



NEW YEAR'S IN SPOKANE

December 29, 2022 – 6 Days

Staying at the historic Davenport Hotel

It has been 14 years since Wells Gray offered a Christmas or New Year's tour to Spokane. It's time to go back and experience the fabulous Davenport Hotel again. During this New Year's long weekend, enjoy a city tour of Spokane with Riverfront Park, Spokane Falls, the stunning mansions built in the 1920s, and the Conservatory in Manito Park. Savour lunch in the 1889 Roberts Mansion and dinner in the 1915 steam plant that once served downtown. Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* is performed on New Year's Eve by the Spokane Symphony Orchestra along with a huge choir. On the first day of 2023, dine on a sumptuous brunch, ride the historic Loeff Carousal, and board a cable car for a trip across Spokane Falls. A dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene viewing millions of colourful lights rounds out the celebration weekend.

Activity Level: 1



10 Meals Included:

5 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

Fares per person:

\$2,335 double/twin; \$2,915 single; \$2,210 triple

Tour is exempt from GST.

Early Bookers:

\$80 discount on first 15 seats; \$40 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 36 points from this tour.

Redeem 36 points if you book by October 26, 2022.

Departure from: Victoria



ITINERARY

Day 1: Thursday, December 29

A transfer is provided to Victoria airport. We fly to Kelowna and stay overnight.

Accommodation: Hampton Inn Airport

Day 2: Friday, December 30

After a lunch stop in Grand Forks, we cross the border at Laurier and drive south to **Spokane**. We stay three nights at the fabulous **Davenport Hotel** which opened in 1914 at a cost of \$3 million and was soon famous around the world for its luxury and amenities. For 70 years, the Davenport hosted the world's elite, but it fell on hard times and closed in 1985. It reopened in 2002 after a \$38 million renovation and is once again one of the finest hotels in the Northwest.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Davenport Hotel

Day 3: Saturday, December 31

We meet our local guide who conducts a **city tour of Spokane**. Learn about Native Americans who first discovered the Spokane River, view Spokane Falls and walk the grounds of the former Expo '74 site, now Riverfront Park. View mansions built in the 1920s on the hill overlooking the city, then stroll through the flower-filled Manito Park Conservatory, a taste of spring in the winter! Lunch is at the **Roberts Mansion**, built in 1889 in the Queen Anne style, and carefully restored to its grand style today. After a tour of the mansion, we return to the hotel for some free time. You can walk to River Park Square with anchor store Nordstrom and about 40 other shops and services. An early dinner is arranged at the unique **Steam Plant Grill**. Built in 1915 to provide steam heat and power for downtown Spokane, it closed in 1986 and was converted in the mid-1990s to a collection of shops and restaurants with an interesting ambiance. Tonight, we go to the Martin Woldson Theatre which was originally built as a

Fox Theatre in 1931 and served movie audiences for 70 years. A \$31 million renovation restored its beautiful art-deco features and it re-opened as a live theatre in 2007. The Spokane Symphony is based here and presents a special **New Year's performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony**. The concert features more than 150 performers including the choir, a wonderful way to see out the old year and bring in the new. You may wish to view the 10 pm **fireworks** in Riverfront Park.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Davenport Hotel

Day 4: Sunday, January 1, 2023

After an extravagant New Year's brunch, we go to Riverfront Park for a ride on the 1909 hand-carved wooden **Looff Carousel**. Next, we board the enclosed gondolas for an exciting sky ride over icy Spokane Falls. In mid-afternoon, we drive to Lake Coeur d'Alene and board a vessel for a **private dinner cruise**. Admire a million lights showcasing the largest on-the-water light display in the USA and the tallest floating Christmas tree, then thrill to a special fireworks show. Afterwards, we drive through the **Winter Glow Spectacular** to see more awesome light displays.

Meals included: Breakfast, Brunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Davenport Hotel

Day 5: Monday, January 2

We travel to Kelowna with stops at the immense Grand Coulee Dam, Omak for lunch, and the Duty-Free Store at the border.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Hampton Inn Airport

Day 6: Tuesday, January 3

We fly to Victoria and a transfer is provided to your pickup point.

Meals included: Breakfast



Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs during the city tour, at the Roberts Mansion, and at the theatre. There is a walk of 1 block (300 metres) from the hotel to Steam Plant Grill. 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 frequent assistance.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transfers to/from Victoria Airport
- Flight from Victoria to Kelowna and return
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Transfer from Kelowna Airport to hotel
- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 5 nights accommodation and room taxes
- Locally-guided city tour of Spokane
- Gratuity for local guide
- Manito Park Conservatory
- Roberts Mansion tour with lunch
- Spokane Symphony Orchestra performance of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*
- Loeff Carousell ride
- Spokane Falls Skyride
- Dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene
- Winter Glow Spectacular
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at Davenport Hotel
- **10 meals:** 5 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due October 26, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

Discounts: Early bookers receive \$80 discount on first 15 seats and \$40 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after October 26, 2022.

Cancellation Policy: Up to September 26, 2022, your tour payments will be refunded less an administrative charge of \$50 per person. From September 27 to October 26, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From October 27 to November 25, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After November 25, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: As the world emerges from the pandemic, many of our suppliers such as hotels, restaurants, attractions, and transportation providers are struggling with shortage of staff, inflated costs, and supply line challenges. Sometimes we are notified about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a component of an extensive tour due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges, foreign currency exchange rates, and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to 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.

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.

Photo Credits: Visit Spokane (Symphony), Coeur d'Alene Resort (lights cruise), Davenport Hotel

Experience Points: This tour earns 36 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 26, 2022.

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