

# SKAGIT TULIP FESTIVAL

*Featuring 3 nights at Tulalip Resort & Casino*  
April 10, 2018 - 4 Days



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## Fares Per Person:

**\$995** double/twin

**\$1285** single

**\$950** triple

- > Tour is exempt from GST.
- > **Early Bookers:** \$50 discount on first 15 seats; \$25 on next 10
- > **Experience Points:** Earn 23 points from this tour.  
Redeem **23 points** if you book by **February 22.**



## Includes

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights hotel accommodation and taxes
- Ferry from Victoria to Port Angeles
- Ferry from Kingston to Edmonds
- Lunch cruise through Deception Pass
- Guided tour of the Skagit Valley tulip fields by expert guide
- Tulip Town
- Roozengaarde
- Kiwanis Salmon Bake
- Gratuities for tulips guide and cruise crew
- Ferry from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **7 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

## Blooms and Bounty

The Skagit Valley explodes in an abundance of colour when the tulips blossom. Although Mother Nature ultimately decides the dates, 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. A cruise from La Conner through narrow Deception Pass and the Swinomish Channel is a highlight of the second day. The local Kiwanis Club organizes a salmon bake dinner each evening during the Tulip Festival, and we join this event on the third evening. This tour stays at the luxurious Tulalip Resort and Casino, located 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

### Tuesday, April 10:

Meals: L,D

There are convenient pickup points around Greater Victoria. We travel on the Coho ferry to Port Angeles and the ferry across Puget Sound to Edmonds, then there is a short drive to **Tulalip Resort and Casino** where we stay three nights. It is a luxurious native-owned hotel with eight restaurants or lounges, heated indoor swimming pool, hot tub, fitness centre, sauna, and spa treatments. The package includes a \$20 casino voucher and a \$15 food voucher which you could use for dinner (the full buffet costs more, but it covers many entrees).

### Wednesday, April 11:

Meals: B,L

We board the *MV Chinook* for a 2½-hour cruise under La Conner's Rainbow Bridge, along narrow Swinomish Channel, and through Saratoga Passage to Deception Pass. **Deception Pass Bridge** connects Fidalgo Island with Whidbey Island using two spans totalling 500 metres long, and the *Chinook* sails through the turbulent tidal waters underneath. The bridge rises 55 metres above the water and was completed in 1935. A tasty cracked crab feast is included on the boat. The rest of the afternoon is free time and you may want to shop at **Seattle Premium Outlets**, adjacent to the hotel, where there are over 130 stores.

### Thursday, 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 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 takes 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 **Roosengaarde**. This evening, we enjoy the Kiwanis Club's annual **Salmon Bake** at the Hillcrest Lodge.

### Friday, April 13:

Meals: B

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 February 22, 2018.

**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 February 22.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to February 22, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From February 23 to March 9, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From March 10 to March 23, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After March 23, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to taxes or currency exchange rates 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 23 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 February 22.

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