



Paddlewheeler



Museum of Anthropology

CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER

December 21, 2022 – 6 Days

With 5 nights at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Get away to Vancouver during the Christmas season, and relax for 5 nights at the iconic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Opened in 1939 at a cost of \$12 million, it was the third Hotel Vancouver and a downtown landmark with its copper green roof and a height of 17 storeys. The hotel has a wonderful location on West Georgia Street, close to many restaurants and the Pacific Centre Mall.

Some tour highlights are a lunch cruise on the paddlewheeler on the Fraser River, the extravagant Christmas lights at VanDusen Gardens, Burnaby Heritage Village, MacMillan Space Museum, Museum of Anthropology, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden. Two shows are offered: *The Sound of Music* at the Stanley Theatre and *Mom's the Word: Talking Turkey* at Granville Island Theatre.

Come and enjoy a festive Christmas 2022 in Vancouver!

Activity Level: 1



10 Meals Included:

4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

Fares per person:

Fairmont room – \$2,365 double/twin; \$2,840 single

Junior Suite – \$2,650 double/twin; \$3,415 single

1-Bedroom Suite – \$2,830 double/twin; \$3,780 single

Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$50 discount on first 15 seats; \$25 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 54 points on this tour

Redeem 54 points if you book by November 1, 2022.

Departure from: BC Interior



Hotel Vancouver

ITINERARY

Day 1: Wednesday, December 21

We drive to Vancouver and settle into the renowned **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver** for a five-night stay. Opened in 1939 at a cost of \$12 million, it became a downtown landmark with its copper green roof and a height of 17 storeys. A \$70 million restoration during the 1990s followed by a \$12 million update in 2014 have brought this magnificent hotel back to ranking among the finest in Vancouver.

Meals included: Lunch

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Day 2: Thursday, December 22

Breakfast is included each day at the hotel. We board the *MV Native padd Wheeler* in New Westminster for an excursion on the Fraser River with lunch included. We sail along the waterfront of New Westminster and Surrey, and underneath three bridges, including Port Mann and Pattullo. The captain has lots of stories to tell about sights and historical places along the "Mighty Fraser". This afternoon, we visit **Burnaby Heritage Village**, a re-creation of a pioneer community at the turn of the 20th century. At 7:30 pm, we are at the Stanley Theatre to see the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, *The Sound of Music*. Enjoy all your favourite songs from this wonderful musical such as *My Favorite Things*, *Edelweiss*, *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, and *Do-Re-Mi*.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Day 3: Friday, December 23

We go to the **MacMillan Space Centre**. Founded in 1968, this astronomy museum offers live demonstrations on science in the theatre, exhibits and games in the Cosmic Courtyard, and astronomy shows in the Planetarium. There is free time at Granville Island for shopping and lunch. At 1:30 pm, the curtain rises at Granville Island

Theatre for *Mom's the Word: Talking Turkey*. In the 1990s, six theatre artists got together to talk and write about their experiences as new mothers. Part comedy, part variety show, these women share all the wonders of motherhood they could fit into two hours. Tonight, we go to **VanDusen Gardens' Festival of Lights** and admire the spectacle of thousands of Christmas lights, the dancing lights on the lake, a giant decorated tree, Candy Cane Lane, and a choir concert.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Day 4: Saturday, December 24

We visit the **Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden**, an authentic representation of a Ming Dynasty Garden. After a guided tour, we have a chance to taste Chinese tea while a tea expert gives a talk on its cultural significance. Next, we go to the **Museum of Anthropology**, housed in a stunning Arthur Erickson structure with exquisite First Nations artifacts and exhibits, including Bill Reid's famous sculpture "The Raven and the First Men". Our Christmas Eve dinner is at the Hotel Vancouver.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Day 5: December 25 – Merry Christmas!

Expect a gift from Santa during brunch at the hotel. A hospitality room is available from 10 am to 10 pm where you can meet or visit with other Wells Gray travellers. The day is leisure time, then we savour a superb **Christmas Dinner** at the hotel.

Meals included: Brunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Day 6: Monday, December 26

We travel home with good memories of our Christmas stay in Vancouver.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Fraser River paddlewheeler cruise with lunch
- Burnaby Heritage Village
- *The Sound of Music* at Stanley Theatre
- MacMillan Space Museum
- *Mom's the Word: Talking Turkey* at Granville Island Theatre
- VanDusen Gardens Festival of Lights
- Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden with tea and tour
- Museum of Anthropology
- Gratuities for paddlewheeler crew
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **10 meals:** 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 3 lunches, 2 dinners



Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. There is a short walk from coach to dock for the paddlewheeler. You can do a short or long walk at VanDusen Gardens and Burnaby Heritage Village. 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 INFO

Payments: A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due November 1, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$50 discount on first 15 seats and \$25 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after November 1, 2022.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 23, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$100 per person. From September 24 to November 1, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From November 2 to November 8, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. From November 9 to November 21, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After November 21, 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, 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.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 54 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 November 1, 2022.

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