

CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA

Staying at Chateau Victoria
December 21, 2019 - 6 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$2155 double/twin

\$2555 single

\$2065 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

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

> **Experience Points:** Earn 45 points from this tour.

Redeem **45 points** if you book by **October 29**.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Ticket to Cirque du Soleil's *Luzia*
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferries
- Ticket to *Every Brilliant Thing* at Belfry Theatre
- Royal BC Museum with entry to special exhibit *Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises*
- Imax Theatre
- Abkhazi Garden with Christmas Festive Lunch
- Butchart Gardens Festival of Lights & carousel
- Reception with Victoria Operatic Society
- Ambrosia Dinner Theatre with Christmas concert
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **12 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 continental breakfast, 1 brunch, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

Christmas Highlights

Christmas in Victoria is an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours. We have stayed at Chateau Victoria for many years and our guests love the Christmas décor and spirit. All rooms are one-bedroom suites. The hotel has a great location near the corner of Burdett and Douglas, close to the Inner Harbour and Legislative Buildings. Three shows are included: the Cirque du Soleil show *Luzia*, the Belfry Theatre show *Every Brilliant Thing*, and a Christmas Eve concert at Ambrosia Events Centre. Other highlights are the special exhibit at the Royal BC Museum *Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises*, a reception with entertainment by the Victoria Operatic Society, and the Festival of Lights at Butchart Gardens. Some wonderful meals are planned including a festive Christmas lunch at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse, Christmas Brunch at Vista 18 atop the Chateau, and Christmas Dinner at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Come and enjoy Christmas 2019 in Victoria!

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Itinerary

Saturday, December 21:

Meals: L

We drive to Vancouver and stay at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. Tonight, we thrill to **Cirque du Soleil's Luzia** at the Grand Chapiteau. Cirque was founded in 1984 and based on a totally new concept: a dramatic mix of the circus arts and street entertainment, featuring 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 ("lluvia") soothes the soul. *Luzia* offers a surrealistic series of grand visual surprises and breathtaking acrobatic performances. It premiered in Montreal in 2016.

Sunday, December 22:

Meals: B,D

We take the 10 am ferry to Swartz Bay. At 2 pm, we see **Every Brilliant Thing** at the Belfry Theatre. This is a heartrending yet hopeful play about the lengths we go to for those we love. Afterwards, we check in at **Chateau Victoria** for four nights. Rooms are oversized and amenities include an indoor pool and whirlpool. A hospitality room is provided by the hotel during our stay so you can socialize with other Christmas travellers.

Monday, December 23:

Meals: B,L

Breakfast is included each morning in Vista 18. At the Royal BC Museum, we see the world premiere exhibit, **Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises** which spotlights the mystery, legacy and resilience of one of

the world's great civilizations, the Maya of Central America. This is the world's largest and most impressive display of Maya objects from Guatemala, and features more than 300 precious jade, ceramic, gold, and textile artifacts reflecting classic Maya culture. A show at the Imax Theatre is included. A festive Christmas lunch is served at the quaint **Abkhazi Garden Teahouse**. This was the home of Prince Nicholas Abkhazi and his wife Peggy who came to Canada from Georgia (Russia) in 1946 and created these gardens with majestic trees and a dramatic location. Tonight, we drive to **Butchart Gardens** to admire a fantasyland of Christmas lights, listen to traditional carollers and festive brass, and enjoy a carousel ride.

Tuesday, December 24:

Meals: B,D

The morning is free time. At 2 pm, the hotel hosts a reception with music and singing by the wonderful **Victoria Operatic Society**. Our Christmas Eve dinner is at the Ambrosia Centre with a concert.

Wednesday, December 25:

Meals: CB, Brunch, D

Merry Christmas! For early risers, a continental breakfast is offered in Clive's Lounge. Expect a gift from Santa during a delectable brunch in Vista 18. The afternoon is leisure time, then we savour a wonderful **Christmas Dinner** at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

Thursday, December 26:

Meals: B,L

We take the ferry to Tsawwassen and enjoy the elaborate Pacific Buffet for lunch. We drive home via the Coquihalla.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 29, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discount: BC seniors (65 & over) receive \$15 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 24, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From September 25 to October 29, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From October 30 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.

Photo Credit: Butchart Gardens



Activity Level: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs such as to/from theatre seats and at Butchart Gardens. 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 45 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 29.

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