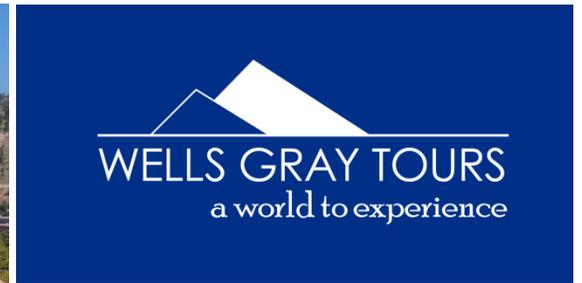




Delta Grand Okanagan



Kettle Valley steam train

AUTUMN IN THE OKANAGAN

September 30, 2022 – 6 Days

Orchards, Wineries & Fall Sights

The sunshine and heat of the Okanagan Valley make it a prime growing area in B.C. for fruit and vineyards. Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy the bounty of harvest and the fall foliage. Some highlights are the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre, a tour of South Okanagan wineries, the Kettle Valley Steam Train, an orchard tour, a honey bee farm tour, and a dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake. Drive to the Okanagan through Manning Park and return via the Coquihalla Highway. Three fabulous waterfront hotels are offered — Watermark Beach Resort in Osoyoos, Summerland Waterfront Resort, and Delta Grand Okanagan in Kelowna. This is a great time to visit the Okanagan after the summer crowds have left.

Activity Level: 1



13 Meals Included:

5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$2,395 double/twin; \$3,070 single

Above fares for 1 bedroom lakeview suite at Watermark Resort. Other choices are available.

Please add 5% GST.

BC Seniors (65 & over): \$15 discount with BC Services Card

Early Bookers:

\$130 discount on first 15 seats; \$65 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 56 points on this tour.

Redeem 56 points if you book by August 10, 2022.

Departure from: Victoria



Okanagan Lake from Summerhill Winery

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Day 1: Friday, September 30

We take the 9 am ferry to Tsawwassen, then follow scenic Highway #3 through Manning Park. In the Similkameen Valley, we have our first winery experience at **Rustic Roots** and also stop at Parsons Fruit Stand. After crossing Richter Pass, we arrive in Osoyoos and stay two nights at the splendid **Watermark Beach Resort** on the sandy shore of Osoyoos Lake. Downtown Osoyoos is only a short walk.

Note: You can choose a one-bedroom lakeview suite (included in tour fare), one-bedroom city view suite (lower fare), or two-bedroom lakeview suite (higher fare). There are limited numbers of each, so please book early to get your preference.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Watermark Beach Resort

Day 2: Saturday, October 1

The spectacular **Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre** in Osoyoos is an architectural marvel sensitively constructed into a hillside. Extensive indoor and outdoor exhibit galleries create a fun, interactive learning environment with hands-on displays, education stations, and two multi-media theatre shows. Listen to the fascinating stories of Canada's only true desert and the Okanagan First Nation. Afterwards, we take a drive up Highway #3 to the **Anarchist Mountain Lookout** for a panoramic view across the southern Okanagan Valley. In the afternoon, a local expert joins us while we travel to a couple of **South Okanagan wineries** and sample their offerings. The wine business has exploded in the last decade and the Okanagan now boasts over 200 vintners who produce superb wines that compete well on the world market.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Watermark Beach Resort

Day 3: Sunday, October 2

We drive to Penticton where the **SS Sicamous Sternwheeler** is beached beside Okanagan Lake and is now restored as a museum. Operated by the CPR, the ship carried passengers and freight along the lake from 1914 to 1937. Lunch is at Zia's in Summerland, formerly a historic stone

house. Then it is "all aboard" the **Kettle Valley Steam Train** for a 90-minute journey along a preserved section of the original KVR constructed between 1910 and 1915. Pulled by the restored 1912 steam locomotive "3716", relax as you roll along overlooking the unique beauty of Summerland's orchards and vineyards, and across the lofty Trout Creek Bridge. Afterwards, we stop at **Summerland Sweets** which started as a candy store in 1962 and now makes and sells pancake syrups, gourmet jams, nut brittles, and many gift packages. Another beautiful lakeside hotel is waiting for tonight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Summerland Waterfront Resort

Day 4: Monday, October 3

We continue along Okanagan Lake into **Kelowna** and meet a local guide for a walking and driving tour. Lunch is at **Summerhill Winery** along with a tour and wine tasting. We stay two nights in Kelowna at the luxurious **Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel** on the shore of Okanagan Lake. You may want to stroll along the beach or book a soothing treatment in the spa.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel

Day 5: Tuesday, October 4

In Vernon, we first go to the **Planet Bee Honey Farm** for a presentation about beekeeping and honey bees. At **Davison Orchard**, we learn about the apple industry. Hop on the trolley for a tour around the orchard, then enjoy lunch with Auntie May's apple pie and ice cream. The afternoon is leisure time at our hotel, then enjoy a **dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake** while admiring the Kelowna skyline.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel

Day 6: Wednesday, October 5

We leave the Okanagan Valley via the Coquihalla Highway. Lunch is in Hope, then we take the 5 pm ferry back to Victoria.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights accommodation and hotel taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings
- Rustic Roots Winery tour with wine tasting
- Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre
- Tour of South Okanagan wineries
- SS Sicamous Sternwheeler
- Kettle Valley Steam Train excursion
- Summerland Sweets
- Guided walking and driving tour of Kelowna
- Summerhill Winery tour with wine tasting
- Planet Bee Honey Farm
- Trolley tour at Davison Orchard
- Dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake
- Gratuities for local guides
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **13 meals:** 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

TOUR NOTES



Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs at most attractions. There are a few steps to get on and off the steam train. The walking tour in Kelowna covers several blocks. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. 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 \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due August 10, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$130 discount on first 15 seats and \$65 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 10, 2022.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 8, 2022, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From July 9 to August 10, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 11 to August 29, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After August 29, 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.

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 56 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 August 10, 2022.

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