

SPRINGTIME IN THE OKANAGAN

April 20, 2019 - 6 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$1735 double/twin

\$2245 single

\$1595 triple

> Please add 5% GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10

> **Seniors (65 and over):** \$15 discount with BC Gold Care Card

> **Experience Points:** Earn 41 points from this tour.

Redeem **41 points** if you book by **February 12.**



Includes

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings
- Planet Bee Honey Farm
- Orchard tour at Davison Orchards
- Summerhill Winery tour with wine tasting
- Guided walking and driving tour of Kelowna
- Dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake
- Summerland Sweets
- SS Sicamous Sternwheeler
- Tour of South Okanagan wineries
- Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre
- Rustic Roots Winery tour with wine tasting
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **10 meals:** 2 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners

The Okanagan is ripe with surprises

The sunshine and the heat of the Okanagan Valley make it a prime growing area in B.C. for fruit and vineyards. Spring is the perfect time to enjoy the blossoms of the orchards and the colourful wild balsamroot on the hillsides. Some highlights are an orchard tour, a honey bee farm tour, a dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake, a visit to the SS Sicamous sternwheeler, a half-day touring South Okanagan wineries, and the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre. Drive to the Okanagan along the Coquihalla Highway and return via Manning Park. Two fabulous waterfront hotels are offered — Delta Grand Okanagan in Kelowna and Watermark Beach Resort in Osoyoos. This is a great time to visit the Okanagan, before the summer crowds arrive with the high prices.

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Itinerary

Saturday, April 20:

Meals: L,D

We ride the ferry to Tsawwassen, then travel along the Coquihalla Highway to the Okanagan Valley. We stay three nights in Kelowna at the luxurious **Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel** on the shore of Okanagan Lake. Get-acquainted with your fellow travellers tonight during a lovely **Easter Dinner**.

Sunday, April 21:

Meals: L

We spend the day in Vernon. First, we go to the **Planet Bee Honey Farm** for a presentation about beekeeping and honey bees. Lunch is included at the Cattlemen's Club at the O'Keefe Ranch. Then we go to **Davison Orchard** to learn about the apple industry. Hop on the trolley for a tour around the orchard, then enjoy Auntie May's apple pie with ice cream.

Monday, April 22:

Meals: L,D

A walking and driving tour of **Kelowna sights** with a local guide is offered this morning. Lunch is at **Summerhill Winery**, along with wine tasting. The afternoon is leisure time to enjoy the hotel's terrific location. You may want to stroll along the Okanagan Lake beach or relax in the spa. Tonight, we enjoy a **dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake** while admiring the Kelowna skyline.

Tuesday, April 23:

Meals: L

We stop at Summerland Sweets which started as a candy store in 1962 and now makes and sells pancake syrups, gourmet jams, nut brittles, and many gift packages. We continue to Penticton where the **SS Sicamous Sternwheeler** is beached by Okanagan Lake and is now restored as a mu-

seum. Operated by the CPR, the ship carried passengers and freight along the lake from 1914 to 1937. A historic tour of the vessel is included. In the afternoon, a local expert joins us while we travel to several **wineries** in the South Okanagan, and sample their offerings. The wine business has exploded in the last decade and the Okanagan Valley now boasts over 200 vintners who produce superb wines that compete well on the world market. We stay two nights at the splendid **Watermark Beach Resort** on the sandy shore of Osoyoos Lake. Downtown Osoyoos is only a short walk.

Wednesday, April 24:

Meals: B,L

The spectacular **Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre** in Osoyoos is an architectural marvel sensitively constructed into a hillside. Extensive indoor and outdoor exhibit galleries create a fun, interactive learning environment with hands-on displays, education stations, and two multi-media theatre shows. Listen to the fascinating stories of Canada's only true desert and the Okanagan First Nations. Afterwards, we take a drive up Highway #3 to the **Anarchist Mountain Lookout** for a panoramic view across the southern Okanagan Valley. The rest of the afternoon is free time.

Thursday, April 25:

Meals: B,L

We leave the Okanagan Valley via Richter Pass and visit the Rustic Roots Winery in Cawston. We follow the Similkameen River into **Manning Park** and across Allison Pass in the Cascade Range. Lunch is in Hope, then we take the 5 pm ferry back to Victoria.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due February 12, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after February 12. Seniors (65 & over) receive \$15 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Gold Care Card or the new BC Services Card.

Cancellation Policy: Up to January 11, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From January 12 to February 12, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From February 13 to March 12, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After March 12, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from 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 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 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 at most attractions. 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 41 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 February 12.

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