

EASTER GETAWAY TO SUN MOUNTAIN LODGE

The spectacular resort in the North Cascades!

April 21, 2019 - 3 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$895 double/twin

\$1045 single

\$855 triple



> Tour is exempt from GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$40 discount on first 15 seats; \$20 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 21 points from this tour.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 3 days
- 2 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Smoke Jumper Base
- Shafer Museum
- Hotel housekeeping gratuities
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **6 meals:** 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

Sun Mountain Lodge — a resort perched on a mountaintop

Sun Mountain Lodge started with the dream of Jack Barron who rode by horse across this magnificent country as a youth and wanted to share the experience of this land with others. He began construction of his mountaintop dream in 1965 and opened the original Sun Mountain Lodge in 1968. The location chosen was a 1,000 metre high ridge with 360° views of mountains, wilderness, and valleys in the North Cascades. He wanted to blend the lodge with its surroundings, so he used huge local boulders, fossil embedded stones, and mammoth timbers in its construction. The main building of the original lodge included a dining room, lounge, and pool. There were two two-storey buildings for guest rooms with a total of 50 rooms. In 1987, the Haub Brothers of Germany purchased the lodge and greatly expanded it, using natural materials and huge dimensions in keeping with Barron's dream. The beautiful wooden beams came from Douglas Firs and the stone floor was constructed of Idaho quartz. Guest rooms were added to the main lodge, along with a spa, gift shop, library, and recreation centre. The new Sun Mountain Lodge opened in 1990. Since then, it has received numerous awards for excellence. In 1994, it became the only resort in Washington to have the AAA 4-diamond award bestowed on both the resort and the dining room. In 2010, Conde Naste honoured it with "most excellent lodge" award and in 2013 Fodor's Travel declared it was one of the Top 100 Hotels in the world. Come and experience this magnificent lodge, so close to home, and relive Jack Barron's dream — 50 years after it opened!

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Itinerary

Sunday, April 21:

Meals: D

Happy Easter! After pickups through the Okanagan Valley, we cross the border at Osoyoos and follow the Methow Valley into the North Cascades. Our destination is luxurious **Sun Mountain Lodge**, perched on a ridge high above Winthrop with incredible views of the surrounding mountains. Enjoy the spa, pool, hot tub, or a walk on the trails, or relax with a book or conversation in the spacious lobby. The lodge chef has planned a wonderful Easter Sunday dinner for us.

Monday, April 22:

Meals: B,L,D

The morning is free time to enjoy all the lodge's facilities. You may want to book an appointment at the spa. After lunch, we take a tour of the **North Cascades Smoke Jumper Base** and meet one of its crew members. The Methow Valley is considered the "birthplace of smokejumping." The first

experimental jumps were made in 1939 to determine how these parachutists could safely land in inaccessible mountainous areas and fight forest fires. The skill was developed over many years and, today, the Smoke Jumpers are dispatched to fires all over the USA. Later, we drive into quaint **Winthrop**, a village with a western theme including wooden sidewalks and false-fronted buildings. The Shafer Museum has preserved some of the structures from the early settlers of the 19th century including "The Castle", print shop, schoolhouse, and general store. We return to Sun Mountain Lodge and savour another superb dinner while watching the sun set behind the Cascades.

Tuesday, April 23:

Meals: B,L

We leave Sun Mountain in late morning and have lunch in Omak. We head home with a stop at the Duty-Free store at the Osoyoos border crossing.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due March 5, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to February 20, 2019 your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From February 21 to March 5, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From March 6 to April 5, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After April 5, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and currency exchange rates, 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.

Photo Credit: Sun Mountain Lodge



Activity Level: Light activity including short distances to walk. There are nature interpretive trails near the lodge which require more walking. The lodge has elevators to rooms and meals. 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.

e-points: This tour earns 21 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 tours over 3 days. You can accumulate enough points to earn a free tour (this tour eligible until March 5).

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