At a glance...

Day 1-3	Halifax, Westin Hotel	Day 11	Niagara Falls, Hilton Hotel
Day 4	VIA Rail's <i>The Ocean</i>	Day 12-13	VIA Rail's <i>The Canadian</i>
Day 5-6	Montréal, Fairmont Queen Elizabeth	Day 14 -16	Winnipeg, Delta Hotel
Day 7-8	Ottawa, Lord Elgin Hotel	Day 17 -18	VIA Rail's <i>The Canadian</i>
Day 9-10	Toronto, Fairmont Royal York Hotel		

### COAST TO COAST EASTBOUND BY TRAIN

**May 27, 2018 — 15 days**

**\$7395** pp double **\$8265** single

**discounts up to \$150 pp**



On this tour we begin our epic adventure aboard Via Rail's *The Canadian* in Vancouver and travel through the Fraser Valley, pass soaring Mount Robson and into Jasper National Park. We continue travelling east through the towering giants of the Rocky Mountains and through the sea of grass in the vast prairies. We experience the unique mix of cultures in Winnipeg and Montréal and the Scottish influence in the Maritimes. We end our journey with three nights at the Cambridge Suites Hotel in the center of Halifax and fly home from Halifax via Toronto to Kelowna. Locally-guided tours are included in Winnipeg, Toronto, Montréal and Halifax.

#### At a glance...

Day 1-2	VIA Rail's <i>The Canadian</i>	Day 9-10	Montréal, Delta Hotel
Day 3-4	Winnipeg, Delta Winnipeg Hotel	Day 11	VIA Rail's <i>The Ocean</i>
Day 5-6	VIA Rail's <i>The Canadian</i>	Day 12-14	Halifax, Cambridge Suites Hotel
Day 7-8	Toronto, Fairmont Royal York Hotel		

#### Highlights included on both tours...

- > Visit the Manitoba Museum
- > Authentic visit to the Mennonite Heritage Village, with a traditional Russian lunch
- > Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- > Enjoy a cultural workshop in Winnipeg with dinner and entertainment
- > Skylon Tower & dinner in revolving restaurant
- > A day at Niagara Falls and enjoy a sightseeing tour
- > Board the Hornblower for a cruise to bottom of Niagara Falls
- > Come from Away at the Royal Alexandra in Toronto

## BRITISH COLUMBIA DESTINATIONS

### HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

March 6, 2018 — 3 days

**\$515** pp double; **\$655** single  
discounts up to **\$20 pp**



Discover the art of rejuvenation at the always popular Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa. Nestled on the south shore of Harrison Lake, this lovely hotel has been welcoming guests for over 125 years. With five indoor and outdoor natural mineral hot springs pools, plus the Healing Springs Spa, there is something to please everyone. A whole day is free for you to relax and indulge in the hotel's facilities. Your room in the East Tower (the newest section) has a view of Harrison Lake, and is a quick elevator ride and walk away from the hot springs pools. On the first evening, enjoy dinner in the elegant Copper Room with dance music provided by the Jones Boys.

### B.C. FJORDS CRUISE

May 15, 2018 — 7 days

**\$2215** pp double; **\$2590** single  
discounts up to **\$100 pp**



The great fjords of the British Columbia Coast rival those of Norway in length and depth and have even higher mountain scenery. This tour takes you to Knight Inlet, British Columbia's longest fjord, Desolation Sound, British Columbia's largest marine park, Jervis Inlet, and the Princess Louisa Fjord. Experience the wild rush of the Nakwakto Tidal Rapids, and view grizzly bears up close at the Glendale River estuary. Of the seven days on this tour, 3½ days are devoted to cruising the sheltered waters near Vancouver Island. Come and join this unique tour, cruising some fabulous scenic waterways. This tour is limited to 32 passengers to ensure comfort for everyone on the vessels.

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### WELLS GRAY PARK

June 1, 2018 — 4 days

**\$945** pp double **\$1090** single  
**3 Seats left!**



Wells Gray Park is a vast wilderness area of 1.3 million acres, nicknamed Canada's "Waterfalls Park" and the "Volcanoes Park". Early June is an excellent time to visit Wells Gray Park since the waterfalls are spectacular with their spring run-off. The tour is escorted by Roland Neave, owner of Wells Gray Tours and Wells Gray Gateway Guesthouse. Roland is also the author of the guidebook *Exploring Wells Gray Park*; the 6th Edition was published in 2015 and a complimentary autographed copy of this 400-page all-colour book is yours as a souvenir of this tour.

This tour is limited to 20 travellers. With a small group, the boats are able to take us up Clearwater Lake, through the Clearwater River into Azure Lake, then to the beach at the east end of Azure Lake to view Rainbow Falls.

The trip has been a 3-day tour for many years, offered once annually. For 2018, we are adding an extra day which gives time for more activities, longer walks, and a more leisurely itinerary.

Come and see the birthplace of Wells Gray Tours! There is a connection to the Park's name, dating back 46 years. An environmental organization offered tours of Wells Gray Park in 1972 as a means of protesting BC Hydro's plans to build seven dams on the Clearwater River. Roland and some university friends were volunteer guides. From this modest beginning with a single tour route, Wells Gray Tours has evolved to offer worldwide travel.

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## VANCOUVER ISLAND FROM TOE TO TIP

June 7, 2018 — 9 days

**\$2655** pp double **\$3180** single  
**discounts up to \$140 pp**



Vancouver Island is the 11th largest island in Canada, stretching 460 km from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Queen Charlotte Sound. Named for Captain George Vancouver who explored B.C.'s coast in 1792, the island has great diversity ranging from the capital city of Victoria to remote mountain peaks in Strathcona Park, and from the wild wind-lashed beaches of the west coast to the sandy expanse of Rath Trevor Beach. Only a handful of people have travelled from toe to tip and experienced both ends of Vancouver Island: Race Rocks off Victoria and Cape Sutil (not Cape Scott) north of Port Hardy. There are no roads to either place, so we have chartered vessels to get you there. A third boat charter travels to Nootka Sound, important to British Columbia's history because Captain James Cook landed there in 1778 and met the First Nations. In between the toe and tip, there is so much to see and do on the Island that a month would not be long enough, but we have picked some highlights for this nine-day tour that are well-known and less-known. Come and explore Vancouver Island!

## INSIDE PASSAGE & SKEENA TRAIN

June 23, 2018 — 8 days

**\$2665** pp double **\$3235** single  
**Filling fast!**



B.C. Ferries' **Northern Expedition** was specially designed for Inside Passage voyages. 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 bird-life. An all-day boat excursion to Khutzeymateen Sanctuary for grizzly bear viewing, visit to the acclaimed Museum of Northern British Columbia and a tour the North Pacific Cannery Museum are also included. We also board the Skeena Train in the first class dome car for a spectacular all-day journey and spend a day in Barkerville with an afternoon show at the Theatre Royal.

**Please book early!** Unsold ferry and train space must be released on April 28. 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.

### COMING SOON 2018!

**Vancouver Island Gardens - May 9**

**Gulf Islands Cruise with Poets Cove - May 26**

**Rails, Rivers and Roses - June 5**

**Les Miserables in Seattle - June 15**

**Alberta Summer Theatre - July 17**

**Bella Coola & Tweedsmuir Park - July 18 & August 1**

**Haida Gwaii - July & August**

**Yellowstone & Canyonlands - October 7**

**Montreal to Florida Cruise on Rotterdam - October 11**

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