



WHISTLER SPRING GETAWAY

May 3, 2021 – 5 days

Staying at Fairmont Chateau Whistler

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The Fairmont Chateau Whistler opened its doors in 1989. The stunning structure was built with an architectural mandate to infuse the charm and style of earlier Canadian chateaux, into a modern structure. It is still one of Whistler's most renowned hotels.

This tour features 2 days of activities and attractions in Whistler, including a bears talk, a birding walk, the Audain Art Museum, the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, and Whistler Museum.

Activity Level: 1



8 Meals Included:

4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

Fares per person:

\$1,775 double Fairmont category

\$2,210 single Fairmont category

\$1,720 triple Deluxe view category

Please add 5% GST.

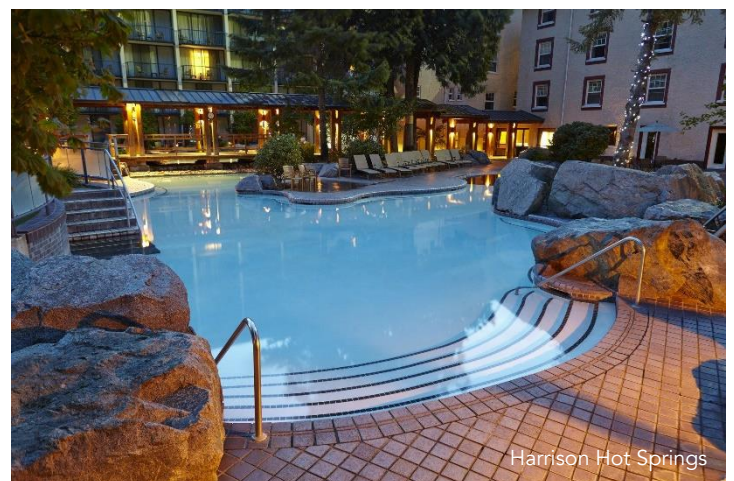
Early Bookers:

\$100 discount on first 10 seats; \$50 on next 6

Experience Points:

Earn 41 points on this tour.

Redeem 41 points if you book by March 11, 2021.



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Day 1: Monday, May 3

Lunch is in Merritt, then we arrive in mid-afternoon at **Harrison Hot Springs Resort** with accommodation in the East Tower. The hot springs are an enticing and soothing pastime, so be sure to spend time there before or after dinner. Suggestion: Pack your bathing suit in your carry-on bag, so you don't have to wait for luggage handling. Tonight, join the group for an elegant evening in the **Copper Room**. The three-course dinner is accompanied by dancing and live music with Lakeside Swing Band.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Harrison Hot Springs Resort

Day 2: Tuesday, May 4

We drive into Vancouver, then follow the Sea to Sky Highway along Howe Sound and up to **Whistler**. First, 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. A guided walk has the theme "Valley of Dreams". In mid-afternoon, we settle into the luxurious **Fairmont Chateau Whistler**. This fabulous hotel has 550 rooms, a huge atrium lobby, several lounges, and over 600 staff to ensure your comfortable stay. Enjoy a welcome reception followed by dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Day 3: Wednesday, May 5

During the morning, a local naturalist presents a talk about bears. Then we join the Whistler Naturalists for a **bird-watching walk**. The afternoon is free time. Lunches and dinners today

and tomorrow are left on your own, as there is a great variety of restaurants in Whistler to choose from.

Meals included: Breakfast

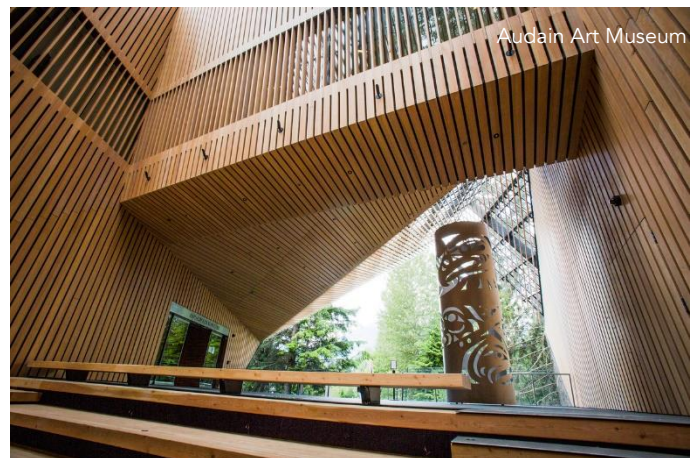
Accommodation: Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Day 4: Thursday, May 6

We admire the fabulous collection of British Columbia art at the **Audain Art Museum** and a guided tour is included. Next, we visit 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.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fairmont Chateau Whistler



Day 5: Friday, May 7

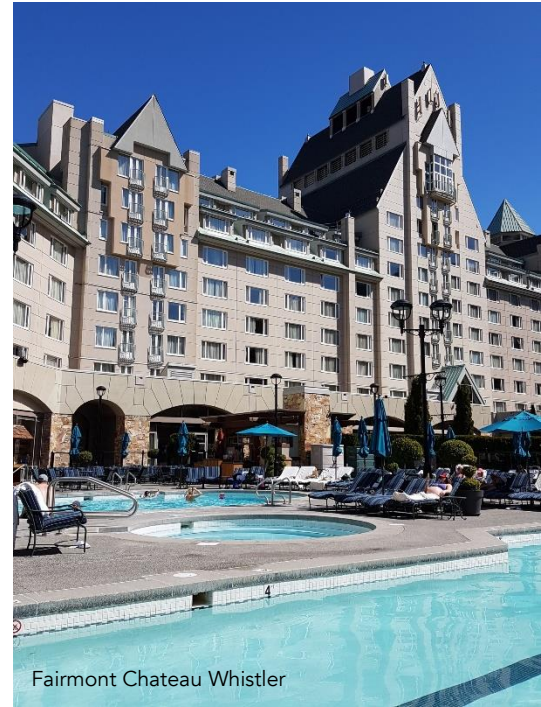
We follow the scenic Duffey Lake Road through the Coast Mountains. Lunch and a tour are included at historic **Ashcroft Manor**, built in the 1860s to serve Cariboo Wagon Road travellers. We travel home in the afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

WHISTLER — A YEAR-ROUND RESORT

In 1966, the Garibaldi Lift Company opened its ski area on the west side of Whistler Mountain. The development of Whistler Resort just 14 years later, and its successive growth into an award-winning, international resort, is unparalleled in ski history. To complement Whistler Mountain, Blackcomb Mountain opened in 1980, and Whistler Village was built at the base of these adjacent mountains. The Village was carefully designed to reap the benefits of the Coast Mountains' excellent geographical location, emphasizing sun exposure and mountain vistas. The Fairmont Chateau Whistler opened its doors in 1989 which confirmed the resort's world-class reputation, then other top-notch hotels followed.

Over two million people visit Whistler annually, primarily for alpine skiing and snowboarding and, in summer, mountain biking. Its pedestrian village has won numerous design awards and Whistler has been voted among the top destinations in North America by major ski magazines since the mid-1990s. During the 2010 Winter Olympics, Whistler hosted most of the alpine, Nordic, luge, skeleton, and bobsled events.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- Copper Room dinner entertainment and dancing with Lakeside Swing Band
- Guest speaker about bears
- Bird-watching walk with Whistler Naturalists
- Whistler Museum with guided walk
- Audain Art Museum
- Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre
- Hotel service gratuities
- Historic Ashcroft Manor
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **8 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

TOUR NOTES

Chateau Whistler room upgrades: A standard (Fairmont category) room is included with the double, twin and single tour fares quoted on the front side of this brochure (triples are in Deluxe View rooms). Fairmont rooms are about 400 square feet and have amenities such as coffee maker, bathrobes, hair dryer, safe, iron, ironing board, and clock. You can upgrade to deluxe room categories as follows. These rooms have preferred locations in the hotel, a better view, and all the above amenities. There are limited numbers of rooms available in each of the upgraded categories. Fares shown are per person.

Deluxe View Room — \$1,840 double or twin; \$2,325 single; \$1,720 triple (triples are in this category)

Deluxe Slopeside View Room — \$1,970 double or twin; \$2,555 single; \$1,815 triple

Junior Suite — \$2,275 double or twin; \$3,090 single; \$2,045 triple



Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. There is a short walk with the Whistler Naturalists. 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 the balance is due March 11, 2021. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$100 discount on first 10 seats and \$50 on next 6 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after March 11, 2021.

Cancellation Policy: Up to February 11, 2021, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From February 12 to March 11, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From March 12 to April 1, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After April 1, 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 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 41 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 11, 2021.

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