

# CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S *KURIOS*

Plus the Broadway hit *Jersey Boys*

November 17, 2017 - 3 Days



a world to experience



## Fares Per Person:

**\$885** double/twin

**\$995** single

**\$865** triple



> Please add 5% GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$50 discount on first 15 seats; \$25 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 21 points from this tour.

## Includes

- Coach transportation for 3 days
- 2 nights accommodation at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and hotel taxes
- Ticket to Cirque du Soleil's *Kurios*
- Locally-guided tour of Vancouver highlights
- Ticket to *Jersey Boys* at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- Dinner and dance at Federico's Supper Club
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **5 meals:** 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

## Cirque du Soleil

**Cirque du Soleil** was founded in 1984 in Gaspé as part of the celebrations around the 450<sup>th</sup> 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 about 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 **Kurios** and cannot be compared to those staged in the Grand Chapiteau.

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## ***KURIOS***

Step into the curio cabinet of an ambitious inventor who defies the laws of time, space and dimension in order to reinvent everything around him. Suddenly, the visible becomes invisible, perspectives are transformed, and the world is literally turned upside down. In the Contortion scene, deep-sea creatures that embody electric eels inside the Seeker's cabinet come to life in this stunning and fluid act where wriggling artists execute a series of incredible pyramids and figures at an astonishing pace. Meet Nico whose accordion costume allows him to bend in unbelievable ways, and The Aviator, an expert in rola bola, who balances on a tottering structure that swings in a long pendulum motion, an incredible feat. **Kurios** premiered in Montreal in 2014 and has toured the USA since then. This is the show's first visit to Vancouver.

**Show seating in the Grand Chapiteau:** Seats are in Section 200, Rows O and P. This is the best category with excellent viewing of the stage and the stunning aerial acts.

## ***JERSEY BOYS***

We have been waiting since 2012 for the return of **Jersey Boys** to Vancouver! Winner of 4 Tony Awards, this musical is about The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. This is the story of how a group of blue-collar boys from the wrong side of the tracks became one of the biggest American pop music sensations of all time during the 1960s. They wrote their own songs, invented their own sound, and sold 175 million records worldwide - all before they were 30. The show features their hit songs *Sherry*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Rag Doll*, *Oh What a Night* and *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*.

**Jersey Boys** opened on Broadway to critical acclaim in 2005 and finally closed in January 2017 after 4,642 performances. In the past 11 years, productions have toured the USA and six other countries, and box office records are still being broken. As of 2017, over 20 million people have seen the show.

## **Itinerary**

### **Friday, November 17:**

*Meals: L*

We drive to Vancouver and stay two nights at the renowned **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**. Opened in 1939 at a cost of \$12 million, it was the third Hotel Vancouver and a downtown landmark with its copper green roof and a height of 17 storeys. A \$12 million renovation in 2014 has brought this magnificent hotel back to being among the finest in Vancouver. The Hotel Vancouver has an excellent location on West Georgia Street, surrounded by dozens of shops and restaurants, and a block from Pacific Centre Mall. Tonight, we go to the Grand Chapiteau for **Cirque du Soleil's Kurios**.

### **Saturday, November 18:**

*Meals: B,D*

Start with the Fairmont's fabulous breakfast buffet. A locally-guided tour visits highlights of Vancouver, along with anecdotes and history. This afternoon, we go to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre and the curtain rises at 2 pm for **Jersey Boys**. Tonight, we dine at **Federico's Supper Club**, one of Vancouver's best Italian restaurants. Guests are treated to authentic cuisine, complete with live music, dancing, and entertainment. The Club has received multiple Diner's Choice awards.

### **Sunday, November 19:**

*Meals: B,L*

We travel home to the Okanagan and Kamloops.

## **Tour Policies**

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due September 28, 2017.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$50 discount on first 15 seats and \$25 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after September 28.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to September 7, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From September 8 to September 28, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From September 29 to October 12, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From October 13 to November 1, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After November 1, 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.

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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. 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.

**Experience Points:** This tour earns 21 points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points. One point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour (redeem by Sept. 28 to get this tour free).

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