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# The Experience Quarterly

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## GREETINGS FRIENDS

It has been a busy autumn and we are hard at work planning lots of exciting tours, cruises and international destinations. So sit back, relax and enjoy the read. If a particular destination interests you, call your nearest Wells Gray office or booking agent for details. Remember to book early so that you have access to the early booking discounts.

### Insurance

Beginning in August of 2015, Wells Gray Tours began offering travel insurance through Travel Guard. Travel Guard has more than 25 years in the business of travel insurance and is underwritten by the American International Group (AIG). New with this coverage is a pre-existing medical condition exclusion waiver. Read our Blog, which can be found on our website [www.wellsgraytours.com](http://www.wellsgraytours.com) for more information.

### Stay Informed

Wells Gray Tours provides tour policies on every tour itinerary. This information varies slightly for each tour and addresses specific items pertaining to each tour such as payments, discounts, cancellation policies, fare changes, insurance and activity levels. Please be sure to read this area carefully and call your local office with any questions. We want your tour experience to be exceptional from the moment you book.

### E-Newsletter

Sign up for our monthly E-Newsletter to get access to newly released tours, travel tidbits and information on upcoming events. All we need is your email address, so call your local office today or visit us online at [www.wellsgraytours.com](http://www.wellsgraytours.com) and click "Receive Tour & News Updates".

### Seating Rotation

Seat rotation is mandatory on all tours and your tour director will describe the pattern and the frequency of the moves. To be fair to all clients, exceptions will not be made.

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

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## You're invited to the Wells Gray Tours Fall Destination Travel Shows!

Finalizing our 2016 tours 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.

**Penticton**  
**Monday, November 2**  
 1:30 to 3:30  
 Days Inn Penticton Riverside Conference Centre  
 152 Riverside Rd.  
 Penticton, BC  
**RSVP 250-493-1255**

**Vernon**  
**Tuesday, November 3**  
 1:30 to 3:30  
 Village Green Hotel  
 4801 27th St.  
 Vernon, BC  
**RSVP 250-545-9197**

**Kelowna (New Date)**  
**Wednesday, November 4**  
 1:30 to 3:30  
 Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 2091 Gordon Dr. Kelowna  
**RSVP 250-762-3435**

**Kamloops**  
**Tuesday, November 10**  
 1:30 to 3:30  
 St Andrews Presbyterian Church  
 1136 6th Ave.  
 Kamloops, BC  
**RSVP 250-374-0831**

**Salmon Arm**  
**Thursday, October 29**  
 1:30 to 3:30  
 Comfort Inn  
 1090 22nd Street NE  
 Salmon Arm, BC  
*In Partnership with Maritime Travel*  
**RSVP 250-832-9481**

## COMING SOON!

**Mystery Tour - April**  
**Skagit Tulip Festival - April**  
**Pacific Coastal Cruise on Norwegian Pearl - April 25**  
**Jersey Boys in Seattle - May**  
**Billy Elliott in Vancouver - May**  
**Motown & Paint Your Wagon in Seattle - June 9**  
**Inside Passage & Skeena Train - June 22**  
**Drumheller Passion Play - July**  
**Whitehorse & Glacier Bay Cruise - July**  
**Maritimes & Newfoundland - August 28**  
**Mediterranean Cruise on Norwegian Spirit - October 2016**  
**Churchill Polar Bears - November 2016**

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

### Wells Gray Tours in Vernon has moved!

After 8½ years on 43rd Avenue, we moved back downtown in the middle of August. We have bought our own building, a charming house that was converted to a doctor's office in 2007. Our new address is 3206 - 35th Street and our phone number is the same. This is at the corner of 35th Street, 32nd Avenue and Centennial Drive. There is customer parking at the rear off Centennial Drive and a bus stop right outside. We are just 1½ blocks from Schubert Centre and 1 block from Safeway. Darlene and Lynne are thrilled with the new location and we hope you are too.

## PRE - CHRISTMAS, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S TOURS

### LEAVENWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

December 2, 2015 — 4 days

**\$875** pp double **\$1090** single



The beauty of the Christmas season joins with a 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 days. 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 and a performance of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*.

### CHRISTMAS AT HARRISON & VANCOUVER

December 21, 2015 — 6 days

**\$1520** pp double **\$1850** single



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 Patsy B. and the Lefties. 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, *A Christmas Story* at Stanley Theatre, *The Wizard of Oz* at Gateway Theatre, the Vancouver Aquarium, *Fly Over Canada* multi-media show and *Peter and the Starcatcher* at West First Theatre. Come and enjoy Christmas 2015!

### OREGON COAST & PORTLAND AT CHRISTMAS

December 21, 2015 — 7 days

**\$1860** pp double **\$2330** single  
discounts up to \$50 pp



Before Christmas, you stay two nights at the splendid Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Portland. As with all Embassy Suites, there is a nightly cocktail reception for two hours and a generous cooked-to-order breakfast included. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, you stay at Elizabeth Street Inn in Newport, located directly beside the beach with a fabulous view of the ocean from every room. A hot salmon chowder appetizer is served at 5 pm, fresh baked cookies each evening, and full hot breakfast each morning. Amenities include an indoor pool and spa. Activities on this tour include: the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, *The Miracle Worker* at Repertory Theatre, *The Nutcracker* with Oregon Ballet, Evergreen Aviation Museum & Spruce Goose, *My Fair Lady* at Village Theatre, and a two-hour sea-life cruise around Yaquina Bay.

### NEW YEARS IN VANCOUVER

December 31, 2015 — 3 days

**\$720** pp double **\$855** single  
8 Seats left!



Start the New Year right with two shows. The first show we see is *The Wizard of Oz* — Click your heels together and follow Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tinman, and the Cowardly Lion down the yellow brick road through the magical land of Oz. The second show, *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. Our accommodation for two nights is at the Fairmont Waterfront, one of Vancouver's most luxurious downtown hotels. On this tour we visit Fly Over Canada for a breathtaking coast to coast aerial journey through the latest in virtual flight ride technology.

## WAIT LIST ONLY!

### CHRISTMAS AT CHATEAU VICTORIA

December 23, 2015 — 6 days

**\$1595** pp double **\$1895** single



### CHRISTMAS AT VICTORIA HARBOURSIDE HOTEL **\$1545** pp double **\$1830** single

December 23, 2015 — 6 days



## JUST RELEASED!

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### HAIDA GWAII

August 6, 2016 — 7 days

**\$2595** pp double **\$2920** single

discounts up to \$70 pp



## BC WINTER & SPRING GET-AWAYS

### LONG BEACH & VICTORIA THEATRE

February 16, 2016 — 6 days

**\$1230** pp double **\$1520** single

discounts up to \$30 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. There is time to stroll the lovely beach and bay at the Tin Wis Resort, but 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 2015 group experienced pleasant sunny weather.

From Long Beach, the tour travels to Victoria and stays two nights at the popular Chateau Victoria downtown. Two shows are included — *The Barber of Seville* presented by Pacific Opera and *Back before Bach* by the Piffaro Ensemble from Philadelphia. The Robert Bateman Centre is included as well as afternoon tea at Abkhazi Garden.

#### At a glance...

Day 1	Richmond, BC > Fairmont YVR
Day 2-3	Tofino, BC > Tin Wis Resort
Day 4-5	Victoria > Chateau Victoria

#### Highlights...

- > Short walk among the towering trees at Cathedral Grove
- > 2 nights at Tin Wis Resort which has a magnificent setting beside Mackenzie Beach
- > 2 sumptuous buffet dinners
- > Time to beachcomb and view tidal pools at Pacific Rim National Park
- > Enjoy the spectacle of big waves hitting the point near Amphitrite Lighthouse
- > Visit the Robert Bateman Centre
- > Enjoy 2 shows— *The Barber of Seville* presented by Pacific Opera and *Back before Bach* by the Piffaro Ensemble from Philadelphia
- > Afternoon tea at Abkhazi Garden
- > **7 meals included**

## KOOTENAYS HOT SPRINGS

February 22, 2016 — 5 days

**\$925** pp double **\$1165** 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. Just bring your swim suit and be prepared to relax.

### At a glance...

- Day 1-2 Fairmont Hot Springs, BC  
> Fairmont Hot Springs Resort
- Day 3-4 Ainsworth, BC  
> Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort

### Highlights...

- > Enjoy a private hot pool close to your room at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, and soak up the mineral rich water
- > Bathe in Canada's largest hot springs pool with a water temperature of 103 degrees F at Radium Hot Springs
- > Ride the "longest free ferry in the world" over to Balfour on the Kootenay Lake ferry
- > Soak in the hot pools overlooking Kootenay Lake at Ainsworth Hot Springs, the horseshoe-shaped cave is the hottest at 114 degrees F, and the lounging pool averages 96 degrees
- > Plunge into the cold pool at Ainsworth Hot Springs
- > Stop for lunch in historic Greenwood
- > **10 meals included**

## HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

March 7, 2016 — 3 Days

**\$480** pp double **\$610** single  
discounts up to **\$20** pp



Discover the art of rejuvenation at the remarkable 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 West Tower has a view of either Harrison Lake or the outdoor pools area, and is just an elevator ride away from the hot springs pools. On March 7, enjoy dinner in the elegant Copper Room with dance music provided by Patsy B. and the Lefties.

### At a glance...

- Day 1-2 Harrison, BC  
> Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa

### Highlights...

- > Dine in elegance in the lovely Copper Room featuring a three-course menu & entertainment and dancing with Patsy B. and the Lefties
- > Unlimited use of the hot springs
- > **4 meals included**

## WHISTLER SPRING GETAWAY

April 18, 2016 — 5 Days

from **\$1290** pp double **\$1520** single  
discounts up to **\$70 pp**



Each spring, Chateau Whistler hosts a celebration for guests 55 plus but young at heart. It is an entertaining, enlightening and thoroughly enjoyable three-night package with all meals included. Among the many scheduled activities, free time has been allotted daily for you to enjoy at leisure. It could be a refreshing swim in the lap pool, a treatment at the spa, hot toddies around the fire on The Mallard Terrace, a walk on Whistler's many nature trails, or shopping at the Village Square. The Fairmont Chateau Whistler opened its doors in 1989 and is still one of Whistler's most renowned hotels. This tour then heads to Vancouver for lunch and shopping at Granville Island Market, the aerial journey called Fly Over Canada and the comedy *Good People* at the Stanley Theatre.

### At a glance...

- Day 1-3 Whistler, BC  
> Fairmont Chateau Whistler
- Day 4 Vancouver, BC  
> Blue Horizon Hotel

### Highlights...

- > Lunch and a tour at historic Ashcroft Manor
- > Enjoy the fun activities and programming included at Chateau Whistler: a cooking demonstration, naturalist walk, scavenger hunt and many more
- > 3 gourmet buffet dinners in the Frontenac Ballroom
- > Visit Brandywine Falls and Shannon Falls
- > Enjoy free time and shopping at Granville Island
- > Soar from coast to coast on a breathtaking aerial journey called Fly Over Canada
- > Get ready to laugh at the Stanley Theatre for the comedy *Good People*
- > **10 meals included**

## CRUISING THE GULF ISLANDS

May 1, 2016 — 6 days

**\$1775** pp double **\$2195** single  
discounts up to **\$50 pp**



Poets Cove is the premier luxury resort of the Gulf Islands. Nestled in Bedwell Harbour on South Pender Island, the resort has every amenity you could wish for. The main building has 22 beautifully-appointed bedrooms, all with ocean view and a deck. The Aurora Dining Room serves our dinners, and Syrens Bistro serves breakfasts, plus offers a pub atmosphere for casual evening get-togethers. A full range of spa treatments is offered in the Susurrus Spa and there is free time when you can enjoy this service. An outdoor pool and hot tub are tucked into the hillside above the lodge. This tour was first offered as Wells Gray Tours' spring 2010 Mystery Tour and everybody was impressed with the luxury of Poets Cove and the scenic cruises in the Gulf Islands. For 2016, the cruising has been expanded to two days and explores different parts of the Gulf Islands and San Juan Islands. The *Pride of Victoria* carries only 32 passengers for comfort, so with limited capacity on this tour, early booking is recommended.

### At a glance...

- Day 1 Richmond, BC  
> Fairmont YVR
- Day 2 Ganges, BC  
> Harbour House Hotel
- Day 3-5 Pender Island, BC  
> Poets Cove Resort

### Highlights...

- > Locally-guided tour of Salt Spring Island including Ruckle Provincial Park
- > 2 full days cruising on *Pride of Victoria* around the Gulf Islands and San Juan Islands viewing Orca whales or other marine creatures
- > Enjoy 3 dinners at Poets Cove Resort overlooking the harbour
- > Enjoy a free afternoon at Poets Cove walking the beautiful grounds, or relaxing on your deck
- > **12 meals included**

# COAST TO COAST BY TRAIN

June 5, 2016 — 15 Days

**\$6185** pp double **\$6920** single  
discounts up to **\$140** pp



Experience Canada's national railway, VIA Rail, on an epic journey from Vancouver on the Pacific coast to Halifax on the Atlantic coast. Along the way, get to know the character of various parts of the nation, yet find that element that makes us all uniquely Canadian. From the towering giants of the Rocky Mountains to the sea of grass in the vast prairies; from the unique mix of cultures in Winnipeg and Montréal to the Scottish influence in the Maritimes; from the awesome view at the CN Tower to the spectacle of Niagara Falls, you will see it all. All aboard for the adventure of a lifetime!

## At a glance...

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

**Back by popular Demand!**

## Highlights...

- > VIA Rail's The Canadian from Vancouver to Toronto with disembark in Winnipeg, Sleeper Plus Class
- > Locally-guided tour of Winnipeg
- > Visit the Manitoba Museum
- > Authentic visit to the Mennonite Heritage Village, with a traditional Russian lunch
- > Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- > Free time at The Forks where the Assiniboine River meets the Red River
- > Enjoy a Cultural workshop in Winnipeg with dinner and entertainment
- > Locally-guided tour of Toronto
- > Ride the fast elevators up the CN Tower
- > Spend a day at Niagara Falls and enjoy a sightseeing tour
- > Board the Hornblower for a cruise to bottom of Niagara Falls
- > Theatre production in Toronto (show TBA)
- > VIA Rail Toronto to Montréal, Business Class
- > Explore the vibrant city of Montréal with a Local guide, including the Pointe-à-Callière
- > Festive dining, revelry and entertainment at Le Festin du Gouverneur
- > An afternoon at Montréal's Biodome and Botanical Gardens
- > VIA Rail's The Ocean from Montréal to Halifax, Sleeper Plus Class
- > Locally-guided tour of Halifax, including Halifax Citadel National Historic Site and the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
- > Fun and flavourful tour of Alexander Keith's Brewery
- > Enjoy a musical comedy at Grafton Street Dinner Theatre
- > Free time to stroll the waterfront at Peggy's Cove, one of the most picturesque fishing villages along the Eastern seaboard
- > **26 meals included**

## VANCOUVER ISLAND FROM TOE TO TIP

June 7, 2016 — 9 days

**\$2095** pp double **\$2545** single

**9 seats left!**



Vancouver Island is the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 stately giants of Cathedral Grove. 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. 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!

### At a glance...

Day 1-2	Victoria, BC > Coast Harbourside Hotel
Day 3	Quadra Island, BC > Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge
Day 4-5	Port McNeill, BC > Haida Way Motor Inn
Day 6-7	Gold River, BC > Ridgeview Motel
Day 8	Richmond, BC > Fairmont YVR

### Highlights...

- > Whale watching excursion with Orca Spirit Adventures to Race Rocks (south end of Vancouver Island)
- > Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea at Abkhazi Gardens
- > Relax on your private balcony at the magnificent Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge, on Quadra Island
- > Visit Rebecca Spit for a stroll along a beach with ocean on both sides, and visit the Nuyambalees Cultural Centre
- > Private charter excursion on *Naiad Explorer* to Cape Sutil (north end of Vancouver Island)
- > Tour of Strathcona Park
- > Stroll through a stunning old forest to the newly opened Elk Falls suspension bridge
- > Private charter excursion with a local guide and naturalist on *MV Uchuck* to Nootka Sound and Friendly Cove
- > Shopping and lunch at Coombs Market
- > **17 meals included**

## EXCITING NEW TOUR!!

### GREENLAND & BAFFIN ISLAND CRUISE



**August 3, 2016 — 14 Days** from **\$13,360** pp double; **single cabins are waitlist only**

Join us for an Arctic Safari cruise on board *Ocean Endeavour*. This epic expedition begins by exploring Greenland's dramatic fiords and dynamic maritime communities. We will spend our days searching for every exploratory opportunity. In the winding fjords of Greenland, in the multitudinous islands of Nunavut, we will live and breathe the natural history of some of the planet's most striking features. We will search for the animal life that ekes out their hardy lives in hostile conditions and find striking beauty in the immense and indomitable north. Expedition staff are experts on the Arctic including geology, glaciation, history, and flora and fauna. There are frequent lectures, educational presentations, and interactive workshops. Evening entertainment is offered. There is a fully-stocked library for additional reading about our destinations. During many days, there are expeditions ashore or to nearby attractions, using the ship's 20 zodiacs. All meals are included in the Polaris Restaurant and there are also on-deck barbeques and afternoon tea.

## 2016 HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISES

### CARIBBEAN CRUISE WITH PANAMA CANAL

February 2, 2016 — 15 days

discounts up to \$80 pp

from **\$4655** pp double; from **\$6175** single



Treat yourself to a 10 day cruise aboard Holland America's *Zuiderdam*, 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: Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas, Oranjestad in Aruba, Willemstad in Curacao, Colon in Panama, and Puerto Limon in Costa Rica. You will also go halfway through the remarkable Panama Canal. The *Zuiderdam* is lifted by three locks to Gatun Lake, then does a U-turn, and is lowered by the same three locks back to the Caribbean. A Panama Canal expert is on board to explain its history and technical operations to you as your ship passes through the locks.

### HAWAII CRUISE

April 26, 2016 — 20 days

from **\$4840** pp double; from **\$6450** single  
discounts up to \$100 pp



This cruise features 10 days at sea and 7 days visiting 5 ports in the Hawaiian Islands plus a stop in Victoria. The cruise is most likely to appeal to people who enjoy lots of time on the ship, relaxing days at sea, good books or movies, and shipboard activities or entertainment. The Hawaii ports are Honolulu on Oahu (overnight), Hilo and Kona on Hawaii, Lahaina on Maui, and Nawiliwili on Kauai. On many cruises, shore excursions are a significant additional expense. On this cruise, 6 shore excursions are included — one each day at Honolulu and one at each of the other 4 ports.

### PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

April 27, 2016 — 25 days

from **\$5900** pp double; from **\$7825** single



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. Sail between two mighty oceans from Ft. Lauderdale. 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. You will enjoy 21 days on Holland America's *Amsterdam* and locally guided tours in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Guatemala.

### YUKON & ALASKA

July 28, 2016 — 25 days

from **\$7465** pp double; from **\$10,380** single  
discounts up to \$300 pp



Journey by coach along the famous Alaska Highway to the Yukon Territory. Admire the landscape and the wildlife of Canada's north, and keep an eye on the night sky for the Aurora Borealis. Board the White Pass & Yukon Railway for a thrilling journey through the rugged St. Elias Mountains from Skagway to Carcross, pan for gold on Bonanza Creek, enjoy an Alaskan Salmon Bake, and travel 53 miles into Denali National Park before boarding the *Noordam* for a 7-day Holland America cruise from Seward to Vancouver. This enormous natural paradise is a place where ancient traditions, untouched landscapes and incredible wildlife exist like nowhere else on earth.



**\* 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.**

## ANTARCTICA, ARGENTINA & CHILE CRUISE

January 6, 2016 — 28 days

from **\$11,535** pp double; from **\$14,095** single

2 Seats left!



## AROUND THE WORLD IN 30 DAYS

January 25, 2016 — 30 days

Call for availability!



### 2016 SHOW TOURS

#### ITZHAK PERLMAN

March 1, 2016 — 3 days

**\$595** pp double **\$695** single  
discounts up to **\$15 pp**



Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, Itzhak Perlman is arguably one of the greatest musicians of our age. He enjoys celebrity status rarely afforded a classical musician. In January 2009, Mr. Perlman was honoured to take part in the Inauguration of President Barack Obama, premiering a piece written for the occasion by John Williams and performing with clarinetist Anthony McGill, pianist Gabriela Montero, and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. He was born in Tel-Aviv in 1945, then moved to the USA to attend Julliard School. He first appeared at Carnegie Hall at the age of 18 and has been performing extensively ever since. Although best known for playing and recording classical music, he is also skilled in jazz, is a noted conductor, and has written and performed numerous movie scores. He collaborated with composer John Williams in Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning film *Schindler's List*, in which he performed the violin solos. This tour stays at the Blue Horizon Hotel, a perfect location on Robson Street in downtown Vancouver's premiere shopping and restaurant district. You will have the option to view the permanent collection of more than 10,000 works at the Vancouver Art Gallery or enjoy strolling through the stunning Museum of Anthropology.

#### MAMMA MIA! IN VANCOUVER

March 29, 2016 — 3 days

**\$595** pp double **\$740** single  
discounts up to **\$30 pp**



*Mamma Mia!* features ABBA's greatest hits woven into three wonderful love stories: a young girl about to be married; her mother about to confront the past; and the best love story of all –the audience about to jump out of their seats with joy! This heartwarming and hilarious tale includes over 20 classic ABBA songs including *Dancing Queen*; *The Winner Takes It All*; *Knowing Me, Knowing You*; *Thank You for the Music*; *Money, Money, Money*; *SOS*, and of course *Mamma Mia*. On March 23, 1999, traffic in central London came to a standstill for the world premiere of *Mamma Mia!* as celebrities and critics poured into the Prince Edward Theatre. The reception was rapturous. At the curtain call, the audience rose and began dancing in the aisles and this has become a tradition since. This sunny, funny storybook musical has broken every London box office record and is still playing 16 years later. This tour stays at the luxurious Fairmont Waterfront Hotel located by the harbour at Canada Place. Amenities are an outdoor heated pool, indoor whirlpool, fitness centre, gift shop and Pacific Centre Mall is two blocks away. You will have the option to view marine life at the Vancouver Aquarium or explore the maritime history of Vancouver and the BC Coast at the Maritime Museum. There is time for lunch and shopping at Granville Island Market and for an extra \$10 you can also tour and taste beer at the Granville Island Brewery.

#### CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S KOOZA IN VANCOUVER **\$695** pp double **\$860** single

November 18, 2015 — 3 days



**4 Seats left leaving from Vernon and Kamloops only!**

**Wait list only for Kelowna and Penticton**

## 2016 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS

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**GUATEMALA & BELIZE WINTER GETAWAY \$6150** pp double **\$7295** single  
**January 26, 2016 — 19 days** **8 Seats left!**



Sharing a border and cultural connections to the magical Mayan world, Guatemala and Belize are world-renowned biodiversity hotspots. Colourful markets, smoking volcanoes, an impressive colonial history, mysterious traditions, and warm hospitality describe the Guatemalan highlands and the discoveries you can enjoy during this tour. You will have the opportunity to experience the dramatic environments each country is known for while learning cultural traditions from the people whose lives unfold there. This is a unique journey for the culturally adventurous with numerous highlights! Come and admire the natural and historic wonders of Guatemala with a sample of Belize, and get away from a Canadian winter for 2½ relaxing weeks.

### At a glance...

- Day 1 Richmond, BC
  - > Fairmont YVR
- Day 2-3 Guatemala City
  - > Barcelo Hotel
- Day 4-6 Lake Atitlán
  - > Porta Hotel del Lago
- Day 7 Quetzaltenango
  - > Pensión Bonifaz Hotel
- Day 8-10 Antigua
  - > Porta Hotel in Antigua
- Day 11 Copán
  - > Marina Copán Hotel
- Day 12 Rio Dulce
  - > Catamarán Island Hotel
- Day 13-15 Flores
  - > Camino Real Tikal Hotel
- Day 16-17 Belize City
  - > Radisson Fort George
- Day 18 Richmond, BC
  - > Fairmont YVR

### Highlights...

- > Sightseeing tour of Guatemala City with a local guide
- > Visit the Popol Vuh Museum and Ixchel Museum of Mayan Costumes
- > Shop at the Sololá Market, an authentic indigenous market
- > Enjoy a boat cruise across Lake Atitlán to the picturesque Indian village of Santiago Atitlán
- > Cultural walking tour of San Antonio Palopó
- > Enjoy market day in Chichicastenango, one of the most colourful and picturesque open-air markets in Guatemala
- > Witness the captivating religious ceremonies held at the 400-year old Church of Santo Tomás
- > Walk through the sprawling Iximché Archaeological Site, the first Spanish capital, established in 1524
- > Tour to Pacaya Volcano, one of Guatemala's active volcanoes
- > Learn about all of the historical wonders of Antigua
- > Explore and marvel at the beautiful Mayan stelae, and majestic temples at the archaeological site of Copán
- > Boat excursion on the Rio Dulce, the largest river in Guatemala, and experience the abundant wildlife and birdlife
- > Tour the Tikal National Park with an expert guide and visit the Great Pyramid and Temple IV, the highest of the Mayan Pyramids
- > Locally guided tour of Belize City
- > Leisure time to enjoy the Caribbean beaches
- > **51 meals included**

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# INDIA SAFARI

February 28, 2016 — 22 days

**\$10,225** pp double **\$12,365** single  
discounts up to \$400 pp



Explore five national parks during 11 jeep safaris, and view an amazing variety of wildlife such as rhinoceros, water buffalo, elephants, Asiatic lions, tigers, gibbons, slow loris, panthers, sambar, chital, antelope, wild boars, chousingha, and chinkara. Some creatures are endangered or were nearly extinct and their numbers have been restored by these sanctuaries. Hundreds of species of birds also inhabit these protected areas. These visits are made possible by jeep safaris, accompanied by expert naturalists, and are a thrilling experience for anyone who loves wildlife and bird watching. Contrasted with these wild sanctuaries are stays in the bustling cities of Mumbai and Delhi, resplendent with monuments, fortresses, and palaces. One of the icons of India, the fabulous Taj Mahal, is visited near sunset. Join us and experience wildlife safaris, the famous monuments, and great cities.

### At a glance...

- Day 1 Richmond, BC  
> Fairmont YVR
- Day 2 Flight to India
- Day 3 Delhi  
> JW Marriott Aerocity Hotel
- Day 4-6 Guwahati  
> Diphlu River Lodge
- Day 7 Kolkata  
> Hyatt Regency Hotel
- Day 8 Mumbai  
> Trident Nariman Point Hotel
- Day 9-11 Diu  
> Lion Safari Camp
- Day 12 Ahmedabad  
> Hyatt Regency Hotel
- Day 13-15 Pench National Park  
> Tuli Tiger Corridor
- Day 16-17 Delhi  
> Le Meridien Hotel
- Day 18 Agra  
ITC Mughal
- Day 19-20 Jaipur  
> Lebu Lodge
- Day 21 Fly from Delhi to Vancouver

### Highlights...

- > 11 jeep safaris for wildlife viewing
- > See Asiatic Water Buffalo, Elephants, Tigers, Swamp deer, Barking deer, Hog deer and about 400 species of birds in Kaziranga Park
- > Half-day safari devoted to watching elephants
- > Visit the protected area of evergreen forest, home of the Hoolock Gibbon
- > Sightseeing in Mumbai including the Gateway of India, the Crawford Market, and the Prince of Wales Museum
- > Three nights at the Lion Safari Camp in luxury tents
- > Four jeep safaris for awesome viewing of animals and birds in Gir National Park, including Leopards, Spotted deer, wild boar, Indian gazelle and the world's only four-horned antelope
- > Visit the Hathee Singh Jain Temple and the Gandhi Ashram
- > Wildlife viewing at Pench Tiger Reserve and Pench National Park
- > Tour of New Delhi and Old Delhi with rickshaw ride
- > Explore the bustling bazaars of Old Delhi and the spice shops of Khari Baoli
- > Visit to an Indian family home with a traditional lunch
- > A sunset visit to the magnificent Taj Mahal
- > Tour the inspiring Amber Fort and the "Pink City" known as Jaipur
- > **39 meals included**



## 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:

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# GREAT CAPITALS OF EUROPE

May 2, 2016 — 18 days

**\$8595** pp double **\$10,175** single

discounts up to **\$150 pp**



Paris, Brussels, Berlin, Prague, and Budapest are five of the great capitals of Europe. Immerse yourself in fascinating history dating back a millennium. Wander through renowned museums like the Louvre, the Pergamom, and the Zwinger. Admire spectacular palaces or castles such as Versailles, Charlottenburg, Prague, and Karlstein, or the ornate cathedrals of Notre Dame, Cologne, St. Vitus in Prague, and St. Stephen's in Budapest. Thrill to the views from the Eiffel Tower, the Reichstag Building, and the Budapest Eye. Cruise the storied rivers of the Seine and the Danube, and ride the fast train from Cologne to Berlin at up to 300 km per hour. Enjoy an opera in Prague. These are a few of the many experiences we will enjoy during 15 days in some of the great capitals of Europe.

## At a glance...

Day 1	Richmond, BC > Fairmont YVR
Day 2	Flight from Vancouver to Paris
Day 3-6	Paris > Hotel Opera Cadet
Day 7	Cologne > Courtyard by Marriott
Day 8-10	Berlin > Kempinski Hotel Bristol
Day 11-13	Prague > Hotel Yasmin
Day 14-17	Budapest > Continental Hotel

## Highlights...

- > Locally-guided tours of Paris, Brussels, Cologne, East Berlin, Dresden, Prague, and Budapest
- > A driving tour of the treasures of Paris, including views of Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera Garnier, L'Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysees, and the Eiffel Tower
- > Visit Le Grand Louvre with a guide
- > Explore the house and gardens of Claude Monet
- > Tour and have time to stroll the vast gardens at the Palace of Versailles
- > Walking tour of historic Cologne
- > Experience a first class European train ride from Cologne to Berlin
- > A half-day tour with a local guide in East Berlin including "Checkpoint Charlie" and the unique Pergamom Museum
- > Visit the Berlin Jewish Museum, Charlottenburg Palace and enjoy lunch along the Kurfürstendam
- > Walking tour of the Jewish Quarter in Prague
- > Attend an opera performance at a Prague theatre
- > Tour both halves of Budapest on each side of the mighty River Danube, Buda and Pest
- > Walk along the cobblestone streets and visit the castle district in Budapest
- > A romantic cruise on the Danube
- > Thrilling ride on the Budapest Eye
- > Enjoy a traditional Hungarian dinner and folkloric show
- > **40 meals included**

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## HIDDEN TREASURES OF ETHIOPIA

September 23, 2016 — 18 days

**\$7695** pp double **\$8695** single  
discounts up to \$300 pp



Comments by: Fraser Neave, Director of Product Development

Visiting Ethiopia in Autumn 2014 was certainly everything and nothing that I expected it to be. Each day provided new intuition into the magic that the people, culture, history, and traditions offer to the traveler. The country is absolutely foreign but so unique that it is strangely familiar and welcoming. A 'wow' moment or three every day, such as the view from my mountaintop hotel room in Lalibela, a town in Northern Ethiopia, after a day of exploring the incredible monolithic rock-cut churches of the area; or our visit to the Konso tribe in the South where we took part in traditional ceremonies for the children who were coming of age. I loved being here right from the start and I knew that there would be so many others from Canada looking for these kind of unique travel experiences – experiences that are so memorable you can't wait to return to see more.

### At a glance...

Day 1	Toronto > Sheraton at YYZ
Day 2	Flight to Addis Ababa
Day 3	Addis Ababa > Radisson Blu
Day 4-5	Bahir Dar > Khariftu Resort
Day 6	Gondar > Goha Hotel
Day 7	Simien National Park > Simien Lodge in Park
Day 8-9	Aksum > Sabeen Hotel
Day 10-11	Lalibela > Maribela Hotel
Day 12-13	Arba Minch > Paradise Lodge
Day 14-15	Turmi > Buska Lodge
Day 16	Konso > Kanta Lodge
Day 17	Flight to Kelowna

### Highlights...

- > City tour of the large sprawling city of Addis Ababa and National Museum
- > See precious pieces of Ethiopian Christian art
- > Take a boat trip on Lake Tana, the source of the Blue Nile, and travel across the lake to the monastery islands
- > Attend the Eve Meskel celebration to watch the ceremonial lighting of the fire for the eve of Meskel, a national holiday also known as the Finding of the True Cross.
- > Afternoon stroll to the impressive Blue Nile Falls
- > Enjoy an afternoon visit to the Market at Bahir Dar and the Emperor Hailesilassie Palace
- > Tour the capital city of Ethiopia, Gondar, known for its medieval castles and finely adorned churches
- > Visit the village of Waleka to see traditional pottery
- > Tour the UNESCO site, Axum, including the Kaleb and Gebremeskel tombs
- > Board boats for a trip on Lake Chamo, where crocodile sunbath and hippos cool themselves in the water
- > Meet the Dorze tribe, famous for their beehive-shaped houses and weaving skills
- > Optional lunch at a private house with family
- > Take part in a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony and traditional Ethiopian food & Music
- > **43 meals included**

### Facebook Photo Contest!

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**June 26, 2016 — 6 days**

**\$3260** pp double   **\$4220** pp double  
*discounts up to \$160 pp*



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