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GREETINGS FRIENDS

Happy New Year to you and your family! We thank you for your business and wish you all good health and prosperity for 2016. Your Wells Gray Tours team has been hard at work and have lots of exciting options close to home or tours that will take you across the globe.

Stay Informed

Wells Gray Tours provides tour policies on every tour itinerary. This information varies slightly for each tour and addresses specific items pertaining to each tour such as payments, discounts, cancellation policies, fare changes, insurance and activity levels. Please be sure to read this area carefully and call your local office with any questions. We want your tour experience to be exceptional from the moment you book.

E-Newsletter

Sign up for our monthly E-Newsletter to get access to newly released tours, travel tidbits and information on upcoming events. All we need is your email address, so call your local office today or visit us online at www.wellsgraytours.com and click "Receive Tour & News Updates".

Facebook Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to Nancy Bradley, winner of our 2015 Facebook Photo Contest, for her photo of a Sunset from the sports deck of the *Volendam* while cruising the Inside Passage on the Whitehorse and Glacier Bay Cruise. Nancy wins a \$300 travel voucher towards her next Wells Gray tour. Margaret Bloor wins a \$100 voucher for coming in 2nd with her photo of the view from Pelican Eyes infinity pool, in Nicaragua. Roger Bourque wins a \$50 voucher for 3rd place for his photo of Lake Union, Seattle on the *Phantom of the Opera* tour. Thank you to everyone who participated and sent in their fabulous photos. Keep those cameras rolling! Our 2016 Photo Contest runs June to December.

E-mail your photos to kerrie@wellsgraytours.com

The Wells Gray Team



HELP US CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY!

Join us for our 45th Anniversary Gala Event

Please set aside May 20 - 27, 2017.

Stay tuned for further information. Details will be in your mail about late May or early June, 2016.



OFFICE HOURS

Kamloops 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Vernon 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Kelowna 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Penticton 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed holidays & weekends

Full tour itineraries can be found online at www.wellsgraytours.com or at your local office.

- All tours include coach and/or air transportation, accommodation, knowledgeable tour director, and luggage handling at hotels, unless otherwise indicated.
- Tours depart from Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton and communities in between. Depending on the individual tour routing and number of people in a location, additional pick up points may be available or added.
- GST charged where applicable.
- Single and triple fares are available on most tours.
- Consumer Protection BC License: Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924

Cover photo: White Pass & Yukon Railway, Whitehorse & Glacier Bay Cruise , itinerary on page 12.

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EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AT HOME DISCOVER BRITISH COLUMBIA

KOOTENAYS HOT SPRINGS

February 22, 2016 — 5 days

\$925 pp double **\$1165** single
discounts up to \$25 pp



The Kootenays region is known for many incredible wonders, one of which is the great variety of hot springs. February is a beautiful time to admire the winter wonderland of this area. Soaking up the snowy mountain scenery from the warmth of a steaming outdoor pool is nothing short of magical. This tour visits three hot springs: Fairmont, Radium and Ainsworth. Accommodation is right next to the hot pools at Fairmont for two nights and Ainsworth for two nights. Just bring your swim suit and be prepared to relax.

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

March 7, 2016 — 3 Days

\$480 pp double **\$610** single
discounts up to \$10 pp



Discover the art of rejuvenation at the remarkable Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa. Nestled on the south shore of Harrison Lake, this lovely hotel has been welcoming guests for over 125 years. With five indoor and outdoor natural mineral hot springs pools, plus the Healing Springs Spa, there is something to please everyone. A whole day is free for you to relax and indulge in the hotel's facilities. Your room in the West Tower has a view of either Harrison Lake or the outdoor pools area, and is just an elevator ride away from the hot springs pools. On March 7, enjoy dinner in the elegant Copper Room with dance music provided by Patsy B. and the Lefties.

WHISTLER SPRING GETAWAY

April 18, 2016 — 5 Days

from **\$1290** pp double **\$1520** single



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. The Fairmont Chateau Whistler opened its doors in 1989 and is still one of Whistler's most renowned hotels. This tour then heads to Vancouver for lunch and shopping at Granville Island Market, the aerial journey called Fly Over Canada and the comedy *Good People* at the Stanley Theatre.

VANCOUVER ISLAND FROM TOE TO TIP

June 7, 2016 — 9 days

\$2095 pp double **\$2545** single
7 seats left!



Vancouver Island is the 11th largest island in Canada, stretching 460 km from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Queen Charlotte Sound. Named for Captain George Vancouver who explored B.C.'s coast in 1792, the island has great diversity ranging from the capital city of Victoria to remote mountain peaks in Strathcona Park, and from the wild wind-lashed beaches of the west coast to the stately giants of Cathedral Grove. Only a handful of people have travelled from toe to tip and experienced both ends of Vancouver Island: Race Rocks off Victoria and Cape Sutil (not Cape Scott) north of Port Hardy. There are no roads to either place, so we have chartered vessels to get you there. In between the toe and tip, there is so much to see and do on the Island that a month would not be long enough, but we have picked some highlights for this nine-day tour that are well-known and less-known. Come and explore Vancouver Island!

INSIDE PASSAGE & SKEENA TRAIN

June 17, 2016 — 8 days

\$2395 pp double **\$2855** single
discounts up to \$70 pp



B.C. Ferries' *Northern Expedition* was specially designed for Inside Passage voyages. The 500-kilometre journey from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert takes 15 hours, all in daylight to permit great viewing of the rugged coastline and abundant wildlife, marine life and birdlife. We also visit the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Sanctuary which was established in 1994 and preserves one of the largest populations of grizzly bears in B.C. Here we will board a 72-foot catamaran for an all-day excursion to the sanctuary. Next, you will be pampered all day in the deluxe "Touring Class" including seating in the dome car on VIA Rail's Skeena Train. This is a spectacular all-day journey east to Prince George. There are splendid views of passing scenery as we follow the broad Skeena River and the rushing Bulkley River through the Coast Mountains. Please book early! Unsold ferry and train space must be released on April 29.

BARKERVILLE & SUN PEAKS RESORT

July 17, 2016 — 5 days

\$795 pp double **\$980** single
discounts up to \$40 pp



Enjoy the warmth of the BC Interior summer with an ideal combination of exploring the historic Gold Rush Trail and relaxing in luxurious mountain resort comfort. Barkerville celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2011, and the restored town is still bringing joy to visitors young and old, as they relive the days of the old west. Sun Peaks is one of BC's best four-season resorts, with summer welcoming outdoor adventurers and holiday-seekers alike. Relax at the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel, the finest of many in the village and ideally located in the midst of all the shops and restaurants of this come-of-age resort town. Ride the chairlift high onto Tod Mountain and admire the early display of colourful alpine blossoms.

TYAX RESORT

October 3, 2016 — 4 days

\$930 pp double **\$1125** single
discounts up to \$50 pp



Join us for a Fall Foliage Tour in the South Chilcotin and spend 3 nights at Tyax Wilderness Resort, a peaceful retreat on Tyaughton Lake with a fine view of snowy peaks. The lodge is one of the largest log buildings in western Canada and you are sure to admire its fine craftsmanship, especially the cathedral lobby with a soaring stone chimney. It was built in 1986 and totally renovated a few years ago. You will have a free day to relax at Tyax Resort and enjoy the beautiful setting as well as numerous entertaining and recreational activities. Enjoy a locally guided tour of Bralorne & Gold Bridge and a flight over the nearby glaciers and peaks of the South Chilcotin wilderness is offered as an option.

ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT!

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HAIDA GWAI

August 11, 2016 — 7 days

\$2595 pp double **\$2920** single



WAIT LIST ONLY!

CRUISING THE GULF ISLANDS

May 1 and 15 Departures, 2016 — 6 days

\$1775 pp double **\$2195** single



2016 SHOW TOURS

LONG BEACH & VICTORIA THEATRE

February 16, 2016 — 6 days

\$1230 pp double \$1520 single



Long Beach is known for its wild winter storms. A pleasant winter experience is to snuggle up to a warm fire and watch the rain and wind lash the hotel windows. More intrepid travellers bring lots of warm and waterproof clothes and enjoy the weather outdoors. There is time to stroll the lovely beach and bay at the Tin Wis Resort, but we also take you to Long Beach at Pacific Rim National Park and to Amphitrite Lighthouse in Ucluelet to watch the waves roll in. Unfortunately, Wells Gray Tours cannot guarantee that you will witness a thrilling west coast storm; in fact, the 2015 group experienced pleasant sunny weather. From Long Beach, the tour travels to Victoria and stays two nights at the popular Chateau Victoria downtown. Two shows are included — **The Barber of Seville** presented by Pacific Opera and **Back before Bach** by the Piffaro Ensemble from Philadelphia. The Robert Bateman Centre is included as well as afternoon tea at Abkhazi Garden.

ITZHAK PERLMAN

March 1, 2016 — 3 days

\$595 pp double \$695 single



Undeniably the reigning virtuoso of the violin, Itzhak Perlman is arguably one of the greatest musicians of our age. He enjoys celebrity status rarely afforded a classical musician. In January 2009, Mr. Perlman was honoured to take part in the Inauguration of President Barack Obama, premiering a piece written for the occasion by John Williams and performing with clarinetist Anthony McGill, pianist Gabriela Montero, and cellist Yo-Yo Ma. He was born in Tel-Aviv in 1945, then moved to the USA to attend Julliard School. He first appeared at Carnegie Hall at the age of 18 and has been performing extensively ever since. This tour stays at the Blue Horizon Hotel, a perfect location on Robson Street in downtown Vancouver's premiere shopping and restaurant district. You will have the option to view the permanent collection of more than 10,000 works at the Vancouver Art Gallery or enjoy strolling through the stunning Museum of Anthropology.

MAMMA MIA! IN VANCOUVER

March 29, 2016 — 3 days

\$595 pp double \$740 single

12 Seats left!



Mamma Mia! features ABBA's greatest hits woven into three wonderful love stories: a young girl about to be married; her mother about to confront the past; and the best love story of all – the audience about to jump out of their seats with joy! This heartwarming and hilarious tale includes over 20 classic ABBA songs including *Dancing Queen*; *The Winner Takes It All*; *Knowing Me, Knowing You*; *Thank You for the Music*; *Money, Money, Money*; *SOS*, and of course *Mamma Mia*. This tour stays at the luxurious Fairmont Waterfront Hotel located by the harbour at Canada Place. Amenities are an outdoor heated pool, indoor whirlpool, fitness centre, gift shop and Pacific Centre Mall is two blocks away. You will have the option to view marine life at the Vancouver Aquarium or explore the maritime history of Vancouver and the BC Coast at the Maritime Museum.

THEATRE AT THE COAST

April 6, 2016 — 5 days

\$935 pp double \$1120 single

discounts up to \$25 pp



Four great shows in an extra long weekend! **Royal Winnipeg Ballet** — The 2016 tour across Canada is titled *Going Home Star - Truth and Reconciliation* and is considered one of the Ballet's most significant works. **Don't Dress for Dinner** — This is a hilarious play of mistaken identities, confused alibis, double adultery, and a Suzette as well as a Suzanne. **Good People** — This shrewd character-driven comedy asks why some people manage to escape from the situations into which they are born and some don't. **UBC Symphony Orchestra** — This performance showcases the winner of the UBC Concerto Competition. The chosen works are Berlioz Overture "Le Corsaire", Op. 21 and Schubert Symphony No. 9.

PAINT YOUR WAGON & MOTOWN IN SEATTLE **\$1135** pp double **\$1390** single
June 9, 2016 — 4 days discounts up to \$30 pp 

Theatre is a great way to celebrate the full range of human emotion, and these two musicals do just that — one that launched on Broadway in 2013 and one with great songs that have been around for 60 years. ***Paint Your Wagon*** opened on Broadway in 1951 and in London in 1953. A film version starring Lee Marvin, Clint Eastwood, and Jean Seberg was produced in 1969. Revivals of the stage musical appeared in 2004 and 2007. The story centres on a miner and his daughter, and follows the lives and loves of the people in a mining camp in Gold Rush-era California. Popular songs from the show include *Wand'rin' Star*, *I Talk to the Trees* and *They Call the Wind Maria*.

Motown by contrast had its Broadway debut in 2013 and ran for nearly two years. It was nominated for four Tony Awards. It is a jukebox musical, based on the story of Berry Gordy's founding and running of the Motown record label, and his personal and professional relationships with Motown artists such as Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, and Michael Jackson. The musical has an incredible 66 songs packed into 2 hours 40 minutes. It is expected to open in London and reopen on Broadway during 2016.

SUMMER THEATRE IN ALBERTA **\$1290** pp double **\$1605** single
July 21, 2016 — 5 days discounts up to \$35 pp 

Alberta has numerous experiences to enjoy, ranging from natural attractions to superb theatre and fascinating museums. This tour spends a night at Radium Hot Springs, where you can relax in the soothing waters of Canada's biggest hot springs pool. From here we go to Calgary and to the Stage West Dinner Theatre for a superb buffet and the show ***Legends of Rock 'n Roll***. It reunites four of the greatest singers who not only defined, but helped invent Rock 'n' Roll throughout the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s: Buddy Holly, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, and Elvis Presley. Then it's off to Drumheller to the intimate 200-seat Opera House of Rosebud Theatre. Their summer play is ***Tent Meeting*** which unearths painful memories that threaten to bring a preacher and a drought-weary farmer to blows. We will also attend the ***Canadian Badlands Passion Play***, one of only a few large scale dramatic productions in the world that portray the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Before heading home we will visit the impressive Royal Tyrrell Museum, a multi-million dollar tribute to the Dinosaur Age, and enjoy some sights in the Red Deer River Valley near Drumheller, such as the Rosedale Suspension Bridge and the Atlas Coal Mine. We take a surface tour of the restored structures, now a National Historic Site.

LEAVENWORTH SUMMER THEATRE **\$670** pp double **\$820** single
August 2, 2016 — 3 days discounts up to \$30 pp 

Leavenworth celebrates the summer of 2016 with its 22nd season of theatre, anchored by its signature production, ***The Sound of Music***. Experience the magic of theatre under the stars as you watch the show outdoors at the Ski Hill. The sun falls behind the ridge, the moon rises over the valley, and Maria descends the hillside — literally — singing the title song. Enjoy your favourite songs from this popular musical — *My Favorite Things*, *Edelweiss*, *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, and *Do-Re-Mi*. A Bavarian Village classic! ***Singin' in the Rain*** is the other featured production which takes place at the Hatchery Park Stage. Embark with us on a dance-filled journey to the golden age of the cinema. Set in the 1920s, this musical has all the charm, romance, comedy, and glamour that Hollywood has to offer, and showers you with soaring dance numbers and a glorious score including *Singin' in the Rain*, *Temptation*, and *Good Mornin'*. It is all topped off with the famous rain scene. The film was released in 1952, but the stage musical was not performed until 1983 when it ran for over two years in London, followed by one year on Broadway. Enjoy wonderful professional theatre in a lovely mountain setting with some of the best natural surroundings and unique shops in Washington State.

CANADIAN GET-AWAYS

MYSTERY TOUR

May 21, 2016 — 9 days

\$3195 pp double **\$3795** single
11 Seats left!



Mystery Tours have generally been offered twice a year and have taken curious customers to destinations all over Canada, the USA, and even overseas. Some go to a single destination and explore that area (such as New Orleans in 2007 or Boston in 2008). Some fly to an exotic destination such as Iceland in 2009. Some stay close to home such as a 2014 tour to Coeur d'Alene, Hells Canyon, Sun Valley Resort, and Boise. Mystery Tour #52 in spring 2015 flew to Regina and home from Saskatoon. That is the intrigue of Mystery Tours! We never tell you where you will go or what you will see. You may be amazed when the coach pulls up beside a cruise ship, or you board a plane for an overseas flight, or you arrive at a unique hotel. Each day of the tour has surprises, as the mystery route is revealed only as we travel along from day to day. However, we can promise you that our route or destination has interesting sights and unusual experiences — often the first time that Wells Gray has been there or stayed at a particular hotel.

Join us for Mystery Tour #53! Some exciting surprises are waiting for you. No passport needed.

SPECIFIC MYSTERY TOUR CLUES

Here are some clues to the mystery route. These clues are arranged in the order that they occur on the itinerary. Find a map and have fun guessing where we're going!

1. A non-metric measure is found next to a devoted religious person.
2. Today, we see the world's largest something and the world's highest something, but only one is recognized by Guinness.
3. Jack, Sam and Frank visited here long before there was comfortable lodging in New Hampshire.
4. Fresh and tidal waters meet between soaring cliffs near a mythical kingdom.
5. The governor, I confess, has often admired the view from this blonde hilltop.
6. Today's journey goes via #1 along a great river while enjoying a saintly Roman feast.
7. Roger's leaning tower was the optimistic birthplace of a man's baby.

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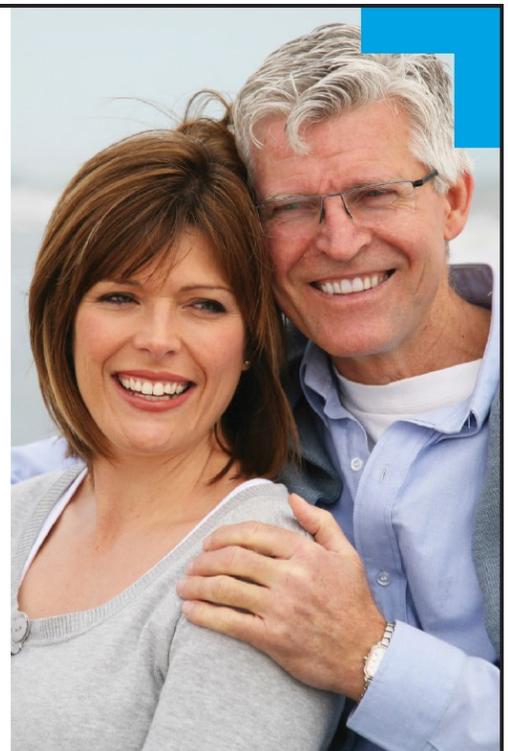
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COAST TO COAST BY TRAIN

May 29, 2016 — 15 Days

\$6235 pp double **\$6975** single



Experience Canada's national railway, VIA Rail, on an epic journey from Vancouver on the Pacific coast to Halifax on the Atlantic coast. Along the way, get to know the character of various parts of the nation, yet find that element that makes us all uniquely Canadian. From the towering giants of the Rocky Mountains to the sea of grass in the vast prairies; from the unique mix of cultures in Winnipeg and Montréal to the Scottish influence in the Maritimes; from the awesome view at the CN Tower to the spectacle of Niagara Falls, you will see it all. All aboard for the adventure of a lifetime!

At a glance...

Day 1-2 VIA Rail's The Canadian
Day 3-4 Winnipeg
> Radisson Winnipeg Hotel
Day 5-6 VIA Rail's The Canadian
Day 7-8 Toronto
> Fairmont Royal York Hotel
Day 9-10 Montréal
> Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel
Day 11 VIA Rail's The Ocean
Day 12-14 Halifax
> Cambridge Suites

Highlights...

- > VIA Rail's The Canadian from Vancouver to Toronto with disembark in Winnipeg, Sleeper Plus Class
- > Locally-guided tour of Winnipeg
- > Visit the Manitoba Museum
- > Authentic visit to the Mennonite Heritage Village, with a traditional Russian lunch
- > Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- > Free time at The Forks where the Assiniboine River meets the Red River
- > Enjoy a cultural workshop in Winnipeg with dinner and entertainment
- > Locally-guided tour of Toronto
- > Ride the fast elevators up the CN Tower
- > Spend a day at Niagara Falls and enjoy a sightseeing tour
- > Board the Hornblower for a cruise to bottom of Niagara Falls
- > Theatre production in Toronto (show TBA)
- > VIA Rail Toronto to Montréal, Business Class
- > Explore the vibrant city of Montréal with a Local guide, including the Pointe-à-Callière
- > Festive dining, revelry and entertainment at Le Festin du Gouverneur
- > An afternoon at Montréal's Biodome and Botanical Gardens
- > VIA Rail's The Ocean from Montréal to Halifax, Sleeper Plus Class
- > Locally-guided tour of Halifax, including Halifax Citadel National Historic Site and the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
- > Fun and flavourful tour of Alexander Keith's Brewery
- > Enjoy a musical comedy at Grafton Street Dinner Theatre
- > Free time to stroll the waterfront at Peggy's Cove, one of the most picturesque fishing villages along the Eastern seaboard
- > **26 meals included**

**SECOND DEPARTURE
ADDED!**

CYPRESS HILLS & WATERTON LAKES

September 21, 2016 — 8 days

\$1780 pp double **\$2230** single
discounts up to \$100 pp



Southern Alberta has numerous attractions and each time we offer this tour we must select only a few to include, so the tour is often different from year to year. In 2016, we will return to Cypress Hills for the first time in 20 years; it is a naturalist's wonder with unique flora and fauna because the area was not glaciated during the last Ice Age. Other attractions celebrate history such as Frank Slide, Remington Carriage Museum, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, and Brooks Aqueduct. We stay in one of Canada's less visited national parks, Waterton Lakes, which has rugged mountains rising from a stark prairie, surrounding an idyllic lake. Add to this the Alberta Birds of Prey Centre, Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens, the ancient carvings at Writing-on-Stone Park, and the emerging autumn colours, and you have the perfect fall getaway!

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CHURCHILL POLAR BEARS

November 1, 2016 — 7 days

\$8175 pp double **\$9085** single
discounts up to \$100 pp



Experience one of the world's most wonderful natural phenomena — the annual polar bear migration on the Hudson Bay Coast. The world's largest polar bear denning area is 40 km southeast of Churchill and has been protected in the Wapusk National Park. The bears occupy this area through the summer and early fall. With October's snow and approaching winter, the polar bears start to migrate north to Churchill and wait for the ice to form on Hudson Bay where they spend the winter hunting seals. Therefore, early November is the prime viewing season and polar bear sightings are at their peak. While some tour companies offer only bear viewing, our tour is more diversified so you gain a full perspective of the region, history and eco-systems. As well as two days of polar bear viewing from a Tundra Buggy, we include museum visits, a town tour, Manitoba Conservation's Polar Bear Holding Facility, and a dogsled excursion. Our Churchill tour operator has been arranging tours here for three decades and boasts excellent naturalist guides with extensive experience in the natural and cultural heritage of the region. Get ready for the experience of a lifetime!

At a glance...

Day 1-2 Winnipeg
> Delta Winnipeg
Day 3-5 Churchill
> Tundra Inn
Day 6 Winnipeg
> 4 Points

Highlights...

- > Locally-guided tour of Winnipeg
- > Visit the Canadian Museum for Human Rights or the Manitoba Museum
- > Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Churchill including the historic gun batteries of Cape Merry
- > 2 full days in a Tundra Buggy watching polar bears with a professional naturalist
- > An exciting dog sledding excursion
- > **14 meals included**

COMING SOON!

Billy Elliott in Vancouver - May

Cruising the Lower Fraser River - September

Regina & Saskatoon - September

West Coast Cruise and Rail - September 25

Mexico's Copper Canyon - October 11

Call our office to be put on our "Interested List"

CALGARY STAMPEDE

July 7, 2016 — 5 days

\$1185 pp double **\$1545** single
discounts up to \$60 pp



Pull on your boots, don your cowboy hat, and get ready for a yee-haw good time at the annual Calgary Stampede! There is so much to see and do: wander through the barns to view the prize-winning animals, thrill to the rides on the midway, admire some of the greatest western artists in the world, explore the native village, live it up at Nashville North, visit the agricultural shows, and enjoy non-stop live entertainment throughout the day and night. We have included reserved seats to the premier Stampede events: the kick-off parade, the afternoon rodeo, and the spectacular evening chuckwagon races and stage show. We have kept the five-day tour because customers told us in 2015 that they liked the more leisurely itinerary, and a visit to Kananaskis has been added. So come and join us at the 104th Calgary Stampede.

MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND

August 28, 2016 — 25 days

\$6695 pp double **\$8350** single
discounts up to \$175 pp



2016 will be Wells Gray's 39th year of Maritimes tours! No other company in British Columbia has offered this tour for so many years or knows Atlantic Canada better than we do. All our hotels, attractions and restaurants are chosen carefully to ensure you have a memorable experience. Very few competing tour itineraries include Newfoundland and our 2016 tour stays 10 nights there and one night in Labrador. We strongly believe you should see this scenic province while you are touring eastern Canada. It has been a highlight of our Atlantic Canada tours since 1990. Most hotel stays are for two or three nights, so you do not have to put up with the inconvenience of repacking your suitcase every morning. A Wells Gray Maritimes tour is noted for its leisurely itinerary, many included meals and attractions, and superb hotels in great locations. To reduce driving time, we fly from Kelowna into Halifax and return from St. John's, NL.

At a glance...

Day 1-3	Halifax > Cambridge Suites
Day 4	Western Shore > Atlantica Hotel
Day 5	Saint John > Delta Brunswick Hotel
Day 6-7	Fredericton > Delta Fredericton
Day 8-10	Prince Edward Island > Delta Prince Edward
Day 11-13	Sydney > Cambridge Suites
Day 14-15	Corner Brook > Glynmill Inn
Day 16	L'Anse au Clair > Northern Light Inn
Day 17	Cow Head > Shallow Bay Motel
Day 18-19	St. Anthony > Hotel North
Day 20	Deer Lake > Holiday Inn Express
Day 21-22	Gander > Hotel Gander
Day 23-24	St. John's > Delta Hotel

Highlights...

- > Locally guided tour of historic Halifax including the waterfront, universities, St. Paul's Church, and Halifax Citadel
- > Visit Halifax's Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and Alexander Keith's brewery with tour and tasting
- > Historical attractions include King's Landing, Founders Hall, Bell Museum, Fortress of Louisbourg, L'Anse aux Meadows, Cape Breton Miner's Museum
- > Natural attractions include Hopewell Rocks on Bay of Fundy, Peggy's Cove, Cabot Trail on Cape Breton, Viking Trail at Gros Morne National Park, Bonne Bay boat tour and Cape Spear
- > Tour includes not-to-be-missed icons of the region: Confederation Bridge, Anne of Green Gables cottage, Halifax waterfront, Lunenburg fishing stories, a Newfoundland Screech-In, and Cabot Tower
- > Visit Red Bay National Historic Site and take a water taxi out to Saddle Island
- > See the 7500-year old grave of a native child and Point Amour Lighthouse, Canada's second tallest which still flashes its warning light across the Strait of Belle Isle
- > **32 meals included**

USA DESTINATIONS

SKAGIT TULIP FESTIVAL

April 10, 2016 — 3 days

\$515 pp double **\$675** single
discounts up to \$30 pp



The Skagit Valley explodes in an abundance of colour when the tulip growers' fares are ready. Although Mother Nature ultimately decides the bloom, 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. The local Kiwanis Club organizes a salmon bake dinner each evening during the Tulip Festival, and we join this event on the second evening. This tour stays at the Silver Reef Resort and Casino, located just west of Bellingham and about 30 minutes drive from the focal area of the Tulip Festival. Come and enjoy the blossoms and colours of the Skagit Valley.

NEW YORK CITY

June 26, 2016 — 6 days

\$3260 pp double **\$4220** single
6 Seats left!



New York City, the city of icons. Empire State Building. Statue of Liberty. Rockefeller Center. American Museum of Natural History. Top of the Rock. Macy's Fifth Avenue. Metropolitan Museum of Art. Ground Zero. Central Park. Museum of Modern Art. Times Square. Wall Street. Broadway. The list of familiar sights and experiences goes on and Wells Gray Tours is proud to take you there. The tour is planned for late June, traditionally a quieter time for the city. Temperatures are warm, but not too hot and humid. This tour is all about choices. There is a balance of organized activities and free time to help you maximize your exploration during your stay. We have included a two-day hop-on hop-off all loop pass for double decker touring, a great way to get around the city and get insider information as well. Your experienced Wells Gray tour director is available to assist you with your plans. **The time is now – New York, New York!**

NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY

October 17, 2016 — 11 days

\$3595 pp double **\$4430** single
discounts up to \$200 pp



Fall in love with New Orleans and Louisiana. The state of Louisiana is divided into five distinct regions, and you experience three on this vacation. New Orleans is one of the great cities in the western world, not a place you simply visit, but a place you will be captivated by. The cultural riches, sensual indulgences and unparalleled service that define the New Orleans experience still flourish. History comes to life in Plantation Country. Wind along the Great River Road as you travel back to the 1800s to the days of sprawling antebellum plantations, glimpsing the lives of both master and slave. Cajun Country, along the peaceful bayous, is where the first French Canadians settled and forever changed the landscape and culture of the state. Resourceful, stoic and inventive, these were the people who turned soup into gumbo and washboards into musical instruments. New for the 2016 tour is the fascinating heritage town of Natchez, Mississippi, with incredible mansions dating to the

Natural Wonders
of Iceland
June 2017

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2016 HOLLAND AMERICA CRUISES

HAWAII CRUISE

April 26, 2016 — 20 days

from **\$4840** pp double; from **\$6450** single



This cruise features 10 days at sea and 7 days visiting 5 ports in the Hawaiian Islands plus a stop in Victoria. The cruise is most likely to appeal to people who enjoy lots of time on the ship, relaxing days at sea, good books or movies, and shipboard activities or entertainment. The Hawaii ports are Honolulu on Oahu (overnight), Hilo and Kona on Hawaii, Lahaina on Maui, and Nawiliwili on Kauai. On many cruises, shore excursions are a significant additional expense, but we have included 6 shore excursions — one each day at Honolulu and one at each of the other 4 ports.

PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

April 27, 2016 — 25 days

from **\$5900** pp double; from **\$7825** single

6 Seats left!



A dream more than 400 years in the making, the Panama Canal opened in 1914 and this epic man-made marvel changed the world in the process. Sail between two mighty oceans from Ft. Lauderdale to Vancouver. A Panama Canal expert is on board to explain its history and technical operations as your ship passes through the locks. Ashore there is everything from Costa Rican rainforests to Old World cities like Cartagena that recall the Age of Exploration. You will enjoy 21 days on Holland America's *Amsterdam* and locally guided tours in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Guatemala.

THE YUKON

August 3, 2016 — 19 days

from **\$4810** pp double; from **\$7000** single

discounts up to \$180 pp



Journey by coach along the famous Alaska Highway to the Yukon Territory. Admire the landscape and the wildlife of Canada's north, and keep an eye on the night sky for the Aurora Borealis. Laugh at the Frantic Follies, soak in Liard Hot Springs, and pan for gold on Bonanza Creek, before boarding the *Noordam* for a 7-day Holland America cruise from Seward to Vancouver. This enormous natural paradise is a place where ancient traditions, untouched landscapes and incredible wildlife exist like nowhere else on earth.

WHITEHORSE & GLACIER BAY CRUISE from **\$1770** pp double; from **\$2550** single

July 5, 2016 — 9 days

discounts up to \$100 pp



Fly to Whitehorse and take in the sights such as the Yukon Beringia Centre, SS Klondike, and a soak in Takhini Hot Springs. Then board the White Pass & Yukon Railway for a thrilling five-hour journey through the rugged St. Elias Mountains to Skagway. Here board Holland America's *MS Volendam* for a 4-night cruise from Skagway to Vancouver. Sail through scenic Glacier Bay amidst floating ice castles, enjoy a day in Ketchikan and admire the magnificent scenery of BC's famed Inside Passage.

COMING SOON!

Baltic Cruise on Holland America's Brand New Ship the *Koningsdam* - August 30

A Baltic Sea cruise is the best way to experience the cultural wealth and historical beauty of Northern Europe! Ports on this cruise include: Copenhagen, Warnemunde, Tallinn, St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Stockholm, Kiel, and Gothenburg.

Quebec to New York on *Zuiderdam* - September 15

On this tour savor the charms of Québec City, Montreal, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Gloucester, Boston, Rhode Island, and New York City.



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* NOTE FOR ALL CRUISES *

Early booking is essential. Unsold staterooms are taken away by the cruise company when the ships get close to being full.

EXCITING EXPERIENCE!! GREENLAND & BAFFIN ISLAND CRUISE



Hosted by Roland & Anne Neave

August 3, 2016 — 14 Days from **\$13,360** pp double; *single cabins are waitlist only*

Join us for an Arctic Safari cruise on board *Ocean Endeavour*. This epic expedition begins by exploring Greenland's dramatic fiords and dynamic maritime communities. We will spend our days searching for every exploratory opportunity. In the winding fjords of Greenland, in the multitudinous islands of Nunavut, we will live and breathe the natural history of some of the planet's most striking features. We will search for the animal life that ekes out their hardy lives in hostile conditions and find striking beauty in the immense and indomitable north. Expedition staff are experts on the Arctic including geology, glaciation, history, and flora and fauna. There are frequent lectures, educational presentations, and interactive workshops. Evening entertainment is offered. There is a fully-stocked library for additional reading about our destinations. During many days, there are expeditions ashore or to nearby attractions, using the ship's 20 zodiacs. All meals are included in the Polaris Restaurant and there are also on-deck barbeques and afternoon tea.

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CATALINA ISLAND & COASTAL CRUISE from **\$2915** pp double; from **\$4230** single
April 25, 2016 — 11 days *discounts up to \$140 pp*



We fly to Los Angeles and ride the 1-hour fast ferry to Catalina Island and spend 2 nights here. About 3,700 people live on Catalina, almost all in the island's only town, Avalon. The island is 22 miles long and 8 miles across at its widest point. Activities include a drive to the island's interior, a culinary walking tour, and a tour of the Art-Deco Casino built in 1929. We also spend 2 nights on the famous luxury liner *RMS Queen Mary* in Long Beach before boarding the *Norwegian Pearl*. Enjoy 5 nights cruising back to Vancouver with port stops in San Francisco and Victoria.

EXPERIENCE NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINE from **\$1810** pp double; from **\$2765** single
April 28, 2016 — 8 days *discounts up to \$60 pp*



Fly to Los Angeles and then drive to Long Beach. A landmark in the harbour is the famous luxury liner *RMS Queen Mary* and we stay overnight on board and enjoy a historic walking tour of the ship. We board the *Norwegian Pearl* in San Pedro and spend the next 5 days and nights cruising north off the California Coast. There are numerous activities to enjoy on board and port stops in San Francisco and Victoria.

COMING SOON!

Mediterranean Cruise on *Norwegian Spirit* - October 6, 2016

This tour flies to Milan and includes a tour of Venice before boarding the *Norwegian Spirit*. Ports on this tour include: Athens, Kusadasi, Istanbul, Mykonos, Naples, Rome, Florence, Toulon, and Barcelona.

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2016 INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS

GREAT CAPITALS OF EUROPE

May 2, 2016 — 18 days

\$8595 pp double **\$10,175** single
discounts up to **\$150 pp**



Paris, Brussels, Berlin, Prague, and Budapest are five of the great capitals of Europe. Immerse yourself in fascinating history dating back a millennium. Wander through renowned museums like the Louvre, the Pergamom, and the Zwinger. Admire spectacular palaces or castles such as Versailles, Charlottenburg, Prague, and Karlstein, or the ornate cathedrals of Notre Dame, Cologne, St. Vitus in Prague, and St. Stephen's in Budapest. Thrill to the views from the Eiffel Tower, the Reichstag Building, and the Budapest Eye. Cruise the storied rivers of the Seine and the Danube, and ride the fast train from Cologne to Berlin at up to 300 km per hour. Enjoy an opera in Prague. These are a few of the many experiences we will enjoy during 15 days in some of the great capitals of Europe.

At a glance...

Day 1	Richmond, BC > Fairmont YVR
Day 2	Flight from Vancouver to Paris
Day 3-6	Paris > Hotel Opera Cadet
Day 7	Cologne > Courtyard by Marriott
Day 8-10	Berlin > Kempinski Hotel Bristol
Day 11-13	Prague > Hotel Yasmin
Day 14-17	Budapest > Continental Hotel

Highlights...

- > Locally-guided tours of Paris, Brussels, Cologne, East Berlin, Dresden, Prague, and Budapest
- > A driving tour of the treasures of Paris, including views of Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera Garnier, L'Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysees, and the Eiffel Tower
- > Visit Le Grand Louvre with a guide
- > Explore the house and gardens of Claude Monet
- > Tour and have time to stroll the vast gardens at the Palace of Versailles
- > Walking tour of historic Cologne
- > Experience a first class European train ride from Cologne to Berlin
- > A half-day tour with a local guide in East Berlin including "Checkpoint Charlie" and the unique Pergamom Museum
- > Visit the Berlin Jewish Museum, Charlottenburg Palace and enjoy lunch along the Kurfürstendam
- > Walking tour of the Jewish Quarter in Prague
- > Attend an opera performance at a Prague theatre
- > Tour both halves of Budapest on each side of the mighty River Danube, Buda and Pest
- > Walk along the cobblestone streets and visit the castle district in Budapest
- > A romantic cruise on the Danube
- > Thrilling ride on the Budapest Eye
- > Enjoy a traditional Hungarian dinner and folkloric show
- > **40 meals included**

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Tours indicated by this icon on our website and brochures are Tour 25 departures, meaning group capacity is a maximum 25 participants or less. This allows Wells Gray Tours to create a more personal, flexible and authentic experience, which is perfect for many destinations. Travelling in smaller groups allows us to access exciting new places and to offer more up close, personal and unique encounters. It is one more way we are working to meet your evolving travelling preferences.

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Comments by: Fraser Neave, Director of Product Development

Visiting Ethiopia in Autumn 2014 was certainly everything and nothing that I expected it to be. Each day provided new intuition into the magic that the people, culture, history, and traditions offer to the traveller. The country is absolutely foreign but so unique that it is strangely familiar and welcoming. A 'wow' moment or three every day, such as the view from my mountaintop hotel room in Lalibela, a town in Northern Ethiopia, after a day of exploring the incredible monolithic rock-cut churches of the area; or our visit to the Konso tribe in the South where we took part in traditional ceremonies for the children who were coming of age. I loved being here right from the start and I knew that there would be so many others from Canada looking for these kind of unique travel experiences – experiences that are so memorable you can't wait to return to see more.

At a glance...

Day 1	Toronto > Sheraton at YYZ
Day 2	Flight to Addis Ababa
Day 3	Addis Ababa > Radisson Blu
Day 4-5	Bahir Dar > Khariftu Resort
Day 6	Gondar > Goha Hotel
Day 7	Simien National Park > Simien Lodge in Park
Day 8-9	Aksum > Sabeen Hotel
Day 10-11	Lalibela > Maribela Hotel
Day 12-13	Arba Minch > Paradise Lodge
Day 14-15	Turmi > Buska Lodge
Day 16	Konso > Kanta Lodge
Day 17	Awassa > Lewi Resort
Day 18	Flight to Kelowna

Highlights...

- > City tour of the large sprawling city of Addis Ababa and National Museum
- > See precious pieces of Ethiopian Christian art
- > Take a boat trip on Lake Tana, the source of the Blue Nile, and travel across the lake to the monastery islands
- > Attend the Eve Meskel celebration to watch the ceremonial lighting of the fire for the eve of Meskel, a national holiday also known as the Finding of the True Cross.
- > Afternoon stroll to the impressive Blue Nile Falls
- > Enjoy an afternoon visit to the Market at Bahir Dar and the Emperor Hailesilassie Palace
- > Tour the former capital city of Ethiopia, Gondar, known for its medieval castles and finely adorned churches
- > Visit the village of Waleka to see traditional pottery
- > Tour the UNESCO site, Axum, including the Kaleb and Gebremeskel tombs
- > Board boats for a trip on Lake Chamo, where crocodiles sunbath and hippos cool themselves in the water
- > Meet the Dorze tribe, famous for their beehive-shaped houses and weaving skills
- > Optional lunch at a private house with family
- > Take part in a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony and traditional Ethiopian food & music
- > **47 meals included**



ACTIVITY LEVELS



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BRANSON
October 26, 2016 — 10 days

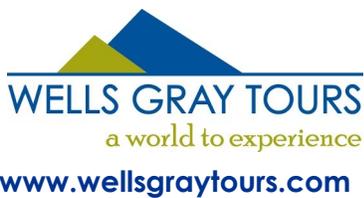


\$3595 pp double **\$4170** single
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The entertainment in Branson, Missouri is non-stop, filled with music, laughter and legends of the stage. Bring your sense of fun and excitement to experience 14 musical shows including **Daniel O'Donnell's** annual performance in Branson. Other shows include: **Presley's Country Jubilee, George Dyer, The Dutton Family Show, Dixie Stampede, Clay Cooper's Country Music Express, Down Home Country Show, Million Dollar Quartet, Showboat Branson Belle, Pierce Arrow, Moses, Dublin's Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies, Texas Tenors,** and the **Oakridge Boys**. Branson had its modest beginning in 1882 when Reuben Branson opened a general store and post office in the area. The first tourist attraction opened in 1894 when William Lynch bought Marble Cave, renamed it Marvel Cave, and began charging for tours. Branson began its transformation into a major tourist attraction in 1983 when the Roy Clark Celebrity Theatre opened and began to bring famous country music stars to Branson. Currently there are 40 theatres operating in Branson and it has more theatre seats than Broadway or Las Vegas. It has been named the #1 U.S. destination for groups for the past five years and entertains more than six million visitors annually, but has a year-round population of only 11,000. Branson's title today is the "live music show capital of the world."

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