

Passion Play



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SUMMER THEATRE IN ALBERTA

July 10, 2023 – 7 Days

*Badlands Passion Play plus 4 shows in
Calgary and Rosebud*

Alberta offers a great variety of summer theatre at venues around the province. This tour features 5 great shows in Calgary, Rosebud, and Drumheller. First is *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* at Stage West Dinner Theatre, followed by *The Sound of Music* at Rosebud Theatre, the *Canadian Badlands Passion Play* at a natural amphitheatre near Drumheller, *Master of Mystery* at Heritage Park's Canmore Opera House, and *Old Time Rock 'n' Roll* at Jubilations Dinner Theatre. The *Passion Play* only has 9 performances this summer. Add the cablecar up Kicking Horse Mountain, Radium Hot Springs, and Royal Tyrrell Museum and you have a wonderful summer getaway.

Activity Level: 2



12 Meals Included:

6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

Fares per person:

\$2,640 double/twin; \$3,245 single; \$2,465 triple
Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 48 points on this tour.

Redeem 48 points if you book by May 10, 2023.

Departure from: Lower Mainland



Gasoline Alley, Heritage Park

ITINERARY

Day 1: Monday, July 10

We fly from Vancouver to Kelowna and stay overnight.

Accommodation: Hampton Inn Kelowna Airport

Day 2: Tuesday, July 11

We meet the BC Interior passengers during pickups through the Okanagan Valley, then we travel east through Rogers Pass to Golden. At **Kicking Horse Resort**, we are whisked away by cablecar 1,200 metres up to the summit to admire a panoramic view of the Rockies, Purcells, and Selkirks. In the afternoon, we drive through the Rocky Mountain Trench and stay overnight at Radium Hot Springs.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Prestige Hotel

Day 3: Wednesday, July 12

We relax in the soothing waters of **Radium Hot Springs**. Sir George Simpson of the Hudson Bay Company made the first recorded visit in 1841, bathing in a one-person sized pool dug out of the gravel. The present Aquacourt was built in 1951 and is now Canada's largest hot springs pool with a water temperature of 39.4 degrees Celsius. We continue through Kootenay National Park with a short walk to see the tumbling waters of Marble Canyon. After arriving in Calgary, we go to Stage West Dinner Theatre for a superb buffet and the show **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Glenmore Inn

Day 4: Thursday, July 13

In the hamlet of Rosebud (pop. 75), we savour a sumptuous lunch buffet, then walk a block to the intimate Rosebud Theatre to see their summer play, the beloved classic, **The Sound of Music**. We stay two nights in nearby Drumheller.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: SureStay Best Western

Day 5: Friday, July 14

We visit the famed **Royal Tyrrell Museum** in Drumheller, a multi-million dollar tribute to the Dinosaur Age. Later, we enjoy some sights in the Red Deer River Valley such as colourful Horsethief Canyon, the iconic hoodoos, and the Rosedale Suspension Bridge. At 6 pm, we attend the **Canadian Badlands Passion Play**, one of only a few large-scale dramatic productions in the world that portray the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our seats are in Section F (centre).

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: SureStay Best Western



Day 6: Saturday, July 15

Returning to Calgary, we step back in time during a visit to **Heritage Park**, a lively historical village where you can meet friendly pioneers, ride an authentic steam train, explore the superb Gasoline Alley Museum of antique cars and equipment, and immerse yourself in the old west. The Cowboy Buffet Lunch is included in the old Wainwright Hotel. At the restored Canmore Opera House, we enjoy a short musical melodrama titled **Master of Mystery**. Tonight, we go to Jubilatons Dinner Theatre to see **Old Time Rock 'n' Roll**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Glenmore Inn

Day 7: Sunday, July 16

A transfer is provided to Calgary Airport, then we fly to Vancouver.

Meals included: Breakfast

THE 5 SHOWS IN ALBERTA

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown. With charm and wit, follow life through the eyes of Charlie Brown and his friends in the *Peanuts* gang. An average day made up of little moments picked from Valentine's Day to baseball season, wild optimism to utter despair. Relive *Peanuts* as they navigate the joys and pitfalls of childhood. Musical numbers include *My Blanket and Me*, *The Kite*, *Baseball Game*, and *Supper Time*.

The Sound of Music. Enjoy your favourite songs from this enduring Rodgers & Hammerstein musical — *My Favorite Things*, *Edelweiss*, *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, and *Do-Re-Mi*.

Canadian Badlands Passion Play is one of only a few large-scale dramatic productions in the world that portray the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Set in an acoustically superb natural amphitheatre near Drumheller, this is the 28th annual production and only nine performances are scheduled. A huge cast, a choir, live animals, and hundreds of volunteers make this a spectacular production.

Master of Mystery is a new 40-minute musical melodrama about Maxi's Music Hall in 1905 and a mysterious magician who saves the show. It is performed in the Canmore Opera House which was built in 1898 in Canmore and moved to Calgary's Heritage Park.

Old Time Rock 'n' Roll. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are selling the family home. Their son Kevin comes to help them clean the basement and stumbles upon their stash of old records. Let the nostalgia begin with a musical trip back through the wonder years!

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Flight from Vancouver to Kelowna
- Current air taxes and security fees
- Coach transportation for 6 days
- 6 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Kicking Horse Mountain cable car
- Radium Hot Springs swim (with towel & locker)
- Kootenay and Banff National Parks fees
- *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* at Stage West Dinner Theatre
- *The Sound of Music* at Rosebud Theatre
- Royal Tyrrell Museum
- *Canadian Badlands Passion Play*
- Heritage Park & Gasoline Alley
- *Master of Mystery* at Canmore Opera House
- *Old Time Rock 'n' Roll* at Jubilations Theatre
- Transfer from Calgary hotel to airport
- Flight from Calgary to Vancouver
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at most hotels
- **12 meals:** 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

 **Activity Level 2:** Moderate activity with short walks and some stairs. There is a walk of about 200 metres and some stairs to your seating at the Passion Play. There is no luggage handling service at the Drumheller hotel. 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.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due May 10, 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 \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after May 10, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Up to April 11, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From April 12 to May 10, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person. From May 11 to June 9, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After June 9, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: As the world emerges from the pandemic, many of our suppliers such as hotels, restaurants, theatres, 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 a 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 and from YVR. Please request no later than at final payment.

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Experience Points: This tour earns 48 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 May 10, 2023.

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