

LEAVENWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Includes Bronn Journey concert and the musical *Elf*
December 5, 2017 - 4 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$1035 double/twin

\$1280 single

\$965 triple



- > Tour is exempt from GST.
- > **Early Bookers:** \$60 discount on first 15 seats; \$30 on next 10
- > **Experience Points:** Earn 25 points from this tour.
Redeem **25 points** if you book by **October 17**.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights accommodation & hotel taxes
- MV Coho ferry to Port Angeles
- Ferry from Kingston to Edmonds
- Aplets & Cotlets factory tour
- Christmas Concert with harpist Bronn Journey
- Future of Flight Museum & Boeing Factory tour
- Ticket to *Elf* at Paramount Theatre
- Ferry to Swartz Bay
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **5 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

Celebrate the Season with Leavenworth's Lights

The beauty of the Christmas season joins with the quaint Bavarian theme to create a magical experience in Leavenworth. Browse the shops, savour the pastries, and enjoy the entertainment. A few tour notes:

- Early booking is essential for this tour. The Enzian Inn is a popular hotel and there is a high demand for rooms during the Christmas Lights Festival. On November 1, the hotel will take back all our unsold rooms so tour bookings after this time are subject to room availability.
- This tour is deliberately scheduled for a weekday visit to Leavenworth instead of the famed "Light-Up" Saturdays of November 25 and December 2. We do not believe you can enjoy visiting Leavenworth on a day when 30,000 people cram into the town's little square to watch the lights turn on. On these weekends, the shops are so full you can barely move and proper food service in the restaurants is virtually impossible. Instead, by staying in Leavenworth in midweek, you can enjoy uncrowded shops and restaurants, and the Christmas lights which will be on all day and evening. The only weekend attraction you will miss is the actual instant when all the lights are simultaneously illuminated.

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Optional sleigh ride

On December 6, there is an option to go to Red Tail Canyon Farm for a one-hour sleigh ride "over the meadow and through the woods". The sleighs are pulled by three Draft Horse teams complete with jingling sleigh bells and have warm wool blankets for your comfort. In the event that there is no snow, the ride will be in a horse-drawn wagon. Cost is \$25 per person including transportation from Leavenworth. Please request this option no later than final payment.

Itinerary

Tuesday, December 5:

Meals: L

We ride the MV Coho ferry across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Port Angeles with a box lunch provided. We drive east through Sequim and cross the Hood Canal Floating Bridge to reach Kingston. Another ferry takes us over Puget Sound to Edmonds. After driving through Stevens Pass in the Cascade Range, we arrive in the quaint Bavarian-themed town of **Leavenworth** which is renowned for its enthusiastic celebration of Christmas. All the buildings are decorated and adorned with lights, so in the evening the town seems like a fairyland setting. We stay two nights at the lovely **Enzian Inn**, located across from Leavenworth's town square and convenient to the shops.

Wednesday, December 6:

Meals: B,D

The Enzian's bountiful buffet breakfast is included each morning. Today has been left at leisure for you to enjoy Leavenworth. See option above for a sleigh or wagon ride at Red Tail Canyon Farm. A trip to the Aplets & Cotlets factory in nearby Cashmere is included. As dusk approaches, you can again admire the myriad of Christmas lights. After a Bavarian buffet dinner at the Enzian, we go to the United Methodist Church for a Christmas concert by Leavenworth's acclaimed harpist **Bronn Journey**. Accompanied by wife Katherine's exquisite vocals, the pair have an uncanny ability to bring music to life with animated humour.

Thursday, December 7:

Meals: B

We follow Highway #2 west across Stevens Pass. Today we learn about one of the biggest industries in the Seattle area — aviation. First, we explore the exhibits in the **Future of Flight Museum**. Then we enter the Boeing Factory, the only opportunity to tour a commercial jet assembly plant in North America. The 747, 777 and 787 Dreamliner planes are built here. If you prefer shopping, you can visit Alderwood Mall instead (\$20 discount). We stay overnight at **Embassy Suites** and enjoy the manager's reception at 5:30 with complimentary beverages. Tonight, we go to the Paramount Theatre and to see **Elf - The Musical**. Buddy, a human raised at the North Pole by elves, sets off to the big city in search of his father, but he finds an alarming lack of Christmas Spirit. Even his little brother doesn't believe in Santa! So Buddy sets out to help everyone remember the true meaning of Christmas, and (just like in the blockbuster film) eat as many things covered in syrup as possible.

Friday, December 8:

Meals: B

We stop at **Bellis Fair Mall** in Bellingham and the Duty-Free Store at Blaine, then we cross the border and take the ferry back to Victoria.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 17, 2017.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$60 discount on first 15 seats and \$30 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after October 17.

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 17, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From October 18 to November 7, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From November 8 to November 20, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After November 20, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to currency exchange rates and 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: Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce

 **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 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 25 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 October 17.

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