

WICKED AND WEST SIDE STORY IN SEATTLE

June 11, 2019 - 4 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$1190 double/twin

\$1470 single

\$1120 triple



- > Tour is exempt from GST.
- > **Early Bookers:** \$60 discount on first 15 seats; \$30 on next 10
- > **Experience Points:** Earn 28 points from this tour.
Redeem **28 points** if you book by **April 10.**

Includes

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Ride the Ducks tour of Seattle on land and sea
- Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture
- Ticket to *West Side Story* at 5th Avenue Theatre
- Ticket to *Wicked* at Paramount Theatre
- Choice of Seattle Underground Tour **OR** The Great Wheel
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **4 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch

Two wonderful musical Broadway hits!

Wicked premiered on Broadway in 2003 and is still playing at the Gershwin Theatre 15 years later, one of Broadway's longest running productions. It is loosely based on the story of the witches of Oz. Long before Dorothy dropped in, two other girls met in the Land of Oz. One, born with emerald-green skin, is smart, fiery, and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious, and very popular. How these two unlikely friends end up as the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch makes for the most spellbinding musical in years. *Wicked* was nominated for 10 Tony Awards in 2004 and won three. It also won six Drama Desk Awards out of 11 nominations, and four Outer Critics Circle Awards out of 10 nominations. Of the 30 songs, some favourites are *Defying Gravity*, *The Wizard and I*, *Dancing through Life*, and *For Good*.

West Side Story is the much-loved show with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. It opened on Broadway in 1957 and played 732 performances, then opened in London in 1958 for three years. Since then, it has been revived several times and presented on stages all over the world. The story takes place in New York City and explores the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds. Some of the memorable songs are *Maria*, *America*, *Somewhere*, *Tonight*, *I Feel Pretty*, *A Boy Like That*, *One Hand One Heart*, and *Gee Officer Krupke*.

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Itinerary

Tuesday, June 11:

Meals: L

We follow the Coquihalla to the lower mainland, then cross the border at Sumas. Our destination is Lynnwood on the north side of Seattle where we settle into the **Embassy Suites Hotel** for three nights. It features a spacious atrium, a full cooked-to-order breakfast each morning, and a manager's reception with complimentary cocktails and snacks tonight and Thursday. A multi-million dollar renovation has recently been completed.

Wednesday, June 12:

Meals: B

Our day begins with the fun-filled **Ride the Ducks** where we listen to the humourist's version of Seattle's highlights, topped off with a splash into Lake Union and a terrific view of the downtown towers. Next we visit the **Burke Museum** which was founded in 1879 and now has 16 million artifacts relating to Washington natural history and culture. The museum currently displays three long-term exhibits: "Life and Times of Washington State," "Pacific Voices," and "Treasures of the Burke." There is some free time at the hotel and, tonight, we go to the 5th Avenue Theatre to see **West Side Story**.

Thursday, June 13:

Meals: B

This morning, choose from two attractions. Please select which attraction you want to visit when you book this tour.

1) Seattle Underground Tour — Did you know there is a city under the city? During this entertaining tour, we find out all about how, after the Great Seattle Fire of 1889, the new city was built one full storey higher than the original buildings. This trip is Activity Level 2 and those with mobility challenges should not go.

2) The Great Wheel — Standing 53 metres tall on a waterfront pier, the wheel has 42 enclosed gondolas that seat up to 8 people each. Enjoy the unparalleled view for three full revolutions.

At 1 pm, the curtain rises at the Paramount Theatre for the show, **Wicked**.

Friday, June 14:

Meals: B

We stop at Bellis Fair Mall and the Duty Free Store at Sumas, then cross the border and head for home.

Seating for West Side Story at 5th Avenue Theatre: Orchestra Center, Rows R to X and a few in Right Center, Rows S and U.

Seating for Wicked at Paramount Theatre: Main Floor Section 2 or 3, Rows R to X.

Seating is assigned in the order that customers reserve for this tour. Book early for best locations.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due April 10, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to March 8, 2019, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From March 9 to April 10, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person (your deposit). From April 11 to May 10, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After May 10, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to currency exchange rates and 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, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

Photo Credit: Paramount Theatre

Activity Level: Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps, mainly in the two theatres and seeing all the exhibits at the Burke Museum. There are some steps on and off the Ducks. Do not book the Underground Tour if you have any mobility challenges. 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 28 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 April 10.

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