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GREETINGS FRIENDS

As you know, there are currently around 167 wildfires burning throughout the province. Safety is a top priority for us and we are actively monitoring the wildfires in BC to ensure that we are not running any tours into dangerous areas. Each tour is being assessed as it gets closer to departure to either reroute or cancel if necessary. Our thoughts are with all those affected. We recently made a \$500 donation to the Red Cross for relief efforts regarding the BC Wildfires as about 37,000 people have been displaced. A huge "Thank You" to all of the amazing men and women fighting these fires, and the emergency service workers and volunteers helping the evacuees get through this difficult time.

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 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. Include your name, names of people appearing in photo, date, destination and tour. There is no limit on the number of entries per person.

How to win: Photos appear in the Wells Gray Tours Facebook page photo album titled "Photo Contest 2017". The picture with the most "Likes" will win – get your friends to "Like" your picture on Facebook! You can only win once per year.

PRIZES

1st Place - \$300 Travel Voucher
2nd Place - \$100 Travel Voucher
3rd Place - \$50 Travel Voucher

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed weekends and holidays

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

- All tours include coach and/or air transportation, accommodation, knowledgeable tour director, and luggage handling, unless otherwise indicated.
- Tours depart from various pick up points in the Greater Victoria area. Depending on the individual tour routing and number of people in a location, additional pick up points may be available or added.
- GST is charged where applicable.
- Single and triple fares are available on most tours.
- Consumer Protection BC License: 65842

Cover photo: Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach. Thanksgiving on the Oregon Coast, itinerary on page 5.
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Wells Gray Tours Fall Destination Travel Show

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.

VICTORIA

Thursday, November 2nd

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

St Andrews Presbyterian Church (In the Kirk Hall)

680 Courtenay St. Victoria

Please RSVP by October 30th so that we can anticipate attendance 250-590-7889



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.

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



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.

COMING SOON 2018!

Coast to Coast by Train - May 27

Coast to Coast by Train (Westbound) - May

New England - May 31

BC Fjords - June 16

Inside Passage & Skeena Train - June 23

St. Lawrence & Ottawa River Cruise - August 28

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.

BRITISH COLUMBIA & CANADIAN DESTINATIONS

FRASER RIVER FROM SOURCE TO MOUTH

September 5, 2017 — 11 days

\$3395 pp double **\$4065** single

Half-full already!



The source of the Fraser River was discovered by a Beautiful British Columbia Magazine team in the mid-1980s. The nearest road is 50 km away and there is no trail to the site, so the only access is by a helicopter. Less than 200 people, most of them travelling with Wells Gray Tours, have seen the remarkable phenomenon of a tiny dripping spring flowing into a pond from where the Fraser River, all of six inches wide, starts its long journey to the ocean. This tour lets you experience the thrill of a helicopter ride, as well as planting your feet on each side of the not-so-mighty Fraser. You have bragging rights for a truly unique opportunity! We also enjoy a relaxing evening at Harrison Hot Springs Resort and dine in elegance in the Copper Room with music and dancing by the Jones Boys. Enjoy a two-hour jet-boat excursion from Mission to the mouth of the Harrison River with an expert Naturalist, and board the paddlewheeler MV Native for a four-hour excursion down the last 30 km of the Fraser River.

COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES

September 12, 2017 — 8 days

\$2175 pp double **\$2705** single

9 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.

CALL FOR AVAILABILITY!

Autumn in the Okanagan - September 15 - 6 days

Tyax Resort - September 25 - 6 days

WAIT LIST ONLY!

Maritimes & Newfoundland - August 28 - 24 days

St. Lawrence River Cruise - September 3 - 10 days

Cruising the Gulf Islands - September 10 - 4 days

South Africa - September 14 - 19 days

Black Hills & Yellowstone - September 26 - 15 days

Hawaii Cruise on *Norwegian Jewel* - October 2 - 15 days

Tanzania & Zanzibar - November 4 - 17 days

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

Columbia River Cruise - May 20 - 11 days

KOOTENAYS GHOST TOWNS & HOT SPRINGS

September 30, 2017 — 6 days

\$1670 pp double **\$1995** single

discounts up to \$30 pp



In the boom and bust economies of British Columbia's last 160 years, a lot of towns have come and gone. Some rivalled San Francisco for size and luxuries, but are now just a collection of broken buildings. Some are still inhabited, but are now a ghost of former glories. This is another of Wells Gray's popular themed tours. During five days, we visit ghost towns such as Retallack and Sandon, as well as a created one at Three Valley Gap, and historic towns like Revelstoke, Kaslo, Nelson, and Greenwood. We visit the gardens at Blaylock, the Kootenays' grandest mansion. Unique experiences include a ride on Nelson's heritage Streetcar #23, lunch with a Nelson historian, an overnight at Nelson's old Hume Hotel, and a tour of the historic powerhouse at Sandon. Guides are hired at each attraction or town to explain the historical details as only a local person can do. We stay 2 nights at Ainsworth Hot Springs, so you have unlimited use of the pools. Come and join us on this exciting tour with a ghostly twist!

JASPER PARK LODGE SENIOR FALL GETAWAY

October 9, 2017 — 6 days

\$1420 pp double **\$1695** single

10 Seats left!



Celebrate beauty and friendship in the majesty of the Canadian Rockies. Each fall, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge invites seniors to head out to the mountains for fresh air, fall foliage, and lots of fun. Delicious food, classic entertainment and a multitude of activities make for a great getaway. With fitness programs, craft-making, lectures, walking tours, and entertainment, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge program has it all! And you simply can't beat the value—a stay at the Lodge in summer with meals costs over \$500 per night. This tour offers extraordinary savings and lets you experience this renowned lodge, with exceptional meals and experiences included, at a very attractive price. Combine this with a night at Sun Peaks Resort going to Jasper and South Thompson Guest Ranch returning, both near Kamloops, and you have an unbeatable fall tour.

2017 NORTH AMERICAN DESTINATIONS

THANKSGIVING ON THE OREGON COAST

October 5, 2017 — 9 days

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



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!

tour
a more intimate travel experience

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Wells Gray Tours is proud to provide the Tour 25 travel experience.

Tours indicated by this icon on our website and brochures are Tour 25 departures, meaning group capacity is a maximum 25 participants or less. This allows Wells Gray Tours to create a more personal, flexible and authentic experience, which is perfect for many destinations. Travelling in smaller groups allows us to access exciting new places and to offer more up close, personal and unique encounters. It is one more way we are working to meet your evolving travelling preferences.

Look for the Tour 25 logo for a more intimate travel experience

BRANSON - See 13 Musical Shows!

October 24, 2017 — 10 days

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

16 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 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 **John Denver Tribute**. 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 Capital of the World."

VIVA LAS VEGAS!

November 8, 2017 — 5 days

\$2050 pp double **\$2450** single

21 Seats left!



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

PACIFIC NORTHWEST GETAWAY

November 22, 2017 — 6 days

\$1765 pp double **\$2285** single

discounts up to \$100 pp



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

LEAVENWORTH LIGHTING

December 5, 2017 — 4 days

\$1035 pp double **\$1280** single

7 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. There is an option for Red Tail Canyon Farm sleigh ride or to visit Aplets & Cottlets. We then head to Lynnwood for an overnight at the beautiful Embassy Suites. An afternoon at the Future of Flight Museum or an afternoon of shopping at Alderwood Mall and a performance of *Elf* at the Paramount Theatre are included. On the way home we stop at Bellis Fair Mall and the Duty-Free Store.

CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

December 23, 2017 — 5 days

\$1620 pp double **\$1945** single

16 Seats left!



This tour stays four nights at the renowned Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. The Hotel Vancouver has an excellent location on West Georgia Street, surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants, and a block from Pacific Centre Mall. Wells Gray Tours is pleased to offer this Christmas experience again as it has garnered rave reviews from customers in recent years. Highlights include, the Bloedel Floral Conservatory, Vancouver Aquarium, and a festive Christmas Dinner buffet. We also see two shows. We go to the Goldcorp Stage to see the infectious comedy, *The Day Before Christmas*, and go to the Grand Chapiteau and thrill to Cirque du Soleil's *Kurios*.

HOT OFF THE PRESS FOR 2018!

ARIZONA WINTER ESCAPE

January 5, 2018 — 19 days

\$5965 pp double **\$7655** single

discounts up to \$300 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!

LONG BEACH STORM WATCHING

February 25, 2018 — 4 days

\$975 pp double **\$1195** single

discounts up to \$50 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. After two nights at Tin Wis Resort, we return to the east coast of Vancouver Island and stay at the beautiful Beach Club in Parksville. All our rooms at both resorts have ocean views.

EXOTIC GETAWAYS

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BELIZE WINTER GETAWAY

February 5, 2018 — 13 days

\$5245 pp double **\$6280** single



Belize, formerly British Honduras, is a small country on the Caribbean coast of Central America, bordered by Mexico and Guatemala. There is lots of fascinating history on this tour. Several archeological sites are visited including the incredible Xunantunich and Caracol Mayan Temple Site. The Mayan civilization spread across what is now Belize around 1500 BC and flourished there until about 900 AD. We have two nights at the beautiful Radisson Fort George Hotel in Belize with two enticing pools in a courtyard full of tropical plants. A locally-guided tour of Belize City includes the Belize Museum, House of Culture, and a cultural dance and music show. Then heading two hours west we stay four nights at the San Ignacio Resort, only a 10-minute walk to the bustling public market. In San Ignacio an interpretive and educational exhibit is included at the Green Iguana Conservation Project which has been at the forefront of conservation for the threatened Green Iguana. We also visit the San Antonio Village Women's Co-op Center where women are reviving the lost art of making ceramics, cooking methods and pottery making in the style of the ancient Maya. A sure highlight on this tour will be a boat excursion to the Great Blue Hole, a giant submarine sinkhole off the coast of Ambergris Caye in Lighthouse Reef. Our final three nights are in San Pedro at the Grand Colony Island Villas located right next to the beach with three swimming pools. Spend your last day at leisure here enjoying the resort, and wonderful beaches. Come and admire the natural, historic and cultural wonders of Belize on this unique journey, and escape from the Canadian winter for 10 days.

NATURAL WONDERS OF ICELAND

June 2, 2018 — 19 days

\$11,795 pp double **\$14,350** single

21 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 ice-bergs. 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.

DANUBE RIVER CRUISE

August 4, 2018 — 18 days

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

2 Seats Left!



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.

TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

July 15, 2018 — 22 (23) days

from **\$15,735** pp double; from **\$19,415** single
Half-full already!



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.

EXCITING 2018 CRUISES



GREENLAND & ICELAND CRUISE

June 25, 2018 — 25 days

from **\$10,540** pp double; from **\$14,255** single
discounts up to \$300 pp



Come cruise and enjoy 18 days on the *Rotterdam* from the Netherlands to Boston. 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 Þingvellir 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 Victoria via Toronto on Westjet.

ANTARCTICA, ARGENTINA & CHILE CRUISE

January 2, 2018 — 29 days 11 Seats left!

from **\$14,350** pp double

from **\$18,980** 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 **\$5755** pp double; from **\$7705** single

discounts up to \$80 pp



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.

PALM SPRINGS WITH SAN DIEGO CRUISE

April 26, 2018 — 11 days

from **\$2945** pp double; from **\$3775** single

discounts up to \$160 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 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.

*** 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.



NORWEGIAN
CRUISE LINE

FREESTYLE CRUISING™

PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

April 4, 2018 — 26 days

from **\$6510** pp double; from **\$8875** single
discounts up to \$250 pp



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 **\$6170** pp double; from **\$8165** single
discounts up to \$250 pp



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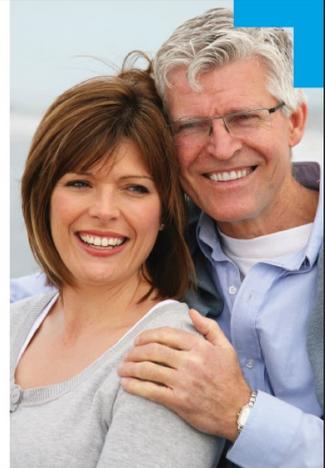
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