

# WEST COAST CRUISE & RAIL

Vancouver to Los Angeles cruise and 4 train excursions coming home  
September 25, 2016 - 14 Days



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**Fares Per Person:** based on double/twin

**\$3480** Inside Stateroom IE

**\$3585** Outside Stateroom OK

**\$4060** Balcony Stateroom BC

> Please add 0.2% GST.

> Single and triple fares and suites on ship also available.

> **Early Bookers:** \$180 discount on first 15 seats; \$90 next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 76 points from this tour.

Redeem **76 points** if you book by **July 7**.



## \* HIGHLIGHTS \*

**5 nights on Norwegian Pearl with unlimited beverages included**

**Amtrak train from Oxnard to Salinas**

**Roaring Camp Railroad**

**Napa Valley Wine Train**

**Amtrak train from Klamath Falls to Salem**

## Includes

- Coach transportation from Okanagan and Kamloops to Vancouver cruise terminal
- Stateroom for 5 nights on board *Pearl*
- Unlimited beverages during voyage
- Cruise gratuities
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Coach transportation for 8 days
- Hotel accommodation & taxes for 8 nights
- Locally-guided tour of Los Angeles
- Amtrak train from Oxnard to Salinas
- Monterey Bay Aquarium and Cannery Row
- Roaring Camp Railroad
- California Railroad Museum
- Napa Valley Wine Train
- Amtrak train from Klamath Falls to Salem
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at ship and hotels
- **29 meals:** 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 6 dinners

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## Cruise & Tour Notes

**Staterooms:** When you book this tour, you can choose your stateroom on the *Norwegian Pearl*. Fares are quoted for inside, outside and balcony, but other categories are also available.

**Dinner reservations:** The *Pearl* has no formal dinner sitting times. You can go to a restaurant when you are ready with your friends or book ahead for one of the specialty restaurants.

**Importance of early booking:** Norwegian Cruise Line has confirmed a block of staterooms for this tour and they are normally held until 90 days before sailing. However, any unsold staterooms can be taken away from us at any time if the ship or even a category fills. This has occurred several times recently and we had to turn away disappointed customers, even though we had seats available on the connecting motor-coach. Therefore, please don't delay booking this tour.



**Tour activity level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps, mainly getting on and off the trains. 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.

## *Norwegian Pearl*

**Norwegian Pearl** made her inaugural cruise in 2006. She was the third of four "Jewel" class ships built between 2005 and 2007 (others were Jewel, Jade and Gem). The *Pearl* was completely refurbished in 2013 to the tune of \$30 million. Carrying 2,394 passengers, these ships are midsize in the Norwegian (NCL) fleet of 14 ships, but they are still more intimate than some mammoth cruise ships nowadays. The *Pearl's* gross tonnage is 93,000 and she is 965 feet long with 12 decks and 12 elevators. Facilities include a live entertainment theatre, 15 bars and lounges, casino, shopping arcade, beauty shop, library, games room, Internet centre, spa, gymnasium, two bowling alleys, climbing wall, two swimming pools, and six hot tubs.

Dining is one of the highlights of a cruise and the *Pearl* has 19 places to eat. The complimentary dining rooms include Summer Palace, Indigo, O'Sheehan's Pub, Lotus Garden, and Garden Café buffet. Six specialty restaurants including Cagney's Steakhouse, La Cucina, Moderno, and Teppanyaki have different themes and gourmet menus, and charge fees of \$20 to \$30 per person. You can also dine in the privacy of your stateroom by ordering from the room service menu 24 hours a day (\$8 charge may apply). You can enjoy a different venue for each meal, reserve in advance, or just show up when you are ready.

Staterooms have TV, music, telephone, and bathroom with toilet, sink and shower or bathtub. A crew of about 1,072 ensures top-quality service and entertainment. There are many different categories ranging from inside and outside to balconies and suites. The Haven, at the top of the ship, is an exclusive area of suites with 24-hour butler service, a private courtyard with pool, and private restaurant. A great variety of stage shows is presented in the Stardust Theatre. Every day has a full schedule of optional activities: dance class, bridge, bingo, shuffleboard, table-tennis, karaoke, board games and fitness classes.

Wells Gray Tours has offered cruises with Holland America Line and occasionally Princess Cruises for over 20 years. This Pacific Coastal cruise is the second with NCL.

## Unlimited alcoholic beverages included

On this cruise, unlimited complimentary beverages are offered. Order your favourite drink such as wine, beer, a mixed beverage, or a soft drink, and relax with friends in a lounge or your stateroom. Please be aware that this offer could be withdrawn by NCL at any time.

## Itinerary

**Sunday, September 25:** *Meals: L*  
We drive the Coquihalla Highway to Vancouver and stay overnight at the Fairmont YVR Hotel.

**Monday, September 26:** *Meals: B,L,D*  
We board the *Norwegian Pearl* and an embarkation buffet lunch is served in the Garden Café. The afternoon is free time to get familiar with the ship. We sail from Canada Place at 4 pm with a festive "Farewell to Vancouver" deck party as we pass under **Lions Gate Bridge**. Enjoy your first wonderful dinner in one of the many restaurants, followed by a lively stage show or many other evening activities.

**Tuesday, September 27:** *Meals: B,L,D*  
The *Pearl* docks in **Victoria** from 8 am until 5 pm. A shuttle is available to downtown for a small fee. You may enjoy strolling the Inner Harbour, browsing the shops of Government Street, touring an historic home (such as Point Ellice House, Emily Carr House or Craigdarroch Castle), tucking in to afternoon tea at the quaint James Bay Tea Room, or visiting local friends and relatives. After departure, we cruise west through **Strait of Juan de Fuca** and around Cape Flattery late this evening.

**Wednesday, September 28:** *Meals: B,L,D*  
Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Although we are in the open Pacific, the *Pearl* is remarkably smooth because it is equipped with the best stabilizers. Explore your opulent surroundings while deciding how to spend your day. The ship's daily newsletter keeps you informed about scheduled activities like stage shows, movies, bingo games, group fitness and game times in lounges. Schedule a treatment at the Spa. Get some advice on a workout plan at the Fitness Centre. Sidle up to the wine tasting bar and sample wines from around the world. There may be a cooking class offered. The choices are many.

**Thursday, September 29:** *Meals: B,L,D*  
Be sure to be on deck about 7 am as the *Pearl* makes a dramatic entrance to San Francisco under the majestic **Golden Gate Bridge**. We dock at Pier 35 from 8 am to 6 pm. The day is yours to explore **San Francisco** as you wish. Take a harbour cruise under the bridges or the ferry to the historic Alcatraz Island prison. Browse the shops of Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf. Ride an iconic cablecar up and over the hills to downtown. Savour local cuisine for lunch such as seafood or Chinese. Enjoy a variety of experiences today.

**Friday, September 30:** *Meals: B,L,D*  
This is another day at sea while we cruise south off the coast of California.

**Saturday, October 1:** *Meals: B*  
The *Pearl* docks at San Pedro near **Los Angeles**. While we were relaxing on the ship, our coach drove down from Vancouver to meet us. Enjoy five hours touring the City of Angels with local guide and entertainer John Daugherty. Look for stars in Hollywood at the Grauman's Chinese Theatre; view the rich abodes in Beverly Hills; pass famous icons such as Hollywood Bowl, downtown skyline, Music Centre, and Pueblo de Los Angeles. Then we drive west to the Pacific Coast at Ventura and stay overnight at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Every room has an ocean view and it is only an elevator ride down to the sandy beach.

**Sunday, October 2:** *Meals: L,D*  
Most of the morning is free time to enjoy the beach or it is a short walk into downtown Ventura. Just before noon, we board the **Amtrak train** at Oxnard for a 6½-hour journey along the California coast and through the Salinas Valley. This is one of Amtrak's scenic daylight routes as the train hugs the shoreline for many miles and provides great views of the vast Pacific Ocean. West of **Santa Barbara**, the freeway turns inland but the train continues along the coast, rounding Point Conception and Point Arguello on the Lompoc Peninsula. Beyond San Luis Obispo, we travel through the farmlands of the Salinas Valley, nicknamed "America's Salad Bowl". Our coach meets us in Salinas, then we drive to **Monterey** and stay two nights at Mariposa Inn.

**Monday, October 3:** *Meals: B*  
We visit famed **Monterey Bay Aquarium** which displays typical sea life of the California coast. The new exhibits of jellyfish and seahorses are particularly fascinating. Afterwards, there is time to explore **Cannery Row** which has numerous shops, craft galleries and restaurants.

**Tuesday, October 4:** *Meals: B,L*  
We board the **Roaring Camp Railroad** for a 1¼-hour excursion pulled by an 1890 steam locomotive through a grove of redwoods. A barbecue lunch is followed by some local entertainment. During the afternoon, we travel into the Great Central Valley and north to **Sacramento**, California's capital. There is free time to browse the multitude of shops in the historic district of Old Sacramento. Admission is included to the amazing

**California Railroad Museum** which displays 21 restored locomotives and train cars, and presents a film about railroading. The next two nights are at the Best Western Sutter House.

**Wednesday, October 5:** *Meals: B,L*

One of California's most famous regions is the Napa Valley, noted for extensive vineyards and over 60 wineries. Today, we board the renowned **Napa Valley Wine Train**. A gourmet lunch is served during the three-hour journey while admiring the passing view. The railway was founded in 1864 and sold in 1885 to the Southern Pacific Railroad which operated it for 102 years until the Wine Train took over in 1987. The present owner invented "Rice-a-Roni" and also owns the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company of San Francisco.

**Thursday, October 6:** *Meals: B,L*

We drive north past Redding and towering Mount Shasta. Just across the Oregon border, we stay overnight near **Klamath Falls** at The Lodge at Running Y Ranch.

**Friday, October 7:** *Meals: B,L*

Our second Amtrak excursion is also in daylight with terrific scenery as we climb over the **Cascade Range** and travel through many loops and tunnels. At Springfield, we emerge from the mountains and follow the verdant Willamette Valley to Salem. Back on our coach, we drive through **Portland**, "The City of Roses" and see volcanic Mount Hood looming majestically to the east. We stay overnight at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia.

**Saturday, October 8:** *Meals: B*

We drive through Seattle with shopping stops at Bellis Fair Mall in Bellingham and the Sumas Duty-Free Store. Then we cross the border and head home on the Coquihalla.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due July 7, 2016.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$180 discount on first 15 seats and \$90 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 7.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to July 7, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 8 to July 29, the cancellation charge is 30% of the tour fare. From July 30 to August 19, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From August 20 to September 9, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After September 9 there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to taxes and surcharges from the cruise line and other 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.

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**e-points:** This tour earns 76 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! Redemptions offered until July 7.

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