

# CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

Staying at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver  
December 23, 2018 - 5 Days



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## Fares Per Person:

**\$1770** double/twin

**\$2160** single

**\$1730** triple



> Please add 5% GST.

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

> **Seniors (65 and over):** \$14 discount with BC Services Card

> **Experience Points:** Earn 42 points from this tour.

Redeem **42 points** if you book by **November 1**.

## Includes

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights of accommodation at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver & hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings
- *It's a Wonderful Life* at Gateway Theatre
- Bloedel Conservatory
- *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* at Granville Island Stage
- Vancouver Aquarium
- Burnaby Heritage Village with carousel ride
- *Beauty and the Beast* at Stanley Theatre
- Museum of Anthropology
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **8 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners

## The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

This tour stays four 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. It was a CN Hotel for its first 50 years, then became a Canadian Pacific Hotel, and finally a Fairmont Hotel after CP acquired the worldwide Fairmont chain. Its public rooms became famous including the Panorama Roof, the Timber Club, and the Pacific Empire Ballroom. A \$70 million restoration during the 1990s followed by a \$12 million update in 2014 have 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 interesting shops and restaurants, and a block from Pacific Centre Mall.

Wells Gray Tours is pleased to offer this Christmas experience again (with three different shows) as it has garnered rave reviews from customers in recent years.

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## Itinerary

### Sunday, December 23:

Meals: L

We depart from many points in Greater Victoria and take the 10 am ferry to Tsawwassen. After lunch in Richmond, we go to Gateway Theatre to see ***It's a Wonderful Life***. In this holiday favourite, George Bailey's guardian angel swoops in to remind him that faith, hope, and family make life truly wonderful. "Every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings." Then we check in at the **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver** for our four-night stay.

### Monday, December 24:

Meals: B,D

The Fairmont's extensive buffet breakfast is included each day in Notch8 Restaurant. This morning, we visit **Bloedel Floral Conservatory** in Queen Elizabeth Park. The triodetic dome was erected in 1969 and named for one of its biggest donors, Prentice Bloedel of MacMillan Bloedel Lumber Company. The conservatory contains three habitats: tropical rainforest, subtropical rainforest, and desert. Over 200 birds of various species reside within the dome and are allowed to fly free. The conservatory houses about 500 species of plants from jungle to desert climates. Then we go to Granville Island for lunch where you wish, followed by **Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley** at Granville Island Stage. In this witty sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, the bookish middle child of the Bennet family finally has her day. Constantly overshadowed by her four sisters, Mary Bennet finds hope for a new life beyond her family from an unexpected holiday romance. Austen fans and first-timers alike will find much to love in this alluring comedic tale.

### Tuesday, December 25:

Meals: B,D

**Merry Christmas!** Expect a visit from Santa Claus during a lovely Christmas breakfast. Then we go to the **Vancouver Aquarium** to view marine life such as Steller sea lions, dolphins, sea turtles, and sea otters. **Option:** If you have previously been to the aquarium and prefer to do something else, you can opt out and your fare will be reduced \$16. A hospitality room is provided by the hotel where you can meet other Christmas travellers and socialize or play games. Our festive **Christmas Dinner** is an extravagant buffet accompanied by wine. Menu details will be available in the fall.

### Wednesday, December 26:

Meals: B,D

The morning is leisure time, then we visit **Burnaby Heritage Village**. The buildings are beautifully decorated for the season and we take a ride on the historic carousel. Dinner is at Steamworks Grill in Gastown. Tonight, we go to the Stanley Theatre to see ***Beauty and the Beast***. "Tale as old as time, song as old as rhyme." Discover the magic behind the castle walls in this brilliant adaptation of the Academy Award-winning animated film. This beloved fairy-tale spectacle will thrill you with its memorable musical numbers, astonishing sets, and lavish costumes.

### Thursday, December 27:

Meals: B

We visit the **Museum of Anthropology**, housed in a stunning Arthur Erickson structure with exquisite First Nations artifacts and exhibits, including Bill Reid's sculpture "The Raven and the First Men". We head home to Victoria on the 2 pm ferry with great memories of Christmas in Vancouver.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due November 1, 2018. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**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 November 1. A \$14 discount is offered by BC Ferries to BC seniors and you must show your Services Card or Gold Card.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to October 1, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From October 2 to November 1, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From November 2 to November 15, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From November 16 to November 29, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After November 29, 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, mainly at theatres and around the Heritage Village. 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.

**Experience Points:** This tour earns 42 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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