

# NEW YEAR'S IN VANCOUVER

With *Salute to Vienna* concert at Orpheum Theatre  
December 30, 2019 - 4 Days



a world to experience



## Fares Per Person:

**\$1295** double/twin

**\$1635** single

**\$1240** triple

> Please add 5% GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$60 discount on first 15 seats; \$30 on next 10

> **BC Seniors (65 & over):** \$30 discount with BC Services Card

> **Experience Points:** Earn 30 points from this tour.

Redeem **30 points** if you book by **October 31**.



## Includes

- Transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights of hotel accommodation and taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferries
- Ticket to *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley*
- Vancouver Art Gallery
- *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
- *Salute to Vienna* concert at Orpheum Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **2 meals:** 1 breakfast, 1 dinner

## Ring in a new decade in style with three fabulous shows!

**Salute to Vienna** has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. For over 60 years, the Vienna Philharmonic's "Neujahrskonzert" broadcast has thrilled 1.2 billion people annually around the globe – a joyous celebration of the musical legacy of Johann Strauss Jr. In 1995, concert producers, Attila and Marion Glatz, presented their first *Salute to Vienna* in Toronto and it was modelled carefully after the original. Now, 24 years later, the show has become a New Year's tradition, featuring glorious music and dancing, staged almost simultaneously in 21 cities throughout Canada and the United States. The Vancouver show is performed by the Vancouver Symphony with an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers and dancers.

**Miss Bennet** is at the Granville Island Stage. In this witty sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, the bookish middle child of the Bennet family finally has her day. Constantly overshadowed by her four sisters, Mary Bennet finds hope for a new life beyond her family from an unexpected holiday romance. Austen fans and first-timers alike will find much to love in this alluring comedic tale.

**Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** is at the Gateway Theatre. The Biblical story of Joseph tells of Joseph being cast out by his 11 brothers, his subsequent sale into slavery, and how he acquired power in Pharaoh's court by interpreting his dreams. In the hands of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, *Joseph* has become ingenious, fun-filled family entertainment, blending pop and pastiche and incorporating such varied musical styles as country and western, Calypso, and even Elvis Presley rock and roll.

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## Itinerary

### Monday, December 30:

We take a midday ferry to Tsawwassen and stay three 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. 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. Tonight, we enjoy the show **Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley** at the Granville Island Stage.

**Option:** If you have previously seen *Miss Bennet* (it was offered on some Christmas 2018 tours), you can opt out and your fare will be reduced \$45. Please decide no later than at final payment.

### Tuesday, December 31:

Meals: D

We walk across the street and enjoy a morning at the Vancouver Art Gallery. New Year's Eve Dinner is included in Richmond, then we go to the Gateway Theatre to attend **Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. We return to the hotel after the show, then at midnight you may want to celebrate the arrival of 2020 and the new decade in the hotel lounge or nearby.

### Wednesday, January 1, 2020:

Meals: B

Savour a fabulous New Year's breakfast buffet at the Hotel Vancouver. The curtain rises at 2:30 pm at the ornate Orpheum Theatre for the annual performance of **Salute to Vienna**. We have reserved superb seats in Right and Left Centre Orchestra. Here is a welcome message from the creators of the world's greatest New Year's concert, Attila and Marion Glatz:

*The tradition of ringing in the New Year with the waltzes, marches and operetta arias of the beloved Viennese Strauss family, Lehár, Stolz and others surely sets the tone for an exceptional year to come. In fact, since 1995, when we first transposed this tradition to North America, audiences have delighted in the performances. The new tradition has quickly spread across the continent, featuring leading orchestras, internationally renowned conductors, and soloists trained in this unique repertoire. We look forward to celebrating the musical magic of the Viennese masters with you for many years to come.*

Tonight is free time as you may want to visit relatives or friends around Vancouver, or enjoy an elegant first dinner of 2020 in one of the many restaurants along Robson Street.

### Thursday, January 2:

We journey home from Vancouver.

## Tour Policies

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 31, 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 October 31. BC seniors (65 & over) receive \$30 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to September 30, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From October 1 to October 31, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From November 1 to November 15, the cancellation charge is 40% 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 to/from your theatre seats. The walk to the Art Gallery is 1 block. 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.



**e-points:** This tour earns 30 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 October 31.

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