

SHEN YUN IN VANCOUVER

April 7, 2021 – 4 Days

Includes 2 nights in Whistler

Shen Yun Performing Arts is a premier classical Chinese dance and music company that performs classical Chinese dance, ethnic and folk dance, and storybased dance, with elaborate costumes and orchestral accompaniment. We have excellent seats at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for this spectacular show. There is also a choice of Vancouver attractions, either a guided Chinatown walking tour, or a visit to Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.

The tour also spends 2 nights in Whistler with time to explore the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, the Audain Art Museum, and the Whistler Museum.

Activity Level: 1



2 Meals Included:

1 lunch, 1 dinner

Fares per person:

\$1,295 double/twin; \$1,595 single; \$1,225 triple

Please add 5% GST

Early Bookers:

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

Experience Points:

Earn 30 points on this tour

Redeem 30 points if you book by January 27, 2021.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Wednesday, April 7

We drive the Island Highway to Nanaimo and take the ferry to Horseshoe Bay. We follow the scenic Sea to Sky Highway to Squamish and have lunch at Howe Sound Brewing. On arrival in Whistler, we stop at the **Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre**, a spectacular building that was created by two neighbouring First Nations with the goal to share their living cultures with the world. We stay two nights at the Delta Village Suites which has an excellent location next to the village square with lots of shops and restaurants nearby.

Meals included: Lunch

Accommodation: Delta Village Suites

Day 2: Thursday, April 8

This morning, we admire the fabulous collection of British Columbia art at the **Audain Art Museum**. Later, we visit the Whistler Museum which tells the story of the remarkable transformation of this valley from a few cabins on Alta Lake in the 1950s to an award-winning, international resort.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Delta Village Suites

Day 3: Friday, April 9

We ride the Sea to Sky Gondola which whisks us from sea level to the mountain top lodge for panoramic views of the nearby peaks of the Coast Mountains, Howe Sound, and Squamish.

Note: You can opt out of this trip and the coach will drop you in nearby Squamish for free time. Your fare is reduced by \$33 per person.

Arriving in Vancouver, you have a choice of two activities this afternoon that are culturally connected with the *Shen Yun* performance. Please select by final payment date.

1) **Walking tour of Chinatown** with a local guide for 1½ hours features bright facades, street markets, stories of pioneers, and unique architecture. The walking distance is about four blocks, at a very leisurely pace with many stops. This is one of the largest Chinatowns of its kind in North America.

2) **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.** We are treated to a close look at this authentic representation of a Ming Dynasty Garden with a guided tour, learning about its structure, beauty, philosophy, and mythology. Listen to a talk about the cultural significance of tea, then enjoy a Premium Jasmine tea.

Tonight at 7:30, the curtain rises at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for the awesome performance of *Shen Yun*.

Accommodation: Blue Horizon Hotel

Day 4: Saturday, April 10

There is free time to browse through the Granville Island Market. We take an afternoon ferry to Swartz Bay.

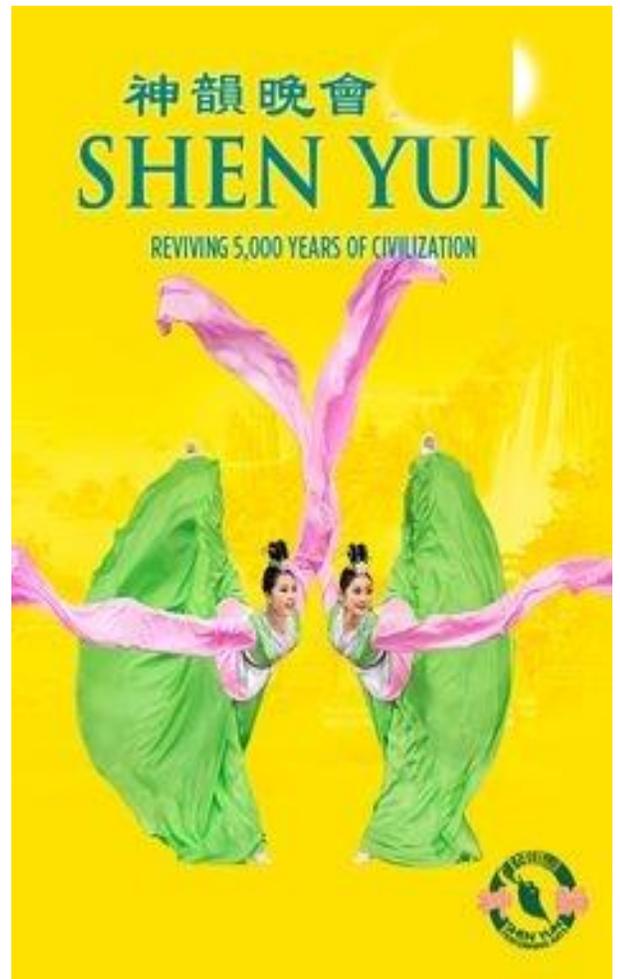
WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre
- Audain Art Museum
- Whistler Museum
- Sea to Sky Gondola
- Choice of Chinatown walking tour OR Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden
- *Shen Yun* at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **2 meals:** 1 lunch, 1 dinner

SHEN YUN — REVIVING 5,000 YEARS OF CIVILIZATION

Shen Yun Performing Arts is a premier classical Chinese dance and music company established in New York in 2006. It performs classical Chinese dance, ethnic and folk dance, and story-based dance, all with orchestral accompaniment. For 5,000 years, divine culture flourished in the land of China. Humanity's treasure was nearly lost in the 20th century, but through breathtaking music and dance, *Shen Yun* is reviving this glorious culture. *Shen Yun* can be translated as "the beauty of divine beings dancing." The 40 dancers perform wearing intricate costumes, often accompanied by a variety of props. Some costumes are intended to imitate the dress of various ethnicities, while others depict ancient Chinese court dancers, soldiers, or characters from classic stories. Props include colourful handkerchiefs, drums, fans, chopsticks, or silk scarves. Each *Shen Yun* piece is set against a digitally projected backdrop, usually depicting landscapes such as Mongolian grasslands, imperial courts, ancient villages, temples, or mountains.

Shen Yun has five troupes that perform in about 100 cities and 20 countries each year. The Vancouver show is the only Canadian stop west of the Toronto area. We have excellent seats at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Centre Orchestra, Rows 17 to 19. Seats are assigned according to the order that you book for this tour. Don't miss this incredible performance!



Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs, mainly to and from your theatre seats. There are optional walking trails at the top of the Sea to Sky Gondola. The Chinatown walking tour is about 1½ hours and 4 blocks at a leisurely pace. 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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due January 27, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Cancellation Policy: Up to January 4, 2021, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From January 5 to January 27, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From January 28 to March 5, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From March 6 to March 19, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After March 19, there is no refund.

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Experience 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 January 27, 2021.

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