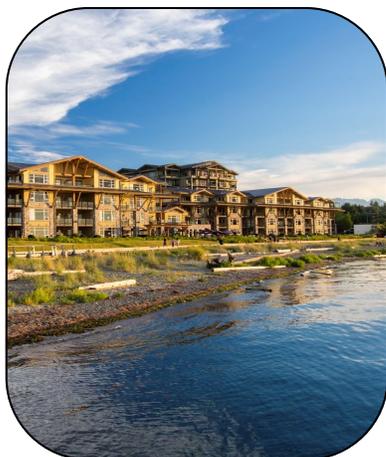


CHRISTMAS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Staying at Beach Club & Chateau Victoria
December 21, 2018 - 7 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$2390 double/twin

\$2840 single

\$2280 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

> **Experience Points:** Earn 57 points from this tour.

Redeem **57 points** if you book by **October 24**.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 7 days
- 6 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferries
- Robert Held Gallery
- Morningstar Farm
- *Little Women* at Chemainus Theatre
- Royal BC Museum with entry to special exhibit *Egypt: The Time of Pharaohs*
- Imax Theatre
- Abkhazi Garden with Christmas Festive Lunch
- Reception with Victoria Operatic Society
- Ambrosia Christmas concert
- *Beauty and the Beast* at Stanley Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **13 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 continental breakfast, 1 Christmas brunch, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

Christmas Highlights

Christmas in Victoria has been an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours for over 25 years. This tour includes the added benefit of staying two nights at the Beach Club, situated right on the beach at Parksville Bay. Then we head into Victoria with lunch and the matinee of *Little Women* at Chemainus Theatre. We have stayed at Chateau Victoria for many years and our guests love the Christmas décor and spirit. All rooms are one-bedroom suites. The hotel has a great location near the corner of Burdett and Douglas, close to the Inner Harbour and Legislative Buildings. Highlights for Christmas 2018 include the new exhibit at Royal BC Museum *Egypt: The Time of Pharaohs*, a reception with entertainment by the Victoria Operatic Society, *Beauty and the Beast* at the Stanley Theatre, and a night at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver. Some wonderful meals are planned including a festive Christmas lunch at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse, a Christmas Eve concert at Ambrosia Events Centre, Christmas Brunch at Vista 18 atop the Chateau, and the legendary Christmas Dinner at the Fairmont Empress Hotel.

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Itinerary

Friday, December 21:

We take the 5 pm ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo, then stay two nights at the **Beach Club** in Parksville. All rooms have a splendid view of the beach and bay.

Saturday, December 22:

Meals: B,L,D

First, we go to the **Robert Held Glass Studio** for a demonstration of glass blowing and an opportunity to buy some beautiful glass art. At **Morningstar Farm**, we enjoy cheese sampling and wine tasting. The rest of the day is leisure time, so you may want to book a spa appointment, or stroll on Parksville's long boardwalk or the sandy beach.

Sunday, December 23:

Meals: B,L

We attend the matinee of **Little Women** at Che-mainus Theatre. Louisa May Alcott's beloved holiday story is a buoyant musical of romantic escapades, sibling rivalries, and Christmas wishes. As they dream of their futures, encounter growing pains of youth, and rise with courage to face their destiny, the March girls learn the true value of hope and family. We stay three nights at **Chateau Victoria**. Rooms are oversized and amenities include an indoor pool and whirlpool. A hospitality room is provided by the hotel for the duration of our stay where you can meet other Christmas travellers and socialize or play games.

Monday, December 24:

Meals: B,L,D

At the Royal BC Museum, we see the special exhibit, **Egypt: The Time of Pharaohs**. With more than 300 original artifacts, some an astounding 4,500 years old, this exhibition covers all aspects of ancient Egyptian life. See the coffin of Nakht, an exceptional bust of Hatshepsut, and an ornate

gold and garnet necklace from the Ptolemaic period. A show at the Imax Theatre is included. A festive Christmas lunch is served at the quaint **Abkhazi Garden Teahouse**. This was the home of Prince Nicholas Abkhazi and his wife Peggy who came to Canada from Georgia (Russia) in 1946 and created these gardens with majestic trees and a dramatic location. At 3 pm, the hotel hosts a reception with music and singing by the wonderful **Victoria Operatic Society**. A Christmas Eve dinner and concert is at Ambrosia Events Centre.

Tuesday, December 25:

Meals: CB, Brunch, D

Merry Christmas! For early risers, a continental breakfast is offered in Clive's Lounge. Expect a gift from Santa during a delectable **Christmas Brunch** in Vista 18. The afternoon is leisure time, then we savour the legendary Christmas Dinner served at the renowned **Fairmont Empress Hotel**.

Wednesday, December 26:

Meals: B,L

We take the 11 am ferry to Tsawwassen and savour the extensive Pacific Buffet during the crossing. (Note: Most ferries on this route offer the buffet, but an alternative will be arranged if there is a ship change.) Our overnight stay is at the luxurious **Pan Pacific Hotel** above the Canada Place cruise terminal in downtown Vancouver. Tonight we see **Beauty and the Beast** at the Stanley Theatre. 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:

Bid goodbye to the rest of the group this morning.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 24, 2018. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 24, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From September 25 to October 24, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From October 25 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 to/from theatre seats. 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 57 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 October 24.

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