

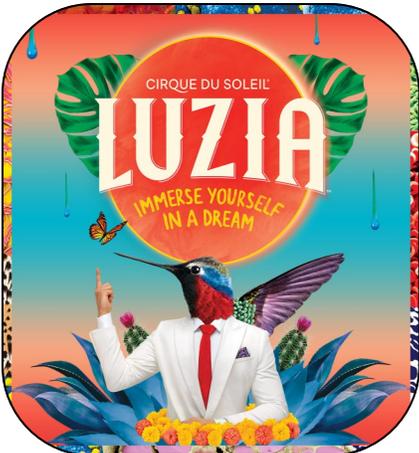
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S *LUZIA*

Plus the Broadway hit *Waitress*

November 16, 2019 - 3 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$865 double/twin

\$1035 single

\$835 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

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

> **BC Seniors (65 & over):** \$15 discount with BC Services Card

> **Experience Points:** Earn 20 points from this tour.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 3 days
- 2 nights accommodation at Listel Hotel and hotel taxes
- Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast art
- Ticket to Cirque du Soleil's *Luzia*
- Choice of Vancouver Art Gallery **OR** Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Garden (both with guides)
- Ticket to *Waitress* at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel

Cirque du Soleil

Cirque du Soleil was founded in 1984 in Gaspé as part of the celebrations around the 450th anniversary of Jacques Cartier's arrival in Quebec. Cirque was based on a totally new concept: a striking, dramatic mix of the circus arts and street entertainment, featuring wild, outrageous costumes, staged under magical lighting and set to original music. With not a single animal in the ring, Cirque's difference was clear from the start. After performing in Montreal, Sherbrooke and Quebec City, the show then performed in Ottawa, Toronto and Niagara Falls during 1985. With its fame growing across Canada (including a performance at Expo '86), Cirque offered its first show in California in 1987 and became an overnight success. The Mirage Resort in Las Vegas signed Cirque to a year-long contract in 1992. Meanwhile touring groups performed in Europe and Japan, also to unprecedented acclaim. In 1998, new permanent shows were inaugurated at Walt Disney World in Florida and Bellagio Resort in Las Vegas. Today, Cirque du Soleil has about 4,000 employees with headquarters still in Montreal, and 19 shows with different themes are currently performing around the world. Over 90 million people have seen a Cirque show since 1984.

Cirque du Soleil sometimes sends a touring show to Victoria. These are much smaller productions than *Luzia* and cannot be compared to those staged in the Grand Chapiteau.

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LUZIA

Cirque du Soleil's *Luzia* takes you to an imaginary Mexico, like in a waking dream, where light ("luz" in Spanish) quenches the spirit and rain ("lluvia") soothes the soul. With a surrealistic series of grand visual surprises and breathtaking acrobatic performances, *Luzia* cleverly brings to the stage multiple places, faces and sounds of Mexico taken from both tradition and modernity. *Luzia* is performed in the Grand Chapiteau, a specially-designed white and yellow Big Top. It represents the solar system and reflects the importance of space and especially the moon in the Mexican culture which inspired the show.

Luzia premiered in Montreal in 2016 and has toured the USA and Mexico since then. This is the show's first visit to Vancouver.

Show seating in the Grand Chapiteau: Seats are in Section 201, Rows K to M, and Section 202, Rows L & M. This is the best category with excellent viewing of the stage and the stunning aerial acts.

WAITRESS

Waitress tells the story of Jenna Hunterton, a waitress in an abusive relationship with her husband Earl. Looking for ways out, she sees a pie contest and its grand prize as her chance. The original production of *Waitress* premiered in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 2015 and had its Broadway debut in 2016. *Waitress* was nominated for 19 awards including four Tony Awards, and it won Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards. A U.S. national tour began in October 2017. *Waitress* opened in London's West End in February 2019, and it is scheduled to open in Sydney, Australia, in 2020.

Itinerary

Saturday, November 16:

We take the 11 am ferry to Tsawwassen. On arrival in downtown Vancouver, we visit the Bill Reid Gallery and admire his amazing Northwest Coast art. Accommodation for two nights is at the Listel Hotel on Robson Street, surrounded by dozens of shops and restaurants. Starting at 8 pm, we thrill to **Cirque du Soleil's *Luzia*** at the Grand Chapiteau.

Sunday, November 17:

The morning is leisure time. In the afternoon, you have a choice of two attractions: the Vancouver

Art Gallery OR the Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Garden. Guides provide expert commentary at both attractions. If you have already been there, you can opt out for a fare reduction of \$18 per person. Please make your choice by final payment. Tonight, we go to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre to see ***Waitress***, starting at 7:30 pm.

Monday, November 18:

We visit Granville Island in the morning, then take the 1 pm ferry back to Swartz Bay.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due September 26, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$40 discount on first 15 seats and \$20 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after September 26. BC seniors (65 & over) receive \$15 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 3, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From September 4 to September 26, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person (your deposit). From September 27 to October 11, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After October 11, 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.

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Activity Level: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs to your seats in the Grand Chapiteau and Queen Elizabeth Theatre. 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 20 points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points. One point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour (redeem by September 26 to get this tour free).

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