



# NEW YEAR'S IN VANCOUVER

December 30, 2022 – 4 Days

*With Salute to Vienna concert at Orpheum*

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 concert. We have reserved superb seats in the Centre Orchestra of the Orpheum Theatre. Another show will be included, but most theatre companies are still emerging from Covid shutdowns and planning their winter schedules. A morning at the Vancouver Art Gallery is included. The tour stays 3 nights at the iconic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

Activity Level: 1



2 Meals Included:

1 breakfast, 1 dinner

Fares per person:

\$1,560 double/twin; \$1,915 single; \$1,500 triple  
Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

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

Experience Points:

Earn 35 points on this tour.

Redeem 35 points if you book by October 27, 2022.

Departure from: Victoria



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Friday, December 30

We take the ferry to Tsawwassen and stay three nights at renowned **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 Vancouver has an excellent location on West Georgia Street, surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants, and a block from Pacific Centre Mall.

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

### Day 2: Saturday, December 31

We walk across the street and enjoy a morning at the **Vancouver Art Gallery**. Our New Year's Eve dinner is arranged in late afternoon at the Boathouse Restaurant in Kitsilano. Back at the hotel, a private function room has been set up for New Year's socializing with a cash bar and complimentary coffee or tea. This evening, we go to a theatre such as the Gateway or Arts Club. Most theatre companies are still emerging from Covid shutdowns and planning their winter schedules. Tonight's show should be announced

in late summer, and you can opt out, with a fare reduction, if you prefer to do something different. After the show, our private lounge is still available to celebrate the arrival of 2023 with other Wells Gray travellers.

**Meals included:** Dinner

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

### Day 3: Sunday, January 1, 2023

Enjoy a New Year's breakfast in the Hotel Vancouver's Notch8 restaurant. The morning is leisure time. The curtain rises at 2:30 pm at the ornate Orpheum Theatre for the annual performance of **Salute to Vienna**. We have reserved superb seats in Right and Left Centre Orchestra rows 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17. Tonight is free time as you may want to visit relatives or friends around Vancouver, or enjoy an elegant first dinner of 2023 in one of the many restaurants along Robson Street.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

### Day 4: Monday, January 2

We journey home from Vancouver.

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## RING IN THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE WITH *SALUTE TO VIENNA*!

**Salute to Vienna** has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. For over 60 years, the Vienna Philharmonic's "Neujahrskonzert" broadcast has thrilled 1.2 billion people annually around the globe – a joyous celebration of the musical legacy of Johann Strauss Jr. In 1995, concert producers, Attila and Marion Glatz, presented their first *Salute to Vienna* in Toronto and it was modelled carefully after the original. Now, 27 years later, the show has become a New Year's tradition, featuring glorious music and dancing, staged almost simultaneously in 21 cities throughout Canada and the United States. The Vancouver show is performed by the Vancouver Symphony with an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers, and dancers.

Here is a welcome message from Attila and Marion Glatz:

*The tradition of ringing in the New Year with the waltzes, marches and operetta arias of the beloved Viennese Strauss family, Lehár, Stolz and others surely sets the tone for an exceptional year to come. In fact, since 1995, when we first transposed this tradition to North America, audiences have delighted in the performances. The new tradition has quickly spread across the continent, featuring leading orchestras, internationally renowned conductors, and soloists trained in this unique repertoire. We look forward to celebrating the musical magic of the Viennese masters with you for many years to come.*

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights accommodation at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and taxes
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings
- 1 other show at a Vancouver theatre
- Vancouver Art Gallery
- Private lounge at hotel for socializing
- *Salute to Vienna* concert at Orpheum Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director for 3 days
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **2 meals:** 1 breakfast, 1 dinner

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## TOUR NOTES



**Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs, mainly to/from your theatre seats. The walk to the Art Gallery is 1 block. 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.

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## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and the balance is due October 27, 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 October 27, 2022.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to September 27, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From September 28 to October 27, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From October 28 to November 10, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From November 11 to November 25, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After November 25, 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.

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**Experience Points:** This tour earns 35 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 October 27, 2022.

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