



## *HAMILTON* IN VANCOUVER

July 4, 2021 – 2 Days

*Staying at the Inn at the Quay*

*Hamilton* is a sung- and rapped-through musical written by Lin-Manuel Miranda 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. Miranda has described *Hamilton* as "America then, as told by America now".

We are thrilled that *Hamilton* is returning to the west and will be presented at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

Activity Level: 1



1 Meal Included:

1 breakfast

Fares per person:

\$840 double/twin; \$930 single; \$815 triple

Please add 5% GST.

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

Experience Points:

Earn 19 points from this tour



*Hamilton at Paramount Theatre Seattle in 2018*

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Sunday, July 4

After pickups around Victoria, we take the 9 am ferry to Tsawwassen, then drive to New Westminster. We board the **MV Native paddlewheeler** for a 1½ hour cruise on the mighty Fraser River, passing under several bridges such as the historic Pattullo and the new Port Mann. The vessel docks at the Inn at the Quay where we stay overnight



and every room has a view of the Fraser River. Transportation is provided to downtown Vancouver tonight, and the curtain rises at 7:30 pm at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for **Hamilton**.

**Accommodation:** Inn at the Quay

### Day 2: Monday, July 5

We drive to Steveston and tour the **Gulf of Georgia Cannery**, built in 1894. During its peak production at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the cannery produced 2½ million cans of salmon and employed several hundred workers. It has been a National Historic Site since 1984. There is a shopping opportunity at **Tsawwassen Mills**, then we take the 4 pm ferry to the Island.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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## HAMILTON — A BROADWAY BLOCKBUSTER FINALLY COMING TO VANCOUVER

**Hamilton** opened on Broadway in August 2015. It had a multimillion-dollar advance in ticket sales, reportedly taking in \$30 million before its official opening. It 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 on Broadway until March 12, 2020 when Covid-19 closed most theatres, and it is scheduled to resume performances in January 2021.

**Hamilton** played for nearly four years in Chicago, and three years in London. Three touring shows have been mounted. 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 Queen Elizabeth Theatre. We have excellent seating in Centre Orchestra, rows 16, 17, 18 and 19.

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 2 days
- 1 night at Inn at the Quay & room taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings
- Paddlewheeler cruise on Fraser River
- **Hamilton** at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- Gulf of Georgia Cannery NHS
- Tsawwassen Mills
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **1 meal:** 1 breakfast

## TOUR NOTES

- This tour does not stay in downtown Vancouver because hotel rates are exorbitant in summer peak season, typically over \$300 per night.



**Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk such as to/from your theatre seat and around Granville Island Market or Tsawwassen Mills. 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.

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## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$250 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due April 29, 2021. 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 November 12, 2020, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From November 13, 2020 to February 26, 2021 the cancellation charge is \$150 per person. From February 27 to April 29, the cancellation charge is \$250 per person (your deposit). From April 30 to May 28, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After May 28, 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 19 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 April 29, 2021).

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