

CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

Staying 5 nights at Granville Island Hotel
December 21, 2019 - 6 Days



a world to experience



Fares Per Person:

\$2140 double/twin

\$2730 single

\$1985 triple



> Please add 5% GST.

> **Early Bookers:** \$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10

> **Experience Points:** Earn 51 points from this tour.

Redeem **51 points** if you book by **October 24**.

Includes

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Museum of Anthropology
- Choice of *Festive Cantatas* at Chan Shun Concert Hall **OR** *It's a Wonderful Christmas-ish Holiday Miracle* at Goldcorp Stage
- Cirque du Soleil's *Luzia* at Grand Chapiteau
- *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* at Granville Island Stage
- Choice of Vancouver Maritime Museum **OR** MacMillan Space Museum
- *Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Gateway Theatre
- *The Sound of Music* at Stanley Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **7 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 dinners

A Christmas Getaway to Vancouver's Granville Island with 5 shows

This tour stays all five nights at Granville Island Hotel, a charming boutique hotel located on False Creek at the east end of Granville Island. The hotel is surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants, including many art galleries, craft shops, and Christmas stores. Stroll the waterfront boardwalks, relax in the Jacuzzi, or ride the Aquabus across False Creek to downtown Vancouver. Christmas Dinner is an extravagant buffet at Hotel Vancouver. This is a new Christmas experience as we have only stayed once before at Granville Island Hotel, in 2011. Five wonderful shows are included, highlighted by:

Cirque du Soleil's *Luzia*. 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. *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.

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Itinerary

Saturday, December 21:

This afternoon we settle into the Granville Island Hotel for our five-night stay.

Sunday, December 22:

Meals: B

Breakfast is included daily at the hotel. This morning, we go to UBC's **Museum of Anthropology**, housed in a stunning Arthur Erickson structure with exquisite First Nations artifacts and exhibits, including Bill Reid's famous sculpture "The Raven and the First Men".

This afternoon, there is a choice of two shows. Please decide by final payment date.

1. **Festive Cantatas** at Chan Shun Concert Hall — Features Venice composer Giovanni Gabrieli who died in 1612. This is music that would have echoed from the mosaic-covered vaults of Saint Mark's Basilica as well as other Venetian churches. The program consists of motets for two to fifteen voices, as well as dazzling sonatas and canzonas for cornetti, trombones and strings – festive music worthy of the season but also of the pomp and brilliance of the Venetian State.

2. **Wonderful Christmas-ish Holiday Miracle** at Goldcorp Stage — The holidays are all about loved ones, but what happens when your parents get divorced, your kid brother is best friends with a stick bug named Ralphie, and your dead grandma starts appearing with advice and her iPhone? This new Canadian comedy is about a blended family during a complicated season.

Monday, December 23:

Meals: B

The morning is free time.

The awesome performance of **Cirque du Soleil's Luzia** starts at 1:30 pm in the Grand Chapiteau, the giant striped tent on Pacific Blvd. We have excellent seating booked in Sections 200, 201, 202, and 204.

Tonight, we attend **Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley** at 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.

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 24:

Meals: B,D

This morning, you can choose between two attractions:

1. **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.

2. **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.

Next, we see **Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** at the Gateway Theatre. The Biblical story 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 entertainment, blending pop and pastiche and incorporating such varied musical styles as country and western, Calypso, and even Elvis Presley rock and roll.

Tonight, 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 such as *My Favorite Things*, *Edelweiss*, *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, and *Do-Re-Mi*.

Option: If you have previously seen the stage version of *The Sound of Music*, you may wish to opt out and your fare will be reduced \$80. Please decide no later than at final payment.

Wednesday, December 25:

Meals: Brunch, D

Merry Christmas! Expect a gift from Santa during a wonderful Christmas brunch. The afternoon is free time. Our **Christmas Dinner** at the renowned Fairmont Hotel Vancouver offers a dazzling array of food choices with wine.

Thursday, December 26:

Meals: B

After another superb breakfast at the hotel, it's time to return home with fond memories of Christmas at Granville Island.

Tour Policies

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 24, 2019. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after October 24.

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 24, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From October 25 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.

Home pickups are available within Greater Vancouver for an additional charge of \$40 per person round trip. Please enquire no later than at final payment.



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Activity Level: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs, mainly to/from your theatre seats. There is a walk of 2 short blocks from Museum of Anthropology to Chan Shun Concert Hall. 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 51 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 24.

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