

# SKAGIT TULIP FESTIVAL

*Featuring 2 nights at Silver Reef Resort & Casino*

April 11, 2016 - 3 Days



a world to experience



## Fares Per Person:

**\$570** double/twin

**\$730** single

**\$525** triple

> Tour is exempt from GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$30 discount on first 15 seats; \$15 on next 10

> **BC Seniors (65 & over):** \$18 discount with BC Gold or Service Card

> **Experience Points:** Earn 13 points from this tour.



## Includes

- Coach transportation for 3 days
- 2 nights hotel accommodation and taxes
- Ferry from Sidney to Anacortes
- Guided tour of the Skagit Valley tulip fields by expert guide
- Tulip Town
- Roozengaarde
- Kiwanis Salmon Bake
- Ferry from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **4 meals:** 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners

## Blooms and Bounty

The Skagit Valley explodes in an abundance of colour when the tulip growers' fares are ready. Although Mother Nature ultimately decides the bloom, 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. This tour stays at the Silver Reef Resort and Casino, located just west of Bellingham and about 30 minutes drive from the focal area of the Tulip Festival.

Come and enjoy the blossoms and colours of the Skagit Valley.

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## Itinerary

### Monday, April 11:

Meals: D

There are convenient pickup points around Greater Victoria. We drive to Sidney and ride the noon ferry through the San Juan Islands. This scenic voyage takes three hours and stops at Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. We disembark at Anacortes, then drive to Bellingham and stay two nights at the **Silver Reef Resort & Casino**. A gaming package is offered each day with \$5 tables match play or \$10 slot play.

### Tuesday, April 12:

Meals: B,D

We drive to the quaint village of **La Conner** where there is time to stroll the waterfront streets and browse the unusual shops. During the rest of the day, we participate in some events of the annual

**Skagit Valley Tulip Festival** when millions of tulips bloom. A local guide shows us through this floral extravaganza, taking advantage of a midweek day when the roads and gardens are far less crowded. Stops include the show gardens at **Tulip Town** and **Roozengaarde**. This evening, we enjoy the Kiwanis Club's annual **Salmon Bake** at the Hillcrest Lodge.

### Wednesday, April 13:

Meals: B

Departing in mid-morning, we go to **Bellis Fair Mall** in Bellingham for lunch and shopping time. We stop at the Duty Free store, cross the border at Blaine, then ride an afternoon ferry back to Vancouver Island.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due March 9, 2016.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$30 discount on first 15 seats and \$15 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after March 9. Seniors (65 & over) receive \$18 discount extended by BC Ferries, and Washington State Ferries, so you must bring your BC Gold Care Card or the new Services Card.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to March 9, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From March 10 to March 24, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. After March 24, 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:** A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

**Photo Credit:** Skagit Valley Tulip Festival (Kitty Bluhm)



**Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, 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.

**E-points:** This tour earns 13 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour (to get this tour free, you must redeem by March 9).