

WHISTLER SPRING GETAWAY

Staying at Fairmont Chateau Whistler

April 29, 2018 - 5 days

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Fares Per Person:

\$1425 double/twin Fairmont category

\$1695 single Fairmont category

\$1390 triple Fairmont deluxe category

> Upgraded room categories are also available.

> Please add 5% GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$80 discount on first 15 seats; \$40 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 34 points from this tour.

Redeem **34 points** if you book by **March 8**.



Includes

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- Copper Room dinner entertainment and dancing with Patsy B. and the Lefties
- Sea to Sky Gondola
- All programming and activities at Fairmont Chateau Whistler during Spring Getaway
- 2 receptions at Fairmont Chateau Whistler
- Hotel service gratuities
- Historic Ashcroft Manor
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **All meals (13):** 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners

Whistler & Fairmont's Spring Getaway

In 1966, the Garibaldi Lift Company opened its ski area on the west side of Whistler Mountain. The development of Whistler Resort just 14 years later, and its successive growth into an award-winning, international resort, is unparalleled in ski history. To complement Whistler Mountain, Blackcomb Mountain opened in 1980, and Whistler Village was built at the base of these adjacent mountains. The Village was carefully designed to reap the benefits of the Coast Mountains' excellent geographical location, emphasizing sun exposure and mountain vistas. The Fairmont Chateau Whistler opened its doors in 1989. The stunning structure was built with an architectural mandate to infuse the charm and style of earlier Canadian chateaux, into a modern structure. It is still one of Whistler's most renowned hotels.

Each spring, Chateau Whistler hosts a celebration for guests 55 plus but young at heart. It is an entertaining, enlightening, and thoroughly enjoyable three-night package with all meals included. Among the many scheduled activities, free time has been allotted daily for you to enjoy at leisure. It could be a refreshing swim in the lap pool, a treatment at the spa, hot toddies around the fire on The Mallard Terrace, a walk on Whistler's many nature trails, or shopping at the Village Square.

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Itinerary

Sunday, April 29:

Meals: L,D

Leaving from the Interior, we travel the Coquihalla Highway with a stop in Merritt for lunch. We arrive in mid-afternoon at **Harrison Hot Springs Resort** and accommodation is booked in the East Tower. The hot springs are an enticing and soothing pastime, so be sure to spend time there before or after dinner. Suggestion: Pack your bathing suit in your carry-on bag, so you don't have to wait for luggage handling. This evening, join the group for an elegant evening in the **Copper Room**. The three course dinner is followed by dancing and live music with Patsy B. and the Lefties.

Monday, April 30:

Meals: B,L,D

We drive into Vancouver, then follow the Sea to Sky Highway along Howe Sound. We ride the **Sea to Sky Gondola** which whisk you from sea level to the mountain top lodge for panoramic views of nearby peaks, Howe Sound, and Squamish. Arriving in Whistler, we settle into the luxurious **Fairmont Chateau Whistler**. This fabulous hotel has 550 rooms, a huge atrium lobby, several lounges, and over 600 staff to ensure your comfortable stay. Events for 2018 have not been finalized, so the following are 2017 events. At 6 pm, there is a welcome reception, followed by a gourmet dinner in the Frontenac Ballroom and a game show.

Tuesday, May 1:

Meals: B,L,D

The day starts with a hot buffet breakfast in the Frontenac. Activities from the 2017 schedule include yoga class, a naturalist talk about black bears, Whistler Valley walk, a documentary film about Whistler history, aquatic fitness, table tennis tournament, dance class, and a movie matinee. A buffet lunch and dinner are included, followed by a talk by an astronomer, the Hawaiian hot tub social, and various games.

Wednesday, May 2:

Meals: B,L,D

Today's activities are an exercise class, lectures on several topics, craft flowers, golf clinic, comedy improvisation, "Secrets of the Chateau" walking tour, and an edible art class with the pastry chefs. Tonight, there is a farewell reception, gala dinner and dancing.

Thursday, May 3:

Meals: B,L

We follow the scenic **Duffey Lake Road** through the Coast Mountains, then we drive through Marble Canyon to Cache Creek. Lunch and a tour are included at historic **Ashcroft Manor**, built in the 1860s to serve Cariboo Wagon Road travellers. We travel home to Kamloops and the Okanagan in the afternoon.

Chateau Whistler room upgrades

A standard (Fairmont category) room is included with the double, twin and single tour fares quoted on the other side. These rooms are about 400 square feet and have amenities such as coffee maker, bathrobes, hair dryer, safe, iron, ironing board, and clock. You can upgrade to deluxe room categories as follows. These rooms have preferred locations in the hotel and a better view. There are limited numbers of rooms available in each of the upgraded categories.

Deluxe View Room — \$1455 per person double or twin, \$1760 single. Triple booking is in this category.

Deluxe Slopeside View Room — \$1510 double or twin, \$1860 single, \$1435 triple, per person.

Junior Suite — \$1630 double or twin, \$2065 single, \$1525 triple, per person.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due March 8, 2018.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$80 discount on first 15 seats and \$40 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after March 8.

Cancellation Policy: Up to March 8, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From March 9 to March 28, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From March 29 to April 13, the cancellation charge is 70% of the tour fare. After April 13, 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 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, 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. The coach cannot carry a scooter. 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 34 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 March 8.

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