

BARKERVILLE & WELLS GRAY PARK

Includes Harrison Hot Springs
July 25, 2019 - 6 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$1450 double/twin

\$1830 single

\$1365 triple

> Please add 5% GST.

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

> **Experience Points:** Earn 34 points from this tour.

Redeem **34 points** if you book by **June 6**.



Includes

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- All-day tour of Wells Gray Park with expert guide
- Wells Gray Park slide show
- Copy of *Exploring Wells Gray Park* guidebook
- Local guide from Quesnel to Barkerville
- Barkerville Historic Town
- Theatre Royal show with program
- Gold panning with souvenir gold flakes
- Barkerville stagecoach ride
- Cottonwood House and Ashcroft Manor
- Hells Gate Airtram
- Harrison Hot Springs pools
- Copper Room entertainment and dancing
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **11 meals:** 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners

Gold Rush History + Wilderness Park + Hot Springs = Perfect Summer Get-away

Escape to the warmth of the BC Interior summer with an ideal combination of exploring "Canada's Waterfalls Park" and the historic Gold Rush Trail. In Wells Gray Park, the music of nature rings through the air in the form of rushing rivers and tumbling waterfalls including the 4th highest waterfall in Canada, Helmcken Falls. We explore this amazing park with the guidance of Roland Neave, park expert, author of *Exploring Wells Gray Park*, and owner and founder of Wells Gray Tours. A complimentary copy of the 6th edition of Roland's book is provided as a souvenir of your visit. Barkerville celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2011, and the restored town is still bringing joy to visitors young and old, as they relive the days of the old west. Listen to Judge Begbie, watch the gold cleanup at the Cornish waterwheel, ride in a stagecoach, and enjoy a lively show at Theatre Royal.

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Itinerary

Thursday, July 25 :

Meals: L,D

Leaving the Lower Mainland, we have lunch in Chilliwack then head over the Coquihalla Highway to the BC Interior. From Kamloops, we follow the Yellowhead Highway to **Clearwater** and stay two nights at Clearwater Lodge. After a get-acquainted dinner, enjoy a slide show about the many wonders of Wells Gray Park.

Friday, July 26:

Meals: B,L

Wells Gray Park is a vast wilderness area, called "Canada's Waterfalls Park" for its 40 named falls. Today, we are joined by park expert, Roland Neave, who shows us some favourite places and shares his vast knowledge. We drive through the Clearwater River Valley and see 75-metre high Spahats Falls, Third Canyon, extinct Pyramid Volcano, 90-metre wide Dawson Falls, and the swirling waters of The Mushroom. A highlight is awesome **Helmcken Falls** where the Murtle River plunges 141 metres over a lava cliff to form Canada's 4th highest waterfall. In the afternoon, we drive to **Clearwater Lake** and take a short walk to tumultuous Bailey's Chute. Our last stop is Trophies Lodge, a pioneer home and destination for celebrities fishing the Clearwater in the 1950s.

Saturday, July 27:

Meals: B,L

We travel through the BC Lakes District past Lac des Roches, Bridge Lake, and Sheridan Lake. Then we follow the Cariboo Highway through 100 Mile House and Williams Lake. In **Quesnel**, we stay two nights at the Billy Barker Hotel.

Sunday, July 28:

Meals: B

We are treated to the knowledge of an expert historian during the drive from Quesnel to Barker-

ville. Governor James Douglas, sometimes called "Father of British Columbia", was a key figure in Barkerville's early years and our guide's name is also James Douglas! After arrival in **Barkerville**, there is lots to see and enjoy at your own pace for the day — listen to a discussion of Cariboo justice with Judge Begbie at the Richfield Courthouse; watch the gold cleanup at the Cornish water-wheel; buy something tasty at Goldfield Bakery; view a historic slide show at the Museum; or attend church at St. Saviour's. Throughout the day, you can walk through numerous historic buildings, staffed with costumed interpreters who bring the 1880s vividly to life. A stagecoach ride around the town is included, as well as **gold panning** where you keep what you find. We also have tickets to the afternoon performance at **Theatre Royal**. During the return to Quesnel, we visit Cottonwood House, built in 1864 as a stopping place on the wagon road.

Monday, July 29:

Meals: B,L,D

We have lunch at historic Ashcroft Manor which ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. We drive through the scenic Thompson Canyon and **Fraser Canyon** during the afternoon. At **Hells Gate**, we thrill to the cablecar ride over the wild churning waters of the Fraser River. Our last night is at **Harrison Hot Springs Resort**. Relax in the hot pools then join the group for an elegant evening in the famous **Copper Room** with dancing and music by Hayley & the Lefties.

Tuesday, July 30:

Meals: B

The morning is leisure time. We leave Harrison Hot Springs at midday and return to Greater Vancouver through the Fraser Valley.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due June 6, 2019. 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 June 6.

Cancellation Policy: Up to May 6, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From May 7 to June 6, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From June 7 to June 24, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From June 25 to July 5, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After July 5, there is no refund.

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.

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.

Activity Level: Moderate activity including short distances to walk and some steps. To fully enjoy the tour of Wells Gray Park, you should be able to walk several almost level trails of 5 to 15 minutes one-way. The amount of walking in Barkerville is up to you, but the restored buildings are spread along a street that is nearly 1 km long, plus the uphill walk to Richfield is 1 km each way. The coach cannot carry a scooter. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. If you are not able to participate in Activity Level 2, Wells Gray Tours recommends that you bring a companion to assist you. The tour director, guides and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

E-points: This tour earns 34 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 June 6.

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