



## NEW YEAR'S IN VANCOUVER

December 30, 2020 - 4 Days

*With Salute to Vienna concert at Orpheum Theatre*

Ring in 2021 in style and enjoy the annual performance of *Salute to Vienna* performed by the Vancouver Symphony with an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers, and dancers, which has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. We have reserved superb seats in the Centre Orchestra. We will also enjoy the show *The Twelve Dates of Christmas* produced by the Arts Club Theatre Company. Other highlights include a third show at the Gateway Theatre or Granville Island Stage and a morning at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Activity Level: 1



TOUR  
30

1 Meal Included:  
New Year's Eve Dinner

Fares:

\$1,420 pp double, \$1,765 pp single, \$1,365 pp triple  
Please add 5% GST

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

Early Bookers:

\$70 discount on first 15 seats; \$35 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 31 points on this tour

Redeem 31 points if you book by October 29



Salute to Vienna

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Wednesday, 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 ***The Twelve Dates of Christmas*** produced by the Arts Club Theatre Company.

**Option:** You can opt out of seeing this show if you prefer to do something different. Fare reduction is \$60 each. Please decide by final payment.

**Meals included:** On your own

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

### Day 2: Thursday, December 31

We walk across the street and enjoy a morning at the Vancouver Art Gallery. An early New Year's Eve dinner is included, then we go to a theatre such as the Gateway or Granville Island Stage.

**Option:** After this show has been decided, if you are not interested in attending, you can opt out and your fare will be reduced \$40. Please decide no later than at final payment. We return to the hotel after the show, then at midnight you may want to celebrate the arrival of 2021 (and good riddance to 2020) in the hotel lounge or nearby.

**Meals included:** New Year's Eve Dinner

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

### Day 3: Friday, January 1, 2021

The morning is leisure time. 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 rows 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17. 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 2021 in one of the many restaurants along Robson Street.

**Meals included:** On your own

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

### Day 4: Saturday, January 2, 2021

We take a midday ferry home to the Island.

## RING IN THE NEW YEAR 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.

*The 12 Dates of Christmas*. After seeing her fiancé kiss another woman at the televised Thanksgiving Day Parade, Mary's life falls apart -- just in time for the holidays. Over the next year, she stumbles back into the dating world, where "romance" ranges from weird and creepy to absurd and comical. It seems nothing can help Mary's growing cynicism, until the charm and innocence of a five-year-old boy unexpectedly brings a new outlook on life and love. This heartwarming one-woman play offers a hilarious and modern alternative to the old standards of the holiday season.

A **third show** will be offered, but the title is unknown as of April 2020. The Covid pandemic has caused many theatres to put their planning on hold. The show should be announced in late summer.

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transportation for 4 days
  - 3 nights of hotel accommodation and taxes
  - 2 Strait of Georgia ferries
  - *The 12 Dates of Christmas* at Arts Club Theatres
  - Vancouver Art Gallery
  - *Salute to Vienna* concert at Orpheum Theatre
  - A third show to be decided
  - Knowledgeable tour director
  - Luggage handling at hotel
  - **1 meal**: New Year's Eve Dinner
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## TOUR NOTES

 **Activity Level 1:** 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.

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**TOUR 30** **Tour 30:** This is a Tour 30 departure, meaning capacity of tour is limited to 30 participants or less, a more intimate travel experience. This tour is limited to 30 travellers.

## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 29, 2020. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$70 discount on first 15 seats and \$35 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after October 29. Seniors (65 & over) receive \$15 discount extended by BC Ferries, so you must bring your BC Services Card.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to September 29, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From September 30 to October 29, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From October 30 to November 13, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From November 14 to November 27, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After November 27, 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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**Experience Points:** This tour earns 31 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 29.

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