

HAMILTON IN SPOKANE

April 19, 2021 – 3 Days

Staying at the historic Davenport Hotel

Hamilton is a sung- and rapped-through musical about the life of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. He was an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and was the new nation's first Treasury Secretary. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B, and Broadway, *Hamilton* has achieved both critical acclaim and incredible box office success. We are thrilled *Hamilton* is returning to the west and will be presented at the First Interstate Arts Center (formerly Spokane Opera House). We stay two nights at the fabulous Davenport Hotel. Enjoy a historic tour of the Hotel and a city tour of Spokane, including Riverfront Park, Spokane Falls, the stunning mansions on "The Hill", majestic Saint John's Cathedral and the Conservatory in Manito Park.

Activity Level: 1



2 Meals Included:

1 lunch, 1 dinner

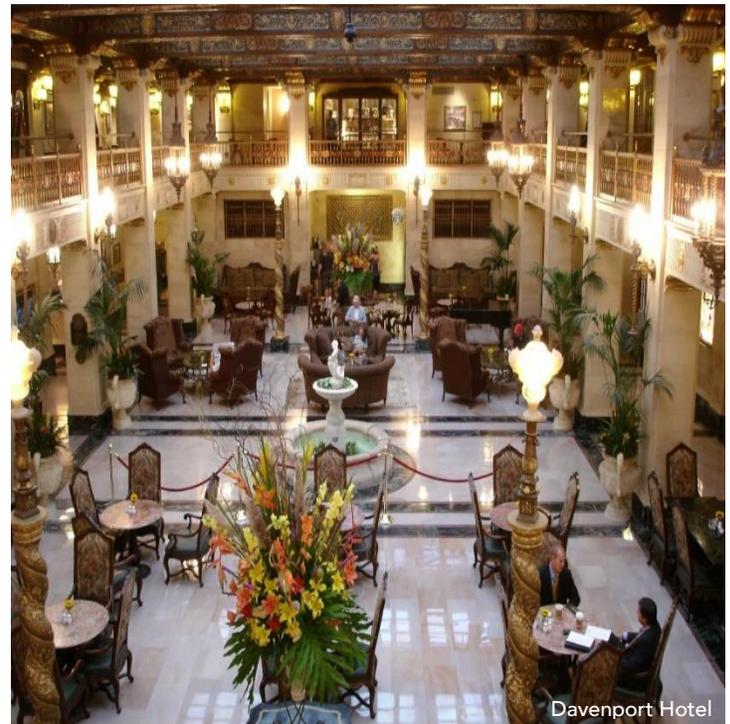
Fares:

\$945 pp double/twin, \$1,170 pp single, \$895 pp triple

Tour is exempt from GST

Experience Points:

Earn 24 points from this tour



Davenport Hotel

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Day 1: Monday, April 19

After a lunch stop in Grand Forks, we cross the border at Laurier and drive south to **Spokane**. We stay two nights at the fabulous **Davenport Hotel** which opened in 1914 at a cost of \$3 million and was soon famous around the world for its luxury and amenities. For 70 years, the Davenport hosted the world's elite, but it fell on hard times and closed in 1985. It reopened in 2002 after a \$38 million renovation and now boasts AAA's prestigious 4-diamond award.

Meals included: Lunch

Accommodation: Davenport Hotel

Day 2: Tuesday, April 20

We meet our local guide who first conducts an historic tour of the Davenport Hotel. Then we are off for a city tour of Spokane, including Riverfront Park, Spokane Falls, the stunning mansions on "The Hill", majestic **Saint John's Cathedral** and the Conservatory in Manito Park.

This afternoon is free time for downtown shopping. You can walk to River Park Square with anchor store Nordstrom and 41 other shops and services. (See page 3 for another afternoon activity.) Dinner is at the unique **Steam Plant Grill**. Built in 1915 to provide steam heat and power for downtown Spokane, it closed in 1986 and was converted in the mid-1990s to a collection of shops and restaurants with an interesting ambiance. At 7:30 pm at the First Interstate Arts Center, the curtain rises on **Hamilton** — the show that everyone has been waiting to see. We have excellent seating in centre, rows N, P and Q (there is no row O).

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Davenport Hotel

Day 3: Wednesday, April 21

We journey home today with stops at the immense Grand Coulee Dam, Omak for lunch, and the Duty-Free Store at the border.

HAMILTON — A BROADWAY BLOCKBUSTER FINALLY COMING TO SPOKANE

Hamilton opened on Broadway in August 2015 and received a record-setting 16 Tony nominations, winning 11, including Best Musical. It also won the 2016 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album and the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Most Broadway shows have been sold out since opening and tickets are usually gone months in advance. In November 2016, **Hamilton** broke the all-time record for the highest box office sales in a week at \$3.3 million.

Hamilton played for nearly four years in Chicago, and three years in London. It opened briefly in Toronto in March 2020 with advance sales of 250,000 tickets, but was forced to close due to Covid-19.

Wells Gray Tours ran one tour to Seattle to see **Hamilton** in 2018. Over 700 groups applied for tickets and only 50 (including Wells Gray) were approved to get seats. Our tour sold out in five days, and we begged the theatre for more seats, but could not get any more. Finally, **Hamilton** is returning to the west and will be presented at the First Interstate Arts Center (formerly Spokane Opera House).

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 3 days
 - 2 nights at the Davenport Hotel & room taxes
 - Historical tour of the Davenport Hotel
 - Locally-guided city tour of Spokane
 - *Hamilton* at First Interstate Arts Center
 - Gratuities for hotel guide and city guide
 - Knowledgeable tour director
 - Luggage handling at hotel
 - **2 meals:** 1 lunch, 1 dinner
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OPTION

On the afternoon of April 20, take a tour of a Spokane distillery, Warrior Liquor, a family-owned, small-batch craft distillery. Try tasting American Dry Gin, American Single Malt Whisky, Rye Whisky, Bourbon, Palouse Hills Wheat Vodka, and various flavoured Vodkas. Cost is \$14 per person including distillery tour, tasting, and transportation. Please book by final payment.

 **Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs during the city tour and at the theatre. There is a walk of 1 block (300 metres) from the hotel to Steam Plant Grill. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you are not able to participate 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 frequent assistance.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due February 17, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to October 1, 2020, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From October 2, 2020 to February 17, 2021 the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From February 18 to March 17, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After March 17, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to currency exchange rates or 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, 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 24 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 tours longer than 3 days. You can accumulate enough points to earn a free tour (this tour eligible until February 17, 2021).

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