



WELLS GRAY TOURS

# Experiences

ESCORTED GROUP TRAVEL SINCE 1972

Vol 14 – Summer 2022



A TASTE OF ITALY

---

journey through Italian  
cuisine and culture

FALL GETAWAYS

---

adventures for every  
kind of traveller

CHRISTMAS TOURS

---

join one of our  
magical holiday tours

# THE WELLS GRAY TOURS ADVANTAGE

WE PLAN | YOU PACK | NO WORRIES



escorted tours with experienced tour directors



local offices with friendly, helpful staff



early booking discounts and loyalty rewards program



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



single, double and triple 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.

LEARN MORE

# Experience

## A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

I have just returned from directing the 4<sup>th</sup> and last of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tours which ran every weekend since May 20<sup>th</sup>. It has been an exhilarating and uplifting experience to have so many customers travel with us back to our roots in Wells Gray Park in 1972. Take a look at our Facebook page for pictures from each trip. We had amazing weather every weekend and the waterfalls were incredible in their full spring runoff. At the Saturday night nostalgic dinners, we had a memorable variety of 1970s outfits on display. I enjoyed reminiscing with several invited guests such as Evelyn Schimmel and Dan Broderick who were fellow SFU geography students and helped me run the tours in 1973-74; Ron and Joan Anderson who founded Canada West Coachlines in 1972; and Bernie and Joan Driedger, the coach owners from 1981-2017.

It is so heartening to see our customers returning to group travel, now that government has lifted almost all restrictions. Many summer tours are sold out with long waiting lists and the fall departures are filling rapidly. The September Mystery Tour was a record breaker, selling out in just two days. I want to mention that we are still exercising an abundance of caution because Covid has not yet been vanquished. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, you must have three vaccinations to travel with us and masks are required on the coaches.

I want to throw in a few words about travel insurance. It is so important to be properly covered during your tour, whether you are staying in British Columbia or travelling to a different country.

Unfortunately, some customers still tell us that they have travel insurance through a credit card. This is rarely adequate for trips to the USA or to cover cancellation of an international tour, unless you carry a premium card. It is a good idea to read your policy carefully, but since this can be 20-40 pages of complex language, it may not be at the top of your priority list. The coverage limits might not be discovered until you have a medical emergency prior to or during the tour. In March 2020, Travel Guard Insurance, the company we use, proposed a policy with superior coverage that would be included in tour fares, but Covid has interfered with discussing further details with them.

You probably read about our online payment system in our last newsletter. It has been running for a month and is proving very popular as an alternative to credit cards since you get a 2% discount. Instructions are in that newsletter or call our office for assistance.

Anne and I are looking forward to several tours this fall—a cruise on the *Nieuw Statendam* from Québec to Boston, the Mystery Tour, and Egypt and Jordan. I hope you can join us for some memorable travel experiences.

Keep exploring,

*Roland Neave*

President, Owner, CTP, Hon.Doc.  
Wells Gray Tours

# BC Getaways

## 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. Then we board VIA Rail's *Skeena Train* for a spectacular all-day journey east to Prince George. We drive south through the Cariboo with a visit to the historic gold rush town of Barkerville. This is a wonderful British Columbia circle tour that has been so popular we've added a second departure.

**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](#)

Call for availability



## INSIDE PASSAGE & SKEENA TRAIN

### Departure #2

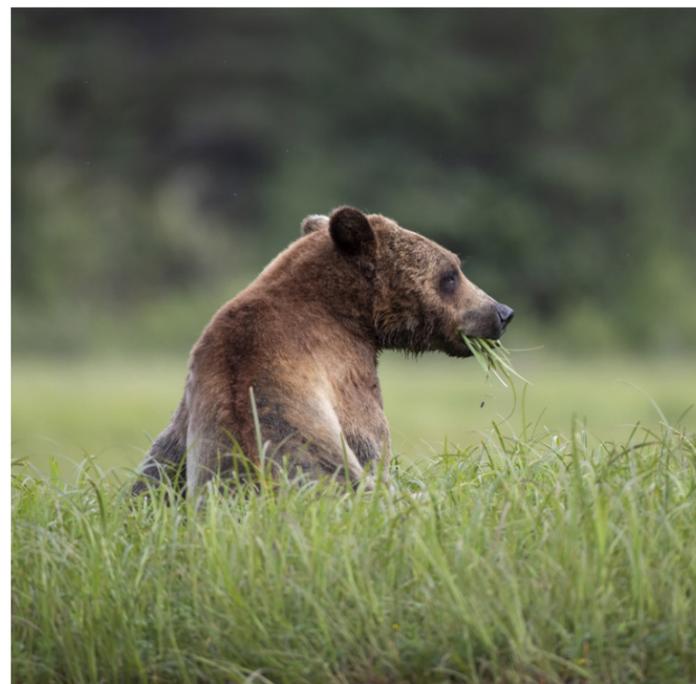
*Interior: July 23, 2022 – 8 days*

The itinerary for Departure #2 is almost identical to Departure #1, with a few minor changes. This tour spends two nights in Prince Rupert and two nights in Prince George (Departure #1 spends three nights in Prince Rupert and one 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](#)

Call for availability



## BARKERVILLE & SUN PEAKS

*Interior: July 18, 2022 – 5 days*

The history of the Cariboo gold rush in Barkerville meets relaxation in the alpine meadows of Sun Peaks. First we visit historic Barkerville where you can listen to Judge Begbie, watch the gold cleanup at the Cornish waterwheel, ride in a stagecoach, do some goldpanning, eat at Wake-Up Jake's Café, and enjoy a lively show at Theatre Royal. Then it's off to Sun Peaks, one of BC's best four-season resorts, with summer weather 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 wild flowers.

**I** \$1,095 pp double, \$1,325 single  
Last chance to book!

[LEARN MORE](#)



## VANCOUVER ISLAND WITH SMALL SHIPS

*Interior: September 17, 2022 – 7 days*

*Vancouver Island: September 17, 2022 – 5 days*

*Lower Mainland: September 18, 2022 – 6 days*

Vancouver Island stretches 460 km from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Queen Charlotte Sound and boasts great diversity ranging from the capital city of Victoria to remote mountain peaks in Strathcona Park, and from narrow fjords that slice into the west coast to secluded harbours like Telegraph Cove. To explore Vancouver Island properly, you have to head out on the water. This tour features a private cruise on the *MV Uchuck III* from Gold River to Zeballos, and a whale-watching excursion at Telegraph Cove. The Interior and Lower Mainland departures include a cruise on *MV Frances Barkley* from Port Alberni to Bamfield through Alberni Inlet.

**I** \$2,680 pp double, \$3,255 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

**V** \$2,160 pp double, \$2,535 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

**L** \$2,535 pp double, \$3,005 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

Discounts up to \$60 pp

## BELLA COOLA & TWEEDSMUIR PARK

*Interior: August 7, 2022 – 8 days*

*Van Island & Lower Main: August 8, 2022 – 7 days*

Bella Coola is an isolated community on the central BC coast, surrounded by splendid mountain scenery. The ferry and the highway offer an awesome circle route to Bella Coola. The 10-hour daylight voyage along the rugged BC coast is an amazing experience of seascapes and wildlife. Too many people take only a day to drive the 450 km highway whereas this tour devotes three days to the trip, allowing time for many stops and the thrill of 'The Hill'. One highlight is the flight into Tweedsmuir Park to see Hunlen Falls, Canada's highest waterfall, the vast Monarch Icefields, and the colourful Rainbow Range.

**I** \$3,365 pp double, \$3,905 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

**V** \$3,435 pp double, \$3,870 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

**L** \$3,450 pp double, \$3,885 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

Only 4 seats left!



TOUR  
30

## KOOTENAYS GHOST TOWNS

*Interior: September 20, 2022 – 5 days*

*Van Island & Lower Main: Sept 19, 2022 – 6 days*

During five days, we visit ghost towns such as Retallack and Sandon, as well as a created one at Three Valley Gap, and historic towns like Revelstoke, Kaslo, Nelson, and Greenwood. Unique experiences include a ride on Nelson's heritage Streetcar #23, expert historians in Nelson and Sandon, an overnight at Nelson's old Hume Hotel, and the historic powerhouse at Sandon. Guides are hired at each attraction or town to explain the historical details as only a local person can do. We stay two nights at Ainsworth Hot Springs, so you have unlimited use of the pools. Come and join us on this exciting tour with a ghostly twist!

**I** \$1,595 pp double, \$1,975 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

**V** \$2,145 pp double, \$2,630 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

**L** \$2,095 pp double, \$2,580 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

Discounts up to \$80 pp





### AUTUMN IN THE OKANAGAN



*Van Island & Lower Main: Sept 30, 2022 – 6 days*

The sunshine and heat of the Okanagan Valley make it a prime growing area in BC for fruit and vineyards. Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy the bounty of harvest and the fall foliage. Some highlights include 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.

- V** from \$2,360 pp double, \$2,995 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** from \$2,330 pp double, \$2,965 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Discounts up to \$130 pp**

### TYAX LODGE



*Interior: October 2, 2022 – 4 days*

*Van Island & Lower Main: October 1, 2022 – 6 days*

Escape to Tyax Lodge, a peaceful retreat on the shore of Tyaughton Lake. 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. We stay three nights here. Nearby is Bralorne, once one of British Columbia's greatest gold mines. 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.

- I** \$1,470 pp double, \$1,895 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** \$2,095 pp double, \$2,795 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** \$2,075 pp double, \$2,775 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Discounts up to \$30 pp**

### THANKSGIVING AT TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE



*Vancouver Island : October 6, 2022 – 4 days*

Join us on a Thanksgiving weekend escape to Salt Spring Island and Quadra Island. We take the ferry to Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring Island, then a local guide shows us some of the highlights. On the first evening, we enjoy a show at Chemainus Theatre. On the second day, we ride the ferry over to Quadra Island and stay two nights at lovely Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge. Relax on your private balcony and enjoy the panorama of the ocean, the mountains of Vancouver Island beyond, the rapidly-moving tides, and tugboats with barges navigating this narrow waterway. This oceanfront retreat is a wonderful place to celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving.

- V** \$1,245 pp double, \$1,475 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Discounts up to \$35 pp**

### THANKSGIVING ON THE ISLAND



*Interior: October 7, 2022 – 6 days*

A perfect Thanksgiving getaway! We stay overnight at the Blue Horizon Hotel on Robson Street, close to shops and restaurants. The next day, we head to Salt Spring Island to browse the popular Saturday Market, then enjoy a show at Chemainus Theatre. We take the ferry over to Quadra Island and relax for two nights at magnificent Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge. It was built by the Kwagiutl people and its vast lobby resembles a traditional 'Big House' with massive timbers, a soaring cathedral ceiling, and huge windows overlooking Discovery Passage. We also spend a night at the Beach Club in Parksville, located directly on the sandy beach of Parksville Bay where all rooms have a wonderful ocean view. Come and enjoy Thanksgiving on the Island.

- I** \$1,855 pp double, \$2,210 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Waitlist only**

### THANKSGIVING AT ECHO VALLEY RANCH



*Interior: October 7, 2022 – 4 days*

*Vancouver Island: October 6, 2022 – 5 days*

Echo Valley Ranch is a luxurious, all-inclusive resort nestled in the midst of the breathtaking setting of the Cariboo. Part ranch, part spa, part indescribable, the ranch sits amid hundreds of acres of pristine mountains, lush valleys, pine forests, and desert canyons. There are many complimentary activities offered and you can choose whether you want to go horse-riding or mountain biking, practice archery, explore the farm-to-table garden, or learn wilderness survival skills. Or you may simply want to take it easy and savour some superb meals with wine pairings at dinner.

- I** from \$3,195 pp double, \$3,625 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** from \$3,745 pp double, \$4,255 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Book soon...filling fast!**

**TOUR**  
**25**



### STORM WATCHING AT WICKANINNISH INN



*Interior: November 21, 2022 – 6 days*

*Vancouver Island: November 15, 2022 – 4 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. There is plenty of time for strolling the beaches and a visit to Ucluelet is included. This tour offers extraordinary savings and lets you experience this renowned property with some exceptional meals.

- I** from \$2,340 pp double, \$2,995 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** from \$1,695 pp double, \$2,270 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Interior departure waitlist only**

# Oh Canada!



## CALGARY STAMPEDE



*Interior: July 7, 2022 – 5 Days*

*Van Island & Lower Main: July 6, 2022 – 6 days*

Pull on your jeans and boots, don your cowboy hat, and get ready for a yee-haw good time at the annual Calgary Stampede! There is so much to see and do: wander through the barns to view the prize-winning animals, thrill to the rides on the midway, admire some of the greatest western artists in the world, live it up at Nashville North, visit the agricultural shows, and enjoy nonstop live entertainment throughout the day and night. We have included reserved seats to the premier Stampede events: the kick-off parade, the exciting afternoon rodeo, and the spectacular evening of chuckwagon races, stage show, and fireworks. Enjoy a leisurely drive home via Radium Hot Springs and Kootenay National Park.

- I** \$1,490 pp double, \$1,815 single
  - V** \$2,045 pp double, \$2,480 single
  - L** \$1,995 pp double, \$2,430 single
- Waitlist only

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

## SUMMERTIME IN THE KLONDIKE



*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:*

*August 11, 2022 – 8 days*

Today, 123 years after the Klondike Gold Rush started, the Yukon still extends a spell to its visitors. Wells Gray has offered tours to the Yukon for over 40 years, and Whitehorse and Dawson City are always memorable stops. This tour flies to Whitehorse, to Dawson City, and back to Kelowna to eliminate road travel time. In both places, there is a great variety of exciting things to do: see native animals at Yukon Wildlife Preserve, soak in Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, tour one of the last sternwheelers on the Yukon River, pan for gold at Claim #33, cruise the Yukon River on a paddlewheeler, and admire the ornate Palace Grand Theatre.

- I** \$3,195 pp double, \$3,735 single
  - V** \$3,345 pp double, \$3,885 single
  - L** \$3,145 pp double, \$3,685 single
- Only 7 seats left!

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

## ST. LAWRENCE & OTTAWA RIVERS CRUISE



*from Kingston to Ottawa on Canadian Empress*

*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:*

*September 7, 2022 – 10 days*

The St. Lawrence River begins at the foot of Lake Ontario near Kingston, and flows 1,300 kilometres to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the vast Atlantic Ocean. This mighty river which Sir J.M. LeMoine called "The noblest, the purest, most enchanting river on all God's beautiful earth" acts as a natural boundary for many kilometres between Canada and the USA. The *Canadian Empress* cruises between Kingston and Ottawa on the St. Lawrence River and the Ottawa River. The five-day voyage passes through nine locks. Experience the cities of Kingston and Ottawa, and lots of Canadian history during this fascinating cruise.

- I** \$5,395 pp double, \$7,835 single
- V** \$5,495 pp double, \$7,935 single
- L** \$5,395 pp double, \$7,835 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

## WATERTON LAKES & COWBOY TRAIL



*Interior: September 14, 2022 – 6 days*

*Van Island & Lower Main: Sept 13, 2022 – 7 days*

Highway #22 traverses the foothills of Alberta's Rocky Mountains and has been nicknamed the Cowboy Trail. Ranching and the cowboy life are still very much part of the lifestyle here. We visit several historical attractions including Bar U Ranch, Remington Carriage Museum, Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, Fort Macleod, and Frank Slide. Southern Alberta also boasts one of Canada's less-visited national parks, Waterton Lakes, which features rugged mountains rising from a stark prairie, surrounding an idyllic lake. Add to this a cruise on Waterton Lake, the beauty of Kananaskis and Crowsnest Pass, relaxing at Fairmont Hot Springs, and the fall foliage, to make the perfect autumn getaway.

- I** \$2,150 pp double, \$2,660 single
- V** \$2,695 pp double, \$3,325 single
- L** \$2,645 pp double, \$3,275 single

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

Discounts up to \$120 pp

## JASPER PARK LODGE FALL GETAWAY



*Interior: October 9, 2022 – 5 days*

*Van Island & Lower Main: October 9, 2022 – 6 days*

Each fall, the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge invites seniors to the mountains for fresh air, fall foliage, and lots of fun. Delicious food, great entertainment, and a multitude of activities make for a great getaway. With fitness programs, craft-making, lectures, walking tours, and entertainment the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge program has it all! This tour offers extraordinary savings and lets you delight in this renowned lodge, with exceptional meals and experiences included, at a very attractive price.

- I** from \$1,570 pp double, \$1,880 single
  - V** from \$1,815 pp double, \$2,190 single
  - L** from \$1,785 pp double, \$2,160 single
- Discounts up to \$30 pp

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

## THE YUKON'S NORTHERN LIGHTS



*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:*

*November 13, 2022 – 6 days*

The Northern Lights are magical, mystical, and mesmerising. This tour has four nighttime sessions of Northern Lights viewing with a local guide. 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 Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, visits to the Beringia Centre, Yukon Museum of Transportation, MacBride Museum, Yukon Wildlife Preserve, and the option to experience dog sledding!

**TOUR**

**25**

- I** \$2,460 pp double, \$2,810 single
  - V** \$2,535 pp double, \$2,885 single
  - L** \$2,385 pp double, \$2,735 single
- book soon...filling fast!

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Do I really need travel insurance?

Unexpected emergency medical treatment is the single most expensive hidden cost you can incur.

### Why Travel Guard?

- No medical questionnaire!
- Insurance is fully refundable if tour is cancelled.
- No maximum age.
- 24/7/365 assistance services.

### What about extra coverage?

- Waiver of Pre-existing Conditions, when purchased within seven days of the initial trip payment:
- Insured must be medically able to travel at the time of purchase.
- Pre-existing medical waiver applies to a maximum of \$35,000 per person for trip cancellation.
- Pre-existing medical waiver applies to a maximum of \$2.5M when the medical upgrade is purchased.

## Travel Guard®

### Is there anything else?

- If a claim is denied, a personal call to the client will be made to explain why.
- If Travel Medical Assistance is required, direct medical payment will be arranged when available.

The insurance products available through Travel Guard Group Canada, Inc. ("Travel Guard") are underwritten by AIG Insurance Company of Canada. The insurance policy will contain reductions, limitations, exclusions and termination provisions. Coverage may not be available in all provinces. 1962\_002 09/18/19



# Theatre Tours



## LEAVENWORTH SUMMER THEATRE

*Interior: August 23, 2022 – 4 days*

Leavenworth will celebrate its 27<sup>th</sup> season of theatre in 2022, anchored by its signature production, *The Sound of Music*. Experience the magic of theatre under the stars as you watch the show outdoors at the Ski Hill. The sun falls behind the ridge, the moon rises over the valley, and Maria starts singing her much-loved title song. We also see *The Secret Garden* at the Ski Hill and *The Music Man* at the Hatchery Park Stage. We stay three nights at the lovely Enzian Inn, located near Leavenworth's town square and convenient to the shops. We also visit the Nutcracker Museum, the Farmers' Market, and Rocky Reach Dam and fish ladder on the Columbia River.

**I** \$1,465 pp double, \$1,935 single  
Discounts up to \$80 pp

[LEARN MORE](#)

## BRANSON



*Interior, Vancouver Island, & Lower Mainland:  
September 27, 2022 – 10 days*

The entertainment in Branson, Missouri is nonstop—filled with music, laughter, and legends of the stage. It has been named the #1 U.S. destination for groups for many years and entertains more than six million visitors annually. It all began in 1959 when The Baldknobbers Jamboree opened the first live musical show in Branson, but the first theatre on Highway 76 was Presley's Mountain Music Jubilee in 1967. Currently there are 40 theatres operating in Branson and it has more theatre seats than Broadway or Las Vegas. During six days and nights in Branson, we experience 13 shows across a wide range of genres including country music, acrobatics, comedy, Celtic music, opera, and Broadway tunes! Come and find out why Branson is called the "Live Music Show Capital of the World."

**I** \$4,495 pp double, \$5,230 single  
**V** \$4,645 pp double, \$5,380 single  
**L** \$4,470 pp double, \$5,205 single  
Discounts up to \$200 pp

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

## THEATRE ESCAPE TO HOTEL VANCOUVER



*Interior: November 18, 2022 – 4 days*

Enjoy this get-away to the Coast, featuring three shows at Vancouver theatres. The first show is *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre, a masterpiece from the legendary writing team of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Next is *Mom's the Word: Talkin' Turkey* at the intimate Granville Island Theatre. The third production is the ever popular *Sound of Music* at the Stanley Theatre. The tour stays three nights at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants. Add to all this the multi-media show *Fly Over Canada* and the Vancouver Art Gallery, and you have a terrific weekend of entertainment.

**I** \$1,390 pp double, \$1,725 single  
Only 12 seats left!

[LEARN MORE](#)

## ONTARIO THEATRE



*Interior, Vancouver Island, & Lower Mainland:  
September 26, 2022 – 9 days*

Experience Canadian Theatre at its best! This tour includes locally guided visits to Toronto and Niagara Falls, as well as numerous interesting attractions along the route including the Royal Ontario Museum, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, lunch at Skylon Tower, and the Hornblower boat trip. Shows include:

- *Chicago* OR *All's Well That Ends Well*
- *Hamlet* OR *1939*
- *Little Women*
- *Richard III* OR *Every Little Nookie*
- *The Miser*
- *Hamlet 911* (optional at extra cost)
- *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*
- *The Importance of Being Earnest*
- *The Doctor's Dilemma*
- Greg Frewin dinner theatre

**I** \$4,695 pp double, \$5,450 single  
**V** \$4,795 pp double, \$5,550 single  
**L** \$4,645 pp double, \$5,400 single  
Discounts up to \$125 pp

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

## SAN JUAN ISLANDS CRUISE



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

The San Juan islands are best enjoyed by boat, so 2½ days are devoted to cruising on the *Salish Express*, learning about the fascinating history and admiring the natural beauty. We weave among the islands to Friday Harbor where we stay two nights. It is a delightful small town filled with interesting shops, galleries, and pubs. The ship's small size is an advantage because she can cruise through many narrow channels that are impassable to larger ships. Other highlights include a visit to the unique town of La Conner, a cruise through turbulent Deception Pass, a driving tour of San Juan Island, and lots of opportunities for seeing whales and other marine wildlife.

**I** \$2,640 pp double, \$3,160 single  
**V** \$2,790 pp double, \$3,310 single  
**L** \$2,610 pp double, \$3,130 single  
Discounts up to \$150 pp

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

## OREGON COAST EXPLORER



*Interior: Sept 17, 2022 – 8 days  
Van Island & Lower Mainland: Sept 16, 2022 – 9 days*

Oregon's nearly 550 km of pristine, public coastline is made up of diverse terrain that boasts rugged cliffs, lush evergreen forests, Sahara-like sand dunes, and pristine beaches. Join Wells Gray Tours as we follow the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway between Coos Bay and Lincoln City. Stroll the beaches and look for treasures washed up by the constant waves. Explore a worldclass aquarium, then savour dinner among the sea creatures. Get close to a myriad of marine life during a Yaquina Bay cruise. Yell out loud as you ride the sands in a dune buggy. Tour the fabulous Shore Acres estate and gardens. Shop for crafts made from the rare Oregon myrtlewood. Watch waves crashing into the narrow slot of Devil's Churn.

**I** \$2,835 pp double, \$3,565 single  
**V** \$3,225 pp double, \$4,060 single  
**L** \$3,175 pp double, \$4,010 single  
Discounts up to \$75 pp

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

# Explore America

## NASHVILLE & MEMPHIS



*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:  
September 25, 2022 – 9 days*

For music lovers, there is no treat better than a visit to Nashville, 'Country Music USA', and Memphis, 'Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll'. This tour begins in Memphis where we tour Elvis Presley's Graceland Mansion, visit the Rock 'n' Soul Museum, take a stroll down Beale Street, see the March of the Peabody Ducks, and enjoy dinners at BB King's and Marlowe's. Then we drive through rural Tennessee to Nashville. Our accommodation in Nashville is the renowned Opryland Hotel and of course the Grand Ole Opry tops all the entertainment choices. Other special places are Belle Meade Plantation, RCA Studio B, Country Music Hall of Fame, Ray Stevens' CabaRay Dinner Show, and lunch at the Wildhorse Saloon.

**I** \$5,885 pp double, \$6,995 single  
**V** \$5,985 pp double, \$7,095 single  
**L** \$5,860 pp double, \$6,970 single  
Discounts up to \$125 pp

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

## NEW ORLEANS & CAJUN COUNTRY



*Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:  
October 17, 2022 – 10 days*

New Orleans is one of the great cities in the western world, not a place you simply visit, but one you'll fall in love with during three nights staying in the vibrant French Quarter. The cultural riches, sensual indulgences, and unparalleled service that define the New Orleans experience still flourish. History comes to life in Plantation Country as you travel back to the 1800s and the days of sprawling antebellum plantations. Visit Laura and Oak Alley, two of the most famous plantation mansions. During two days exploring Cajun Country, experience the peaceful bayous where the first French Canadians settled and forever changed the landscape and culture of the state.

**I** \$4,085 pp double, \$4,850 single  
**V** \$4,235 pp double, \$4,995 single  
**L** \$4,060 pp double, \$4,825 single  
Discounts up to \$100 pp

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)



# Cruises



## PANAMA CANAL CRUISE



On Holland America's *Nieuw Amsterdam*  
Interior & Vancouver Island: October 1, 2022 – 26 days  
Lower Mainland: October 2, 2022 – 25 days

The *Nieuw Amsterdam* carries only 2,100 passengers and was launched in 2010. This cruise has the benefit of boarding in Vancouver. The ports of call are San Francisco, Catalina Island, and San Diego, California; Puerto Vallarta, Huatulco, and Puerto Chiapas, Mexico; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Corinto, Nicaragua; Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica; Oranjestad, Aruba; and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Passing through the Panama Canal, the *Nieuw Amsterdam* is lifted by 3 locks, sails through the 12-km Gaillard Cut and Gatun Lake, then is lowered by 3 more locks back to sea level. The cruise finishes in Fort Lauderdale and we fly back to Seattle.

- I** from \$7,955 pp double, \$10,890 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** from \$8,105 pp double, \$11,040 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** from \$7,780 pp double, \$10,640 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Discounts up to \$250 pp

## CARIBBEAN CRUISE WITH PANAMA CANAL



On Holland America's *Eurodam*  
Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:  
January 22, 2023 – 16 days

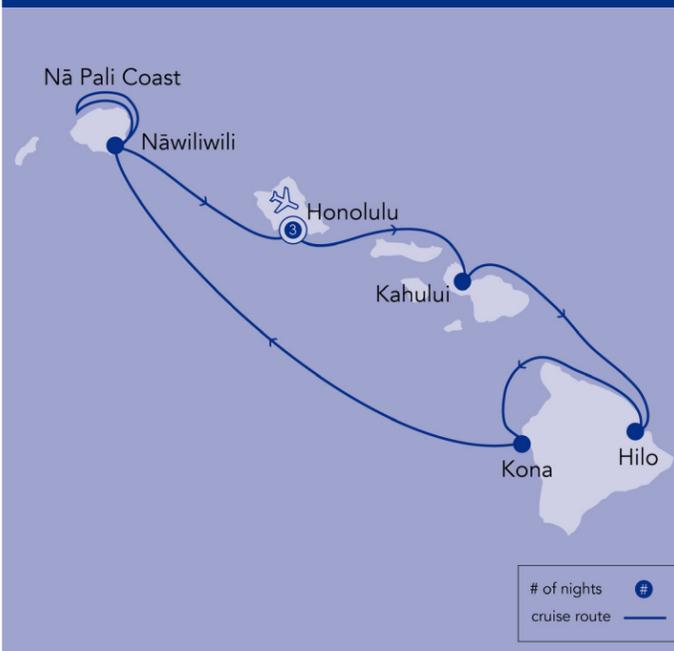
This 10-day cruise calls at Half Moon Cay, Holland America's private island in the Bahamas; Oranjestad, Aruba; Willemstad, Curaçao; Cartagena, Colombia; Colón, Panama; and Puerto Limón, Costa Rica. A unique experience is cruising halfway through the Panama Canal to Gatun Lake, and returning the same way. The *Eurodam* carries only 2,100 passengers and was launched in 2008. She has lots of veranda staterooms. The cruise starts and finishes in Fort Lauderdale. We stay two nights at the Embassy Suites Hotel and take a tour of the Everglades with an airboat ride.

- I** from \$5,875 pp double, \$7,795 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** from \$6,025 pp double, \$7,945 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** from \$5,860 pp double, \$7,780 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Discounts up to \$250 pp

## HAWAII CRUISE



On Norwegian's *Pride of America*  
Interior & Van Island: January 17, 2023 – 13 days  
Lower Mainland: January 18, 2023 – 11 days



By late January, many people are longing to get away from snow in the Interior or rain at the Coast. Some head to Mexican beaches, Arizona, or California. How about a cruise in Hawaii? Many cruises leave from the mainland and take 5 or 6 days at sea to reach Hawaii. Norwegian Cruise Lines has registered their ship *Pride of America* in the USA, so they are able to offer this week-long cruise leaving from Honolulu. The cruise features five ports and four of the Hawaiian islands: Honolulu on Oahu, Kahului on Maui, Hilo and Kona on Hawaii, and Nawiliwili on Kauai. The ship stays overnight in Kahului and Nawiliwili, giving you extra time to explore the area and enjoy services on shore. Come to Hawaii and escape the Canadian winter with your Tour Director, Roland Neave!

- I** from \$7,845 pp double, \$11,685 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** from \$7,945 pp double, \$11,785 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** from \$7,480 pp double, \$11,075 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Only 8 seats left!

## ANTARCTICA, ARGENTINA & CHILE CRUISE



On Holland America's *Oosterdam*  
Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:  
January 29, 2023 – 30 days



Wells Gray Tours only offers this special opportunity to visit the 7<sup>th</sup> continent every few years. There are so many highlights on this tour, but the most astounding will likely be the four days cruising among the gigantic icebergs of Antarctica. On-board experts will present lectures about glaciers, geology, natural history, and history, plus the ice pilot may take a break from the bridge to explain his route-finding skills. Other memorable experiences include elegant Buenos Aires, awesome Iguazu Falls, the isolated Falkland Islands, the thrill of rounding Cape Horn, Ushuaia (world's southernmost city), the Chilean Fjords, Darwin Channel, Glacier Alley, and the vast Amalia Glacier.

- I** from \$15,445 pp double, \$20,495 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** from \$15,595 pp double, \$20,645 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** from \$15,445 pp double, \$20,495 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Only 6 seats left!

TOUR  
25

## 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY CRUISE

### Join the Waitlist!

In May 2023, we will board the *Emerald Radiance* to cruise the beautiful Douro River in Portugal. This intimate ship carries only 112 passengers and will be reserved exclusively for Wells Gray Tours guests! This unique tour was so popular that it sold out in just a few weeks! Contact us if you'd like to be placed on the waitlist.

## QUEBEC TO BOSTON CRUISE



On Holland America's *Nieuw Statendam*  
Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland:  
September 6, 2022 – 13 days

Join us on this wonderful 10-day cruise from Québec City to Boston. We start with two days in Québec City, exploring icons of Canadian history such as the Plains of Abraham and Place Royale, and enjoying the thrilling cablecar ride up Montmorency Falls. We stop at Baie-Comeau and Havre-Saint-Pierre. Then we circle Newfoundland with calls at Corner Brook, St. Anthony, and St. John's. There is a day in Halifax and a visit to Bar Harbor, Maine, before disembarking.

- I** from \$5,370 pp double, \$7,550 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** from \$5,470 pp double, \$7,650 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** from \$5,370 pp double, \$7,550 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Call for availability

# World Journeys



## A TASTE OF ITALY

Interior & Van Island: October 7, 2022 – 19 days  
Lower Mainland: October 8, 2022 – 17 days



When thinking of Italy, food and wine is one of the first images to come to mind! But you can't forget the canals of Venice, the murals of the Sistine Chapel, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the buried city of Pompeii, and the idyllic countryside in Tuscany filled with farms, castles, and wineries. This tour covers many highlights of the northern half of the country. Included are the great cities of Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, and Naples, along with the magical countryside of Tuscany. The tour features wonderful cuisine, local food products, and wine tasting. An expert bilingual guide is with you from Milan to Naples and there are local guides in many cities, so you will be well-informed.

- I** \$10,395 pp double, \$12,620 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** \$10,545 pp double, \$12,770 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** \$10,070 pp double, \$12,095 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Only 9 seats left!**

**TOUR 25**

## EGYPT & JORDAN

Interior & Van Island: November 4, 2022 – 20 days  
Lower Mainland: November 5, 2022 – 19 days



The ancient lands of Egypt and Jordan are a world of wonder—a window to a long past age of extravagance, massive wealth, and ample acts of tribute. No place has the magic, mystery, and pleasures of Egypt. Some of the highlights include: the Pyramids of Giza and The Sphinx, the new Grand Egyptian Museum, the Temples of Abu Simbel, a motorboat tour of the Aswan islands, a camel ride in the Nubian Desert, a sailing tour on a classical felucca boat, the Botanical Garden at Kitchener Island, and a Nile River cruise from Aswan to Luxor for three nights. Highlights in Jordan are a guided tour of awe-inspiring Petra, a cooking class, two nights at an eco-lodge, the capital of Amman, and a float in the Dead Sea! Come and experience the many wonders of Egypt & Jordan.

- I** \$9,995 pp double, \$11,595 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** \$10,145 pp double, \$11,745 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** \$9,620 pp double, \$11,150 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Only 6 seats left!**

**TOUR 25**

## AMAZING AUSTRALIA

Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland: March 26, 2023 – 22 days



Breathtaking natural landscapes, vibrant cities, and friendly locals are only some of the reasons why you should visit Australia. We begin our tour with 5 nights in Melbourne and 3 nights in Adelaide, South Australia's cosmopolitan coastal capital. Then, get ready for an awesome journey on the legendary Ghan Train to Alice Springs. Highlights in central Australia are the incredible monolith of Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the spectacle of the sunrise in the outback. In Cairns, we take a catamaran out to the remarkable Great Barrier Reef. Our last 4 nights are in Sydney, enjoying the historic Rocks district, Darling Harbour, Hyde Park, Bondi Beach, Sydney Opera House, and an excursion to the Blue Mountains. Come and see amazing Australia with Wells Gray Tours!

- I** \$14,970 pp double, \$17,995 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** \$15,120 pp double, \$18,145 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** \$14,930 pp double, \$17,955 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Only 10 seats left!**

**TOUR 25**

## NATURAL WONDERS OF ICELAND

Interior & Van Island: June 6, 2023 – 18 days  
Lower Mainland: June 7, 2023 – 16 days



Iceland offers unspoiled nature, breathtaking landscapes, and vibrant culture. Everywhere you turn, there are glaciers, waterfalls, lava fields, ocean beaches, and rugged mountains. We begin in 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 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 Mývatn 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** \$10,795 pp double, \$12,765 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** \$10,945 pp double, \$12,915 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** \$10,435 pp double, \$12,250 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- book soon...filling fast!**

**TOUR 25**



# Holiday Tours

## LEAVENWORTH CHRISTMAS LIGHTING



*Interior: December 6, 2022 – 4 days*  
*Van Island & Lower Main: Nov 29, 2022 – 4 days*

The beauty of the Christmas season combines with the quaint Bavarian-themed village of Leavenworth to create a magical experience. Browse the shops, savour the pastries, and enjoy the entertainment. All the buildings are decorated and adorned with lights, so in the evening the town seems like a fairyland setting. This tour stays two nights in downtown Leavenworth, close to the town square and shops. Bronn Journey, Leavenworth's acclaimed harpist, offers a performance with his wife Katherine's exquisite vocals. There is time to visit Apple Annie Antique Gallery and the Nutcracker Museum. On the third day, we drive into Seattle and enjoy a performance of *Cinderella* at the Village Theatre.

- I** \$1,395 pp double, \$1,890 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** \$1,395 pp double, \$1,775 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** \$1,365 pp double, \$1,745 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Discounts up to \$60 pp

## CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA



*Interior & Lower Main: December 21, 2022 – 6 days*

Christmas in Victoria is an annual tradition for Wells Gray Tours. This year, we are staying at Hotel Grand Pacific which has a great location on Belleville Street overlooking the Inner Harbour. Some of the highlights include a locally-guided tour of Victoria, a choice of visiting Craigdarroch Castle or Helmcken House, an Imax film, and the Festival of Lights at Butchart Gardens. Three shows are included – *The Sound of Music* at Stanley Theatre, *A Tiny Christmas Carol* at Chemainus Theatre, and a Christmas Eve concert by the Harmony Group. An extravagant Christmas Dinner is at the Grand Pacific Hotel which has hosted this event for many years.

- I** from \$2,455 pp double, \$3,095 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - L** from \$2,255 pp double, \$2,815 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Just released...This tour will sell out fast!

## CHRISTMAS IN VANCOUVER



*Interior: December 21, 2022 – 6 days*  
*Vancouver Island: December 22, 2022 – 5 days*

Get away to Vancouver during the Christmas season and relax at the iconic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. The hotel has a wonderful location on West Georgia Street, close to many restaurants and the Pacific Centre Mall. Some tour highlights include a lunch cruise on a paddlewheeler on the Fraser River, the extravagant Christmas lights at VanDusen Gardens, and the MacMillan Space Museum. Two shows are offered: *The Sound of Music* at the Stanley Theatre and *Mom's the Word: Talking Turkey* at Granville Island Theatre. The Interior departure also includes the Burnaby Heritage Village, the Museum of Anthropology, and the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Garden. The Vancouver Island departure includes the Vancouver Christmas Market, the Bloedel Conservatory, and the Vancouver Maritime Museum. Come and enjoy a festive Christmas with us in Vancouver!

- I** from \$2,365 pp double, \$2,840 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** from \$2,185 pp double, \$2,565 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Discounts up to \$50 pp

## NEW YEAR'S IN VANCOUVER



*Interior & Van Island: December 30, 2022 – 4 days*

This tour stays three nights at the iconic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Ring in 2023 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 Eve concert. We have reserved superb seats in the Centre Orchestra of the Orpheum Theatre. Another show will be included and is TBD as not all theatres have released their winter schedules yet. A morning at the Vancouver Art Gallery is also included.

- I** \$1,485 pp double, \$1,840 single [LEARN MORE](#)
  - V** \$1,560 pp double, \$1,915 single [LEARN MORE](#)
- Discounts up to \$60 pp

# Coming Soon 2023!

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.

- Ice Hotel & Quebec Winter Carnival – February
- Winter Getaway to Banff Springs Hotel – February
- San Diego to Vancouver Cruise – April
- Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca – April
- Trans-Atlantic Cruise (Fort Lauderdale to Barcelona) – April  
*on Holland America's Nieuw Statendam*
- Coast to Coast by Train – May
- Cruising the Gulf Islands – May
- Newfoundland – June
- Scotland Highlands & Islands – August
- South of France River Cruise – October



# TRAVEL savings

## We plan, you save!

Quote this voucher on your next booking and receive a discount:

- save \$20 on tours up to \$1,000
- save \$30 on tours up to \$2,000
- save \$50 on tours up to \$5,000
- save \$100 on tours up to \$10,000
- save \$150 on tours over \$10,000

Expires July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Valid on new bookings only and cannot be combined with any other voucher. This voucher has no cash value.

# Experience

## The Wells Gray Tours Difference

Wells Gray Tours is a well-established tour company with over 50 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, on your own terms, and 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!

[www.wellsgraytours.com](http://www.wellsgraytours.com)

1-800-667-9552

Our offices are open for walk-in traffic or by appointment.

Our phones are operating on normal business hours, so don't hesitate to call!

### KAMLOOPS

(Head Office)

250 Lansdowne St.  
Kamloops, BC  
V2C 1X7  
250-374-0831

Office Hours:  
8:30am to 4:30 pm  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri  
Wed 9:00am to 4:30 pm.  
Closed holidays &  
weekends

### KELOWNA

2575 Richter St.  
Kelowna, BC  
V1Y 2R1  
250-762-3435

Office Hours:  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Closed holidays &  
weekends

### VERNON

3206 35th St.  
Vernon, BC  
V1T 6B7  
250-545-9197

Office Hours:  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Closed holidays &  
weekends

### PENTICTON

159 Wade Ave East  
Penticton, BC  
V2A 8B6  
250-493-1255

Office Hours:  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Closed holidays &  
weekends

### VICTORIA

102-736 Broughton St.  
Victoria, BC  
V8W 1E1  
250-590-7889

Office Hours:  
8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri  
9:00 to 4:00 pm Wed  
Closed holidays &  
weekends