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pick-up points in BC Interior,  
Vancouver Island, and  
Lower Mainland



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fares available



## 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:

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.

### NOW WITH LINKS!

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

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# Experience

AUTUMN ADVENTURES WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

As I write this, Anne and I are enjoying a family reunion because our daughter Heather has flown home from Denmark to visit for two weeks. We haven't seen her in person since Christmas 2019 and have relied on frequent video chats. With the easing of restrictions, she was able to enter Canada two weeks after her second vaccination. During her visit we climbed Raft Mountain above Clearwater and Fraser and Alysse's daughter, Marietta, could boast that she had conquered her first mountain at 11 months old.

The summer has been a great success with nine tour departures since late June. We have heard many times from customers that they are so thrilled to be travelling again after nearly a year and a half of being stuck at home due to Covid. I directed two of those tours, the first one to Wells Gray Park in late June, then BC Fjords in early August where we enjoyed four scenic boat excursions. After six weeks of unrelenting smoke in the Interior, it was a relief to travel to the coast to breathe fresh air and actually see the mountains.

The months of September through November are also shaping up to be busy, although still about half the number of departures that would have run before the pandemic. Some tours could not operate because the USA border is still closed or for Covid safety reasons. Despite this, I am planning to hire one or two new tour directors this fall who will complete their training and be ready to direct tours by early 2022.

Wells Gray Tours is continuing to follow provincial guidelines and our own policies for Covid safety. We were the first tour company in Canada to announce last May that all our customers had to be vaccinated to travel with us and this resulted in a surge of future bookings. Other safety procedures are still in effect such as daily temperature checks, sanitizing your hands each time you board the coach, wearing masks on the coach, and spraying a disinfecting fog inside at the end of the travel day. All drivers and tour directors must be double vaccinated. These procedures make it possible to visit some places that would otherwise be closed to tourists.

Some of our recent groups have been told by locals that they are so excited to see tours returning. The crew on the Bay of Fundy ferry told Maritimes tour director Jill that our coach was the first one they had seen in nearly two years.

Our four Christmas tours were announced recently and are already filling fast. Kamloops and Okanagan customers can choose from tours to Victoria or Vancouver and our Victoria customers are offered a tour to Vancouver. There is also a New Year's tour featuring the Salute to Vienna concert at the Orpheum Theatre with three nights at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. All these brochures are posted on our website for you to consider, but please don't wait too long to decide.

Along with the whole team at Wells Gray Tours, I wish you happy travels this fall!

Keep exploring,

*Roland Neave*

President & Owner  
Wells Gray Tours



*please join us!*

## FOR OUR ONLINE TRAVEL SHOW

To ensure the safety of our customers and staff, our annual Fall Travel Show will be offered online again this year. Roland, Fraser, and Kerrie will host an hour-long presentation on our upcoming tours for 2022 and beyond. We'll miss seeing you all in person this year, but we look forward to connecting with you virtually.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH AT 10:00AM PDT**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

The presentation will be recorded in case you miss it.



## SCENIC WATERFRONT HOTELS

*Interior: April 24, 2022 – 7 days*

British Columbia has numerous hotels in scenic locations, many featuring an ocean, river or lake view. This tour travels to four of the unique ones. The Inn at the Quay juts out into the Fraser River at New Westminster. The Inn at Laurel Point has a wonderful location beside Victoria's Inner Harbour where you can watch a constant parade of vessels. 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. Add a whale watching trip to Race Rocks, the new Malahat Skywalk, Elk Falls Suspension Bridge, and a guided tour of Strathcona Park to get a terrific spring tour.

**I \$2,285 pp double, \$2,795 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
**V Discounts up to \$60**

## INSIDE PASSAGE & SKEENA TRAIN

*Departure #1*

*Interior: July 17, 2022 – 8 days*

*Vancouver Island: June 30, 2022 – 8 days*

*Lower Mainland: July 18, 2022 – 7 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. 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 \$3,155 pp double, \$3,750 single** [LEARN MORE](#)

**V \$3,265 pp double, \$3,835 single** [LEARN MORE](#)

**L \$3,165 pp double, \$3,655 single** [LEARN MORE](#)

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# LOCAL WINTER GETAWAYS

Looking to get away and relax this winter but aren't ready to travel too far?  
Why not join one of these winter tours that stay within BC!

## KOOTENAYS HOT SPRINGS

*Interior: February 7, 2022 – 5 days*

The Kootenays region is known for many incredible wonders, one of which is the great variety of hot springs. 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.

**I \$1,460 pp double, \$1,830 single**  
**V Discounts up to \$80 pp**

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## STORM WATCHING AT WICKANNINNISH INN

*Vancouver Island: February 15, 2022 – 4 days*

*Interior & Lower Main: February 28, 2022 – 6 days*

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!

**I from \$2,275 pp double, \$2,925 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
**V from \$1,755 pp double, \$2,245 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
**L from \$2,235 pp double, \$2,885 single** [LEARN MORE](#)

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## CRUISING THE GULF ISLANDS

*Interior & Lower Mainland: May 29, 2022 – 6 days*

*Vancouver Island: May 30, 2022 – 5 days*

Nestled in Bedwell Harbour on South Pender Island, Poets Cove resort has every amenity you could wish for including beautifully appointed rooms, all with a balcony and spectacular ocean view. This tour features two full days of cruising the Gulf Islands on Orca Spirit's *Pacific Explorer*. She is equipped with hydrophones to enhance the underwater experience and a certified marine naturalist with great knowledge and passion for Vancouver Island's marine wildlife is on board. We ride a water taxi over to Salt Spring Island with a drive to the top of Mount Maxwell and free time in Ganges. Come and explore the Gulf Islands with the benefits of small vessel cruising and a luxury resort for home base.

**I \$2,670 pp double, \$3,195 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
**V \$2,525 pp double, \$2,950 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
**L \$2,605 pp double, \$3,130 single** [LEARN MORE](#)

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## INSIDE PASSAGE & SKEENA TRAIN

*Departure #2*

*Interior: July 23, 2022 – 8 days*

The itinerary for Departure #2 is almost identical to Departure #1, with a few minor changes. This tour spends 2 nights in Prince Rupert and 2 nights in Prince George (Departure #1 spends 3 nights in Prince Rupert and 1 night in Prince George) and has the added bonus of a boat trip on the Fraser River to Fort George Canyon.

**I \$3,195 pp double, \$3,765 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
**V Book soon...filling fast!**

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# Christmas Tours

## LEAVENWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Interior: November 28, 2021 – 4 days

Van Island & Lower Main: Nov 30, 2021 – 4 days

Experience the magic of the Christmas season in the quaint Bavarian themed village of Leavenworth. We stay three nights at the lovely Enzian Inn. The Leavenworth Village Voices present an exclusive Christmas concert for our group at the Enzian Inn, and Bronn Journey, Leavenworth's acclaimed harpist, also offers a performance.

- I \$1,045 pp double, \$1,245 single
- V \$1,115 pp double, \$1,315 single
- L \$1,085 pp double, \$1,285 single

Discounts up to \$60 pp

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## CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

Interior: December 21, 2021 – 6 days

Stay five nights at Granville Island Hotel, a charming boutique hotel surrounded by shops, restaurants, and galleries. Highlights include a lunch cruise on a paddlewheeler on the Fraser River, Burnaby Heritage Village, the Christmas lights at VanDusen Gardens, the lively show Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol, cruising the harbour in the parade of the Christmas Carol Ships, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden.

- I from \$2,225 pp double, \$2,795 single

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## CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver Island: December 22, 2021 – 5 days

This tour stays four nights at the iconic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Highlights include a lunch cruise on a paddlewheeler on the Fraser River, the Christmas lights at VanDusen Gardens, Burnaby Heritage Village, cruising the harbour in the parade of the Christmas Carol Ships, the Museum of Anthropology, and Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol at the Stanley Theatre.

- V from \$2,120 pp double, \$2,590 single

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## CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA

Interior: December 22, 2021 – 6 days

Christmas in Victoria is an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours. We have stayed at Chateau Victoria for many years and our guests love the Christmas décor and spirit. All rooms are one-bedroom suites and the hotel has a great location close to the Inner Harbour and Legislative Buildings. Some highlights are a locally-guided tour of Victoria, a choice of visiting Craigdarroch Castle or Helmcken House, the Royal BC Museum, a reception with entertainment by the Victoria Operatic Society, the Festival of Lights at Butchart Gardens, and Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas Carol at the Stanley Theatre in Vancouver.

Some wonderful meals are planned including a festive Christmas lunch at Abkhazi Garden Teahouse, Christmas Brunch at Vista 18 atop the Chateau, and an extravagant Christmas Dinner at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

- I \$2,250 pp double, \$2,680 single

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## NEW YEAR'S IN VANCOUVER

Interior & Van Island: December 30, 2021 – 4 days

Ring in 2022 in style and enjoy the annual performance of Salute to Vienna presented by the Vancouver Symphony. It has an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers, and dancers, and has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. We have reserved superb seats in the Centre Orchestra of the Orpheum Theatre. Two other shows are also included, but most theatre companies are still emerging from Covid shutdowns and planning their fall and winter schedules. A morning at the Vancouver Art Gallery is included. The tour stays 3 nights at the iconic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

- I \$1,395 pp double, \$1,750 single
- V \$1,470 pp double, \$1,825 single

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Only 15 seats left!

## SHEN YUN IN VANCOUVER

Interior: March 21, 2022 – 3 days

Vancouver Island: March 24, 2022 – 3 days

Shen Yun Performing Arts performs classical Chinese dance, ethnic and folk dance, and storybased dance, with elaborate costumes and orchestral accompaniment. We also take a walking tour of Vancouver's Chinatown and visit Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.

- I \$895 pp double, \$1,075 single

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- V \$930 pp double, \$1,130 single

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Discounts up to \$50 on Van Island tour

## ANDRÉ RIEU IN VANCOUVER

Interior: March 25, 2022 – 3 days

Dutch violinist André Rieu is best known for creating an international revival in waltz music with his Johann Strauss Orchestra. Together, their music results in breath-taking beats, unforgettable accompaniment and a magical performance. Vancouver is the only Canadian stop on his 2022 tour so don't miss this amazing opportunity to see him live in concert.

- I \$895 pp double, \$1,095 single

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Only a few seats left!

## CELINE DION IN VANCOUVER

Interior - March 27, 2022 – 3 days

Interior & Vancouver Island - March 28, 2022 – 3 days

Celine Dion has been an entertainment legend for 40 years 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. We stay two nights in downtown Vancouver and enjoy a 4-hour cruise through Burrard Inlet and Indian Arm with lunch on board.

- I \$1,075 pp double, \$1,250 single

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- V \$1,175 pp double, \$1,350 single

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Book soon...both departures filling fast!

# Theatre Tours

## HAMILTON IN VANCOUVER

Interior: May 31 and June 7, 2022 – 2 days

Vancouver Island: June 5, 2022 – 2 days

Hamilton is a musical written by Lin-Manuel Miranda 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.

- I \$770 pp double, \$870 single

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- V \$825 pp double, \$945 single

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## COME FROM AWAY IN VANCOUVER

Kamloops & Salmon Arm - August 18, 2022 - 3 days

Vernon & Kelowna - August 20, 2022 - 3 days

Kelowna, Penticton, Osoyoos - August 25, 2022 - 3 days

Vancouver Island - August 27, 2022 - 3 days

Come from Away is a Canadian musical 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.

- I \$850 pp double, \$1,055 single

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- V \$865 pp double, \$1,075 single

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# Canadian Journeys

## BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL

*Van Island & Lower Main: February 20, 2022 – 7 days  
Interior: February 21, 2022 – 5 days*

One of Canada's most famous hotels, the 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. It has been expanded several times in the last century and now offers 770 bedrooms as well as impressive public areas and dining rooms. During the 1990s, about \$100 million was invested in modernizing the hotel while keeping all its ornate features. Today, Banff Springs Hotel is a year-round mountain resort with all modern amenities, excellent cuisine, the soothing Willow Stream Spa, and impeccable service. Highlights include the Banff Gondola up Sulphur Mountain, a soak in the Banff Upper Hot Springs, an elegant dinner in the Vermillion Room at the hotel, a guided tour of Banff Springs from the hotel historian, Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, and a tour of the Cave and Basin National Historic Site.

I **from \$1,990 pp double, \$2,435 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
V **from \$2,585 pp double, \$3,160 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
L **from \$2,535 pp double, \$3,110 single** [LEARN MORE](#)

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## THE YUKON'S NORTHERN LIGHTS

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: March 7, 2022 – 5 days*

The Northern Lights are magical, mystical and mesmerising. 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. The facility is located near some trees for shelter from the wind, yet the northern exposure is over an open field for 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!

I **\$2,440 pp double, \$2,695 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
V **\$2,440 pp double, \$2,695 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
L **\$2,390 pp double, \$2,645 single** [LEARN MORE](#)

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## OTTAWA TULIP FESTIVAL & ST. LAWRENCE CRUISE

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: May 6, 2022 – 11 days*

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. The tulip remains a valuable symbol of friendship with special meaning to Canadians. Prepare to be impressed with over a million tulips blooming during the festival, the largest display being at Dow's Lake with 30 beds, 60 varieties, and over 300,000 blooms. Prior to the Tulip Festival, we board the Canadian Empress at Kingston 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 \$4,850 pp double, \$6,380 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
V **from \$4,950 pp double, \$6,480 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
L **from \$4,825 pp double, \$6,355 single** [LEARN MORE](#)

Discounts up to \$200



## COAST TO COAST BY TRAIN

*Interior & Van Island: May 12, 2022 – 18 days  
Lower Mainland: May 13, 2022 – 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 **\$8,995 pp double, \$10,385 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
V **\$9,095 pp double, \$10,485 single** [LEARN MORE](#)  
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# World Voyages



## PALM SPRINGS WINTER ESCAPE

*Interior, Van. Island & Lower Mainland:*  
February 1, 2022 - 10 Days

Relax in the comfort of the warm sun on this winter get-away to California's most desirable sunny destination — Palm Springs. We stay for nine nights at Palm Mountain Resort, a favourite for Wells Gray travellers that always receives great reviews. Rooms surround a palm tree lined pool terrace that is the focal point of the resort. Breakfast is included each day at Sam's Place. The hotel is just off Palm Canyon Drive, noted for its high-end shopping, numerous restaurants, theatres, and art galleries. A great variety of attractions is included: the Aerial Tram, Joshua Tree Park, Village Fest, the Air Museum or Art Gallery, Living Desert, Sunnylands Garden, a jeep tour in the desert, and Newport Beach. Two full days and two mornings are yours at leisure to do as you wish.

I \$3,695 pp double, \$4,625 single

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V \$3,795 pp double, \$4,725 single

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L \$3,655 pp double, \$4,585 single

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Discounts up \$100 pp

**SUPER NATURAL NEW ZEALAND**

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:*  
March 13, 2022 – 22 days

**TOUR 25**

# of nights  
by air #  
by ground -----

Join us on an in-depth discovery of the North and South Islands. This leisurely 22-day tour has enough time for a comprehensive visit to the North and South Islands. We fly to Auckland and home from Queenstown. Highlights on the North Island are a cruise in the Bay of Islands, the geysers of Rotorua, Waitomo Glow-worm Cave, the Hobbiton Movie Set, the Te Papa National Museum, and the beautiful capital of Wellington. The South Island is more rugged 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 iconic Milford Sound.

I \$14,245 pp double, \$16,570 single

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V \$14,245 pp double, \$16,570 single

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L \$14,220 pp double, \$16,545 single

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Only 7 seats left!



## TURKEY & GREECE

*Interior: March 26, 2022 - 22 days*  
*Vancouver Island: March 27, 2022 - 21 days*  
*Lower Mainland: March 27, 2022 - 20 days*

**TOUR 25**

# of nights  
coach #  
train -----  
cruise -----

Turkey and Greece are fascinating countries, thanks to a long and varied history. During this tour, you will explore the modern cities that have sprung up among the ancient sites, cruise the stunning islands of the Aegean Sea, and discover the fascinating history of the Turks and Greeks. This tour flies to Istanbul and returns from Athens on Lufthansa. The leisurely schedule includes 4 nights each in Istanbul and Athens, several 2-night stays, and a 3-day Aegean cruise with stops at 4 islands. Expert multilingual guides travel with us during our 8 days in Turkey and 7 days in Greece, supplemented by the knowledge of local experts in several cities.

I from \$8,965 pp double, \$10,305 single

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V from \$8,800 pp double, \$10,075 single

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L from \$8,665 pp double, \$9,865 single

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Only 1 seat left!



## MAJESTIC JAPAN

*Interior & Van Island: March 28, 2022 – 16 days*  
*Lower Mainland: March 29, 2022 – 15 days*

**TOUR 25**

# of nights  
coach #  
train -----  
bullet train -----

Experience the ancient traditions and modern life on the first in-depth tour of Japan ever offered by Wells Gray Tours. This tour explores the highlights of the island of Honshu, starting with two days in bustling Tokyo. A full day is devoted to visiting Mount Fuji and Hakone National Park. Other notables are a cruise across Ashinoko Lake with views of Mount Fuji, the unique thatched-roof houses of Shirakawago, a tour of the island of Miyajima, a trip over the Owakudani hot springs on the Hakone Ropeway, and the jaw-dropping Todaiji Temple which contains the world's largest bronze Buddha statue. We ride the famous Bullet Train twice and finish the tour with four nights in Kyoto, the historic centre of the country.

I \$11,995 pp double, \$13,655 single

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V \$12,095 pp double, \$13,755 single

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L \$11,840 pp double, \$13,440 single

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## BHUTAN & THAILAND

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: April 6, 2022 – 22 days*

Bhutan is a country like no other. It is one of the safest places on earth to visit. It is the 8th happiest nation on the globe and it has also given the unique concept of GNH (Gross National Happiness) to the world. Bhutan is now amongst one of the highest per capita nations in the world – not in terms of monetary standing, but in the sense of individual ‘happiness quotient’. Bhutan has a rich and unique cultural heritage that has largely remained intact due to its isolation from the rest of the world until the 1960s. One of the main attractions for tourists is the country’s culture and traditions being deeply rooted in its Buddhist heritage. This is Wells Gray Tours’ 3rd trip to Bhutan. You will be expertly guided and will experience this remarkable country as the Bhutanese people know it.

I \$12,295 pp double, \$13,515 single

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V \$12,445 pp double, \$13,665 single

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L \$12,140 pp double, \$13,225 single

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## D-DAY AT JUNO BEACH

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: May 31, 2022 – 14 days*



Join us on a World War II History Tour on the 78th Anniversary of D-Day, the largest seaborne invasion in history. It began the liberation of France (and later western Europe) and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front. Canadians played a vital role in these events, and are remembered at many memorials and museums. This tour will participate in the 78th Anniversary commemoration of D-Day at Juno Beach. Our tour is organized by a British company that specializes in war history, and our guide, Steve Roberts, is an expert in Canadian war history. Museums, memorials, cemeteries, and historic sites connected with D-Day are all included as we travel from Juno Beach to Dieppe and into Belgium, Netherlands, and Germany during this in-depth exploration of some of the most vital battles of World War II.

I \$8,895 pp double, \$9,850 single

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V \$8,995 pp double, \$9,950 single

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L \$8,945 pp double, \$9,900 single

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Discounts up to \$250

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## NATURAL WONDERS OF ICELAND

*Interior & Vancouver Island: May 30, 2022 – 18 days  
Lower Mainland: May 31, 2022 – 16 days*



Iceland offers unspoiled nature, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant culture. Everywhere you turn, there are glaciers, waterfalls, lava fields, beaches, and mountains. 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. At the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, we board an amphibious boat and sail among huge floating icebergs. Other highlights are relaxing in the Blue Lagoon and Myvatn Nature Baths, an Icelandic horse show, a whale watching excursion, a wagon tour on the Island of Hrisey, and the awesome plunge of Dettifoss.

I \$10,455 pp double, \$12,530 single

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L \$10,095 pp double, \$12,015 single

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## IRELAND

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: June 8, 2022 – 16 days*



This is the sixth time since 2010 that Wells Gray Tours has offered a tour to Ireland and our travellers have always been thrilled with the experience. We have partnered again with Discover Ireland Tours, a company based in Cork that is committed to connecting groups to the real people of Ireland. Our tour circles the island and includes not only the major cities and iconic sights of Ireland, such as Giant’s Causeway, Ring of Kerry, and Blarney Castle, but also those personal experiences that put you in touch with the people, such as a horsedrawn cart trip through Muckross Park, Irish entertainment at Kate Kearney’s Cottage, and an overnight stay in a castle. So don your richest green, pocket your lucky shamrock, and go where Ireland takes you.

I \$7,895 pp double, \$9,575 single

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V \$7,995 pp double, \$9,675 single

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L \$7,895 pp double, \$9,575 single

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## 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 vowed to keep a promise if they were spared more deaths, "to enact the passion of Christ every ten years." This promise 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, Rüdesheim, and a Rhine River cruise.

I \$13,225 pp double, \$15,110 single

V \$13,325 pp double, \$15,210 single

L \$12,880 pp double, \$14,570 single

Only 6 seats left!

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## CROATIA BY LAND & SEA

*Interior & Van Island: August 30, 2022 – 17 days  
Lower Mainland: August 31, 2022 – 15 days*



Spellbinding beaches, dramatic cliffs, ancient walled towns, and a relaxed way of life — Croatia is ranked among the world's most popular destinations for a reason! We start in historic Dubrovnik, the "Pearl of the Adriatic". Its picturesque Old Town is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in Europe with centuries-old forts, buildings on marble streets, and dazzling views of the cliffs and the sea. We then board the MV Admiral for a week-long cruise, visiting the seaside coastal towns of Ston, Korčula, Hvar, and Split, and the Adriatic islands of Mljet, Vis, Bisevo, and Brac. The intimate ship has only 20 staterooms. We finish the tour back on land where we visit Zadar, Pag Island, the waterfalls of Plitvice Lakes National Park, and Croatia's capital of Zagreb.

I \$9,650 pp double, \$12,695 single

V \$9,750 pp double, \$12,795 single

L \$9,310 pp double, \$12,130 single

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## SABLE ISLAND & ATLANTIC CANADA CRUISE

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: June 21, 2022 – 14 Days*



From the rugged south coast of Newfoundland to the stunning views from the Cape Breton Highlands, Atlantic Canada offers picturesque vistas, outstanding bird and marine mammal watching, and unique natural wonders at every turn. Be among the lucky few to experience the wonder of the famous wild horses of Sable Island. Immerse yourself in the diverse history of Atlantic Canada where centuries of overlapping culture—Mi'kmaq, Acadian, English, Scottish, Irish, and French—have left their mark on the landscapes. With expedition stops in Newfoundland, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island, and the French islands of Saint Pierre and Miquelon, every place is special! Expedition staff are experts on Atlantic Canada including geology, glaciation, history, and flora and fauna. Prior to embarking the 11-day cruise, we spend two nights in St. John's with a tour of its highlights and a traditional Jiggs Dinner.

I V L from \$8,460 pp double, \$11,430 single

Only 8 seats left!

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# Adventure Canada Cruises

## HIGH ARCTIC EXPLORER CRUISE

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: August 11, 2022 – 15 Days*



The Northwest Passage represents the pinnacle of Arctic exploration. On this cruise, like the explorers in previous centuries, we will experience the quaint villages, dramatic scenery, abundant land and marine wildlife, and calving glaciers of Canada's Arctic and Greenland. We fly to Resolute and board our ship, the comfortable Ocean Endeavour. Be among the lucky few to experience the historical significance of Beechey Island and the Franklin Expedition graves. Devon Island is the world's largest uninhabited island and there we can spot polar bear, walrus, caribou, or muskox, visit the ghostly RCMP and Hudson's Bay posts, and cruise the dramatic face of Croker Glacier. In Greenland, we are awed by the vast Ilulissat Icefield, 50 km long and 6 km wide where it reaches the ocean. Expedition staff are experts on Arctic geology, glaciation, history, and flora and fauna.

I V L from \$16,915 pp double, \$17,165 single

Only 5 seats left!

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# Cruises



## DUBAI & SUEZ CANAL CRUISE

On Norwegian's Jade

Interior & Van Island: February 8, 2022 – 28 days  
Lower Mainland: February 9, 2022 – 26 days



The ancient lands of Arabia, Egypt, the Middle East, and eastern Mediterranean are a world of wonders — a window to a long past age of extravagance, massive wealth, and ample acts of tribute. This cruise from Dubai to Athens is a rare opportunity to see many highlights of this storied region from the convenience of a ship. Only a few cruises transit the Suez Canal, the engineering marvel of the 1860s that shortened the trip from Europe to the Indian Ocean by 8,900 km. Other highlights include Burj Khalifa, world's tallest building; the Grand Mosque of Abu Dhabi, an Arabian Desert safari, Petra, Luxor Temple, Valley of the Kings, the Biblical sites of Israel, the islands of Cyprus and Rhodes, and Greek antiquities in Athens and Delphi. So many renowned places on one tour!

I from \$11,740 pp double, \$15,345 single [LEARN MORE](#)  
V from \$11,840 pp double, \$15,445 single [LEARN MORE](#)  
L from \$11,435 pp double, \$14,895 single [LEARN MORE](#)  
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## SAN DIEGO TO VANCOUVER CRUISE

On Holland America's Koningsdam

BC Interior, Van. Island & Lower Mainland:  
March 29, 2022 – 13 Days

Enjoy a spring getaway to Palm Springs and San Diego and then cruise the Pacific Coast back to Vancouver. We begin with three nights in Palm Springs at Palm Mountain Resort, a favourite for Wells Gray travellers with rooms that surround a palm tree lined pool terrace. While there we'll take in some of the highlights of the desert, including a guided tour of Joshua Tree National Park. Then it's off to San Diego for two nights before embarking a seven-day cruise to Vancouver with stops at Catalina Island, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, and Victoria. This tour is a wonderful way to see some of the highlights of California.

I from \$3,645 pp double, \$4,965 single [LEARN MORE](#)  
V from \$3,745 pp double, \$5,065 single [LEARN MORE](#)  
L from \$3,605 pp double, \$4,925 single [LEARN MORE](#)

## PRESIDENT'S CRUISE ON THE DANUBE

On Avalon's Passion

Interior & Vancouver Island: April 27, 2022 - 20 days  
Lower Mainland: April 28, 2022 - 18 days

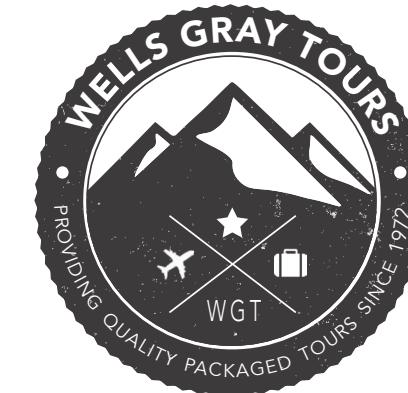


For the seventh annual President's Cruise, Wells Gray Tours is returning to Avalon Waterways. Roland and Anne Neave invite you to join them for this exciting cruise from the mouth of the Danube River on the Black Sea upstream to Budapest, Hungary. Many of Europe's major capital cities are along the Danube River, a testament to its importance in the history of civilization in this area. 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 are also multi-day tours before and after the cruise in Romania and Slovakia, and a tour of Budapest highlights.

I from \$10,840 pp double, \$14,735 single [LEARN MORE](#)

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## NETHERLANDS & BELGIUM CANALS CRUISE

On Avalon's Artistry II

Interior & Vancouver Island: June 3, 2022 – 13 days

Lower Mainland: June 4, 2022 – 12 days



Explore the Netherlands and Belgium by ship and canals! Tour the highlights of Amsterdam, then board Avalon's ship Artistry II. Marvel at the cultural and natural beauty of Belgium. In Ghent and Brussels, walk the ancient streets, sample treats at a Belgian chocolate-making workshop, explore by bike, or take a guided tour. In Antwerp, discover centuries of history, experience the Red Star Line Museum where brave emigrants boarded ocean liners for North America long ago, or see the stunning altarpiece by master painter Rubens in the cathedral. Take an architecture tour by bicycle through Rotterdam, or create a classic Delft tile in a pottery workshop. Return to Amsterdam and thrill to the spectacular International Floriade Expo of flowers and gardening that is held every 10 years.

- I from \$9,095 pp double, \$12,060 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- V from \$9,245 pp double, \$12,210 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- L from \$8,890 pp double, \$11,750 single discounts up to \$150 pp [LEARN MORE](#)

## WHITEHORSE & GLACIER BAY CRUISE

On Holland America's Koningsdam

Interior & Vancouver Island: July 8, 2022 – 9 days

Lower Mainland: July 9, 2022 – 8 days



This is a very unique cruise because it's not offered in Holland America's catalogue. While most Alaska cruises are round trip from Vancouver or Seattle, this is one-way from Skagway to Vancouver with Glacier Bay. Whitehorse is too far inland to be accessible as a one-day shore excursion from the ship, but there are enough attractions in the Yukon's capital to fill 2 days. On this tour, you fly to Whitehorse and stay 2 nights at the Gold Rush Inn with attractions such as the Beringia Centre, Takhini Hot Springs, the SS Klondike sternwheeler, and MacBride Museum. After leaving Whitehorse, board the White Pass Railway at Fraser and ride this historic train through the St. Elias Mountains and down the thrilling grade to Skagway. Then embark the Koningsdam, one of Holland America's newest ships, and cruise to Vancouver with a day spent in the incredible scenery of Glacier Bay.

- I from \$2,715 pp double, \$3,755 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- V from \$2,815 pp double, \$3,855 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- L from \$2,570 pp double, \$3,505 single [LEARN MORE](#)

## BOOK CRUISES EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Early booking is essential for cruises as cruise lines can recall our unsold staterooms as departure dates approach or when ships get close to capacity.



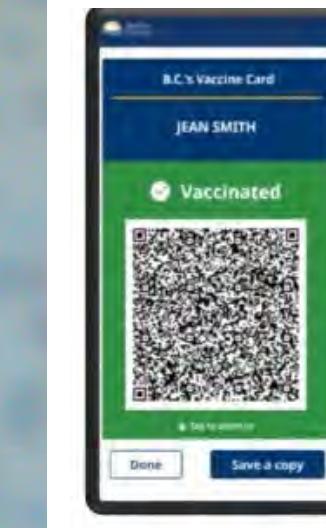
# BC VACCINE CARD

UPDATE

Proof of vaccination will now be required to access some events, services, and businesses in a continued effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. This policy is effective as of September 13, 2021.

If you are travelling with us, you will need to ensure that you are registered and have received access to your new BC Vaccine Card prior to your trip's departure. Your card (along with your valid Government-Issued Photo ID) will be used to confirm your vaccination status at various venues including restaurants and local attractions we will be visiting on tour. You can save the digital version to your phone or tablet or print a paper copy to carry in your wallet.

For additional information and a link to obtain your card click [HERE](#).



## Coming Soon 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.

Skagit Tulip Festival – April

Four Themed Towns – May

Cruising the Lower Mainland – May

BC Fjords – June

Surprising Saskatchewan – June

Baltic Cruise on Holland America's Nieuw Statendam – July

Kathaumixw Choral Festival – July

Haida Gwaii – July & August

Bella Coola & Tweedsmuir Park – August

Maritimes & Newfoundland – August

Québec to Boston Cruise – September

St. Lawrence & Ottawa Rivers Cruise – September

Panama Canal Cruise on Holland America's Nieuw Amsterdam – October

# Experience

## The Wells Gray Tours Difference

Wells Gray Tours is a well-established tour company with over 49 years of experience providing packaged travel. We are proud to be BC-owned and operated with five regional offices to provide you with exceptional, personalized service. We are committed to offering quality guided vacations that allow you to explore the world stress-free at a good price. Whether you are looking for BC getaways, international tours, cruises, or senior guided tours, we can help. Unforgettable experiences. Unbeatable value. Uncomplicated travel. Are you ready? It's time to explore!

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