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Light Activity - walking short distances and some stairs.



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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:

Tours indicated by these icons are Tour 15, Tour 25, and Tour 30 departures, meaning group capacity is limited to 15, 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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AWE-INSPIRING ADVENTURES AHEAD

Spring is here and thoughts turn to travel. I think a great poet said that or maybe I have paraphrased. In any case, I hope this is true for you. Our phones are staying busy and lots of bookings are coming in, especially now that vaccinations are starting earlier for most customers. We are anxiously awaiting the lifting of travel restrictions by Dr. Henry, so our British Columbia tours can hopefully proceed starting in late April.

Fraser is busy planning lots of tours and there are currently 82 trips available for booking, so there are lots of choices whether you want to stay close to home or travel internationally later this year or in 2022. To be sure we can confirm the most sought-after places, he is now booking hotels in the Maritimes, Newfoundland, Haida Gwaii, and Iceland three years in advance.

We have heard from some customers that they don't want to book a tour until they get vaccinated, but I urge you to make your bookings now, even if you are not travelling until the fall. One customer already has 13 tours booked for the rest of this year! Now that is enthusiasm for travel. We are already sold out on Maritimes & Newfoundland in August and Egypt & Jordan in November, and Vancouver Island with Small Ships in September only has two seats left. Please look at the featured tours in this brochure and also the "Coming Soon" section because you can always put your name on the interested list to be notified as soon as the tour is available.

We miss seeing all of you in person at our offices. We cannot hold our Client Appreciation Tea this spring, but an online Spring Travel Show hosted by Kerrie, Fraser, and I will be held on Thursday, March 25th at 10 am. Please join us to learn more about these thrilling itineraries. We will give away three travel vouchers for \$200, \$100, and \$50.

It seems so routine to be doing Zoom meetings and, even though it is tiring looking at a screen for so many hours, it saves a lot of time travelling to in-person meetings. One day recently, I had four Zoom meetings including my yoga class which for safety has moved from a studio to online.

Although I am working from home every day, I wonder how the hours fly by so fast. There is always something to do, mostly involved with getting our post-pandemic tours out for you to get excited about. Outside of "office" hours, Anne and I love spending time with our granddaughter, now five months old. I am often tweaking our reservations software because I find computer code is an interesting brain distraction from thinking about travel. Otherwise, I enjoy big jigsaw puzzles, but I'm not as brave as tour director Marion who doesn't look at the picture on the box. Anne and I usually watch a Netflix movie in the evening, although she just bought the entire collection of 69 *Columbo* movies and that will keep us entertained for months.

What am I looking forward to most after Covid? That answer is easy and, like most of you, it is travel. There are so many places to discover around the world and even close at home. I'm excited about directing the Mystery Tour in September (only eight seats left) and going on the Egypt & Jordan tour in November.

2022 is Wells Gray Tours' 50th anniversary since I started the company in Wells Gray Park during my university years. We are planning some exciting events to celebrate. So, you can put that on your bucket list too. Here's to future travel!

Keep exploring,

Roland Neave

President & Owner
Wells Gray Tours

BC Getaways

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.

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VANCOUVER ISLAND GARDENS

Interior: May 15, 2021 – 5 days

Vancouver Island has always been known for its exceptional gardens and enthusiastic gardeners. The immense variety of plants, shrubs, and trees that flourish in the rich soil and moderate climate make the area a horticultural paradise. This tour takes you up close in six colourful gardens to admire the spring blooms. The gardens range from small gems like Abkhazi to world famous such as Butchart, and from the floral displays dominated by Hatley Castle to woodland glades lined with rhododendrons at Milner Gardens in Qualicum Beach. Several of our garden visits are accompanied by an expert gardener. Here is your opportunity to explore six exquisite gardens on Vancouver Island, from Victoria to Comox, and admire the splendid spring blossoms.

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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.

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WELLS GRAY PARK

Interior: May 26, 2021 – 4 days

Vancouver Island: May 25, 2021 – 5 days

Come and see the birthplace of Wells Gray Tours! Nicknamed 'Canada's Waterfalls Park' and 'Volcanoes Park,' Wells Gray Park is a wonderland of natural sights including Canada's 4th highest waterfall, Helmcken Falls. Late May is an excellent time to visit as the waterfalls are in full spring runoff. The tour is directed by Roland Neave, owner of Wells Gray Tours and Wells Gray Gateway Guesthouse, and author of the popular guidebook, *Exploring Wells Gray Park*. Highlights are Helmcken Falls, Dawson Falls, Bailey's Chute, the panoramic view from Green Mountain, Moul Falls, Trophies Lodge, Spahats Falls, and an all-day boat tour on Clearwater and Azure Lakes to Rainbow Falls.

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- V** \$1,870 pp double, \$2,135 single [LEARN MORE](#)
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INSIDE PASSAGE & SKEENA TRAIN

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.

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Interior tour waitlist only

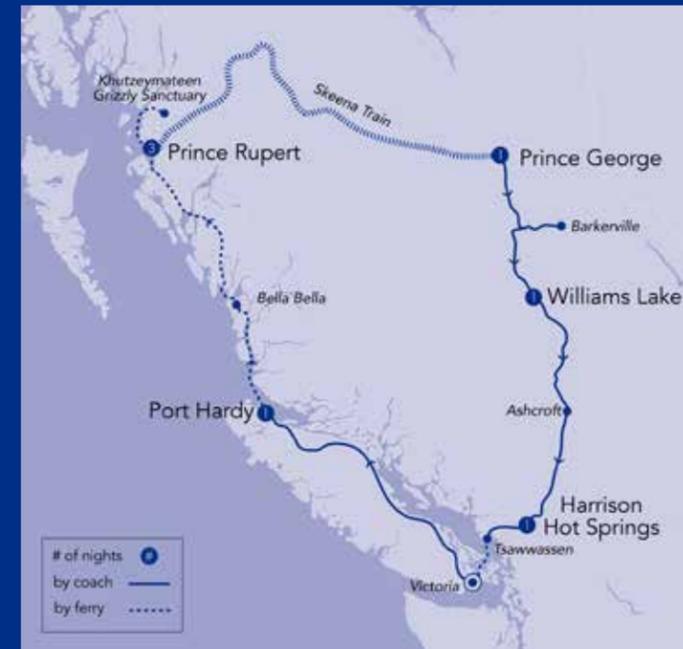
MANNING PARK

Interior: July 27, 2021 – 3 days

Vancouver Island: July 20, 2021 – 3 days

Manning Provincial Park, in the Cascade Range of southern BC, protects the headwaters of the Skagit and Similkameen Rivers. It contains a variety of terrain including wet coastal rain forests, jagged snow-capped peaks, alpine meadows filled with wildflowers, a chain of small lakes, and broad river beds. You've probably driven this scenic highway many times with only a few stops, but this three day tour with two 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 wildflower walk with a naturalist.

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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. 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, a studio and artisan tour, and a fabulous traditional Haida Feast.

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TOUR
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STUNNING NORTHWEST BC

Interior: August 12, 2021 – 14 days
Van Island & Lower Mainland: Aug 11, 2021 – 14 days

Embark with us on a Northern British Columbia adventure. We travel along the world-famous Alaska Highway and enjoy the scenic views all the way to Watson Lake, Yukon. Next we'll enjoy a dip in Liard Hot Springs and there is an optional flight to Virginia Falls in Nahanni National Park. From 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. 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.

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BELLA COOLA & TWEEDSMUIR PARK

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
August 11, 2021 – 8 days

Bella Coola is an isolated community on the central BC coast, surrounded by splendid mountain scenery. The ferry service from Port Hardy through the Inside Passage and a scenic drive across the Chilcotin and through the Coast Mountains on Highway #20 offers an awesome circle route for travellers. The 10-hour daylight voyage along the rugged BC coast is an amazing experience of seascapes and wildlife. Too many people take only a day to drive the 450 km highway whereas this tour devotes three days to the trip, allowing time for many stops and the thrill of 'The Hill'. A highlight is the flight into Tweedsmuir Park to see Hunlen Falls (Canada's highest waterfall), the vast Monarch Icefields, and the colourful Rainbow Range.

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VICTORIA WHALE WATCHING

Interior: August 24, 2021 – 5 days
Lower Mainland: August 25, 2021 – 3 days

Join us for a thrilling eco-adventure including three cruises to view wildlife. We begin with a cruise on Prince of Whales' *Salish Sea Dream* in the sheltered waters around the Gulf Islands on our trip from Vancouver to Victoria. The catamaran is fast, stable, quiet, and whale-friendly. Move freely between the open air outer decks and the interior cabin, watching incredible wildlife and learning about the eco-system from the on-board naturalist. The vessel is equipped with hydrophones to hear the whale vocalizations. The next day, enjoy another cruise, from Victoria to Race Rocks, with opportunities for spotting more whales and marine life. Stroll through Butchart Gardens and Abkhazi Garden to admire the fabulous summer blooms. Then return to the mainland on the *Sea Dream*. This tour is a wonderful summer getaway for those who love the ocean.

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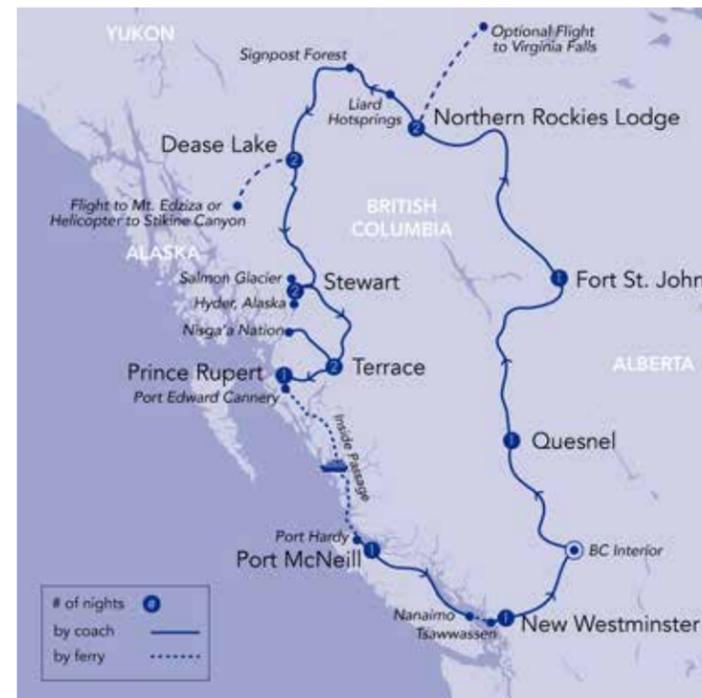


SOUTH THOMPSON INN

Van Island & Lower Mainland: Aug 9, 2021 – 4 days

The South Thompson Inn, east of Kamloops, is a favourite with our travellers but this is the first tour that stays three nights at this delightful hotel with its beautiful country setting on 55 acres. Kamloops has many attractions and several are included such as the BC Wildlife Park with the Encountering Wildlife program, the Heritage Railway with cars pulled by the 2141 steam locomotive, two wonderful wineries, a locally guided historical tour of Kamloops, and a choice of either the Museum or the Art Gallery.

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 - L** \$1,155 pp double, \$1,395 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- discounts up to \$60



FORT STEELE & THE KOOTENAYS

Vancouver Island: & Lower Mainland:
August 22, 2021 – 7 days

Wells Gray Tours offers a tour to Barkerville once a year, but for 2021 we have instead planned this tour to British Columbia's other major living history museum, Fort Steele. It is also themed around the gold rush, but has a train ride, carriage rides, a theatre show, and interpretive guides. While we are in the Kootenays, there is a wealth of other attractions including the Museum of Rail Travel in Cranbrook, Bavarian-themed Kimberley, the Glass Bottle House, Ainsworth Hot Springs, and the ghost town of Sandon. Come and enjoy the Kootenays this summer, highlighted by Fort Steele.

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CRUISING VANCOUVER ISLAND'S MAGICAL WEST COAST

Vancouver Island: August 25, 2021 – 5 days

Vancouver Island's east coast is busy with cities and highways, but the west coast is remote and seldom-visited. The best way to explore this rugged shoreline is by boat. This tour features two cruises to explore the island's beautiful west coast. The first cruise aboard *MV Frances Barkley*, takes us from Port Alberni to Bamfield through Alberni Inlet, the longest fjord on Vancouver Island. The second cruise, aboard *MV Uchuck III*, takes us from Gold River through Nootka Sound to Friendly Cove, the site of Captain James Cook's meeting with Chief Maquinna in 1778. We'll also enjoy a guided visit to Strathcona Park, BC's first provincial park.

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FRASER RIVER SOURCE TO MOUTH



Interior: September 8, 2021 – 10 days

Van Island & Lower Mainland: Sept 7, 2021 – 11 days

The Fraser is truly BC's great river. It starts from a spring south of Yellowhead Pass and ends, 1390 km later, in the Strait of Georgia. Along its route, it races past Mount Robson, highest in the Canadian Rockies; it tumbles over Rearguard Falls where salmon can swim no further; it meanders through the broad Rocky Mountain Trench; it flows past old homesteads like the Huble Farm and under historic crossings such as the Lillooet and Alexandra Suspension Bridges; it passes industrial cities like Prince George and Quesnel; it plunges through the Fraser Canyon and squeezes through Hells Gate. At the end of its journey, the Fraser flows quietly into the ocean at Steveston. On this tour, you see all this as well as fly by helicopter to see the dripping spring that is the Fraser's birthplace.

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SUNSHINE COAST



Interior & Lower Mainland: Sept 12, 2021 – 7 days

The Sunshine Coast is a distinct region of BC, located on the southern coast between Desolation Sound on the north and Howe Sound on the south. Although it is part of the BC mainland, it can only be reached by ferries or planes. Here are the traditional territories of the Squamish (Skwxwú7mesh), Sechelt (Shishálh), Sliammon (Tla'Amin), and Klahoose First Nations. There are many highlights including three cruises through Agamemnon Channel, Princess Louisa Fjord, and Desolation Sound; a local guide in Gibsons, *The Beachcombers* filming locations, a First Nations cultural program "Talking Trees," and Botanical Gardens.

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TOUR
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VANCOUVER ISLAND WITH SMALL SHIPS



Interior & Lower Mainland: Sept 18, 2021 – 7 days

To explore Vancouver Island properly, you have to get out of your car (or coach) and head out on the water. This tour features three cruises in unique locations that are difficult to access without a guide. We begin with a private cruise on the *MV Uchuck III* from Gold River to Zeballos with a local guide who will share stories of the First Nations and the early explorers of the west coast. Next we'll explore the quaint boardwalk village of Telegraph Cove and board a whale and marine wildlife viewing excursion in Johnstone Strait where we'll navigate the Broughton Archipelago in search of orcas and humpback whales. And finally we'll enjoy a cruise on *MV Frances Barkley* from Port Alberni to Bamfield through Alberni Inlet.

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TELEGRAPH COVE & ZEBALLOS CRUISE



Vancouver Island: September 18, 2021 – 4 days

Join us as we explore the awe-inspiring east and west coasts of Vancouver Island on a single tour. We begin with a visit to picturesque Telegraph Cove on the west coast of northern Vancouver Island where we board a whale-watching excursion into Johnstone Strait and the Broughton Archipelago. Then we explore the eastern side of the island with a private cruise on the *MV Uchuck III* from Zeballos to Gold River through several scenic waterways. A local historian, and Nootka expert will join us on board to provide interpretive talks. And lastly, we'll visit spectacular Strathcona Provincial Park with visits to Lady Falls and Lupine Falls, and a stroll on the beach on Buttle Lake.

V \$1,490 pp double, \$1,825 single

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TYAX LODGE



Interior: October 1, 2021 – 4 days

Van Island & Lower Main: Sept 30, 2021 – 6 days

Escape to Tyax Lodge, a peaceful retreat on the shore of Tyaughton Lake and one of the largest log buildings in western Canada. We stay here for three nights. Fall foliage colours are spectacular in this area in early October. A local historian accompanies us to explain the fascinating story of Bralorne, Bradian, Gold Bridge, the Haylmore Historic Site, and Gun Lake. There is also a free day at Tyax where an extensive list of recreational activities is available (some at extra cost) including horseback riding, fishing, sailing, canoeing, mountain biking, gold-panning, or a naturalist walk along the lakeshore trail. A sightseeing float plane excursion is also offered as an option.

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THANKSGIVING AT TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE



Vancouver Island: October 7, 2021 – 4 days

Join us on a Thanksgiving weekend escape to Painter's Lodge and Quadra Island. Our first night is spent at Painter's Lodge in Campbell River, a classic fishing lodge overlooking beautiful Discovery Passage. It opened in 1929 and soon attracted a Hollywood clientele such as Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, John Wayne, and Susan Hayward, all enjoying the fabulous fishing. Then ride the ferry over to Quadra Island and stay two nights at Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge. Relax on your private balcony and enjoy the panorama of the ocean, the mountains of Vancouver Island beyond, the rapidly-moving tides, and tugboats with barges navigating this narrow waterway. These oceanfront retreats are wonderful places to celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving.

V \$1,110 pp double, \$1,395 single

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THANKSGIVING ON THE ISLAND



Interior: October 8, 2021 – 6 days

Lower Mainland: October 9, 2021 – 5 days

A perfect Thanksgiving getaway! We overnight at the Blue Horizon Hotel on Robson Street, close to shops and restaurants. The next day, we head to Campbell River for a stay at the oceanfront Painter's Lodge. Then we take the ferry over to Quadra Island and relax for two nights at magnificent Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge. It was built by the Kwagiutl people and its vast lobby resembles a traditional "Big House" with massive timbers, a soaring cathedral ceiling, and huge windows overlooking Discovery Passage. We also spend a night at the Beach Club in Parksville, located directly on the sandy beach of Parksville Bay where the rooms have a wonderful ocean view. Come and enjoy Thanksgiving on Vancouver Island.

I \$1,835 pp double, \$2,225 single

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STORM WATCHING AT WICKANINNISH INN



Interior: November 22, 2021 – 6 days

WICKANINNISH INN AT LONG BEACH

Vancouver Island: November 16, 2021 – 5 days

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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V \$2,100 pp double, \$2,645 single

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L \$2,180 pp double, \$2,755 single

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Canadian Journeys



SURPRISING SASKATCHEWAN

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

You will never think of Saskatchewan the same way again. 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. Stay at Temple Gardens and Manitou Springs where you can soak in therapeutic, mineralized waters, and the Bessborough Hotel, a Saskatoon waterfront landmark for nearly a century.

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- L** \$2,895 pp double, \$3,375 single discounts up to \$150 [LEARN MORE](#)

GASPÉ 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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- L** \$4,680 pp double, \$5,590 single discounts up to \$250 [LEARN MORE](#)



ROAD TO THE ARCTIC

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
July 30, 2021 – 16 days*

This epic journey to the Arctic Ocean has only been possible since the road to Tuktoyaktuk opened in late 2017. Come and enjoy a great variety of sights and experiences in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. Visit Yellowknife, the capital and largest community of the Northwest Territories. Enjoy a boat trip on Great Slave Lake with a fish fry on an island. Take a scenic flight to Nahanni National Park with a landing at Virginia Falls. Soak in the Liard Hot Springs and visit the SS Klondike National Historic Park. Travel the storied Dempster Highway, cross the Arctic Circle, and take the new Tuktoyaktuk road. 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 Gerties.

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CHURCHILL BELUGA WHALES

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
July 30, 2021 – 9 days*

Experience one of the world's most wonderful natural phenomena. During the months of July and August, the Churchill River is teeming with beluga whales who migrate into the warm, shallow waters to give birth and feed on fish. This tour includes two boat excursions which increases our chances to see the belugas up close. While on land, enjoy the view as the surrounding landscape erupts into colourful summer blooms. Walk through the Hudson's Bay Company's massive Prince of Wales Fort. Experience a dog carting excursion with a professional musher through the boreal forest and explore the Churchill Wildlife Management Area by Tundra Buggy for a chance to see a multitude of northern wildlife.

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COWBOY TRAIL & WATERTON LAKES



Interior: September 12, 2021 – 6 days

Van Island & Lower Mainland: Sept 11, 2021 – 7 days

Ranching and the cowboy life are still very much part of the lifestyle of this region. During this tour, we visit several attractions that celebrate history such as Bar U Ranch, HeadSmashed-In Buffalo Jump, Remington Carriage Museum, Fort Macleod, and Frank Slide. Southern Alberta also boasts one of Canada's less-visited national parks, Waterton Lakes, which features rugged mountains rising from a stark prairie, surrounding an idyllic lake. Add to this a cruise on Waterton Lakes, the dramatic beauty of Kananaskis and Crowsnest Pass, relaxing Fairmont Hot Springs, and the fall foliage colours, and you have the perfect getaway.

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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. 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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ALBERTA PRAIRIE STEAM TRAIN



Interior: September 22, 2021 – 5 days

Alberta has numerous experiences to enjoy, ranging from natural attractions in the National Parks to superb theatre and historic transportation to fascinating museums. Wells Gray Tours often visits southern Alberta, but the province's central region was last explored in 2013. This tour is highlighted by the Alberta Prairie Steam Train which runs a five-hour excursion with entertainment between Stettler and Big Valley. Other features are the splendour of the Icefields Parkway, the vast Columbia Icefields, the David Thompson Highway along the North Saskatchewan River, Heritage Park in Calgary, and an evening of dinner theatre.

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JASPER PARK LODGE FALL GETAWAY



Interior: October 17, 2021 – 5 days

Van Island & Lower Mainland: Oct 17, 2021 – 6 days

Celebrate beauty and friendship in the majesty of the Canadian Rockies as travellers have been doing for over a century. Each fall, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge invites seniors to the mountains for fresh air, fall foliage, and lots of fun. Delicious food, classic entertainment, and a multitude of activities make for a great getaway. With fitness programs, craft-making, lectures, walking tours, and entertainment, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge program has it all! This tour offers extraordinary savings and lets you experience this renowned lodge, with exceptional meals and experiences included, at a very attractive price.

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THE YUKON'S NORTHERN LIGHTS



Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: November 3, 2021 – 5 days

This tour has four nighttime sessions of Northern Lights viewing with a local guide each evening who will share his/her Yukon experiences and knowledge. Viewing activities take place outside the city in a heated, cozy cabin with perfect viewing conditions. Other highlights include a locally-guided tour of Whitehorse, a swim in the new Takhini Hot Springs, visits to the Beringia Centre, Yukon Museum of Transportation, MacBride Museum, Yukon Wildlife Preserve, and the option to experience dog sledding.

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COAST TO COAST BY TRAIN



Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: May 12, 2022 – 18 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!

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TOUR
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Explore America



LEAVENWORTH SUMMER THEATRE

Interior: August 24, 2021 – 4 days

Leavenworth will celebrate its 27th season of theatre, anchored by its signature production, *The Sound of Music*. Experience the magic of theatre under the stars as you watch the show outdoors at the Ski Hill Amphitheatre. The sun falls behind the ridge, the moon rises over the valley, and Maria starts singing her much-loved title song. We also see *The Secret Garden* at the Ski Hill and *The Music Man* at the Hatchery Park Stage. We stay three nights at the lovely Enzian Inn, located near Leavenworth's town square and convenient to the shops. We also take a tour of the Aplets & Cotlets candy factory, explore the Nutcracker Museum, and visit Rocky Reach Dam and fish ladder on the Columbia River.

I \$1,270 pp double, \$1,495 single discounts up to \$60 pp

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SAN JUAN ISLANDS CRUISE

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: September 12, 2021 – 5 days

The San Juan Islands are an archipelago of 172 islands between Bellingham, Washington, and Victoria. The Islands are best enjoyed by boat, so 2½ days are devoted to cruising on the *Salish Express*. We weave among the islands to Friday Harbor, a delightful small town filled with interesting shops, galleries, and pubs. The ship's small size is an advantage because she can cruise through many narrow channels that are impassable to larger ships. Other highlights include a walking tour of Prevost Harbor, whale watching, and turbulent Deception Pass. We return home along the scenic North Cascades Highway. Our last night is at luxurious Sun Mountain Lodge, perched on a mountaintop above Winthrop.

I \$2,635 pp double, \$3,180 single
V \$2,960 pp double, \$3,510 single
L \$2,895 pp double, \$3,445 single discounts up to \$120 pp

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OKTOBERFEST IN LEAVENWORTH

Interior: October 15, 2021 – 4 days

Germany's Oktoberfest began in Munich in 1810, as a celebration of Prince Ludwig's marriage to Princess Therese. Leavenworth decided to copy the idea in 1998 with modest beginnings. Today, the Leavenworth event is ranked as one of the top Oktoberfest celebrations in the USA and is attended by well over 10,000 people during three weekends in October. We stay three nights at the lovely Enzian Inn, located near Leavenworth's town square and convenient to the shops. We have tickets for two evenings and one afternoon at Oktoberfest with entertainment at several venues. We also take a tour of the Aplets & Cotlets candy factory, visit Rocky Reach Dam and fish ladder on the Columbia River, and shop at the Wenatchee Public Market.

I \$1,425 pp double, \$1,885 single discounts up to \$80

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BRANSON

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: October 19, 2021 – 10 days

Branson has been named the #1 U.S. destination for groups for the past five years and entertains more than six million visitors annually. It all began in 1959 when *The Baldknobbers Jamboree* opened the first live musical show in Branson, but the first theatre on Highway 76 was *Presley's Mountain Music Jubilee* in 1967. Currently there are 40 theatres operating in Branson and it has more theatre seats than Broadway or Las Vegas. During six days and nights in Branson, we experience 13 shows across a wide range of genres including country music, acrobatics, comedy, Celtic music, opera, and Broadway tunes! Come and find out why Branson is called the "Live Music Show Capital of the World."

I from \$4,385 pp double, \$5,055 single
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L from \$4,360 pp double, \$5,030 single discounts up to \$250

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NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: October 18, 2021 – 10 days

The state of Louisiana is divided into five distinct regions, and you'll experience three on this tour. New Orleans is one of the great cities in the western world, not a place you simply visit, but one you fall in love with during three nights staying in the vibrant French Quarter. The cultural riches, sensual indulgences, and unparalleled service that define the New Orleans experience still flourishes. History comes to life in Plantation Country as you travel back to the 1800s and the days of sprawling antebellum plantations. Visit Laura and Oak Alley, two of the most famous plantation mansions. During two days exploring Cajun Country, experience the peaceful bayous where the first French Canadians settled and forever changed the landscape and culture of the state.

I \$4,090 pp double, \$4,795 single
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World Voyages



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 offer 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 experience the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. We continue north up to the Orkney Islands with stops to sample whisky and cruise on the famous Loch Ness. Then we 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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TOUR 25

A TASTE OF ITALY

Interior: October 8, 2021 – 19 days
Vancouver Island: October 8, 2021 – 18 days
Lower Mainland: October 7, 2021 – 17 days



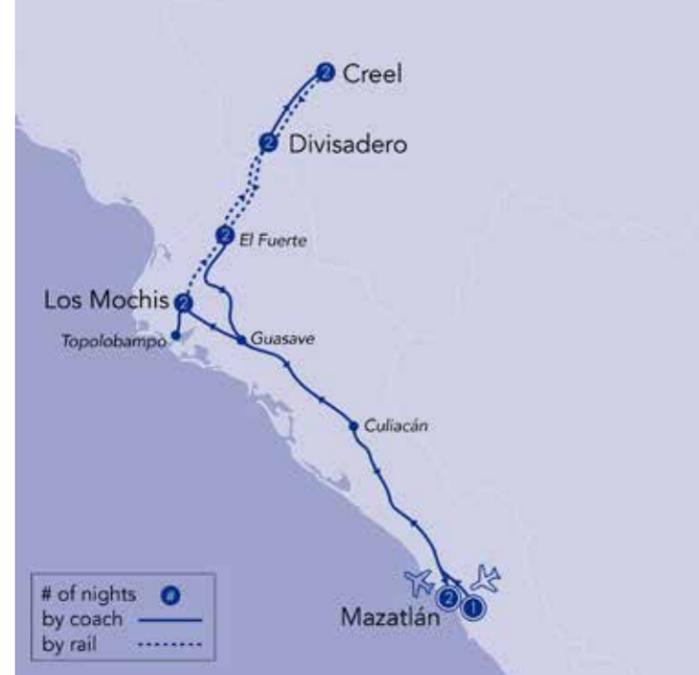
When thinking of Italy, food and wine is one of the first images to come to mind! But you can't forget the canals of Venice, the murals of the Sistine Chapel, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the buried city of Pompeii, and the idyllic countryside in Tuscany filled with farms, castles, and wineries. There is so much to see and experience in Italy and this tour covers many highlights of the northern half of the country. Included are the great cities of Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, and Naples, along with the magical countryside of Tuscany. The tour features wonderful cuisine, local food products, and wine tasting. An expert bilingual guide is with you from Milan to Naples and there are local guides in many cities, so you will be well-informed.

- I** \$10,920 pp double, \$13,150 single [LEARN MORE](#)
 - V** \$10,920 pp double, \$13,070 single [LEARN MORE](#)
 - L** \$10,620 pp double, \$12,705 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- discounts up to \$300

TOUR 25

MEXICO'S COPPER CANYON

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: October 22, 2021 – 14 days



Excite your senses with this wonderful tour of Mexico's Copper Canyon, full of cultural riches and activities. We start our journey in Mazatlan and drive north along the coastal plain to Los Mochis for a 2- night stay. We board the Chihuahua Al Pacifico Railroad's first-class train for the awesome all-day trip into the canyon through 86 tunnels and over 39 bridges. Stay at Divisadero Barrancas, perched on the rim of Copper Canyon, and gaze over 2,000 metres down into one of the world's deepest canyons. A visit with the local Tarahumara Indians, a walk to 30-metre high Cusarare Falls, a ride on the aerial tramway with magnificent views, and a walk across the hanging bridge and glass floor are all thrilling experiences.

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 - V** \$6,050 pp double, \$7,090 single [LEARN MORE](#)
 - L** \$6,010 pp double, \$7,050 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- discounts up to \$200

TOUR 25

ANTARCTICA, ARGENTINA & CHILE CRUISE

On Holland America's Westerdam
Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: January 23, 2022 – 30 days



Wells Gray Tours only offers this special opportunity to visit the 7th continent every few years. There are so many highlights on this tour, but the most astounding will likely be the four days cruising among the gigantic icebergs of Antarctica. On-board experts will present lectures about glaciers, geology, natural history, and history, plus the ice pilot may take a break from the bridge to explain his route-finding skills. Other memorable experiences include elegant Buenos Aires, awesome Iguazu Falls, the isolated Falkland Islands, the thrill of rounding Cape Horn, Ushuaia (world's southernmost city), the Chilean Fjords, Darwin Channel, Glacier Alley, and the vast Amalia Glacier.

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TOUR 25



Coming Soon 2021 & 2022!

Call our office to be added to our "interested list" for a specific tour and when the tour comes out for sale, we will notify you before releasing the tour.

- Churchill Polar Bears - October 25, 2021
- Leavenworth Christmas Lighting - November 28/30, 2021
- Costa Rica - January 14, 2022
- Hawaii Cruise on Norwegian *Pride of America* - January 25, 2022
- Suez Canal Cruise - Dubai to Athens on Norwegian *Jade* - February 8, 2022
- Australia - February 17, 2022
- Tahiti & Hawaii Cruise on *Oceania Regatta* - April 2, 2022
- Natural Wonders of Iceland - May 30, 2022
- Ireland - June 8, 2022



OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

Interior: August 5, 2022 – 24 days

Vancouver Island: August 5, 2022 – 23 days

Lower Mainland: August 6, 2022 – 22 days



In 1632, as the Black Plague ravaged the people of Europe, the elders of the church in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau prayed that no more deaths would occur here. Eighty-four people had already died, so they vowed to keep a promise if they were spared more deaths. Not one more person died and the promise "to enact the passion of Christ every ten years" has been faithfully kept since 1634. This tour features the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play, postponed 2 years from 2020 due to Covid-19. There is also much more during 3 weeks in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria – the Black Forest, Lucerne, the Alps, Salzburg, Lake Königsee cruise, Innsbruck, a Mozart concert, a Tyrolean dance, Neuschwanstein Castle, Munich, Rudesheim, and a Rhine River cruise. The next Passion Play is in 2030, so come and join Wells Gray Tours in Europe in 2022.

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- V** \$13,325 pp double, \$15,210 single
- L** \$12,880 pp double, \$14,570 single
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don't miss THIS YEAR'S MYSTERY TOUR

MYSTERY TOUR 2021

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:
September 5, 2021 – 10 days*



This is Wells Gray Tours' 58th Mystery Tour since 1985. Over the past 36 years, Mystery Tours have generally been offered twice a year and have taken curious customers to destinations all over Canada, the USA, and even Iceland and Costa Rica. We never tell you where you will go or what you will see. You may be amazed when the coach pulls up beside a cruise ship, or you board a plane for an overseas flight, or you arrive at a unique hotel. Each day of the tour has surprises, as the mystery route is revealed only as we travel along from day to day. Most of the 2021 Mystery Tour consists of new places that we have not previously visited and (big hint!) you won't need to bring a passport with you.

- I** \$4,695 pp double, \$5,555 single
- V** \$4,795 pp double, \$5,655 single
- L** \$4,645 pp double, \$5,505 single
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THEATRE ZOZZ

Coming Soon

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many of our theatre tours were cancelled. Luckily we have been able to reschedule them for future dates and the following tours will be released soon.

Shen Yun in Vancouver

Interior: March 21, 2022

Vancouver Island: March 24, 2022

Hamilton in Vancouver

Interior: May 31 and June 7

Vancouver Island: June 5, 2022

Come From Away in Vancouver

Kamloops & Salmon Arm - August 18

Vernon & Kelowna - August 20

Kelowna, Penticton & Osoyoos - August 25

Vancouver Island - August 27, 2022

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