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how to use this guide

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVELS:



Light Activity - walking short distances and some stairs.



Moderate Activity - walking medium distances (up to 2 km).



High Activity - walking longer distances (up to 4 km).

DEPARTURE POINTS:



Interior



Lower Mainland



Vancouver Island

Detailed list of pick-up locations on our website

LOOK FOR OUR SMALL GROUP TOURS:

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Tours indicated by these icons are Tour 25 and Tour 30 departures, meaning group capacity is limited to 25 or 30 participants (or less). Travelling in smaller groups allows us to access unique places and offers more personal encounters. It is one more way we are working to meet your evolving travel preferences.

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NOW WITH LINKS!

In the digital edition of the *Experience Quarterly*, look for the new link buttons for each tour and departure point to view the full tour itinerary.

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Experience

SAFE TRAVEL WITH WELLS GRAY TOURS

A lot has happened at Wells Gray Tours since the last *Experiences Quarterly* came out in June. As you can see, we are still sending *Experiences* by e-mail, although we hope to resume the printed and mailed version in 2021.

The re-opening of our offices has gone smoothly over the summer. Most customers are phoning us and some are making appointments to visit in person. I am delighted with the number of bookings we are getting for this fall, Christmas, and 2021. Tours up to the end of this year will carry a maximum of 30 people to make safe distancing easy and not overwhelm restaurants and attractions. As restrictions hopefully ease in 2021, that limit may be increased if appropriate, but we are carefully assessing as time goes on.

Our first four tours in six months have returned—a cruise in the Gulf Islands and coach tours to Waterton Lakes, Wells Gray Park, and Kootenays Ghost Towns. All were highly successful according to customers and tour directors, Marion, Craig and I. We have received some emails and cards congratulating us on all the safety protocols and the many arrangements in the background for a safe tour. The coaches were sanitized frequently, everybody was diligent about wearing masks indoors, temperatures were checked each morning, and the groups were welcomed everywhere they stopped. During October, we have six departures, all in BC or Alberta, and these health standards will be carefully followed to ensure the safety of you, our tour directors, and the drivers. Thank you for helping us get a few tours out this fall because I'm sure it is a relief to many customers to enjoy seeing and doing things again.

I am still working from home as I have been since March. Although I miss all the activity in the Kamloops office, I certainly get lots done with no interruptions, other than Anne's call to lunch. I go into the office once a week to do things that can't be done through a computer, but otherwise I am in front of my big monitor for eight hours a day. With instant messaging through Teams, video meetings through Telus Connect, and the almost old-fashioned telephone and e-mail, I am closely connected with all our 27 employees around BC, so we can easily discuss ideas and issues. Even five years ago, this technology was not possible. With a lot of persuasion and teasing from the staff, I have given up on my 30-year devotion to Word Perfect and learned Microsoft Word, so I hope you are enjoying the resulting new look of our tour brochures.

At the beginning of October, I directed our annual Wells Gray Park tour, still a favourite after doing it for 48 years. The fall foliage colours were magnificent and we enjoyed sunny, warm weather which is always so welcome on this tour that spends a lot of time outdoors. However, nobody donned a bathing suit for a dip in glacial Azure Lake, but several brave people ventured behind Moul Falls and got a little wet. Each night when we returned to the hotel and got cell service, I was expecting a text from my son Fraser and his wife Alysse announcing that Anne and I were new grandparents. The call came October 3rd at 8 a.m. and Marietta Amelia Neave had been born an hour before. So much to look forward to!

Keep exploring,

Roland Neave

President & Owner
Wells Gray Tours

please join us!

FOR OUR FIRST EVER ONLINE TRAVEL SHOW

To ensure the safety of our customers and staff, our annual Fall Travel Show this year will be offered online for the first time. Roland, Fraser, and Kerrie will host an hour-long presentation on our upcoming tours for 2021 and beyond. We'll miss seeing you all in person this year, but we look forward to connecting with you in this new virtual format.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND AT 10:00AM PDT

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Make sure to register early as there is limited space. The presentation will be recorded in case you miss it.

FEATURED DESTINATION: *The Wickaninnish Inn*

There are some destinations we choose to return to again and again. The Wickaninnish Inn in Tofino is one of those special places. Join Wells Gray Tours on one of our Wickaninnish getaways this fall or spring and really get away from it all!

STORM WATCHING AT WICKANINNISH INN

Perched on the edge of the wild, West Coast of Vancouver Island, the Wickaninnish Inn near Tofino combines heritage and elegance with untamed natural beauty. Framed by ancient rainforest and the Pacific Ocean, each room at the Wickaninnish Inn is designed to charm with its attention to detail and connection with nature. Perhaps your visit will coincide with watching an awesome West Coast storm. This tour offers extraordinary savings and lets you experience this renowned property, with some exceptional meals, at a very attractive price. Come experience the West Coast at the Wickaninnish Inn with Wells Gray Tours!

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FALL DEPARTURES:

Interior: Nov 16 or Nov 23, 2020 – 6 Days
waitlist only

SPRING DEPARTURES:

Vancouver Island: February 16, 2021 – 5 Days
Interior & Lower Main: February 22, 2021 – 6 Days

- I** \$2,220 pp double, \$2,795 single
 - V** \$1,925 pp double, \$2,495 single
 - L** \$2,180 pp double, \$2,755 single
- book soon...filling fast!

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BC Getaways

SQUAMISH EAGLE WATCHING

Interior: January 19, 2021 – 4 Days

British Columbia has almost half of the world's bald eagle population and Squamish, just 45 minutes north of Vancouver, boasts the second highest bald eagle count in the world and one of the most densely populated gatherings in North America. Annually over 3,000 eagles flock to the Squamish and Cheakamus Rivers from Alaska and the Yukon, staying from mid-November to mid-February to feed on the abundance of spawned chum salmon. One of the quietest and most interactive ways to view the eagles is from the river. Using expedition-class river rafts, we float quietly down the Squamish River wearing warm and cozy survival suits with boots. Next day, we visit the George Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary, one of Vancouver's premier birding locations, which is home to thousands of birds each winter.

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KOOTENAYS HOT SPRINGS

Interior, Vancouver Island, & Lower Mainland: February 8, 2021 – 5 Days

The Kootenays region is known for many incredible wonders, one of which is the great variety of hot springs, so join us as we escape to the warmth of the Kootenays this winter. February is a beautiful time to admire the winter wonderland of this area. Soaking up the snowy mountain scenery from the warmth of a steaming outdoor pool is nothing short of magical. This tour visits three hot springs: Fairmont, Radium and Ainsworth. Accommodation is right next to the hot pools at Fairmont for two nights and Ainsworth for two nights. Just bring your swim suit and be prepared to relax.

prices coming soon!



SCENIC WATERFRONT HOTELS

Interior: April 25, 2021 – 7 Days

Enjoy four wonderful ocean-front hotels on one fantastic tour. British Columbia has numerous hotels in scenic locations, many featuring an ocean, river or lake view. This tour travels to four of our favourites. Granville Island Hotel is an oasis on the shore of False Creek amidst the bustle of Vancouver. The Kingfisher Inn sits majestically beside the Strait of Georgia just south of Courtenay and has a splendid view of the Coast Mountains. Painter's Lodge in Campbell River is a classic fishing lodge, overlooking beautiful Discovery Passage. Our final night is at the Beach Club beside the gorgeous sandy expanse of Parksville Bay. Each hotel is uniquely different and you can look forward to plenty of relaxation time in diverse waterfront settings.

- I** \$2,260 pp double, \$2,940 single
- discounts up to \$60 pp

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BC Getaways

SEA TO SKY GETAWAY

Van Island & Lower Mainland: May 17, 2021 – 4 Days

Whistler's growth into an award-winning, international resort, is unparalleled in ski history. The Village was carefully designed to reap the benefits of the Coast Mountains' excellent geographical location, emphasizing sun exposure and mountain vistas. During our stay in Whistler, we ride the gondola (if operating) to the top of Whistler Mountain, admire the fabulous art collection at the Audain Art Museum, and learn about the resort's history at the Whistler Museum. This tour also stays at Harrison Hot Springs with an evening of music and dancing in the Copper Room. Add a drive through the Fraser Canyon with the Hell's Gate Airtram and the scenic Duffey Lake Road and you have a wonderful getaway.

- V** \$1,230 pp double, \$1,515 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- L** \$1,195 pp double, \$1,485 single [LEARN MORE](#)
discounts up to \$60 pp

CRUISING THE LOWER FRASER RIVER

Interior: May 10, 2021 – 5 Days

Vancouver Island: May 9, 2021 – 6 Days

See the Fraser Valley from a vantage point that few people can enjoy – from the water. All three cruises are on gently-flowing sections of the Fraser River with no white water or rough water. The Fraser River Safari boat carries 22 passengers, so our group is split in two; half cruises upstream from Mission to Kilby Store near the mouth of the Harrison River, and the other half cruises downstream, each for two hours. We cruise on the paddlewheeler *Native* twice – from Fort Langley to New Westminster, then the next day from New Westminster to the mouth of the Fraser west of Steveston. The cruises are one-way and the coach meets you at the other end. Come and cruise the last 120 km of B.C.'s mighty Fraser.

- I** \$1,895 pp double, \$2,265 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- V** \$2,245 pp double, \$2,715 single [LEARN MORE](#)
discounts up to \$100 pp



VANCOUVER ISLAND FROM TOE TO TIP

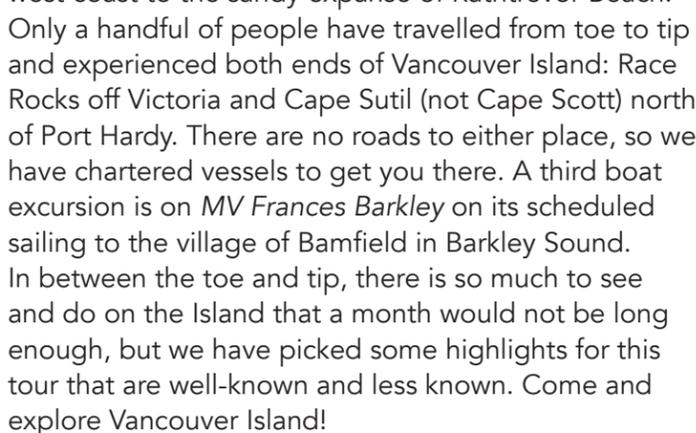
Interior: May 16, 2021 – 9 Days

Vancouver Island: May 17, 2021 – 8 Days

Lower Mainland: May 16, 2021 – 9 Days

Explore one of the world's great islands from end to end. Vancouver Island is the 11th largest island in Canada, stretching 460 km from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Queen Charlotte Sound. Named for Captain George Vancouver who explored B.C.'s coast in 1792, the island has great diversity ranging from the capital city of Victoria to remote mountain peaks in Strathcona Park, and from the wild wind-lashed beaches of the west coast to the sandy expanse of Rath Trevor Beach. Only a handful of people have travelled from toe to tip and experienced both ends of Vancouver Island: Race Rocks off Victoria and Cape Sutil (not Cape Scott) north of Port Hardy. There are no roads to either place, so we have chartered vessels to get you there. A third boat excursion is on *MV Frances Barkley* on its scheduled sailing to the village of Bamfield in Barkley Sound. In between the toe and tip, there is so much to see and do on the Island that a month would not be long enough, but we have picked some highlights for this tour that are well-known and less known. Come and explore Vancouver Island!

- I** \$3,195 pp double, \$3,830 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- V** \$2,995 pp double, \$3,535 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- L** \$3,180 pp double, \$3,815 single [LEARN MORE](#)
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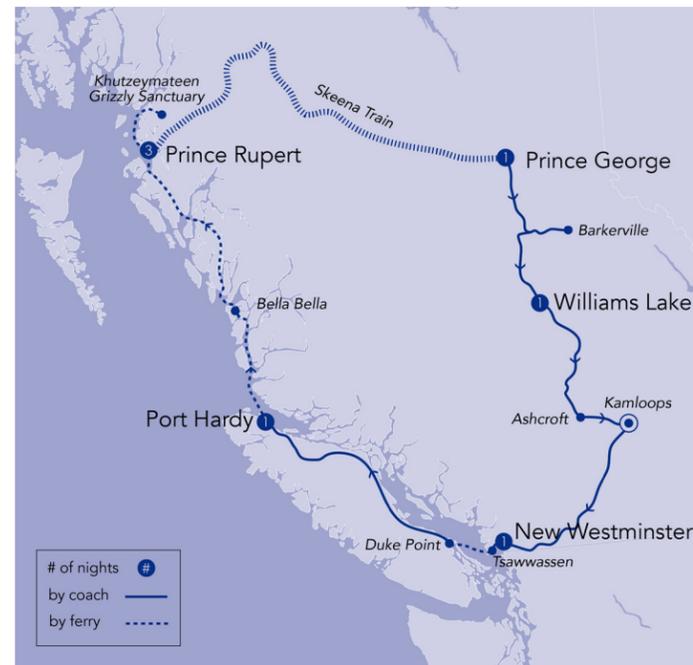
INSIDE PASSAGE & SKEENA TRAIN

Interior: June 25, 2021 – 8 Days

Vancouver Island: July 10, 2021 – 8 Days

Explore the stunning North Coast by land and sea! The 500-kilometre journey from Port Hardy to Prince Rupert aboard BC Ferries' *Northern Expedition* takes 15 hours, all in daylight to permit great viewing of the rugged coastline and abundant wildlife. In Prince Rupert, we thrill to a 7-hour catamaran excursion to the Khutzeymateen Grizzly Sanctuary and also tour the restored North Pacific Cannery. Then we board VIA Rail's *Skeena Train* for a spectacular all-day journey east to Prince George in deluxe 'Touring Class' with seating in the dome car. We drive south through the Cariboo with a visit to the historic gold rush town of Barkerville.

- I** \$3,125 pp double, \$3,725 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- V** \$3,225 pp double, \$3,855 single [LEARN MORE](#)
book soon...filling fast!



B.C. FJORDS

Interior: July 11, 2021 – 7 Days (waitlist only)

Vancouver Island: June 24, 2021 – 6 Days

Lower Mainland: July 12, 2021 – 6 Days (waitlist only)

Some of the most thrilling sights along the B.C. coast cannot be reached by road, and the only access is by boat. This tour includes four boat excursions into these remote places. Knight Inlet is the longest fjord on our coastline, extending 113 km deep into the Coast Mountains, almost to the foot of gigantic Mount Waddington. Nakwakto Rapids are the fastest tidal rapids in the world, according to Guinness, and during our visit the waters pouring out of Seymour Inlet and Belize Inlet will attain the incredible speed of 12.7 knots. Desolation Sound is B.C.'s largest marine park, established in 1973, and attracts recreational boaters from around the world to enjoy its magnificent scenery. Malibu Rapids marks the entrance to amazing Princess Louisa Fjord where sheer cliffs rise a thousand metres out of the water and thundering Chatterbox Falls dominates its upper end.

- I** \$2,940 pp double, \$3,415 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- V** \$2,495 pp double, \$2,865 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- L** \$2,745 pp double, \$3,120 single [LEARN MORE](#)
4 seats left on Vancouver Island departure!



BC Getaways



HAIDA GWAI

Interior: July 21, July 31, Aug 5, Aug 10 – 7 days

Vancouver Island: July 26 – 7 days

Lower Main: July 22, Aug 1, Aug 6, Aug 11 – 6 days

Officially renamed from the Queen Charlotte Islands in 2009, Haida Gwaii is an archipelago of more than 150 islands located about 80 km off the northwest coast of British Columbia. As the westernmost point of Canada, Haida Gwaii is known for its rugged coastlines, majestic mountains, stunning array of marine life, giant cedars, and the vibrant Haida culture. Highlights on this tour include: The Haida Heritage Centre at Kaay'llnagaay with a Haida guide, Zodiac tour around Louise Island to Skedans, Skedans Village, Tow Hill with its Blowhole, Balance Rock, Port Clements Museum, studio and artisan tour, and a fabulous traditional Haida Feast.

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I \$3,295 pp double, \$3,645 single [LEARN MORE](#)

V \$3,255 pp double, \$3,605 single [LEARN MORE](#)

L \$3,150 pp double, \$3,410 single [LEARN MORE](#)
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MANNING PARK

Interior: July 27, 2021 – 3 Days

Vancouver Island: July 20, 2021 – 3 Days

Manning Provincial Park is located in the Cascade Range of southern British Columbia. The park protects the headwaters of the Skagit and Similkameen Rivers, and a variety of terrain such as wet coastal rain forests, jagged snow-capped peaks, alpine meadows filled with wildflowers, a chain of small lakes, and broad river beds along the valley floors. Manning Park Resort opened in the 1950s and has been continually upgraded with more rooms, restaurant, gift shop, and visitor services. You have probably driven this scenic highway many times with only a few stops, but this 3-day tour with 2 nights at the Resort focuses on the many sights and activities that are easily missed. Late July is blossom time in the Manning Park alpine meadows and one of the highlights of this tour is a walk with the naturalist among the flowers.



I \$885 pp double, \$1,060 single [LEARN MORE](#)

V prices coming soon
discounts up to \$50 pp

CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

Interior: December 21, 2020 – 6 Days

This tour stays all five nights at the Granville Island Hotel, located on False Creek at the east end of Granville Island. The hotel is surrounded by interesting shops and restaurants, including many art galleries and craft shops. Stroll the waterfront boardwalks, relax in the jacuzzi, or ride the Aquabus to downtown Vancouver. There will be a delicious Christmas brunch and dinner served at the hotel and lots of fun activities. We will enjoy an afternoon tea with a charter of a Paddlewheeler in New Westminster, an evening at VanDusen Gardens, an evening on the Christmas Carol Ships, a tea ceremony at Sun Yat Sen Garden, Bloedel Conservatory, Vancouver Art Gallery OR BC Sports Hall of Fame, and Vancouver Maritime Museum OR Space Museum.

TOUR
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I \$2,155 pp double, \$2,740 single [LEARN MORE](#)
only 9 seats left!

CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER & HARRISON

*Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
December 22, 2020 – 6 Days*

This tour stays two nights at the renowned Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. While in Vancouver we enjoy an afternoon tea with a charter of a Paddlewheeler in New West, the Van Dusen Gardens Christmas Lighting, dinner on board the Christmas Carol Ships, the Museum of Anthropology, the Bloedel Conservatory, and the Vancouver Art Gallery OR BC Sports Hall of Fame. We then retreat to the soothing waters of Harrison Hot Springs. Two days are free for you to relax and indulge in the hotel's facilities plus enjoy Christmas dinner in the Copper Room with the Jones Boys band.

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V \$2,295 pp double, \$2,895 single [LEARN MORE](#)

L \$2,245 pp double, \$2,850 single [LEARN MORE](#)
book soon...tour is already halfway full!

Christmas Tours

DON'T MISS OUT

Our holiday tours sell out quickly every year! Book soon to avoid disappointment.

CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA

Interior: December 22, 2020 – 6 Days

Lower Mainland: December 22 – 5 Days

Christmas in Victoria is an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours. We have stayed at the Chateau Victoria for many years and our guests love the Christmas décor and spirit. The hotel has a fine location near the corner of Burdett and Douglas, close to the Inner Harbour and Legislative Buildings. We enjoy four nights in Victoria and the Interior tour stays one night in Vancouver at the Granville Island Hotel. Highlights for Christmas 2020 include: a reception with entertainment by the Victoria Operatic Society, Christmas Brunch at Vista 18 atop the Chateau, Christmas Dinner at Grand Pacific Hotel, a festive Christmas lunch at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse, the Butchart Gardens Festival of Lights, a Dinner & Show at Ambrosia Events Centre, a Tour of Victoria with local guide Danda Humphreys, IMAX at the Royal BC Museum, a tour of the Craigdarroch Castle OR Helmcken House, and Van Dusen Gardens.

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I \$2,240 pp double, \$2,675 single [LEARN MORE](#)

L \$2,065 pp double, \$2,375 single [LEARN MORE](#)
book soon...filling fast!

NEW TOUR COMING SOON!

STEWART & STIKINE

Interior: August 12, 2021 – 14 days

Van Island & Lower Main – August 11, 2021 - 15 days

Embark with us on a Northern British Columbia adventure. We travel along the world-famous Alaska Highway and enjoy scenic views all the way to Dease Lake. We take a float plane or a helicopter for a thrilling flight into the wilderness of Mount Edziza Park or the Grand Canyon of the Stikine. Next we will enjoy a dip in Liard Hot Springs and there is an optional flight to Virginia Falls in Nahanni National Park. After a visit to the Salmon Glacier and a full day tour of the Nisga'a Nation, we return south via the Inside Passage ferry.

prices coming soon!





COME FROM AWAY IN VANCOUVER



Kamloops & Salmon Arm: Mar 12, 2021 – 3 Days
Kelowna & Vernon: Mar 13, 2021 – 3 Days
Kelowna, Penticton, & Osoyoos: Mar 19, 2021 – 3 Days
Vancouver Island: Mar 20, 2021 – 3 Days

Come from Away is a Canadian musical with book, music, and lyrics written by Irene Sankoff and David Hein. It is set in the week following the attacks on September 11th, 2001 and tells the true story of what transpired when 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly in the small town of Gander, as part of Operation Yellow Ribbon. The characters in the musical are based on (and in most cases share the names of) real Gander residents as well as some of the 7,000 stranded travellers they housed and fed. The musical has been received by audiences and critics as a cathartic reminder of the capacity for human kindness in even the darkest of times and the triumph of humanity over hate.

- I** \$815 pp double, \$995 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- V** \$825 pp double, \$1,025 single [LEARN MORE](#)

Vancouver Island departure is waitlist only
BC Interior departures are almost full



SHEN YUN IN VANCOUVER



Interior: April 5, 2021 – 3 Days
Vancouver Island: April 7, 2021 – 4 Days

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. We also visit Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. One of the top attractions in Vancouver, we take a much closer look at this authentic representation of a Ming Dynasty Garden with a guided tour, learning about its structure, beauty, philosophy, and mythology. The Vancouver Island departure also spends two nights in Whistler with time to explore the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, the Audain Art Museum, and the Whistler Museum.

- I** \$895 pp double, \$1,075 single [LEARN MORE](#)
 - V** \$1,295 pp double, \$1,595 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- discounts up to \$70 pp

HAMILTON IN SPOKANE



Interior: April 19, 2021 – 3 Days

Hamilton is a sung-and-rapped-through musical about the life of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. 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 where we 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.

- I** \$945 pp double, \$1,170 single [LEARN MORE](#)

HAMILTON IN VANCOUVER



Interior: July 6, 2021 – 2 Days
Vancouver Island: July 4, 2020 – 2 Days

We are thrilled that *Hamilton* is returning to Western Canada and will be presented at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. This tour will stay 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 described *Hamilton* as being about "America then, as told by America now".

- I** \$770 pp double, \$870 single [LEARN MORE](#)
 - V** \$840 pp double, \$930 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- this popular show will sell out fast!**

CELINE DION IN VANCOUVER



Kamloops, Vernon, Salmon Arm: Aug 27, 2021 – 3 Days
Kelowna, Penticton, Osoyoos: Aug 28, 2021 – 3 Days
Vancouver Island: Aug 27, 2021 – 3 Days

Celine Dion has been an entertainment legend for 40 years. She has won 5 Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year, and remains the best-selling Canadian artist and one of the best-selling artists of all time with record sales of 200 million copies worldwide. Her music has been influenced by genres ranging from rock and R&B to gospel and classical. Celine Dion's *Courage* World Tour visits western Canada in August 2021. She has only two performances in Vancouver and three other concerts in the Prairie Provinces. We stay two nights in downtown Vancouver. We also take a four hour cruise with lunch through Burrard Inlet and Indian Arm.

- I** \$1,130 pp double, \$1,410 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- V** \$1,230 pp double, \$1,510 single [LEARN MORE](#)

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BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL

Interior, February 1, 2021 – 5 Days

One of Canada's most famous hotels, The Fairmont Banff Springs enjoys an enviable setting in magnificent Banff National Park. Originally built in 1888 with the coming of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, the hotel set new standards for accommodation and hospitality in the wilderness. Today the property is a year-round mountain resort with all the modern amenities, excellent cuisine, the soothing Willow Stream Spa, and impeccable service. We stay for four nights with plenty of activities as well as lots of free time to relax and enjoy the beautiful facilities. On this getaway, you'll soak in the famous mineral hot springs, take in the view of the Bow Valley from the top of the Banff Gondola, and visit another historic hotel, the Chateau Lake Louise.

I \$1,895 pp double, \$2,320 single
discounts up to \$100 pp

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OTTAWA TULIP FESTIVAL & ST. LAWRENCE CRUISE

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
May 12, 2021 – 10 Days

The world's largest tulip festival was established in 1953 in Ottawa to preserve the heritage of Canada's role in liberating the Dutch during World War II. The symbolic tulip – Ottawa's official flower – was given as a gift in perpetuity to the Canadian people for having provided safe harbour to the Dutch Royal Family during the German occupation of the Netherlands. Prepare to be impressed with over a million tulips blooming during the festival, the largest display being at Dows Lake with 30 beds, 60 varieties, and over 300,000 blooms. The tour continues to Kingston where we board the *Canadian Empress* for a 4-day cruise on the St. Lawrence River. Highlights are the 1000 Islands, Fulford Mansion, Fort Wellington, and Upper Canada Village.

I from \$4,470 pp double, \$6,365 single
V from \$4,570 pp double, \$6,465 single
L from \$4,445 pp double, \$6,340 single
discounts up to \$100 pp

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NEWFOUNDLAND ONLY

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
May 31 and June 15, 2021 – 15 days

This brand new tour includes many highlights of wild and wonderful Newfoundland. The culture and heritage of Newfoundland runs deep. Come and discover all the things you never knew about this unique province. Highlights of this tour include visits to historic sites and stunning landscapes, 2 national parks, a puffin and whale watching cruise, an iceberg viewing cruise, 3 entertaining shows, and talks by local experts. In Gros Morne National Park, thrill to the boat trip on fjord-like Western Brook Pond. Get Screeched-In and kiss the cod during a cruise at Bonne Bay. Explore re-created sod houses at the ancient Viking settlement of L'Anse aux Meadows. Look out over the Atlantic Ocean from Cape Spear, North America's eastern-most point. So much to see in 15 days!

I \$5,585 pp double, \$6,665 single
V \$5,685 pp double, \$6,765 single
L \$5,585 pp double, \$6,665 single
May 31 departure has only 4 seats left!

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SURPRISING SASKATCHEWAN

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
June 21, 2021 – 8 Days

You will never think of Saskatchewan the same way again. There are so many highlights on this tour! Visit three major museums, one dedicated to dioramas of flora and fauna, one about prairie transportation, and one that re-creates a 1910 prairie boomtown. Tour the RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina, go underground in the Tunnels of Moose Jaw, cruise the South Saskatchewan River on a paddlewheeler, learn about First Nations culture at Wanuskewin Heritage Park and the Northwest Rebellion at Batoche, and ride the Wheatland Express train for a different look at the prairies. Some unique hotels are featured: Temple Gardens and Manitou Springs where you can soak in therapeutic, mineralized waters, and the Bessborough Hotel which has been Saskatoon's waterfront landmark for nearly a century.

I \$2,895 pp double, \$3,375 single
V \$2,995 pp double, \$3,475 single
L \$2,895 pp double, \$3,375 single
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COAST TO COAST BY TRAIN

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
May 28, 2021 – 17 Days



The railway in Canada is an integral and essential foundation for the country and was written into the agreement of Confederation in 1867. It was the common thread that linked the vast spaces and diverse cultures of the grand new nation. Experience Canada's national railway on this epic journey from Vancouver on the Pacific coast to Halifax on the Atlantic coast. From the towering giants of the Rocky Mountains to the sea of grass in the vast prairies; from the unique mix of cultures in Montréal to the Scottish influence in the Maritimes; from the awesome view at the Olympic Tower to the spectacle of Niagara Falls — all aboard for the adventure of a lifetime!

I from \$8,895 pp double, \$10,175 single
V from \$8,995 pp double, \$10,275 single
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Explore Canada

GASPE PENINSULA & NEW BRUNSWICK COAST



Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
July 4, 2021 – 11 Days

Come and explore a unique region of eastern Canada on a route that is off the beaten path. Savour a lobster lunch. Experience the world's highest tides at Hopewell Rocks. Drive along New Brunswick's Acadian Coast to Miramichi. Enjoy a Kitchen Party at Le Pays de Sagouine. Walk the sand dunes of Bouctouche. Drive the seashore road along the Gaspé Peninsula with a cruise to famous Percé Rock and birdwatching at Bonaventure Island. Cruise the Saguenay Fjord where cliffs soar 350 metres from water's edge. Explore historic Québec City with a local guide. This tour flies into Moncton and home from Québec City.

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MARITIMES & NEWFOUNDLAND



Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: August 15, 2021 – 24 Days

2021 will be the 44th year that Wells Gray has offered Maritimes tours! No other company in British Columbia has organized this tour for so many years or knows Atlantic Canada better than we do. All our hotels, attractions, and restaurants are chosen carefully to ensure you have a memorable experience. Our 2021 tour stays 10 nights in Newfoundland because we strongly believe you should see this scenic province while you are touring eastern Canada. It has been a highlight of our Atlantic Canada tours since 1990. Most hotel stays are for two or three nights, so you do not have to put up with the inconvenience of repacking your suitcase every morning. A Wells Gray Maritimes tour is noted for its leisurely itinerary, many included meals and attractions, and superb hotels in great locations. To reduce driving time, we fly from Kelowna to Halifax and return from St. John's, NL.

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BELIZE WINTER GETAWAY



Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
February 23, 2021 – 12 Days



Join us as we explore the natural, historic, and cultural wonders of Belize on this unique journey, and escape Canadian winter for 10 days. Belize, formerly British Honduras, is a small country on the Caribbean coast of Central America, bordered by Mexico and Guatemala. This small country has an incredible variety of wildlife because of its unique geographical position and a range of climates and habitats. A diverse society composed of many cultures and languages reflect the country's rich history. Belize boasts seven World Heritage Sites, including the Barrier Reef and Mayan Temples.

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SUPER NATURAL NEW ZEALAND



Interior: Mar 13, 2021 – 22 Days
Van. Island & Lower Main. Mar 14, 2021 – 21 Days



We fly into cosmopolitan Auckland and head north to the famed Bay of Islands. We'll visit the geysers of Rotorua, the Waitomo Glow-worm Cave, the Hobbiton Movie Set, the Te Papa National Museum, and the beautiful capital city of Wellington. Next it's the South Island with high peaks, glaciers and splendid coastlines. Highlights are the International Antarctic Centre, Sir Edmund Hillary Alpine Centre, Mount Cook, a Zodiac trip among the icebergs of Tasman Lake, the Blue Penguin Colony, Royal Albatross Centre, Larnach Castle, and the spectacular drive and cruise at Milford Sound.

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World Journeys



TURKEY & GREECE

Interior: March 27, 2021 - 22 Days

Van Island & Lower Main: March 28, 2021 - 21 Days



Turkey and Greece are fascinating countries, thanks to a long and varied history. The Hittite, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Seljuq, and Ottoman civilizations are represented in beautifully preserved monuments. During this tour, you will explore the modern cities that have sprung up among the ancient sites, cruise the stunning Aegean Islands, and discover the fascinating history of the Turks and Greeks. This tour flies to Istanbul and returns from Athens on Lufthansa, so no time is wasted driving. The leisurely schedule includes four nights in Istanbul and Athens, several two-night stays, and a three-day Aegean cruise with stops at four islands. Expert multilingual guides travel with us on the drives through Turkey and Greece and conduct sightseeing tours in several cities.

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MAJESTIC JAPAN

Interior & Van. Island: March 29, 2021 - 16 days

Lower Mainland: March 30, 2021 - 15 days



Experience the ancient traditions and modern life on the first in-depth tour of Japan we have ever offered. This tour explores the highlights of Honshu, starting with two days in bustling Tokyo. A full day is devoted to visiting Mount Fuji and Hakone National Park. We take a cruise on a majestic replica pirate ship across Ashinoko Lake and a scenic ride on Hakone Tozan switchback train, zigzagging through the mountains with terrific views. We will ride the famous Bullet Train from Kyoto to Hiroshima and finish the tour with four nights in Kyoto, the historic centre of the country. This tour will be an unforgettable journey with many intimate discoveries along the way, rich in both scenic beauty and cultural heritage.

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NATURAL WONDERS OF ICELAND

Interior: June 1, 2021 - 18 Days

Van Island & Lower Main: June 2, 2021 - 17 Days



Iceland offers unspoiled nature, breathtaking landscapes and vibrant culture. Everywhere you turn there are glaciers, waterfalls, lava fields, rainbows, streams and mountain ranges. We begin by exploring the capital city of Reykjavik, and then visit the boiling hot springs and hissing fumaroles in the Geysir area. We take a boat excursion around the rocky islands of Breiðarfjörður viewing many nesting birds including puffins. An awesome sight awaits us at Vatnajökull, the largest glacier in Europe. Then, at the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, we board an amphibious boat and sail among huge floating icebergs. A soothing swim in the beautiful Blue Lagoon hot spring is a must. We will also visit an Icelandic horse farm and enjoy a whale watching excursion.

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SCOTLAND HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS

Interior & Vancouver Island: Aug 9, 2021 - 21 Days

Lower Mainland: Aug 10, 2021 - 19 Days



Scotland is renowned for its rich heritage, its passionate people, and its contribution to the world past and present. Wells Gray Tours is excited to be offering this encompassing yet leisurely journey, our fifth tour to Scotland, that delves into the diverse land, history, and personalities of this remarkable country. This circle tour of the country begins in Edinburgh where we'll experience the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. It will continue north up to the Orkney Islands with stops to sample whisky and cruise on the famous Loch Ness. We'll head to the west coast to visit the Isle of Skye and ride the Jacobite Steam Train before returning south to Glasgow.

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Cruises



COLUMBIA RIVER CRUISE

On The American Empress Paddlewheeler

Interior: April 18, 2021 – 11 Days

Van. Island & Lower Main: April 17, 2021 – 12 Days

Come and admire the spectacular sights along the storied Columbia as we cruise from Clarkston to Portland. All shore excursions and daily lectures by a Columbia River expert are included. Highlights include Nez Perce National Park, Bridablik House, Lewis and Clark Center for Arts & History, Franklin County Historical Society, First Territorial Capitol Interpretive Center, The Reach Interpretive Center, Sacajawea State Park, Original Courthouse Museum, Fort Dalles Museum & Interpretive Center, Bonneville Dam, Flavel House Museum, and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center.

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WHITEHORSE & GLACIER BAY CRUISE

On Holland America's Koningsdam

Interior & Vancouver Island: July 16, 2021 – 9 Days

Lower Mainland: July 17, 2021 – 8 Days

This unique cruise is not offered in Holland America's catalogue. Most Alaska cruises are round trip from Vancouver or Seattle. You may have ridden the White Pass Railway as far as the summit, but this tour boards the train at Carcross, two hours further north, and you experience the one-way trip through the mountains and down the thrilling grade to Skagway. Fly to Whitehorse and stay two nights at the Gold Rush Inn with attractions such as the Beringia Centre, and the SS Klondike. After the awesome train ride to the coast, board the Koningsdam, one of Holland America's newest ships, and cruise one-way to Vancouver with a day spent in the incredible scenery of Glacier Bay.

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PRESIDENT'S CRUISE

On the Danube River with Avalon Waterways

Interior: June 1, 2021 - 20 Days

Van. Island & Lower Main: June 2, 2021 - 18 Days



For the seventh annual President's Cruise, Wells Gray Tours is returning to Avalon Waterways. Roland and Anne Neave invite you to join them for this exciting cruise from the mouth of the Danube River on the Black Sea upstream to Budapest, Hungary. Some of Europe's major capital cities are along the Danube River, a testament to its importance in history. Award-winning land programs help you experience each destination with guided sightseeing in every port, engaging port lectures, VIP access into key destinations, no waiting in lines, and great cultural immersion and storytelling thanks to skilled cruise directors and guides. There will also be a tour of Budapest highlights and multi-day tours before and after the cruise in Romania and Slovakia.

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 - L** from \$10,845 pp double, \$15,055 single [LEARN MORE](#)
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ST. LAWRENCE & OTTAWA RIVERS CRUISE

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:

September 15, 2021 – 10 Days

The St. Lawrence River begins at the foot of Lake Ontario near Kingston, and flows to the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the vast Atlantic Ocean. The St. Lawrence waters originate in Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake on the globe and, among all the big rivers of the world, it is the only one whose volume is not greatly affected by the elements. This mighty river which Sir J.M. LeMoine called "The noblest, the purest, most enchanting river on all God's beautiful earth" acts as a natural boundary for many kilometres between Canada and the USA. The Canadian Empress cruises between Kingston and Ottawa on the St. Lawrence River and the Ottawa River. The 5-day voyage passes through 9 locks. Experience the cities of Kingston, Montreal and Ottawa, and lots of Canadian history during this fascinating cruise.

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SCOTLAND SLOWLY CRUISE

With Adventure Canada

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:

June 11, 2021 – 15 Days

Scotland, like good whisky, is best savoured slowly. Nature and culture thrive on the isles. Hear music and stories. Revel in wildlife. Absorb the scenery. Immerse yourself in history. Visit Glasgow, the Western Isles, Orkney, the Shetland Islands, and Aberdeen. Learn from Scottish experts as we go. Search for whales and seabirds by Zodiac. Get a glimpse of island life. Raise a dram at world-famous distilleries. Wander among Neolithic ruins. Savour Scotland, slowly!

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ROAD TO THE ARCTIC WITH SKAGWAY TO VANCOUVER CRUISE

On Holland America's Koningsdam

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:

July 30, 2021 – 23 Days

This epic journey to the Arctic Ocean has only been possible since the road to Tuktoyaktuk opened in late 2017. Visit Yellowknife, the capital and largest community of the Northwest Territories. Enjoy a boat trip on Great Slave Lake and a scenic flight to Nahanni National Park. Soak in the Liard Hot Springs. Cross the Arctic Circle and take a locally-guided tour of Tuktoyaktuk with a visit to an Inuit home. Pan for gold in Bonanza Creek and take in a show at Diamond Tooth Gertie's. Ride the White Pass & Yukon Railway from Carcross to Skagway. Then board Holland America's Koningsdam for a four-day cruise to Vancouver via Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, and the Inside Passage.

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Explore America

FOUR THEMED TOWNS

*Interior, Vancouver Island, & Lower Mainland:
May 13, 2021 – 5 Days*



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.

I \$1,375 pp double, \$1,870 single

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Wells Gray Park – May

Treasures in Your Own Backyard – May

Vancouver Island Gardens - May

Rocky Mountaineer (from Vancouver Island) – June

Churchill Beluga Whales – July

Summer Theatre in Alberta – July

Calgary Stampede – July

Barkerville & Sun Peaks (from BC Interior) – July

Barkerville (from Vancouver Island) – July

Bella Coola and Tweedsmuir Park – August

Winnipeg Folklorama & Canadian Prairies – August

Leavenworth Summer Theatre – August

Bhutan – September

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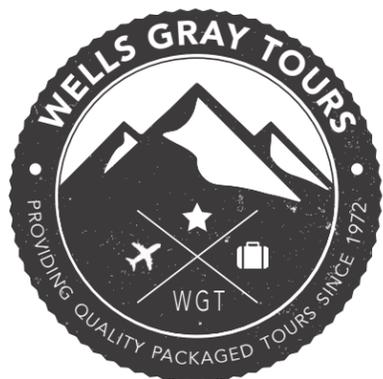
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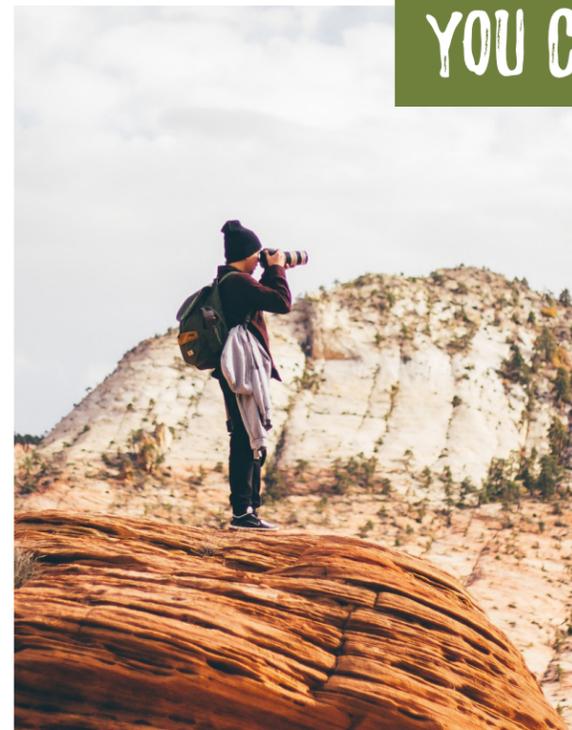
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