



Tyax Lodge



Tyax whirlpool

## TYAX LODGE

September 30, 2021 – 6 Days

*A Fall Foliage Tour in the South Chilcotin*

Escape to Tyax Lodge, a peaceful retreat on the shore of Tyaughton Lake with a fine view of snowy peaks. The lodge is one of the largest log buildings in western Canada and you are sure to admire its fine craftsmanship, especially the cathedral lobby with a soaring stone chimney. It was built in 1986 and totally renovated in 2010. We stay here for three nights. Nearby is Bralorne, once one of British Columbia's greatest gold mines. The fabulous Pioneer Mine produced \$140 million of gold between 1914 and 1960. A local historian accompanies us to explain the fascinating story of Bralorne, Bradian, Gold Bridge, the Haylmore Historic Site, and Gun Lake. Another highlight of this valley is the fall foliage which usually peaks in early October.

Activity Level: 1



12 Meals Included:

5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$1,870 double/twin; \$2,590 single; \$1,750 triple  
Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$60 discount on first 15 seats; \$30 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 29 points on this tour.

Redeem 29 points if you book by August 12, 2021.



Mowson Pond near Tyax

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Thursday, September 30

We fly from Vancouver to Kelowna and stay overnight at the Best Western Hotel.

### Day 2: Friday, October 1

We meet the rest of the group during pickups through the Okanagan and Kamloops. Lunch is at historic **Ashcroft Manor**. It was built in 1862 as a stopping place for gold rush travellers and ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. We admire the soaring cliffs of Marble Canyon, then follow the Fraser River to Lillooet. Next, our route winds through awesome 600-metre deep **Bridge River Canyon** and along Carpenter Lake which is 50 km long. Our destination is **Tyax Lodge**, a peaceful retreat on Tyaughton Lake with a fine view of snowy peaks. We stay here for three nights. The lodge is one of the largest log buildings in western Canada and you are sure to admire its fine craftsmanship, especially the cathedral dining room with a soaring stone chimney.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Tyax Lodge

### Day 3: Saturday, October 2

Accompanied by a local historian, we explore **Bralorne**, once one of British Columbia's greatest gold mines. The fabulous Pioneer Mine produced \$140 million of gold between 1914 and 1960. Our visit includes the Bralorne Museum, the abandoned town of Bradian, and the Haylmore Historic Site. Lunch is included at the Gold Bridge Hotel where the bar walls are papered with old dollar bills. This afternoon, we drive past



Bralorne ghost town

the Lajoie Dam to lovely **Gun Lake**. The fall foliage is usually outstanding during today's drive.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Tyax Lodge

### Day 4: Sunday, October 3

Today is a free day at Tyax. After breakfast, listen to a talk about the history of Tyax and the remarkable project to build this huge log structure in such a remote place. For the rest of the day, there is an extensive list



Tyax dining room

of recreational activities (some at extra cost) including horseback riding, fishing, sailing, mountain biking, gold-panning, or a walk along the lakeshore trail. You may wish to explore **Tyaughton Lake** by canoe or row boat. At the lodge, there is a sauna and whirlpool, or you can simply relax on the deck overlooking Tyaughton Lake. A sightseeing float plane excursion is offered as an option (see description on page 3).

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Tyax Lodge

### Day 5: Monday, October 4

During the drive back to Lillooet along the Bridge River, we stop at **Terzaghi Dam** which backs up Carpenter Lake, and Russell Springs. The Million Dollar Basin was extensively mined for gold during the later 19<sup>th</sup> century and is also remembered for an action movie *Flashback*, partly filmed here in 1977. Lunch is in Lillooet, then we travel via Cache Creek to Kelowna.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Best Western Kelowna

### Day 6: Tuesday, October 5

A shuttle is provided to Kelowna airport and we fly to Vancouver.

**Meals included:** Breakfast



## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight from Vancouver to Kelowna and return
- Current air transport taxes and security fees
- 2 transfers between Kelowna airport and hotel
- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 5 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Historic Ashcroft Manor
- Locally-guided tour of Bralorne & Gold Bridge
- Bralorne Museum
- Haylmore Historic Site
- Talk about history of Tyax Lodge
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at Tyax
- **12 meals:** 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

## SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT OPTION

October 3 is a free day to relax at Tyax Resort and enjoy the beautiful lakeside setting as well as numerous entertaining and recreational activities. A flight over the nearby glaciers and peaks of the South Chilcotin wilderness is offered as an option. The flight is in a six-passenger Beaver floatplane for one hour. Commentary is provided by the pilot through headphones, so you won't miss any of the terrific scenery. The plane flies over the South Chilcotin Mountains Park, isolated Spruce Lake, some extinct volcanic cones, and the colourful Eldorado basin. A highlight is the flight along the Bridge River to its source high in the Coast Mountains at the massive Bridge Glacier where icebergs break off the snout and float around the lake below. The Bridge Glacier is only one part of



Bridge Glacier

the vast Lillooet Icefield which covers 1,000 square kilometres. Mountain goats, grizzlies and moose are abundant in this region and are commonly seen during the flight. Price is \$220 per person plus GST based on minimum of five passengers per flight. If inclement weather occurs and the plane cannot fly, your flight cost will be refunded. Please book this option as soon as possible as flights may be limited.

## OTHER TOUR NOTES

- Tyax is an impressive log lodge with only 27 rooms, of which 18 have a splendid view of Tyaughton Lake and the rest have no view. Therefore, the first 18 parties booking this tour will be assigned to the lake view rooms. We recommend early booking!
- Rooms are on three floors. Ground floor is the middle floor on the same level as the lobby, dining room, and deck. You need to walk down one flight of stairs to go outdoors on the lake side of the lodge. Please request ground floor at time of booking. Tyax does not have an elevator. Wells Gray Tours usually fills all the lodge rooms, so changes cannot be made on arrival.
- This tour has all Tyax meals included due to the high cost of individual meals at this remote location. Meals may be served as a buffet or plated. Dinners are usually two courses — appetizer and entrée.



**Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. Ground floor rooms on the lobby level are very limited, and there is no elevator. If you book the flight option, getting into the plane requires 3 ladder-like steps. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. 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 August 12, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$60 discount on first 15 seats and \$30 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 12, 2021.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to July 12, 2021, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 13 to August 12, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 13 to August 30, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 30, 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 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 29 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 August 12, 2021.

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