



Tyax Lodge



Tyax whirlpool

TYAX LODGE

October 1, 2022 – 6 Days

A Fall Foliage Tour in the South Chilcotin

Escape to Tyax Lodge, a peaceful retreat on the shore of Tyaughton Lake with a fine view of snowy peaks. The lodge is one of the largest log buildings in western Canada and you are sure to admire its fine craftsmanship, especially the cathedral lobby with a soaring stone chimney. It was built in 1986 and totally renovated in 2010. We stay here for three nights of the tour. Nearby is Bralorne, once one of British Columbia's greatest gold mines. The fabulous Pioneer Mine produced \$140 million of gold between 1914 and 1960. A local historian accompanies us to explain the fascinating story of Bralorne, Bradian, Gold Bridge, the Haylmore Historic Site, and Gun Lake. Another highlight of this valley is the fall foliage which usually peaks in early October.

Activity Level: 1



12 Meals Included:

5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$2,095 double/twin; \$2,795 single; \$1,965 triple
Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$60 discount on first 12 seats; \$30 on next 8

Experience Points:

Earn 34 points on this tour.

Redeem 34 points if you book by August 9, 2022.

Departure from: Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox



Mowson Pond near Tyax

ITINERARY

Day 1: Saturday, October 1

Transportation is provided to Victoria airport. We fly to Kelowna and stay overnight near the airport.

Note: We can also make arrangements for you to fly from Nanaimo or Comox if you live up-Island.

Accommodation: Hampton Inn Kelowna Airport

Day 2: Sunday, October 2

We meet the BC Interior passengers during pickups through the Okanagan Valley. We have lunch at historic **Ashcroft Manor** which was built in 1862 as a stopping place for gold rush travelers and ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. We admire the soaring cliffs of Marble Canyon, then follow the Fraser River to Lillooet. Next, our route winds through awesome 600-metre deep **Bridge River Canyon** and along Carpenter Lake which is 50 km long. Our destination is **Tyax Lodge**, a peaceful retreat on Tyaughton Lake with a fine view of snowy peaks. We stay here for all three nights of the tour. The lodge is one of the largest log buildings in western Canada and you are sure to admire its fine craftsmanship, especially the cathedral dining room with a soaring stone chimney.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Tyax Lodge

Day 3: Monday, October 3

Accompanied by a local historian, we explore **Bralorne**, once one of British Columbia's greatest gold mines. The fabulous Pioneer Mine produced \$140 million of gold between 1914 and 1960. Our visit includes the Bralorne Museum, the abandoned town of Bradian, and the Haylmore Historic Site. This afternoon, we drive past



Bralorne ghost town

the Lajoie Dam to lovely **Gun Lake**. The fall foliage is usually outstanding during today's drive.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Tyax Lodge

Day 4: Tuesday, October 4

Today is a free day at Tyax. After breakfast, listen to a talk about the history of Tyax and the remarkable project to build this huge log structure in such a remote place. For the rest of the day, there is an extensive list



Tyax dining room

of recreational activities (some at extra cost) including horseback riding, fishing, sailing, mountain biking, gold-panning, or a walk along the lakeshore trail. You may wish to explore **Tyaughton Lake** by canoe or row boat. At the lodge, there is a sauna and whirlpool, or you can simply relax on the deck overlooking Tyaughton Lake. A sightseeing float plane excursion is offered as an option (see description on page 3).

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Tyax Lodge

Day 5: Wednesday, October 5

During the drive back to Lillooet along the Bridge River, we stop at **Terzaghi Dam** which backs up Carpenter Lake, and Russell Springs. The Million Dollar Basin was extensively mined for gold during the later 19th century and is also remembered for an action movie *Flashback*, partly filmed here in 1977. Lunch is in Lillooet, then we travel via Cache Creek to Kelowna.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hampton Inn Kelowna Airport

Day 6: Thursday, October 6

We fly to Victoria and a transfer is arranged to your pickup point. Flights to Nanaimo or Comox can also be arranged.

Meals included: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transfers to/from Victoria Airport
 - Flight from Victoria to Kelowna and return
 - Current air taxes and security fees
 - 2 transfers between Kelowna Airport and hotel
 - Coach transportation for 4 days
 - 5 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
 - Historic Ashcroft Manor
 - Locally-guided tour of Bralorne & Gold Bridge
 - Bralorne Museum
 - Haylmore Historic Site
 - Talk about history of Tyax Lodge
 - Knowledgeable tour director
 - Luggage handling at Tyax
 - **12 meals:** 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
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SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT OPTION

October 4 is a free day to relax at Tyax Resort and enjoy the beautiful lakeside setting as well as numerous entertaining and recreational activities. A flight over the nearby glaciers and peaks of the South Chilcotin wilderness is offered as an option. The flight is in a six-passenger Beaver floatplane for one hour. Commentary is provided by the pilot through headphones, so you won't miss any of the terrific scenery. The plane flies over the South Chilcotin Mountains Park, isolated Spruce Lake, some extinct volcanic cones, and the colourful Eldorado basin. A highlight is the flight along the Bridge River to its source high in the Coast Mountains at the massive Bridge Glacier where icebergs break off the snout and float around the lake below. The Bridge Glacier is only one part of



Bridge Glacier

the vast Lillooet Icefield which covers 1,000 square kilometres. Mountain goats, grizzlies and moose are abundant in this region and are commonly seen during the flight. Price is \$225 per person plus GST based on minimum of five passengers per flight. If inclement weather occurs and the plane cannot fly, your flight cost will be refunded. Please book this option as soon as possible as flights may be limited.

OTHER TOUR NOTES

- Tyax is an impressive log lodge with only 27 rooms, of which 18 have a splendid view of Tyaughton Lake and the rest have no view. Therefore, the first 18 parties booking this tour will be assigned to the lake view rooms. We recommend early booking!
- Most Tyax rooms have 2 queen beds and a few have a king bed.
- Rooms are on three floors. Ground floor is the middle floor on the same level as the lobby, dining room, and deck. You need to walk down one flight of stairs to go outdoors on the lake side of the lodge. Please request ground floor at time of booking. Tyax does not have an elevator. Wells Gray Tours usually fills all the lodge rooms, so changes cannot be made on arrival.
- This tour has all Tyax meals included due to the high cost of individual meals in this remote location. Meals may be served as a buffet or plated. Dinners are usually two courses — appetizer and entrée.
- **Nanaimo, Comox, Courtenay & area clients:** You can easily join this tour. We can book your flight from Nanaimo or Comox airports instead of Victoria and you fly to and from Kelowna. Fares may be different than Victoria flights.



Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. Ground floor rooms on the lobby level are very limited, and there is no elevator. If you book the flight option, getting into the plane requires 3 ladder-like steps. 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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due August 9, 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 12 seats and \$30 on next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 9, 2022.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 8, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From July 9 to August 9, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From August 10 to August 31, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After August 31, there is no refund.

Fare Changes: Changes to taxes and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes until departure.

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

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to a remote destination where restaurants probably cannot 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.

Home pickups may be offered in Greater Victoria, depending on the number of people booked and coach size. Decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 34 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 9, 2022.

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