



Skagit Tulip Festival



Deception Pass Bridge

SKAGIT TULIP FESTIVAL

April 17, 2023 – 4 Days

Staying 3 nights at Tulalip Resort & Casino

The Skagit Valley explodes in an abundance of colour when the tulips blossom. Although Mother Nature ultimately decides the dates, the second to third week of the month tends to be good timing for this showy display. Whether early or late, there are usually dainty yellow daffodils first, followed by a rainbow of tulips, then the irises and lilies after that. We attend the Tulip Festival on a weekday to avoid the crowds that come here on weekends from Seattle. This tour visits La Conner, a delightful waterfront town of heritage buildings and interesting shopping. A cruise from La Conner through dramatic Deception Pass with a cracked crab dinner is a highlight on April 19. This tour stays at the luxurious Tulalip Resort and Casino, located about 30 minutes drive from the focal area of the Tulip Festival. Come and admire the blossoms and colours of the Skagit Valley.

Activity Level: 1



4 Meals Included:

3 breakfasts, 1 dinner

Fares per person:

\$1,135 double/twin; \$1,435 single; \$1,075 triple

This tour is exempt from GST.

Early Bookers:

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

Experience Points:

Earn 26 points on this tour.

Redeem 26 points if you book by February 28, 2023.

Departure from: Victoria



Tulalip Resort

ITINERARY

Day 1: Monday, April 17

There are convenient pickup points around Greater Victoria. We take the ferry to Tsawwassen and cross the border at Blaine. We stay three nights at luxurious **Tulalip Resort and Casino** which features guest rooms with styling that pays homage to the rich history and culture of the Tulalip Tribes. It has eight restaurants and lounges, heated indoor swimming pool, hot tub, fitness centre, sauna, and spa treatments. A \$20 casino voucher is provided for your enjoyment in the casino.

Accommodation: Tulalip Resort

Day 2: Tuesday, April 18

The morning is leisure time. This afternoon, we participate in some events of the annual **Skagit Valley Tulip Festival** when millions of tulips bloom. A local guide takes us through this floral extravaganza, taking advantage of a midweek day when the roads and gardens are far less crowded. Stops include the show gardens at Tulip Town and Roozengaarde.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Tulalip Resort

Day 3: Wednesday, April 19

The morning is free time at the hotel and you may want to shop at the adjacent **Seattle Premium Outlets** where there are over 130 stores. Later, we drive to the quaint village of **La Conner** where there is time to stroll the waterfront streets and browse the shops. At 4 pm, we board a vessel for a 2½-hour cruise under La Conner's Rainbow Bridge, along narrow Swinomish Channel, and through Saratoga Passage to **Deception Pass**. A lofty bridge connects Fidalgo Island with Whidbey Island using two spans totalling 500 metres long, and we sail through the turbulent tidal waters underneath. The bridge rises 55 metres above the water and was completed in 1935. A tasty cracked crab feast is included on the boat.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Tulalip Resort

Day 4: Thursday, April 20

Departing in mid-morning, we go to **Bellis Fair Mall** in Bellingham for lunch and shopping time. We stop at the Duty Free store, cross the border at Blaine, then ride the 5 pm ferry to Swartz Bay.


Meals included: Breakfast



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights hotel accommodation and taxes
- Ferry to Tsawwassen and return
- \$20 casino voucher at Tulalip Resort
- Guided tour of the Skagit Valley tulip fields by a local guide
- Tulip Town
- Roozengaarde
- Dinner cruise through Deception Pass
- Gratuities for tulips guide and cruise crew
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **4 meals:** 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner

TOUR NOTES

 **Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. If Activity Level 1 could be challenging, you must bring a companion who is able 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. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some tour days.

Nanaimo, Comox, Courtenay & area clients: You can easily join this tour. We are providing complimentary transportation to Victoria on April 16 to join the group on April 17 and a transfer home on April 20. You can book your own hotel for April 16, or we can arrange Chateau Victoria at your expense.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due February 28, 2023. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking, cheque, Visa or Mastercard.

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 February 28, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Up to January 30, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From January 31 to February 28, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From March 1 to March 17, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After March 17, 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.

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.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 26 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 February 28, 2023.

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