



Grand Floral Parade



Mount Hood Railroad

RAILS, RIVERS & ROSES

June 5, 2023 – 8 Days

2 trains, 2 rivers & Portland Rose Festival

Wells Gray Tours has offered tours to the Portland Rose Festival for over 30 years. Those tours focused on the many events during the festival, but times have changed. You have told us that you are looking for more variety and different experiences during your holidays, so this tour has been created to provide a diverse range of activities. You will travel on 2 trains, Mount Hood Railroad and Amtrak. We explore sights along the Columbia River and Willamette River, and take a lunch cruise on the Willamette. Four events of the Portland Rose Festival are included – a behind-the-scenes tour of the floats barn, the Rose Show, and the Rose Queen's Coronation, all culminating with the Grand Floral Parade.

Activity Level: 2



12 Meals Included:

7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

Fares per person:

\$3,325 double/twin; \$4,290 single; \$3,055 triple

Tour is exempt from GST.

Early Bookers:

\$160 discount on first 15 seats; \$80 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 71 points on this tour.

Redeem 71 points if you book by April 19, 2023.

Departure from: Lower Mainland



Willamette River cruise

ITINERARY

Day 1: Monday, June 5

We fly from Vancouver to Kelowna and stay overnight.

Accommodation: Hampton Inn Airport

Day 2: Tuesday, June 6

We meet the BC Interior passengers during pickups through the Okanagan Valley, then cross the border at Osoyoos and travel south along the Columbia River to Wenatchee. Soon we arrive in the Bavarian-themed town of **Leavenworth**. We stay overnight at the lovely Bavarian Lodge, located near the town square. A dinner featuring German cuisine is included.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Bavarian Lodge

Day 3: Wednesday, June 7

Beyond Satus Pass, we stop at **Maryhill Museum**. In 1914, a wealthy entrepreneur, Samuel Hill, started construction of a fabulous mansion high above the Columbia River, but later converted it to this museum and filled it with American and European art, Rodin sculptures and indigenous artifacts. Nearby is Hill's World War I Memorial, built as a full-scale replica of England's Stonehenge. Next, we visit the impressive **Columbia Gorge Discovery Center** which interprets the history and geology of this vital river. We stay overnight in Hood River.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Hood River Hotel

Day 4: Thursday, June 8

First, we explore the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum in Hood River. Its collection of antique aircraft includes the 1917 Curtiss JN-4D Jenny and a Piper Cub, and among its 130 restored cars are a 1914 Detroit Electric and a Ford Model A. Our first train ride is on **Mount Hood Railroad**. It has served as an economic lifeline for the Hood River Valley since 1906, carrying fruit and forest products to market. In the 1930s, area residents used it as a commuter train and now passengers ride it to enjoy great views of the orchards and volcanic Mount Hood and Mount Adams. We continue the scenic drive through the Columbia Gorge, viewing 188-metre high **Multnomah Falls**. In downtown Portland, we stay at the Embassy Suites Hotel for

three nights. Enjoy a reception with complimentary wine, beer or mixed drinks.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Portland

Day 5: Friday, June 9

We go to the **Rose Festival floats barn** for a behind-the-scenes tour to see the final stages of float decorating on the day before the parade. The guide explains the types of flowers and natural materials they use to create the life-like effects, and how the creative process works. Next is the International Rose Test Gardens in Washington Park, followed by the **Rose Show** at Lloyd Center. The afternoon is leisure time.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Portland

Day 6: Saturday, June 10

Today's highlight is the **Grand Floral Parade**. The event starts with the Rose Queen's Coronation, then the parade features two hours of elaborately decorated floats, marching bands, and equestrian groups. Every float displays an exquisite collection of fresh flowers. Our tickets were purchased in November 2022 to ensure you have excellent viewing seats while under shelter inside the Coliseum. Since central Portland is so congested after the parade, we walk to the dock beside the Coliseum, then enjoy a two-hour lunch **cruise along the Willamette River** on the *Portland Spirit*. The Rose Festival's entertainment tonight is **A Midsummer Night's Dream**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Portland

Day 7: Sunday, June 11

The morning is free time. We board Amtrak at noon for a scenic **rail journey to Seattle**. The train follows the broad Columbia River, then traverses the verdant farmlands around Centralia where Mount St. Helens may be glimpsed on a clear day. Our coach meets us in Seattle and we continue to Lynnwood for our last night.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Lynnwood

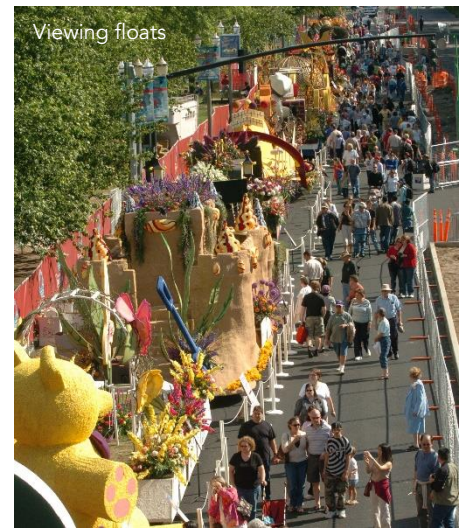
Day 8: Monday, June 12

Transportation is arranged from Seattle to your pickup point in the Lower Mainland.

Meals included: Breakfast


PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL

After the city's first floral parade on June 10, 1904 and after the success of the 1905 Lewis & Clark Exposition, Mayor Harry Lane decided the city should have a festival of roses. An electrical parade was a sparkling feature at the first festival in 1907 and was described as the most lavish spectacle of its kind on the continent. Following the 1907 event, a group of businessmen formally organized the Portland Rose Festival as a non-profit civic enterprise. In those early years, Festival highlights included horse drawn floats in the floral parade, aquatic events in the nearby harbour, and fireworks at night. These visionaries created a celebration that held its 100th Anniversary in 2007, giving a lifetime of memories for millions. The International Festivals Association has ranked it as one of the top 10 festivals in the world.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight from Vancouver to Kelowna
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Coach transportation for 7 days
- 7 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Maryhill Museum of Art
- Stonehenge replica
- Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
- Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum
- Mount Hood Railroad
- Tour behind the scenes at floats barn
- International Rose Test Gardens
- Rose Show at Lloyd Center
- Portland Rose Festival Queen's Coronation
- Reserved indoor seats for Grand Floral Parade
- Grand Floral Parade souvenir program & pin
- *Portland Spirit* lunch cruise on Willamette River
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Center Stage
- Transportation from Seattle to Lower Mainland
- Gratuities for crew on cruise and trains
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotels
- **12 meals:** 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners

 **Activity Level 2:** Moderate activity including steps in the Coliseum to reach your seat for the Floral Parade; a walk from the Coliseum to the Portland Spirit dock; and getting on and off the two trains. There are many stops during this tour and you must be able to get on and off the coach by yourself without delaying your fellow travellers. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. **Everybody** participating in this tour is expected to be capable of handling Activity Level 2. 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. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.



TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due April 19, 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 \$160 discount on first 15 seats and \$80 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after April 19, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Up to March 20, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From March 21 to April 19, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From April 20 to May 5, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After May 5, 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 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. Please do not tell us about your food preferences, as restaurants ignore these requests. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not.

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 are available within Greater Vancouver for an additional charge of \$75 per person round trip. Transfer is to YVR and home from the coach route on June 12. Please request no later than at final payment.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 71 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 April 19, 2023.

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