



Harrison Hot Springs



Christmas in Vancouver & Harrison Hot Springs

December 22, 2020 – 6 Days

Discover the art of rejuvenation at the always popular Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa. Nestled on the south shore of Harrison Lake, this lovely hotel has been welcoming guests for over 125 years. With five indoor and outdoor natural mineral hot springs pools, plus the Healing Springs Spa, there is something to please everyone. Your room in the East Tower has a view of Harrison Lake, and is a quick elevator ride and walk to reach the hot springs pools. Savour afternoon tea in the lobby and meet your fellow Christmas guests. Christmas Dinner is in the elegant Copper Room with dance music provided by the Jones Boys. During your 3-night stay, admire the gorgeous Christmas decorations around the hotel and grounds.

This tour also stays 2 nights at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Enjoy the Christmas lights at VanDusen Gardens, admire the flowers in the Bloedel Conservatory, and cruise the harbour in the parade of the Christmas Carol Ships.

Activity Level: 1



TOUR
30

11 Meals Included:

5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 tea, 4 dinners

Fares per person:

\$2,295 double/twin, \$2,895 single, \$2,165 triple
Please add 5% GST.

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

Early Bookers:

\$120 discount on first 10 seats; \$60 on next 6

Experience Points:

Earn 53 points on this tour

Redeem 53 points if you book by November 3



Bloedel Conservatory

ITINERARY

Day 1: Tuesday, December 22

We take the 11 am ferry to Tsawwassen, then drive to New Westminster. We board the MV Native **paddlewheeler** for an excursion on the Fraser River with afternoon tea served. We sail along the waterfront of New Westminster and Surrey, and underneath three bridges, including Port Mann and Pattullo. The captain has lots of stories to tell about sights and historical places along the "Mighty Fraser". Afterwards, we head downtown to the **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver** for a two-night stay. 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. A \$70 million restoration during the 1990s followed by a \$12 million update in 2014 have brought this magnificent hotel back to ranking among the finest in Vancouver. Tonight, we go to **VanDusen Gardens' Festival of Lights** and admire the awesome spectacle of thousands of Christmas lights, the dancing lights on the lake, a giant decorated tree, Candy Cane Lane, and a choir concert.

Meals included: Tea

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Day 2: Wednesday, December 23

This morning, we go to **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, we stroll through the **Bloedel Floral Conservatory** in Queen Elizabeth Park. The triodetic dome was erected in 1969 and named for one of its biggest donors, Prentice Bloedel of MacMillan Bloedel Lumber Company. The conservatory contains three habitats: tropical rainforest, subtropical rainforest, and desert. Over 200 birds of various species reside within the dome and fly freely. The conservatory houses about 500 species of plants from jungle to desert climates. Tonight, we join the **Christmas Carol Ships Parade** through

Burrard Inlet, under Lions Gate Bridge, past Stanley Park, and into False Creek. Our ship is beautifully decorated inside and out with hundreds of colourful lights and you are sure to also admire the decorations of other vessels in the procession. Sing along to recorded Christmas music or simply sit back and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season unfolding around you.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Day 3: Thursday, December 24

This morning, two attractions are offered. Please choose one by final payment.

- 1) **Vancouver Art Gallery** houses a permanent collection of more than 10,000 pieces with an abundance of works by artists of this region. BC's finest artists are showcased such as Emily Carr, E.J. Hughes, Maxwell Bates, Toni Onley, Jack Shadbolt, Bertram Charles Binning, Gordon Smith, Alistair Bell, Takao Tanabe, and Robert Davidson.
- 2) **BC Sports Hall of Fame** celebrates extraordinary achievement in BC sports history and inspires future generations to make their dreams come true. The collection of 27,000 artifacts represents 150 years of sporting accomplishments in BC. Since 1966, 406 individuals and 63 teams have been inducted into the Hall.

In the afternoon, we drive to **Harrison Hot Springs** and accommodation is booked in the East Tower for three nights. All guestrooms feature balconies, floor-to-ceiling windows, refrigerators, free wi-fi, and complimentary bathrobes for use during your stay. Our arrival is in time for the complimentary Afternoon Tea in the lobby.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Harrison Hot Springs Hotel

Day 4: Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas! Expect a gift from Santa during a lovely Christmas breakfast in the Lakeside Café. Relax in the hot pools as long as you wish today. Our gala Christmas Dinner is in the renowned **Copper Room** with dance music played by the Jones Boys Band.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Harrison Hot Springs Hotel

Day 5: Saturday, December 26

There are plenty of activities to engage you today. Schedule a treatment at the exquisite Healing Springs Spa with services that range from facials and massages to full body care packages.

Take a walk along the lake shore trails. An excursion is offered to the **Historic Kilby Store** which is a wonderful restoration of a century-old general store. And, of course, the hot springs are an enticing and soothing pastime. Dinner is at Milos Restaurant, a five-minute walk along the waterfront promenade.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Harrison Hot Springs Hotel

Day 6: Sunday, December 27

We leave the hotel in mid-morning and take the 1 pm ferry to Swartz Bay. Enjoy the Pacific Buffet with reserved seating during the crossing.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings
- Fraser River paddlewheeler cruise with afternoon tea
- VanDusen Gardens' Festival of Lights
- Museum of Anthropology
- Bloedel Floral Conservatory
- Dinner cruise with Christmas Carol Ships
- Choice of Vancouver Art Gallery OR BC Sports Hall of Fame
- Copper Room Christmas Gala Dinner with entertainment by Jones Boys band
- Historic Kilby Store
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **11 meals:** 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 tea, 4 dinners

TOUR NOTES

Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. There is a short walk from coach to dock for the Carol Ships. You can do a short or long walk at VanDusen 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 travelers, to provide ongoing assistance.



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

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due November 3, 2020. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

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

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 2, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From October 3 to November 3, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From November 4 to November 16, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From November 17 to November 30, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After November 30, 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 until 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, 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 53 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 November 16.

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