

CHRISTMAS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Staying at Beach Club & Chateau Victoria
December 20, 2019 - 7 Days



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Fares Per Person:

\$2385 double/twin

\$2845 single

\$2275 triple



- > Please add 5% GST.
- > **BC Seniors** (65 & over): \$15 discount with BC Services Card
- > **Experience Points:** Earn 57 points from this tour.
Redeem **57 points** if you book by **October 22.**

Includes

- Coach transportation for 7 days
- 6 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferries
- Coombs Old Country Market
- *Miracle on 34th Street* at Chemainus Theatre
- Royal BC Museum with entry to special exhibit *Maya: The Great Jaguar Rises*
- Imax Theatre
- Abkhazi Garden with Afternoon Tea
- Butchart Gardens Festival of Lights & carousel
- Reception with Victoria Operatic Society
- Ambrosia Christmas concert
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **16 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 2 continental breakfasts, 1 brunch, 4 lunches, 1 tea, 4 dinners

Christmas Highlights

Spending Christmas in Victoria has been an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours for over 30 years. This tour includes the added benefit of staying two nights at the Beach Club, situated right on the sandy beach at Parksville Bay. Then we head into Victoria with lunch and the matinee of *Miracle on 34th Street* at Chemainus Theatre. 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. Some 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 afternoon tea at Abkhazi Garden, Christmas Brunch at Vista 18 atop the Chateau, and Christmas Dinner at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Come and enjoy Christmas 2019 in Parksville and Victoria!

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Itinerary

Friday, December 20:

Meals: L

We take a late afternoon ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo, then stay two nights at the **Beach Club** in Parksville. All rooms have a splendid view of the beach and bay.

Saturday, December 21:

Meals: B,L,D

We enjoy two shopping opportunities at **Coombs Old Country Market**, best known for the goats grazing on its roof, and at the Christmas Market in Parksville. The rest of the day is leisure time, so you may want to book a spa appointment, or stroll on Parksville's long boardwalk or the sandy beach.

Sunday, December 22:

Meals: CB,L,D

We attend the matinee of **Miracle on 34th Street** at Chemainus Theatre. This is the Christmas story that we all want to believe in! Kris Kringle, a retired man, is hired as Macy's Santa in New York, and begins to spread Christmas cheer by directing parents to other stores where they can find the exact special gift on their child's Christmas list. We stay four nights at **Chateau Victoria**. 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 meet other Christmas travellers and socialize or play games.

Monday, December 23:

Meals: B, Tea

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 im-

pressive 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. Afternoon tea 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

Most of today is free time, so you may want to get together with local relatives or friends. At 2 pm, the hotel hosts a reception with music and singing by the wonderful **Victoria Operatic Society**. A Christmas Eve dinner and concert is at Ambrosia Events Centre.

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 **Christmas 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 22, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

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 22, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From October 23 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 such as at Chemainus Theatre and 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 57 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 22.

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