



## FOUR THEMED TOWNS

May 13, 2021 – 5 Days

*Lynden, Poulsbo, Leavenworth & Winthrop*

Washington state celebrates its cultural heritage and rich history by continuing the traditions of old. This tour visits four towns that work hard to maintain these traditions for future generations. Lynden's Dutch heritage is evident throughout the community, from the windmills to restaurants to dance groups. Poulsbo Viking Fest honours all the Scandinavian settlers who immigrated to this area and continue to celebrate their Viking heritage. Leavenworth capitalizes on its idyllic alpine setting to create the illusion of a Bavarian hamlet in the Cascade Range. Winthrop is a testament to the struggles of the wild west era of American history. All four towns are unique and show us the wonder of the melting pot that is America.

Activity Level: 2



7 Meals Included:

4 breakfasts, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$1,560 double/twin; \$2,055 single; \$1,395 triple  
Tour is exempt from GST.

Early Bookers Discount:

\$80 discount on first 15 seats; \$40 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 32 points from this tour.

Redeem 32 points if you book by March 24, 2021.



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Thursday, May 13

We meet the Interior travellers in Abbotsford, then cross the border at Sumas, and arrive in the charming Dutch-themed village of **Lynden**. First, we tour the Twin Brook Creamery, then explore the amazing exhibits at Pioneer Museum. We stay overnight at the **Inn at Lynden**, a small boutique hotel on the main street. It was the Lynden Department Store for a century and owner Billy Waples was one of the founding fathers of Lynden. He also owned the Lynden Mill & Light Company which operated a lumber mill, he installed the first electric lights on city streets, he persuaded the first railroad to come through town, and he established the Lynden Fair. His landmark store was destroyed by fire in 2008, but this hotel was built inside the original façade. Lynden has many interesting shops to browse this afternoon. Dinner is at Rustlers Grill.

**Meals included:** Dinner

**Accommodation:** Inn at Lynden

### Day 2: Friday, May 14

We ride the ferry across Puget Sound from Edmonds to Kingston and make our way to **Poulsbo**, the town that celebrates Norwegian heritage. Poulsbo's annual **Viking Fest** is a celebration of Norway's Constitution Day, the day Norway's parliament adopted its own constitution on May 17, 1814. Opening ceremonies take place at 4 pm, and the entertainment at the Kvelstad Pavilion continues into the evening with Sons of Norway dancers and bands. Don't miss the fireworks at dusk. *Velkommen...come join the fun!*

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express

### Day 3: Saturday, May 15

Enjoy Viking Fest today! Visit the carnival to ride the ferris wheel; check out the craft fair; snack on Norwegian food from the vendors; visit the Viking Village; and enjoy the ongoing entertainment at the Kvelstad Pavilion. A highlight of the festival is the **Viking Fest Parade** at 2 pm. The

float themes reflect Norwegian heritage, with a Scandinavian focus on music, dance, clowns, and costumes.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express



### Day 4: Sunday, May 16

We return to Edmonds on the ferry, then stop at Alderwood Mall for shopping. Afterwards, we drive across scenic Stevens Pass to **Leavenworth**, which celebrates its Bavarian heritage year round. We stay overnight at the popular Enzian Inn, conveniently located near the town square. There is free time to explore the exquisite shops of this quaint town. Savour a traditional Bavarian feast this evening.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Enzian Inn

### Day 5: Monday, May 17

Start the day with the Enzian Inn's bountiful buffet breakfast and a demonstration of the alphorn. We follow the Columbia River north past two dams and pristine Lake Chelan. Our final themed town is **Winthrop** which celebrates the Old West. Enter the 1800s as you stroll down the wooden sidewalks of this frontier town. A stop is made at the Duty-Free Store at the border before heading up the Okanagan Valley. We take an evening flight from Kelowna to Vancouver.

**Note:** Chilliwack and Abbotsford customers are picked up by coach on May 13, but transportation is not provided home from YVR.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights hotel accommodation and hotel taxes
- Twin Brook Creamery tour
- Lynden Pioneer Museum
- Ferry from Edmonds to Kingston and return
- Viking Fest parade and activities in Poulsbo
- Tour of Western Winthrop
- Flight from Kelowna to Vancouver
- Current air transport taxes and security fees
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **7 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners



**Activity Level 2:** Moderate activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. There is no seating at the Viking Parade. You can walk a lot or a little in each of the four themed towns. The coach cannot carry a scooter. If you think you may have difficulty participating in Activity Level 2, 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. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some tour days.

## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due March 24, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$80 discount on first 15 seats and \$40 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after March 24.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to February 24, 2021, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From February 25 to March 24, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From March 25 to April 12, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After April 12, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to currency exchange rates and 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 request no later than at final payment.

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**Experience Points:** This tour earns 32 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 March 24.

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