

CHRISTMAS IN PORTLAND

Staying at Embassy Suites in Portland
December 21, 2017 - 7 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$1940 double/twin

\$2490 single

\$1820 triple



- > Tour is exempt from GST.
- > **Early Bookers:** \$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10
- > **Experience Points:** Earn 48 points from this tour.
Redeem **48 points** if you book by **November 1**.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 7 days
- 6 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
- Two paired shows at Ellyn Bye Studio: A *Christmas Memory* and *Winter Song*
- Evergreen Aviation Museum & Spruce Goose
- Imax Theatre
- *The Nutcracker* with Oregon Ballet
- *Newsies* at Village Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **12 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners

Christmas in Portland highlights

Our Christmas tour stays four nights at the splendid **Embassy Suites Hotel** in downtown Portland. Built in 1912 as the Multnomah Hotel, it became a government office building during the 1970s and 1980s, then it was closed and empty during the 1990s. A \$20 million restoration brought this beautiful structure back to life as an all-suite hotel in 1998. It features an elegant columned lobby with fountain, a restaurant, indoor pool, and fitness centre. As with all Embassy Suites, there is a nightly cocktail reception for two hours and a generous cooked-to-order breakfast included. Four shows are included: A *Christmas Memory* paired with *Winter Song* at Ellyn Bye Studio; *The Nutcracker* with Oregon Ballet, and *Newsies* at Village Theatre.

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Itinerary

Thursday, December 21: *Meals: D*
We cross the border at Osoyoos and drive across the volcanic tablelands of central Washington and the Columbia Basin. Our overnight stop is at the Hilton Garden Inn in **Yakima**.

Friday, December 22: *Meals: B,L*
Near The Dalles, we visit the impressive **Columbia Gorge Discovery Center** which interprets the history and geology of this vital river. Then we drive through the Gorge with a stop at 190-metre high Multnomah Falls. In downtown Portland, we stay at the **Embassy Suites Hotel** for four nights. Enjoy the first evening reception after arrival. Tonight, we go to the Ellyn Bye Studio for two paired shows:

A Christmas Memory is an autobiographical recollection of Truman Capote's rural Alabama boyhood. It offers an unforgettable portrait of an odd but enduring friendship between two innocent souls, one young and one old, and the memories they share of beloved holiday rituals.

Winter Song is an original collection of songs that celebrate winter holidays and all they represent: love, family, solitude, renewal, and friendship.

Saturday, December 23: *Meals: B,L*
We visit the Evergreen Aviation Museum, home to 50 historic aircraft and Howard Hughes' famous plane, the giant **Spruce Goose**. Another building is full of space exhibits. A show on the Imax giant screen is included. There is time for shopping at Lloyd Center or relax at the hotel this afternoon.

Sunday, December 24: *Meals: B*
The morning is free time. The Portland Market is close to the hotel and famous Powell's Books is five blocks away. At noon, the elegant Keller

Auditorium is the venue for Oregon Ballet's presentation of **The Nutcracker**. Composed in 1892 by Peter Tchaikovsky, this is one of his best-known and most popular works. Highlighted by memorable music such as *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy* and *Waltz of the Flowers*, the show is a delightful experience for the Christmas season.

Monday, December 25: *Meals: B,D*
Merry Christmas! Expect a visit from Santa Claus. A hospitality room is provided by the hotel where you can meet other Christmas travellers and socialize or play games. Gather at 5:30 pm for a Christmas reception, followed by a traditional turkey dinner at the hotel.

Tuesday, December 26: *Meals: B,L*
We drive along the broad Columbia River, then traverse the verdant farmlands around Centralia where Mt. St. Helens may be glimpsed on a clear day. We stay overnight in Bellevue at another **Embassy Suites**. Tonight, we go to the intimate Village Theatre in nearby Issaquah to see **Newsies**, the smash-hit, crowd-pleasing new musical from Disney. Winner of the 2012 Tony Awards for Best Score and Best Choreography, *Newsies* is filled with one heart-pounding number after another, a high-energy explosion of song and dance. Based on true events, *Newsies* tells the captivating story of a band of underdogs who become unlikely heroes when they stand up to the most powerful men in New York.

Wednesday, December 27: *Meals: B,L*
We stop at Bellis Fair Mall and the Duty-Free Store, then have lunch in Chilliwack, and head home on the Coquihalla.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due November 1, 2017.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after November 1.

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 2, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From October 3 to November 1, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person. From November 2 to November 16, the cancellation charge is 40% of tour fare. From November 17 to December 1, the cancellation charge is 70% of tour fare. After December 1, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to currency exchange or 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 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: Oregon Ballet

 **Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps, mainly at the theatres. 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 48 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! Redemptions offered until November 1.

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