

CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

Staying 4 nights at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

December 22, 2019 - 5 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$1835 double/twin

\$2195 single

\$1790 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

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

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

> **Experience Points:** Earn 43 points from this tour.

Redeem **43 points** if you book by **October 30**.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights of accommodation at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver & hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings
- Ticket to *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Gateway Theatre
- Ticket to Cirque du Soleil's *Luzia*
- Ticket to *The Sound of Music* at Stanley Theatre
- Vancouver Aquarium
- Choice of MacMillan Space Centre **OR** Vancouver Maritime Museum
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **7 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners

The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

This tour stays four nights at the renowned Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Opened in 1939 at a cost of \$12 million, it was the third Hotel Vancouver and a downtown landmark with its copper green roof and a height of 17 storeys. It was a CN Hotel for its first 50 years, then became a Canadian Pacific Hotel, and finally a Fairmont Hotel after CP acquired the worldwide Fairmont chain. Its public rooms became famous including the Panorama Roof, the Timber Club, and the Pacific Empire Ballroom. A \$70 million restoration during the 1990s followed by a \$12 million update in 2014 have brought this magnificent hotel back to being among the finest in Vancouver. The Hotel Vancouver has an excellent location on West Georgia Street, surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants, and a block from Pacific Centre Mall.

Wells Gray Tours is pleased to offer this Christmas experience again (with three different shows) as it has garnered rave reviews from customers in recent years.

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Itinerary

Sunday, December 22:

Meals: L

We take the 10 am ferry to Tsawwassen. After lunch in Richmond, we go to the 2 pm show for **Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** at Gateway Theatre. Afterwards, we check in at the **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver** for our four-night Christmas stay.

Monday, December 23:

Meals: B

The Fairmont's extensive buffet breakfast is included each day in Notch8 Restaurant. This morning, we go to **Granville Island** for a shopping opportunity in the many boutiques. Starting at 1:30 pm, we thrill to **Cirque du Soleil's Luzia** at the Grand Chapiteau. Cirque du Soleil was founded in 1984 and 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. Today, Cirque has 19 shows with different themes currently performing around the world. Over 90 million people have seen a Cirque show since 1984. *Luzia* takes you to an imaginary Mexico, like in a waking dream, where light ("luz" in Spanish) quenches the spirit and rain ("luvia") soothes the soul. *Luzia* offers a surrealistic series of grand visual surprises and breathtaking acrobatic performances. *Luzia* premiered in Montreal in 2016 and has toured the USA and Mexico since then.

Tuesday, December 24:

Meals: B,D

The morning is leisure time. At 1 pm, the curtain rises at the Stanley Theatre for the Rodgers and

Hammerstein classic, **The Sound of Music**. Enjoy all your favourite songs from this wonderful musical — *My Favorite Things*, *Edelweiss*, *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, and *Do-Re-Mi*.

Wednesday, December 25:

Meals: B,D

Merry Christmas! Expect a visit from Santa Claus during a lovely Christmas breakfast at the Fairmont. We go to the **Vancouver Aquarium** to view marine life such as Steller sea lions, dolphins, sea turtles, and sea otters.

Option: If you have previously been to the aquarium and prefer to do something else, you can opt out and your fare will be reduced \$24.

A hospitality room is provided by the hotel where you can meet other Christmas travellers and socialize or play games. Our festive **Christmas Dinner** is an extravagant buffet accompanied by wine. Menu details will be available in the fall.

Thursday, December 26:

Meals: B

This morning, choose between two attractions:

Maritime Museum — Explore the maritime history of Vancouver and the BC Coast, and see the RCMP vessel *St. Roch* which was the first to sail through the Northwest Passage in 1940-42.

MacMillan Space Centre — Founded in 1968, this astronomy museum offers live demonstrations on science in the GroundStation Theatre, exhibits and games in the Cosmic Courtyard, and astronomy shows in the Planetarium.

We head home to Victoria on the 2 pm ferry with great memories of Christmas in Vancouver.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 30, 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 October 30. BC seniors (65 & over) receive \$15 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 1, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From October 2 to October 30, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From October 31 to November 15, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From November 16 to November 29, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After November 29, 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, mainly at theatres and on Granville Island. 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 43 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! Redemptions offered until October 30.

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