

WHISTLER WINTER CELEBRATION

A 55+ event at the splendid Fairmont Chateau Whistler!

November 18, 2018 - 5 days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person in Fairmont category:

\$1460 double/twin

\$1740 single

\$1395 triple

> Upgraded room categories are also available.

> Please add 5% GST.

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

> **Experience Points:** Earn 35 points from this tour.

Redeem **35 points** if you book by **September 26**.



Includes

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

Whistler & Fairmont's Winter Celebration

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

Each November, 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. The Chateau is fully-decorated for Christmas and the splendid lighting displays are a sight to behold. And you simply can't beat the value — a stay at the Chateau during ski season with meals costs over \$600 per night. This tour offers extraordinary savings and lets you experience this renowned hotel with exceptional meals and experiences included, at a very attractive price.

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Itinerary

Sunday, November 18:

Meals: L,D

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

Monday, November 19:

Meals: B,L,D

After departing in mid-morning, we drive into Vancouver, then follow the scenic Sea to Sky Highway along Howe Sound. Lunch is included in Squamish at Howe Sound Brewing Company. Arriving in Whistler, we settle into the luxurious **Fairmont Chateau Whistler**. This fabulous hotel has 550 rooms, a huge atrium lobby, several lounges, and over 600 staff to ensure your comfortable stay. Events for 2018 have not been finalized, so the following are 2017 events. At 6 pm, there is a welcome reception, followed by a gourmet dinner in the Frontenac Ballroom and a game show.

Tuesday, November 20:

Meals: B,L,D

Each day starts with a hot buffet breakfast in the Frontenac Ballroom. Activities in 2017 included a visit with raptors, soapstone carving, writing your memoirs, a visit to the Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre, "Secrets of the Chateau" walking tour, a table tennis tournament, a naturalist talk "Aliens Among Us", and a painting class. Dinner is followed by games or a movie.

Wednesday, November 21:

Meals: B,L,D

Today's activities (2017): a talk "Joys of a Car-free Lifestyle", an exercise class, a meditation class, make your own greeting card, a talk "Uncorked: A Year in Provence", a Zumba class, and an edible art class with the pastry chefs. A shuttle into Whistler Village operates frequently. Tonight, there is a farewell reception, gala dinner and dancing.

Thursday, November 22:

Meals: B,L

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

Chateau Whistler room upgrades

A standard (Fairmont category) room is included with the tour fares quoted on the other side. These rooms are about 400 square feet and have amenities such as coffee maker, bathrobes, hair dryer, safe, iron, ironing board, and clock. You can upgrade to deluxe room categories as follows. Rates are per person.

Deluxe Valley View Room — \$1,490 double or twin, \$1,795 single, \$1,410 triple.

Deluxe Slopeside View Room — \$1,545 double or twin, \$1,895 single, \$1,460 triple.

Junior Suite — \$1,665 double or twin, \$2,105 single, \$1,550 triple.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due September 26, 2018. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$80 discount on first 15 seats and \$40 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after September 26.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 26, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From September 27 to October 17, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From October 18 to October 31, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After October 31, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up until departure.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

Photo Credit: Fairmont Chateau Whistler

 **Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 1, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require ongoing assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour.

E-points: This tour earns 35 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until September 26.

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