

TYAX LODGE

A Fall Foliage Tour in the South Chilcotin

September 30, 2019 - 5 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$1725 double/twin

\$2185 single

\$1630 triple



> Please add 5% 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 **August 13.**

Includes

- Transfers to/from Victoria Airport
- Flight from Victoria to Kelowna and return
- Air transport taxes and security fees
- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Ashcroft Manor
- Locally-guided tour of Bralorne & Gold Bridge
- Bralorne Museum
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at Tyax
- **11 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

Sightseeing Flight Option

October 3 is a free day to relax at Tyax Resort and enjoy the beautiful lakeside setting as well as numerous entertaining and recreational activities. A flight over the nearby glaciers and peaks of the South Chilcotin wilderness is offered as an option. The flight is in a six-passenger Beaver floatplane for one hour. Commentary is provided by the pilot through headphones, so you won't miss any of the terrific scenery. The plane flies over the South Chilcotin Mountains Park, isolated Spruce Lake, some extinct volcanic cones, and the colourful Eldorado basin. A highlight is the flight along the Bridge River to its source high in the Coast Mountains at the massive Bridge Glacier where icebergs break off the snout and float around the lake below. The Bridge Glacier is only one part of the vast Lillooet Icefield which covers 1,000 square kilometres. Mountain goats, grizzlies and moose are abundant in this region and are commonly seen during the flight. Price is \$215 per person plus GST based on minimum of five passengers per flight. If inclement weather occurs and the plane cannot fly, your flight cost will be refunded. Please book this option as soon as possible as the number of flights may be limited.

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Tour Notes

- Tyax is an impressive log lodge with only 27 rooms, of which 18 have a splendid view of Tyaughton Lake and the rest have no view. Therefore, the first 18 parties booking this tour will be assigned to the lake view rooms. We recommend early booking!
- This tour has all meals included due to the high cost of individual meals at Tyax's remote location. Meals may be served as a buffet or plated. Dinners are usually two courses — appetizer and entrée.
- Fall foliage colours are spectacular in this area in early October.

Itinerary

Monday, September 30:

Transportation is provided to Victoria airport. We take an afternoon flight to Kelowna and stay overnight at the Best Western Hotel.

Tuesday, October 1: *Meals: B,L,D*

We meet the Interior passengers during pickups through the Okanagan and Kamloops. We have lunch at historic Ashcroft Manor. It was built in 1862 as a stopping place for gold rush travellers and ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. We admire the soaring cliffs of Marble Canyon, then follow the Fraser River to Lillooet. Next, our route winds through awesome 600-metre deep **Bridge River Canyon** and along Carpenter Lake which is 50 km long. Our destination is **Tyax Lodge**, a peaceful retreat on Tyaughton Lake with a fine view of snowy peaks. We stay here for all three nights of the tour. The lodge is one of the largest log buildings in western Canada and you are sure to admire its fine craftsmanship, especially the cathedral lobby with a soaring stone chimney. It was built in 1986 and totally renovated in 2010.

Wednesday, October 2: *Meals: B,L,D*

Accompanied by a local historian, we explore **Bralorne**, once one of British Columbia's greatest

gold mines. The fabulous Pioneer Mine produced \$140 million of gold between 1914 and 1960. Our visit includes the Bralorne Museum, the abandoned town of Bradian, and the Haylmore Historic Site. Lunch is included at the Gold Bridge Hotel where the bar walls are papered with old dollar bills. This afternoon, we drive past the Lajoie Dam to lovely **Gun Lake**. The fall foliage is usually outstanding during today's drive.

Thursday, October 3: *Meals: B,L,D*

Today is a free day at Tyax. An extensive list of recreational activities is available (some at extra cost) including horseback riding, fishing, sailing, mountain biking, gold-panning, or a naturalist walk along the lakeshore trail. You may wish to explore **Tyaughton Lake** by canoe or row boat. At the lodge, there is a sauna and whirlpool, or you can simply relax on the deck overlooking Tyaughton Lake. A sightseeing float plane excursion is offered as an option (see description on page 1).

Friday, October 4: *Meals: B,L*

During the drive back to Lillooet along the Bridge River, we stop at **Terzaghi Dam**, Russell Springs, and the Million Dollar Basin. Lunch is in Lillooet, then we drive to Kelowna and take an evening flight to Victoria.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due August 13, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$60 discount on first 15 seats and \$30 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 13.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 12, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 13 to August 13, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 14 to August 30, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 30, there is no refund.

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.

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.

 **Activity Level:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some steps. Ground floor rooms are very limited, and there is no elevator. If you book the flight option, getting into the plane requires 3 ladder-like steps. 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 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 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 August 13.

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