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# The Experience Quarterly

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## GREETINGS FRIENDS!

Spring is finally here with longer days, warming temperatures and the wonder of new life sprouting in an array of colours. The Wells Gray Tours team has not been hibernating all winter— keep reading and you will find an abundance of exciting new tours that we have been busy planning.

### 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 contact information, so call your local office today or visit us online at [www.wellsgraytours.com](http://www.wellsgraytours.com) and click "Receive Tour & News Updates".

### No one likes getting sick

To support the health and wellness of customers and employees & to help prevent sickness Tour Directors will be carrying Hand Sanitizer with them and everyone will be required to use it when boarding the coaches. They are gels that contain alcohol in order to kill the germs present on the skin. The alcohol works immediately and effectively in order to kill bacteria and most viruses. Tour directors will also now have face masks available at no charge. Please also take a supply of cold and sinus relief medication along with your own personal prescriptions. Drug stores are not always located easily and stops for shopping take extra time. If you do become ill before a tour departs please stay home.

### Activity Levels

**Wells Gray Tours offers three levels of activity on our tours.**

The symbol of one  two  or  three walkers appears on each tour brochure to indicate the activity level you can expect. A written description is also provided. In addition, on Activity Level 3 tours, every customer must sign a waiver that he/she understands that the tour has a lot of activity and that they are physically capable of participating. Tours with Activity Level 1 or 2 have the following statement on the brochure: **If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 1 or 2, 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.**



## You're invited to our Client Appreciation Tea



*This is an event you don't want to miss.*  
**We will be doing a draw and giving away a \$200 Travel Voucher!**

VICTORIA

Wednesday, May 16th 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

St Andrews Presbyterian Church (In the Kirk Hall)

680 Courtenay St. Victoria

**Please RSVP by May 11th so that we can anticipate attendance 250-590-7889**

### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday**

8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed weekends and holidays

**Full tour itineraries can be found online at [www.wellsgraytours.com](http://www.wellsgraytours.com) or at your local office.**

- All tours include coach and/or air transportation, accommodation, knowledgeable tour director, and luggage handling, unless otherwise indicated.
- Tours depart from various pick up points in the Greater Victoria area. Depending on the individual tour routing and number of people in a location, additional pick up points may be available or added.
- GST is charged where applicable.
- Single and triple fares are available on most tours.
- Consumer Protection BC License: 65842

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## LOYALTY REWARDS PROGRAM!

We are delighted to announce as of April 1st we have increased our loyalty rewards! We recently reviewed all of our reward levels and have increased them to show our appreciation of your many travels with Wells Gray.

**Bronze** - Take 15 tours or travel 90 days: Receive a black vest with the Wells Gray Tours logo on it & a \$100 Travel Voucher for future travel with Wells Gray Tours.

**Silver** - Take 25 tours or travel 150 days: Receive a permanent silver-coloured name tag & a \$400 Travel Voucher for future travel with Wells Gray Tours.

**Gold** - Take 50 tours or travel 300 days: Receive a permanent gold-coloured name tag & a \$1000 Travel Voucher for future travel with Wells Gray Tours.

**Diamond** - Take 70 tours or travel 400 days: Receive a \$2000 Travel Voucher for future travel with Wells Gray Tours & a special name tag.

**7 Continents** - Travel 7 Continents with Wells Gray Tours: Receive a \$1000 Travel Voucher for future travel with Wells Gray Tours & a special gift commemorating your worldwide journeys.

\* Couples get a voucher for each person.

**e-points** Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points or e-points.

1 e-point equals \$1. Visit your local office or ask your Tour Director to find out how many experience points you have, or how many days or tours you have accumulated.

## COMING SOON 2018!

**Christmas in Seattle - December 22**

**Christmas in Vancouver - December 23**

**New Years in Vancouver - December 30**

## COMING SOON 2019!

**California Winter Escape - January**

**Southern Caribbean Cruise - February**

**Hawaii Land Tour - February**

**Galapagos & Ecuador - February 8**

**Best of Australia - March 2**

**Panama Canal Cruise - April 10**

**Mississippi River Cruise New Orleans to Memphis - April 11**

**Coast to Coast by Train - May**

**President's Cruise Luxembourg to Budapest on Avalon Waterways - June 16**

**Northwest Passage Cruise on Ocean Endeavour - August**

## FUTURE TOUR 2020!

**Oberammergau Passion Play - Call us to pre-book on this tour!**



**Wells Gray Tours is proud to provide the Tour 25 travel experience.**

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.

**Look for the Tour 25 logo for a more intimate travel experience**

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## EXOTIC GETAWAYS!

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### BHUTAN & INDIA SAFARI

October 23, 2018 — 24 days

**\$12,150** pp double; **\$13,115** single

**2 Seats left!**



Get ready for a fairytale adventure like no other as we explore two unique areas of the Himalayan Mountains: Bhutan and Northern India. Bhutan is a small remote country located between China-ruled Tibet in the north and India to the south. Lonely Planet ranked Bhutan as the world's top destination of 2013 and CNN did the same in 2017. Our focus is the eastern Himalayan region of India with its incredible wildlife sanctuary, Kaziranga National Park. Since we are so close, we have included time to experience the world wonder of the Taj Mahal and the chaotic flavours of the great city of Delhi. These destinations are about as foreign from Canada as you can get!

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### MEXICO'S YUCATAN WINTER GETAWAY

January 13, 2019 — 16 days

**\$7075** pp double; **\$8560** single

**discounts up to \$300 pp**



The Yucatan capital, arose from the merger of three major cultures: Mayan, Spanish and Lebanese, that together give it its unique architecture, cuisine and people. Impressive archaeological sites, colonial and modern buildings coexist in harmony. There are so many highlights on this tour. We take a boat excursion on the Grijalva River which is the most popular way to explore the Sumidero Canyon National Park. This is one of Mexico's most dramatic cruises and there are several key attractions to look out for en route. Next, we visit San Cristóbal which is at the heart of one of the most deeply rooted indigenous areas in Mexico. We will explore a local market and learn the process of hand-making tortillas. Next, we visit the Palenque archaeological site, founded by the Mayans in 226 BC. It is here that explorers discovered Pakal's tomb with his famous jade green mask. We will spend time with a local family who will share their traditions with us, tour the archaeological site of Uxmal including The Fortuneteller's Pyramid known as Pirámide del Adivino and spend an afternoon learning how chocolate is prepared using an ancestral recipe. We also travel through Izamal, the "Magic Town", to Chichén Itzá and visit the Ikkil Cenote to swim with the black catfish. The cenote is 26 metres below ground level and is sacred to the Mayans who used this cenote for both relaxation and ritual services. Swimming in a cenote is a sacred, almost mystical experience. We continue to the Riviera Maya and check-in at the Grand Bahia Principe Tulum, an all-inclusive oceanfront resort where we have a free day to enjoy the beautiful beach at the hotel or many other activities before flying home. This tour will hypnotize you with ancient Mayan ruins and colonial cities.

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### COSTA RICA

January 18, 2019 — 15 days

**\$6995** pp double; **\$8360** single

**Filling fast!**



Costa Rica covers a mere 0.03% of the planet's surface, but is home to 5% of all living organisms on earth. Active volcanoes, lush cloud forests, lowland jungles, rolling savannas, and coral beaches create a spectacular setting to experience the country's natural beauty and exotic flora and fauna. Much of this area is preserved by one of the most remarkable park systems in the world, making Costa Rica a model for conservation in harmony with community development and economic growth. During this unique tour, we travel through some of the richest habitats of Costa Rica, from Caribbean lowland rain forests to central volcanic highlands, from a cloud forest interior to coastal resorts. One highlight of the tour is our three-night stay at Barcelo Occidental Tamarindo Hotel on the Pacific Ocean. You will be awed by the natural beauty of this private tropical resort and have plenty of time to relax and soak up the sun. The resort is all-inclusive so meals, drinks and most activities are complimentary. Come and admire the natural wonders of Costa Rica and get away from a Canadian winter for two relaxing weeks.

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### NICARAGUA

January 21, 2019 — 18 days

**\$7420** pp double; **\$8845** single

**discounts up to \$300 pp**



On this unique tour, we travel through some of the richest habitats of Nicaragua, from the Pacific Lowlands to the Central Volcanic Highlands, from Central America's two largest fresh water lakes (Lago de Managua and Lago de Nicaragua) to the Pacific beaches, and from colonial towns built in the 16th century to modern cities. The tour is accompanied throughout by a Wells Gray tour director and a bilingual Nicaraguan guide. A variety of fine hotels are arranged such as Barcelo in bustling Managua, El Convento in historic Leon, Hotel Hex in colonial Granada, and Pelican Eyes Resort in San Juan del Sur. With 24 volcanoes and countless lakes, rivers, and lagoons, Nicaragua is known as the "Land of Lakes and Volcanoes" and offers tremendous ecological diversity. Pack your bags and come experience this enchanting country. Nicaragua is an ideal place to visit for anyone looking for something distinctively different.

## EXCITING NEW DESTINATIONS!

### MYSTERY TOUR

September 26, 2018 — 9 days

**\$4090** pp double; **\$4940** single

**11 Seats left!**



This is Wells Gray Tours' 56th Mystery Tour since 1985. The first Mystery Tour was only three days and travelled to Whistler. In the 33 years since then, Mystery Tours have generally been offered twice a year and have taken curious customers to destinations all over Canada, the USA, and even Iceland and Costa Rica. 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. Wells Gray Tours has been a pioneer in offering Mystery Tours in British Columbia. Among the 800 or so tour operators in North America, only a handful offer multi-day mystery itineraries like ours. Please join us for Mystery Tour #56! Only one Mystery Tour will be offered in 2018. Some exciting surprises are waiting for you.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY CENTENNIAL AT VIMY

November 1, 2018 — 14 days

**\$8145** pp double; **\$8840** single

**discounts up to \$150 pp**



Vimy Ridge is famously known as the site of a heroic Canadian victory against a well-protected German defence network, a victory that was had through months of preparation and meticulous execution. The Canadian victories did not stop there though, with impressive battles at Hill 70, Passchendaele, and Amiens, among many other battles that led to the final armistice on November 11, 1918. However, this did not come without a cost. Close to 61,000 Canadians were killed during the war, and another 172,000 were wounded and this does not account for the many that came home suffering from 'shell shock'. Remembrance Day began after the Great War to remember those of our armed forces who served in our defence and selflessly sacrificed themselves so their fellow Canadians could live better lives. The year 2018 will be 100 years since World War I ended. This tour has been developed as an educational experience of Canadian involvement in the Great War and includes attending the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial. Come and join us and we will remember them.

### LEAVENWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

November 28, 2018 — 4 days

**\$1065** pp double **\$1335** single

**discounts up to \$30 pp**



The beauty of the Christmas season joins with the quaint Bavarian theme to create a magical experience in Leavenworth. Browse the shops, savour the pastries, and enjoy the entertainment. All the buildings are decorated and adorned with lights, so in the evening the town seems like a fairyland setting. Note that we are scheduled to be in Leavenworth on a weekday when the town is not as crowded as on the famed Saturday light up nights. This tour stays two nights at the lovely Enzian Inn, located across from Leavenworth's town square and is convenient to the shops. Highlights include a Christmas concert by Leavenworth's acclaimed harpist Bronn Journey, an option for a sleigh or wagon ride at Red Tail Canyon Farm and a trip to the Aplets & Cotlets factory in nearby Cashmere. We then drive into downtown Seattle and stay over-night at the historic Hotel Ändra with shopping at Alderwood Mall. We go to the 5th Avenue Theatre to see **Annie**.

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### NEW YEAR'S ON CATALINA ISLAND

December 28, 2018 — 8 days

**\$4325** pp double; **\$5435** single

**discounts up to \$200 pp**



Wells Gray Tours is excited to offer a very unique experience, ringing in the New Year of 2019 at a Gala Ball on Santa Catalina Island off the coast of California. The event is the 46th Annual New Year's Eve Celebration, staged in the magnificent ballroom at the historic Catalina Casino on Avalon's waterfront. Catalina Island is reached by an hour-long fast ferry ride from Long Beach south of Los Angeles. During our 3½ days and 4 nights on the island, we take a drive across the scenic hills, savour a culinary walking tour of Avalon, stroll the Wrigley Botanical Gardens, take an interior tour of the iconic Catalina Casino, and explore island history at the Catalina Museum. This will be a memorable New Year's to celebrate the arrival of the last year of the 2010s decade.

## THEATRE & SHOW TOURS

### **BOOK OF MORMON IN VANCOUVER**

**September 27, 2018 — 3 days**

**\$855** pp double; **\$1125** single  
**discounts up to \$40 pp**



**The Book of Mormon** is a religious satire musical that lampoons organized religion and traditional musical theatre, reflecting the playwrights' lifelong fascination with Mormonism and musicals. The story follows two young Mormon missionaries sent to a remote village in northern Uganda, where a brutal warlord is threatening the local population. Naive and optimistic, the two missionaries try to share the Book of Mormon, which only one of them knows very well, but have trouble connecting with the locals, who are more worried about war, famine, poverty, and AIDS than about religion. This is a show you do not want to miss. Please note that the show contains explicit language and subject matter that may not be enjoyable to all viewers. We stay for two nights at the Century Plaza Hotel which enjoys an excellent location on Burrard Street. There is an option to see **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** at the Stanley Theatre. We will also depart on a Harbour Cruises vessel for a four-hour cruise through Burrard Inlet and Indian Arm to experience the magnificent coastal mountain fjord right in Vancouver's backyard. A delicious buffet lunch is served on board and features fresh BC salmon and chicken. The rest of the afternoon is free time in case you want to visit with friends or relatives.

### **COME FROM AWAY IN SEATTLE**

**October 26, 2018 — 4 days**

**\$1395** pp double; **\$1795** single  
**10 Seats left!**



**Come from Away** is set in the week following the September 11, 2001, attacks and tells the true story of what transpired when 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland. The characters in the musical are based on (and in most cases share the names of) real Gander residents as well as some of the 7,000 stranded travellers they housed and fed. The musical has been received by audiences and critics as a cathartic reminder of the capacity for human kindness in even the darkest of times and the triumph of humanity over hate. We stay three nights at the historic Mayflower Park Hotel. In the morning you have the choice to visit Chihuly Garden & Glass OR go on a Paramount Theatre tour. In the afternoon we go to the Paramount Theatre for the matinee performance of **On Your Feet**, the inspiring true story about heart, heritage and two people who believed in their talent and each other to become an international sensation: Gloria and Emilio Estefan. We will also visit the Museum of Flight which displays over 150 of the world's most remarkable planes.

### **VIVA LAS VEGAS**

**November 14, 2018 — 5 days**

**\$2435** pp double; **\$2875** single  
**discounts up to \$120 pp**



We stay at the MGM Mirage, one of the outstanding hotels on the famous Las Vegas Strip. It offers 14 restaurants, cafés and delis, two gigantic free-form pools with waterfalls, lavish entertainment, spa, shopping centre, and a casino with lots of games. We will visit the Mob Museum which features the stories of the Mafia and some famous characters of Las Vegas such as Bugsy Siegel, Frank Costello, and Raymond Patriarca. Also tour Las Vegas Springs Preserve which contains a botanical garden, Origen Museum, a flashback to Las Vegas in 1905, a water-works exhibit, and an eco-friendly sustainability gallery. This tour also includes a concert at Caesar's Palace with **Celine Dion**, regarded as one of pop music's most influential voices. Please note you can opt out of the Celine Dion concert and your fare will be reduced by \$150. With a local guide, we will drive to Hoover Dam. A tour of the powerhouse is also included. Sunset is at 4:30 so we will ride the elevators to the top of the Stratosphere Tower and watch the sun go down across the Mojave Desert. Tickets to Cirque du Soleil, **Mystère** are also included. This tour offers many fantastic activities, but there is lots of free time to do as you wish.

### **BEAUTIFUL IN VANCOUVER**

**November, 2018**



**Beautiful: The Carole King Musical** tells the story of the early life and career of Carole King, using songs that she wrote, often together with Gerry Goffin, and other contemporary songs by Barry Mann, Cynthia Weil, and Phil Spector. The original production of *Beautiful* received its world premiere in San Francisco in 2013 and moved to Broadway in January 2014. The London production began in February 2015. *Beautiful* has won two Tony Awards, three Drama Desk Awards, two Laurence Olivier Awards, and a Grammy Award. Seattle is the nearest city where you can see *Beautiful* during its 2018 national tour.

## CANADIAN TOURS

### VANCOUVER ISLAND FROM TOE TO TIP

June 8, 2018 — 8 days

**\$2495** pp double **\$2930** single

**Filling Fast!**



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 sandy expanse of Rath Trevor Beach. 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. A third boat charter travels to Nootka Sound, important to British Columbia's history because Captain James Cook landed there in 1778 and met the First Nations. 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 eight-day tour that are well-known and less-known. Come and explore Vancouver Island!

### CALGARY STAMPEDE

July 4, 2018 — 6 days

**\$1875** pp double; **\$2290** single

**Filling Fast!**



Pull on your jeans and 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 thrilling afternoon rodeo, and the spectacular evening chuckwagon races and stage show. Our 2018 tour has a new itinerary with a leisurely drive home via Radium Hot Springs. So come and join us at the 105th Calgary Stampede.

### QUADRA ISLAND & NOOTKA SOUND

July 8, 2018 — 5 days

**\$1190** pp double **Singles waitlisted**

**Pickups and drop offs available in Courtenay on this tour!**



Steeped in history and surrounded by the natural beauty of the west coast of Vancouver Island, Nootka Sound is a paradise for those seeking to explore and enjoy the magnificent wilderness surroundings. A cruise on the MV *Uchuck* offers splendid coastal scenery and Chuck Syme, local historian and Nootka expert, is with us to provide interpretive talks and walks. Yuquot, also known as Friendly Cove, was the summer home of Chief Maquinna and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht people for millennia, and retains historic significance today as the site of the first contact between Europeans and First Nations people in British Columbia. This tour is full of breathtaking scenery and relaxation. We stay two nights on Quadra Island at the splendid *Tsa-kwa-luten* Lodge overlooking Discovery Passage and two nights in historic Gold River.

#### Do I really need travel insurance?

Unexpected emergency medical treatment is the single most expensive hidden cost you can incur.

##### Why Travel Guard?

- No medical questionnaire!
- Insurance is fully refundable if tour is cancelled
- No maximum age
- 24/7/365 assistance services



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- Waiver of Pre-existing Conditions, when purchased within 7 days of the initial trip payment:
- Insured must be medically able to travel at the time of purchase.
  - Pre-existing medical waiver applies to a maximum of \$15,000 per person for trip cancellation.
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## WATERTON LAKES & CYPRESS HILLS

September 18, 2018 — 9 days

**\$2575** pp double; **\$3110** single  
discounts up to \$50 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. Cypress Hills 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 Coleman Museum, Frank Slide, Remington Carriage Museum, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, and Brooks Aqueduct. We stay 2 nights 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 Fairmont Hot Springs, the Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens, the ancient carvings at Writing-on-Stone Park, and the emerging autumn colours, and you have the perfect fall getaway.

## THANKSGIVING AT TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE

October 4, 2018 — 4 days

**\$935** pp double; **\$1140** single  
discounts up to \$50 pp



Magnificent Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge was built by the Kwagiutl people and its vast lobby resembles a traditional "Big House" with massive timbers, a soaring cathedral ceiling, and huge windows overlooking Discovery Passage. All rooms have an ocean view. Relax on your private balcony and enjoy the panorama of the ocean, the mountains of Vancouver Island beyond, the rapidly-moving tides, and the tugboats with barges navigating this narrow waterway. Meals are served in the main dining room which has an entrancing view, and all meals are included due to the isolation of the lodge. There are walking trails along the waterfront to the lighthouse, and a more difficult trail to the bluff at Cape Mudge with a view south into the Strait of Georgia. At Rebecca Spit, we take a pleasant walk along a beach with ocean on both sides and visit the Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre. It's a wonderful place to celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving. Other highlights include a sumptuous buffet lunch at Chemainus Theatre followed by a performance of **Glorious!**

## JASPER PARK LODGE

October 8, 2018 — 6 days

from **\$1530** pp double; **\$1870** single  
**Filling fast!**



Celebrate beauty and friendship in the majesty of the Canadian Rockies. Each fall, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge invites seniors to head out to the mountains for fresh air, fall foliage, and lots of fun. Delicious food, classic entertainment and a multitude of activities make for a great getaway. With fitness programs, craft-making, lectures, walking tours, and entertainment, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge program has it all! And you simply can't beat the value—a stay at the Lodge in summer with meals costs over \$500 per night. This tour offers extraordinary savings and lets you experience this renowned lodge, with exceptional meals and experiences included, at a very attractive price. Combine this with a night at South Thompson Guest Ranch going to Jasper and Sun Peaks Resort returning, both near Kamloops, and you have an unbeatable fall tour.

## NORTH AMERICAN DESTINATIONS

### NORTH CASCADES & OLYMPIC PENINSULA

September 9, 2018 — 9 days

**\$2695** pp double; **\$3495** single  
discounts up to \$60 pp



Just across the border, Washington State has many highlights for the traveller to enjoy. Mount Rainier is the highest mountain in the state, but our tours seldom travel as close to it as this one which visits delightful Paradise Inn at treeline. In contrast with the National Park wilderness is the bustling city of Tacoma where we watch glass-blowing at the Tacoma Glass Museum, stroll among exquisitely restored cars at the LeMay Museum, and wander the grounds of Lakewold Garden Estate. Then we head west to the coast and an oceanview resort. Olympic National Park is next where we enjoy the surf at Kalaloch, the verdant hanging mosses of the Hoh Rainforest, and the stunning views from Hurricane Ridge. The circle is completed as we drive the North Cascades Highway across Washington Pass and stay our last night at fabulous Sun Mountain Lodge, perched on a mountaintop above Winthrop. All three of Washington's National Parks are included in this scenic tour which was first offered in 2017 as a Mystery Tour.



## SAN JUAN ISLANDS

September 18, 2018 — 5 days

**\$1560** pp double; **\$2045** single  
discounts up to \$80 pp



The San Juan Islands are an archipelago of 172 islands. Explored in 1791 by the Spanish expedition of Francisco de Eliza, these islands are rich with history, and the captain and crew tell entertaining tales of discovery, smuggling and war. We have a morning cruise on the *Victoria Star 2* from Bellingham to Friday Harbor and also an afternoon cruise with lunch on board. We stay two nights at Friday Harbor Suites and enjoy a guided tour around the San Juan Islands including Lime Kiln State Park, Alpaca Ranch, English Camp, Roche Harbor Resort, the San Juan Island National Historic Park and Westcott Bay Sculpture Park. You also have the choice between two Friday Harbor museums. The Whale Museum opened in 1979 and was the first in the country to be dedicated to a species living in the wild. The Museum of Art is committed to promoting the arts of the Pacific Northwest and Southwest British Columbia. **Note: This tour is limited to 32 people for extra comfort on the *Victoria Star 2*. Early booking is recommended.**

## OREGON COAST EXPLORER

September 18, 2018 — 10 days

**\$2775** pp double; **\$3495** single  
discounts up to \$60 pp



Oregon's nearly 550 km of pristine, public coastline is made up of diverse terrain that changes from rugged cliffs to lush evergreen forests to Sahara-like dunes and boundless sandy beaches. Join Wells Gray Tours as we follow the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway, US Highway 101, past a smorgasbord of one-of-a-kind attractions between the California border and Lincoln City. The quaint towns have a penchant for serving up legendary seafood, historic lighthouses, breathtaking viewpoints, stunning state parks, a cornucopia of galleries and museums, and a world class aquarium. Stroll the beaches and do some beachcombing. Wonder at the unique myrtlewood crafts. Explore an aquarium, then savour dinner among the sea creatures. Get up close and personal with a myriad of marine life. Yell out loud as you ride the sands in a dune buggy. Watch waves crashing into the narrow slot of Devil's Churn. Get ready for the Oregon Coast!

## YELLOWSTONE & CANYONLANDS

October 6, 2018 — 18 days

**\$4995** pp double; **\$6495** single  
discounts up to \$100 pp



From the erupting geysers of Yellowstone to the soaring peaks of the Grand Tetons, from the colourful spires of Bryce Canyon to the extraordinary natural bridges of Arches Park, this tour has an amazing variety of natural wonders. The fall foliage, the brilliant red and orange rocks of southern Utah, and the multitude of hues around the geyser basins all combine to create this kaleidoscope of colour. We visit eight famous national parks: Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Dinosaur, Colorado, Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon, and Zion. Later in the tour, a contrast from the natural attractions is found in Salt Lake City with the museums of Temple Square and the splendid music of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

## NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY

October 22, 2018 — 10 days

**\$3685** pp double; **\$4335** single  
discounts up to \$100 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.

## BRANSON

October 25, 2018 — 10 days

**\$3925** pp double; **\$4460** single  
14 Seats left!



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 13 musical shows including **Daniel O'Donnell's** annual performance in Branson. Other shows include: **Presley's Country Jubilee show**, **Yakov Smirnoff show**, **Broadway's Greatest Hits show**, **Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies show**, **John Denver Tribute show**, **#1 Hits of the Sixties show**, **The Dutton Family show**, **Down Home Country show**, **Pierce Arrow show**, **Samson show**, **Brett Family show**, and the **Oakridge Boys**. Branson is known as the "live music show capital of the world."

## CRUISES 2018 & 2019



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### WEST COAST CRUISE & RAIL

September 24, 2018 — 16 days

from **\$5055** pp double; from **\$6585** single  
**discounts up to \$200 pp**



Enjoy 5 nights cruising on the *Amsterdam* and four train excursions on this tour. We first dock in San Francisco where a local guide takes us on a sightseeing tour of the city. Our next adventure is in Los Angeles where we will enjoy touring the City of Angels and the Richard Nixon Presidential Library. We then board the Amtrak train from Irvine to San Luis Obispo along California's coast. In Monterey we visit the famed Monterey Bay Aquarium and have time to explore Cannery Row. Near here we board the Roaring Camp Railroad on a steam locomotive through a grove of redwoods followed by a barbecue lunch. Our next train excursion is on the Skunk Railroad from Willits to Northspur and back through the awesome redwoods. For the journey home we board an Amtrak train for a daylight excursion with terrific scenery as we climb over the Cascade Range.

### MONTREAL TO FLORIDA CRUISE

October 11, 2018 — 19 days

from **\$7320** pp double; from **\$9330** single  
**discounts up to \$125 pp**



Come cruise on the *Rotterdam* in the Maritimes and along Atlantic Coast. We fly from the Victoria Airport to Montréal and stay two days here exploring the vibrant centre of French Canadian traditions. We enjoy a locally guided afternoon tour that includes Mount Royal, Old Montréal, Île Sainte-Hélène, downtown landmarks, and Olympic Park. We also enjoy festive dining, revelry and entertainment at Le Festin du Gouverneur. We then board the *Rotterdam* for 15 days of scenic cruising. This cruise includes excursions in Québec City, Charlottetown and Prince Edward Island, Halifax, Boston, New York, Charleston, Key West, and Tampa after disembarking. The key attractions and local guides are also included. There are so many highlights on this tour including the Anne of Green Gables cottage, Prince Edward Island National Park, Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax Citadel National Historic Site, guided walking tour of Boston's Freedom Trail, Old North Church and Paul Revere House, USS Constitution, tour of New York City, Radio City Music Hall, Top of the Rock Observatory, and the Charleston Tea Plantation. After docking in Tampa, we bid farewell to the *Rotterdam* and fly non-stop to Seattle.

### MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE

January 22, 2019 — 13 days

from **\$4125** pp double; from **\$5375** single  
**discounts up to \$200 pp**



Head south to Palm Springs and spend three nights at the excellent location of Palm Mountain Resort. We thrill to one of the city's highlights - the spectacular Palm Springs Aerial Tramway which ascends nearly 2,000 metres into the San Jacinto Mountains. We also tour Joshua Tree National Park and go to Palm Canyon Theatre for a show. We stop in San Diego for two days of sightseeing including a visit to the Safari Park, a cruise around the busy San Diego harbour including the lofty Coronado Bridge, the shipyards, Point Loma, and the Naval Air Station. Afterwards we visit the Maritime Museum on the waterfront which features many nautical displays and three historic ships including the Star of India, the world's oldest active ship. From here we board Holland America's *Eurodam* for a seven-night cruise. Our first port is Cabo San Lucas situated at the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula. Overnight we cruise east to the mainland of Mexico and dock for a full day in Mazatlan. Our last port of call along the Mexican Riviera is the original colonial town of Puerto Vallarta. We have two relaxing days at sea before docking in San Diego and flying home on Westjet to Calgary, connecting to Kelowna.

**\* 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.**

## EXOTIC CRUISING



### 25 NEWFOUNDLAND CIRCUMNAVIGATION CRUISE **A few cabins left!**

**September 30, 2018 — 13 days**

from **\$9245** pp double; **\$9460** single



Starting and ending in historic St. John's, this 10 day cruise on board *Ocean Endeavour* offers an intimate experience of Newfoundland's lively culture and dramatic scenery via daily expedition stops and community visits. A call at the French island of Saint-Pierre completes the adventure. Famed for its music and stories, Newfoundland is also incredibly picturesque, with a rugged coastline rendered spectacular by autumn foliage and light. Newfoundland's rich natural history, including the remarkable geology of Gros Morne, is second only to its unbelievable cultural offerings. We visit Red Bay's Basque Whaling Station (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), learn about the Viking history in North America at L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, and enjoy a taste of the Mi'kmaq culture in Miawpukek First Nation (Conne River). We will do it all in the company of a lively resource staff of local musicians, artists, and naturalists. This sailing is ideally timed for viewing spectacular fall colours and taking advantage of excellent walking opportunities. Experience legendary music, food, and hospitality in true Newfoundland fashion: by sea!



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### MEDITERRANEAN & ADRIATIC CRUISE

from **\$9055** pp double; from **\$11,990** single

**October 14, 2018 — 20 days**

**discounts up to \$300 pp**



This tour flies to Rome where we spend two days including a city tour of historic Rome by coach and on foot. One full day is devoted to the Vatican museums. Vatican City is renowned for its impressive artistic masterpieces and architecture, its collections of painting and sculpture, and the Sistine Chapel frescoes. Leaving Rome, we drive to Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance and home to many of the world's greatest art treasures. A local guide conducts a walking tour. Next, we visit Tuscany, and stop in Siena, the Gothic town and Italy's best preserved medieval hill town. We stroll on Piazza del Campo and visit a winery. From here we drive to Civitavecchia, the port for Rome, and board the *Norwegian Spirit*. We enjoy 11 nights on board and an ultimate beverage package and fees for 4 specialty restaurants are included. The *Spirit* was launched in 1998 and had a multi-million-dollar refurbishment in 2014 and carries 2,018 passengers. Facilities include the Stardust live entertainment theatre, 12 bars and lounges, casino, duty-free shops, beauty shop, library, games room, internet access, spa, fitness centre, 2 swimming pools, 5 hot tubs, and 14 places to eat including six specialty restaurants. Our first port is Dubrovnik near the southern tip of Croatia where a local guide meets us for a driving and walking tour and ride up the cable car to admire a panoramic view of Dubrovnik and the offshore Elafiti Islands. Next is vibrant, vivid and vivacious, Venice. During an afternoon walking tour, we learn the history behind the most famous landmarks and board a gondola for a relaxing ride through narrow and enchanting canals. Overnight we cruise across the upper end of the Adriatic Sea to Slovenia and dock at Koper for a guided tour of Koper and Piran. This tour also includes stops and guided tours in Split, Corfu, Olympia and Valletta. Highlights including the Temple of Zeus, the Malta Barrakka Gardens, and Grand Master's Palace and Mdina. Come explore the ruins of ancient civilizations, awe-inspiring art, and legendary cities.

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