



Barkerville



Theatre Royal

# BARKERVILLE

July 19, 2023 – 3 Days

*Bring your grandkids for a dose of Gold Rush fun!*

Explore the historic Gold Rush Trail and relive the days of the stampede to the Cariboo goldfields in the 1860s. Bring your grandchildren or any other generation to experience Barkerville, one of Canada’s most elaborate living history towns. Barkerville is 162 years old in 2023 and the restored town is still bringing joy to visitors of all ages, as they relive the days of the old west.

Listen to Judge Begbie, watch the gold cleanup at the Cornish water-wheel, ride in a stagecoach, do some goldpanning, eat at Wake-Up Jake’s Café, and stamp your feet to a lively music show at Theatre Royal.

Activity Level: 1



4 Meals Included:

2 breakfasts, 2 lunches

Fares per person:

\$815 double/twin; \$940 single

Triple with 2 beds (2 adults, 1 child under 14) – \$775 each

Quad with 2 beds (2 adults, 2 children under 14) – \$755 each

Please add 5% GST.

Early Bookers:

\$40 discount on first 15 seats; \$20 on next 10

Experience Points:

Earn 19 points on this tour.

Departure from: BC Interior

## WHAT’S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 3 days
- 2 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Ashcroft Manor
- Local guide from Quesnel to Barkerville
- Barkerville Historic Town
- Guided walking tour of Barkerville
- Gold panning with souvenir gold flakes
- Barkerville stagecoach ride
- Theatre Royal show
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
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## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Wednesday, July 19

We drive through the Thompson Valley and have lunch at historic **Ashcroft Manor**. It was built in 1862 as a stopping place for Cariboo Gold Rush travellers and ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. This visit nicely sets the scene for the Gold Rush stories through the next two days. During the afternoon drive north along the Cariboo Highway, we stop at scenic **Painted Chasm**. We stay two nights at the Sandman Hotel in Quesnel. Amenities include Denny's Restaurant, Shark Club, indoor pool, whirlpool, exercise room, and free high speed internet.

**Meals included:** Lunch

**Accommodation:** Sandman Hotel Quesnel

### Day 2: Thursday, July 20

An **expert historian** tells us about the Gold Rush and its characters during the drive to **Barkerville**. After our coach arrives, join the guided walking tour. For the rest of the visit, there is lots to see and enjoy at your

own pace — listen to a discussion of Cariboo justice with Judge Begbie at Richfield Courthouse; buy something tasty at Goldfield Bakery; view a historic slide show at the Museum; attend church at St. Saviour's; and walk through many historic buildings, staffed with costumed interpreters who bring the 1880s vividly to life. A show at the **Theatre Royal** is included, as well as a stagecoach ride around Barkerville, and gold panning where you keep what you find.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Sandman Hotel Quesnel

### Day 3: Friday, July 21

We head for home. For a change of scenery, we follow Highway #24 through Lone Butte and past dozens of picturesque lakes to join the Yellowhead Highway at Little Fort.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch



**Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk. The guided walking tour around Barkerville is optional.

The Richfield Courthouse is a 1.5 km gently uphill walk from Barkerville centre. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. **Everybody** participating in this tour is expected to be capable of handling Activity Level 1.

The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due June 6, 2023. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$40 discount on first 15 seats and \$20 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after June 6, 2023.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to June 6, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From June 7 to July 4, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After July 4, 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. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

**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 19 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points. One point equals \$1. Redeem points on tours longer than 3 days. You can accumulate enough points to earn a free tour (this tour eligible until June 6, 2023).

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