



## *COME FROM AWAY* IN VANCOUVER

August 18, 2022 – 3 Days

*Kamloops & Salmon Arm departures*

*Come from Away* is a Canadian musical with a book, music and lyrics written by Irene Sankoff and David Hein. It is set in the week following the September 11, 2001 attacks and tells the true story of what transpired when 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland. 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.

Activity Level:1



2 Meals Included:

2 lunches

Fares per person:

\$850 double/twin; \$1,055 single; \$795 triple  
Please add 5% GST.

Experience Points:

Earn 21 points on this tour.



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Thursday, August 18

After pickups in Salmon Arm and Kamloops, we drive the Coquihalla and stay for two nights in **New Westminster** at the Inn at the Quay. Every room has a view of the Fraser River. You may want to enjoy a stroll along the extensive riverfront boardwalk. Tonight, there is an option to see a show with details to be announced in fall 2021.

**Accommodation:** Inn at the Quay

**Meals included:** Lunch

### Day 2: Friday, August 19

This morning, there is a choice of two Vancouver attractions. Please select no later than at final payment.

1) **Bloedel Floral Conservatory** in Queen Elizabeth Park is a triodetic dome erected in 1969 and named for one of its biggest donors, Prentice Bloedel of MacMillan Bloedel Lumber Company. The conservatory contains three habitats: tropical rainforest, subtropical rainforest, and desert. Over 200 birds of

various species reside within the dome and are allowed to fly freely. The conservatory houses about 500 species of plants from jungle to desert climates.

2) **Vancouver Lookout Tower** is located atop Harbour Centre on West Hastings Street. A glass elevator whisks you to the top in 40 seconds. The enclosed observation deck is 169 metres (553 feet) above the street and offers a panoramic 360-degree view of the city, harbour, and mountains.

The afternoon is leisure time. At 8 pm, the curtain rises at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for ***Come From Away***.

**Accommodation:** Inn at the Quay

### Day 3: Saturday, August 20

We depart in late morning and head for home with a stop for lunch in Chilliwack.

**Meals included:** Lunch

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## COME FROM AWAY

*Come from Away* had modest beginnings in 2013 at a college theatre in Ontario, then had record-breaking runs in 2015 at La Jolla Playhouse and Seattle Repertory Theatre, and in 2016 at Ford's Theatre in Washington and Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto. *Come from Away* opened on Broadway in March 2017 and became a phenomenal box office success, routinely playing to sold-out audiences. It returned to Toronto in February 2018 and was scheduled to play for 2½ years until it was shut down by Covid-19. At the 71<sup>st</sup> Tony Awards, *Come from Away* was nominated for seven awards including Best Musical and Best Score, ultimately winning for Best Direction of a Musical. The show has also won five Outer Critics Circle awards, three Drama Desk awards, and four Helen Hayes awards. A feature film is in production.

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 3 days
- 2 nights accommodation & hotel taxes
- Choice of: Bloedel Floral Conservatory OR Vancouver Lookout Tower
- *Come from Away* at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **2 meals:** 2 lunches

## TOUR NOTES

- **Seating for *Come From Away*.** We have excellent seats in the Queen Elizabeth Theatre – Centre Orchestra, rows 16 to 20; Right Centre Orchestra, rows 16 and 17; Left Centre Orchestra, rows 16 to 20. Seating is assigned from front to back in the order that customers book for this tour.
- This tour does not stay in downtown Vancouver because hotel rates are exorbitant in August, typically well over \$300 per night.



**Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk in the conservatory and lookout, and some steps in the theatre. 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 ongoing assistance.

## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due June 16, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to October 27, 2021, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From October 28, 2021, to April 15, 2022, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person. From April 16 to June 16, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From June 17 to July 15, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After July 15, 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.

**Photo Credits:** Broadway Across America (logo, *Come From Away* cast), Marion Wienhold (Wells Gray group at Bloedel)

**Experience Points:** This tour earns 21 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 June 16, 2022).

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