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BARKERVILLE & SUN PEAKS

July 18, 2022 – 5 Days

Cariboo Gold Rush meets Alpine Meadows

Enjoy the warmth of the BC Interior summer with an ideal combination of exploring the historic Gold Rush Trail and relaxing in luxurious mountain resort comfort. Barkerville is 161 years old in 2022 and the restored town is still bringing joy to visitors, as they relive the days of the old west. Listen to Judge Begbie, watch the gold cleanup at the Cornish water-wheel, ride in a stagecoach, do some goldpanning, eat at Wake-Up Jake's Café, and enjoy a lively show at Theatre Royal. Sun Peaks is one of BC's best four-season resorts, with summer welcoming outdoor adventurers and holiday-seekers alike. Relax at the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel, the finest of many in the village and ideally located in the midst of all the shops and restaurants of this booming resort town. Ride the chairlift high onto Tod Mountain and admire the display of colourful alpine blossoms.

Activity Level: 1



6 Meals Included:

4 breakfasts, 2 lunches

Fares per person:

\$1,095 double/twin; \$1,325 single; \$1,040 triple
Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

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

Experience Points:

Earn 26 points on this tour.

Redeem 26 points if you book by June 3, 2022.

Departure from: BC Interior



Sun Peaks Village

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Day 1: Monday, July 18

We drive through the Thompson Valley to Cache Creek and have lunch at historic **Ashcroft Manor**. It was built in 1862 as a stopping place for Cariboo Gold Rush travellers and ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. This visit nicely sets the scene for the Gold Rush stories through the next two days. During the afternoon drive north along the Cariboo Highway, we visit the scenic **Painted Chasm** and pass through 100 Mile House and Williams Lake.

Meals included: Lunch

Accommodation: Billy Barker Hotel, Quesnel

Day 2: Tuesday, July 19

We are treated to the knowledge of an **expert historian** during the drive from Quesnel to Barkerville. Governor James Douglas, sometimes called "Father of British Columbia", was a key figure in Barkerville's early years and our guide's name is also James Douglas! After arrival in **Barkerville**, join the guided walking tour. For the rest of the visit, there is lots to see and enjoy at your own pace — listen to a discussion of Cariboo justice with Judge Begbie at Richfield Courthouse; buy something tasty at Goldfield Bakery; view a historic slide show at the Museum; attend church at St. Saviour's; and walk through many historic buildings, staffed with costumed interpreters who bring the 1880s vividly to life. A show at the **Theatre Royal** is included, as well as a stagecoach ride around Barkerville, and gold panning where you keep what you find.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Billy Barker Hotel, Quesnel

Day 3: Wednesday, July 20

Near 100 Mile House, we follow Highway #24 through Lone Butte and past dozens of picturesque lakes. We join the Yellowhead Highway at Little Fort and head to **Sun Peaks Resort**. Since 1994, a modest ski area called Tod Mountain has been transformed into fabulous Sun Peaks, complete with a mountainside village of hotels, shops, and restaurants. Although best known for its

world-class skiing, Sun Peaks is a wonderful place to visit in the summer. We stay two nights at the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel, located in the centre of the village with lots of restaurants and shops nearby. It is a full-service hotel with dining room, lounge, indoor and outdoor whirlpools, and fitness centre.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Sun Peaks Grand Hotel

Day 4: Thursday, July 21

Today is yours to enjoy as you like. Included is a scenic ride on the Sunburst Chair, a quad lift with protective bubble, which whisks you nearly 1,000 metres up the mountain to the **alpine meadows** and Sunburst Lodge. In mid-July, the alpine flower bloom is superb (most years) and you can spend a few hours strolling the alpine meadows to admire **colourful wildflowers**. Enjoy the panoramic view encompassing 100 km around. For the rest of the day, you may wish to play a round of golf, walk the many trails, soak in the whirlpools, or take a horseback ride.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Sun Peaks Grand Hotel



Sun Peaks alpine meadows

Day 5: Friday, July 22

The morning is leisure time and there is a late check-out. We leave Sun Peaks after lunch and head home to Kamloops and the Okanagan.

Meals included: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- 4 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Ashcroft Manor
- Local guide from Quesnel to Barkerville
- Barkerville Historic Town
- Guided walking tour of Barkerville
- Gold panning with souvenir gold flakes
- Barkerville stagecoach ride
- Theatre Royal show
- Chairlift to alpine meadows at Sun Peaks
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **6 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches



Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk. The guided walking tour around Barkerville is optional. The Richfield Courthouse is a 1.5 km gently uphill walk from Barkerville centre. Walking trails on the alpine meadows at Sun Peaks range from easy strolls to hikes of several hours, and the choice is yours. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. If Activity Level 1 could be challenging, you are urged to 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. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some tour days.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due June 3, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$60 discount on first 15 seats and \$30 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after June 3, 2022.

Cancellation Policy: Up to May 3, 2022, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From May 4 to June 3, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From June 4 to June 17, cancellation charge is 50% of tour fare. After June 17, 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.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 26 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until June 3, 2022.

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