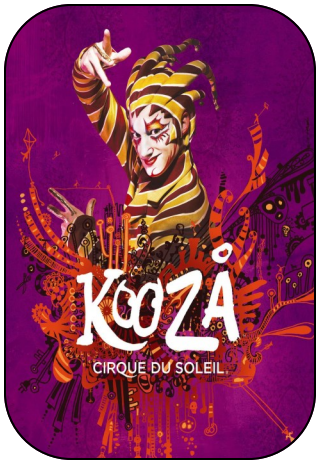


CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S *KOOZA*

Also see the Broadway hit *Once* & stay at Fairmont Waterfront
November 18, 2015 - 3 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$695 double/twin

\$860 single

\$660 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$40 discount on first 15 seats; \$20 on next 10

Includes

- Coach transportation for 3 days
- 2 nights accommodation at Fairmont Waterfront Hotel & hotel taxes
- Ticket to *Once* at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- Museum of Anthropology
- Ticket to Cirque du Soleil's *Kooza*
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **4 meals:** 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches
- **Experience Points:** Earn **17 e-points**

Cirque du Soleil

Cirque du Soleil was founded in 1984 in Gaspé as part of the celebrations around the 450th anniversary of Jacques Cartier's arrival in Quebec. Cirque was based on a totally new concept: a striking, dramatic mix of the circus arts and street entertainment, featuring wild, outrageous costumes, staged under magical lighting and set to original music. With not a single animal in the ring, **Cirque's** difference was clear from the start. After performing in Montreal, Sherbrooke and Quebec City, the show then performed in Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls during 1985. With its fame growing across Canada (including a performance at Expo '86), **Cirque** offered its first show in California in 1987 and became an overnight success. The Mirage Resort in Las Vegas signed **Cirque** to a year-long contract in 1992. Meanwhile touring groups performed in Europe and Japan, also to unprecedented acclaim. In 1998, new permanent shows were inaugurated at Walt Disney World in Florida and Bellagio Resort in Las Vegas. Today, **Cirque du Soleil** has some 4,000 employees with headquarters still in Montreal, and 19 shows with different themes are currently performing around the world. Over 90 million people have seen a **Cirque** show since 1984.

Cirque du Soleil sometimes sends a touring show to B.C. Interior cities. These are much smaller productions than **Kooza** and cannot be compared to those staged in the Grand Chapiteau.

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KOOZA

KOOZA tells the story of The Innocent, a melancholy loner in search of his place in the world. *KOOZA* is a return to the origins of *Cirque du Soleil*. It combines two circus traditions - acrobatic performance and the art of clowning. The show highlights the physical demands of human performance in all its splendour and fragility, presented in a colourful *mélange* that emphasizes bold slapstick humour. The Innocent's journey brings him into contact with a panoply of comic characters such as the King, the Trickster, and the Obnoxious Tourist and his Bad Dog. Between strength and fragility, laughter and smiles, turmoil and harmony, *KOOZA* explores themes of fear, identity, recognition and power. The show is set in an electrifying and exotic visual world full of surprises, thrills, chills, audacity and total involvement.

Show seating in the Grand Chapiteau: Seats are in Section 201, Rows J, K, L and M. This is the second best category, so you are not too close to the stage and can enjoy the stunning overhead aerial acts.

ONCE

Winner of eight 2012 Tony Awards including Best Musical, *Once* is a truly original Broadway experience. Featuring an impressive ensemble of actor/musicians who play their own instruments onstage, *Once* tells the enchanting tale of a Dublin street musician who's about to give up on his dream when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs. As the chemistry between them grows, his music soars to powerful new heights, but their unlikely connection turns out to be deeper and more complex than your everyday romance. Emotionally captivating and theatrically breathtaking, *Once* draws you in from the very first note and never lets go. It's an unforgettable story about going for your dreams...not living in fear...and the power of music to connect all of us.

Show seating in Queen Elizabeth Theatre: Seats are in Centre Orchestra Rows 16 to 19.

Itinerary

Wednesday, November 18:

Meals: L

We drive to Vancouver and stay two nights at the **Fairmont Waterfront**, one of the city's most luxurious downtown hotels. Opened in 1991 at a cost of \$120 million, it rises 20 storeys and has a stunning location by the harbour at Canada Place. Amenities are an outdoor heated pool, indoor whirlpool, fitness centre, and gift shop. The ARC restaurant and bar offer unique menus and dozens of restaurants are nearby. Pacific Centre Mall is two blocks away. In summer, a room costs about \$400 a night, so this is a great opportunity to experience this deluxe hotel at a bargain price. Tonight, we go to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre to see **Once**.

Thursday, November 19:

Meals: B

Start the day with the Fairmont's fabulous breakfast buffet. We go to **Museum of Anthropology**, housed in a stunning Arthur Erickson structure with exquisite First Nations exhibits, including Bill Reid's sculpture *The Raven and the First Men*. Then we visit Granville Island Market for some shopping and lunch on your own. Tonight, we go to the Grand Chapiteau for **Cirque du Soleil's Kooza**.

Friday, November 20:

Meals: B,L

We travel home to the Okanagan and Kamloops.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$100 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due September 22, 2015.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$40 discount on first 15 seats and \$20 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after September 22.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 22, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From September 23 to October 16, the cancellation charge is 30% of the tour fare. From October 17 to November 3, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After November 3, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until the time of departure.

Travel Insurance: Policies for Comprehensive and Trip Cancellation & Interruption are available through Wells Gray Tours. Policies can be purchased no later than at final payment.

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Activity Level: Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps to your seats in the Grand Chapiteau and Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

e-points: This tour earns 17 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. 1 e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours. You can accumulate enough points to earn a free tour (this tour eligible until Sept. 22).

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