

MYSTERY TOUR

September 30, 2019 - 11 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$4675 double/twin

\$5570 single

\$4425 triple



- > This tour is exempt from GST.
- > **Early Bookers:** \$100 discount on all bookings up to February 28.
- > **Experience Points:** Earn 103 points from this tour.
Redeem **103 points** if you book by **June 26**.

About Mystery Tours

This is Wells Gray Tours' 57th Mystery Tour since 1985. The first Mystery Tour was only three days and travelled to Whistler. In the 34 years since then, Mystery Tours have generally been offered twice a year and have taken curious customers to destinations all over Canada, the USA, and even Iceland and Costa Rica. Some fly and explore an area such as Saskatchewan in 2015. Some stay close to home such as a 2017 tour to Mount Rainier, Olympic Peninsula, and North Cascades Highway. Another 2017 tour cruised for four days on the St. Lawrence River aboard the small ship *Canadian Empress*.

The 2016 Mystery tour travelled to Moncton, New Brunswick. During the next nine days, the group dined on fresh lobster at the Bay of Fundy, walked on the ocean floor at Hopewell Rocks, experienced Acadian culture at Le Pays de Sagouine, stayed in the historic Hotel Tadoussac overlooking the St. Lawrence River, cruised in the Saguenay Fjord, and stayed at the renowned Château Frontenac in Québec City. The last Mystery Tour group, in September 2018, flew to Sault Ste. Marie, admired the fall foliage on the Agawa Canyon train ride, cruised past the Pictured Rocks of Lake Superior, and stayed two nights at the renowned Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island where there are no cars and transportation is by horse-drawn carriages.

That is the intrigue of Mystery Tours! We never tell you where you will go or what you will see. You may be amazed when the coach pulls up beside a cruise ship, or you board a plane for an overseas flight, or you arrive at a unique hotel. Each day of the tour has surprises, as the mystery route is revealed only as we travel along from day to day. However, we can promise you that our route or destination has interesting sights and unusual experiences — Wells Gray has never offered a tour to the region visited by the 2019 Mystery. Some Mystery Tours are offered in subsequent years as a regular tour.

Wells Gray Tours has been a pioneer in offering Mystery Tours in British Columbia. Among the 800 or so tour operators in North America, only a handful offer multi-day mystery itineraries like ours. Please join us for Mystery Tour #57! Only one Mystery Tour will be offered in 2019. Some exciting surprises are waiting for you.

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Includes

- Transportation for 11 days
- 10 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- 22 attractions, activities or entertainment
- Local guides at some destinations
- Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Most gratuities
- **22 meals:** 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners

Tour Notes

NOTES ABOUT YOUR MYSTERY TOUR (being careful not to reveal anything about the destination)

- A passport is required for this tour.
- You will be flying somewhere (airline luggage fee of \$30 each way is not included).
- Wells Gray Tours has never previously offered this itinerary.
- You will travel by three different modes of transport, plus airplanes and motorcoaches.
- A letter about suggested attire plus packing and travelling tips will be distributed at final payment.



Activity Level: Moderate activity including distances to walk of up to ½ km (if you want to see everything included). Also expect stairs and uneven walkways underfoot at some attractions. 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. The coach and three other modes of transport cannot carry a scooter. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 2, 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 frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

SPECIFIC MYSTERY TOUR CLUES

Here are nine clues to the mystery route. These clues are arranged in the order that they occur on the itinerary. Pore over maps, use the Internet, try Google Search (but we've already checked that the answers are not obvious) and, most important, have fun guessing where we're going!

- 1) Count the number of days in a Leap Year when visiting The Last Frontier.
- 2) A mighty bird unfurls its wings in the morning, flaps them once at noon, but otherwise never moves from its lakeside perch.
- 3) The mecca for a cheese lover is at the head of a colourful sub-basin.
- 4) At the bottom of the lake, you'll find old airplanes, an RV, and some children's clothing.
- 5) A stately river is known for its misspelled French canyon and The Greatest Show on Earth.
- 6) Gaze into the far distance from this weird mountain-top house with 13 rooms, no bedrooms, and a room with 3,000 panes of glass.
- 7) A verdant spring heralds the arrival of a Welsh poet, composer, and right hand to King Arthur.
- 8) This American politician is remembered by a western group of peaks, an eastern mountain, a river, two universities, several covered bridges, four ships, and two dozen cities or towns.
- 9) If your windows are dirty, clean with Windex. If your sink is plugged, pour some Drano. If the bugs are bothering you, spray with Raid or Off. If you have leftovers, store them in a Ziploc or cover with Saran wrap.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due June 26, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to May 24, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From May 25 to June 26, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From June 27 to July 26, the cancellation charge is 50% of tour fare. From July 27 to August 26, the cancellation charge is 80% of tour fare. After August 26, 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 we reserve 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.

E-points: This tour earns 103 points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points or e-points. One point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until June 26.

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