

THE BOOK OF MORMON IN SEATTLE January 12, 2024 – 4 Days

Also 'Beautiful' and Chihuly Glass

Enjoy a mid-winter escape to Seattle with two long-running musicals for entertainment. The Book of Mormon is a religious satire musical that has been playing on Broadway for the past 12 years and is the 13th longest running musical. *Beautiful* tells the story of the early life and career of Carole King, using songs that she wrote, and it played on Broadway for nearly 6 years. Both musicals are touring across the USA and happen to be in the Seattle area on the same weekend. We also stroll through Chihuly Garden and Glass to admire this colourful spectacle of glass, founded on the fame of glass artist Dale Chihuly.

Activity Level: 1

4 Meals Included: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch

Fares per person: \$1,345 double/twin; \$1,645 single; \$1,280 triple Tour is exempt from GST.

Early Booker Bonus: \$70 discount on first 15 seats; \$35 on next 10

Experience Points: Earn 29 points on this tour.

Departure from: BC Interior



ITINERARY

Day 1: Friday, January 12

We drive the Coquihalla to the Lower Mainland, then cross the border at Sumas. Our destination is Lynnwood on the north side of Seattle where we settle into the **Embassy Suites Hotel** for three nights. It features a spacious atrium, a full breakfast each morning, and a manager's reception with complimentary beverages and snacks on all three evenings.

Meals included: Lunch

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Hotel

Day 2: Saturday, January 13

In the morning, we visit **Chihuly Garden and Glass**, and stroll through this colourful spectacle of glass, founded on the international success of glass artist Dale Chihuly. The facility features his most popular series works, unique pieces, and architectural installations. This afternoon, we meet a local guide who conducts a driving tour with some walking, visiting "Unusual Sites of Seattle." There is free time at the hotel, then we drive to the Paramount Theatre downtown to see *The Book of Mormon*, starting at 8 pm.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Hotel

Day 3: Sunday, January 14

There is a shopping opportunity at Alderwood Mall near the hotel. At 2 pm, the curtain rises at the Village Theatre in Everett for *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*. Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Hotel

Day 4: Monday, January 15

We stop at the Duty-Free Store at Sumas, then we cross the border and head home. **Meals included:** Breakfast

THE BOOK OF MORMON is a religious satire musical that lampoons organized religion and traditional musical theatre, reflecting the playwrights' lifelong fascination with Mormonism and musicals. The story follows two young Mormon missionaries sent to a remote village in northern Uganda where a brutal warlord is threatening the local population. Naive and optimistic, the two missionaries try to share *The Book of Mormon* which only one of them knows very well, but have trouble connecting with the locals who are more worried about war, famine, poverty, and AIDS than about religion. *The Book of Mormon* features book, music and lyrics by Trey Parker, Robert Lopez, and Matt Stone. Parker and Stone are the four-time Emmy Award-winning creators of the landmark animated series, *South Park*. Tony Award-winner Lopez is co-creator of the long-running hit musical comedy, *Avenue Q*.

The Book of Mormon opened on Broadway in 2011 and swept the Tony Awards, winning nine including Best Musical. It is still playing on Broadway 12 years later and is the 13th longest running musical. The London production has been playing since 2013 and several successful touring shows have been mounted. The Book of Mormon has grossed over \$700 million world-wide, making it one of the most successful musicals of all time.

Please note that the show contains explicit language and subject matter that may not be enjoyable for all viewers.

BEAUTIFUL: THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL tells the story of the early life and career of Carole King, using songs that she wrote, often together with Gerry Goffin, and other contemporary songs by Barry Mann, Cynthia Weil, and Phil Spector. The original production of *Beautiful* received its world premiere in San Francisco in 2013 and moved to Broadway in 2014 where it played for nearly six years. The London production ran from 2015 to 2017. *Beautiful* has won two Tony Awards, three Drama Desk Awards, two Laurence Olivier Awards, and a Grammy Award.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Chihuly Garden & Glass
- Locally-guided tour of Seattle highlights
- The Book of Mormon at Paramount Theatre
- Beautiful at Village Theatre Everett
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Gratuity for Seattle guide
- Luggage handling at hotel
- 4 meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch

Activity Level 1: Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs, mainly to and from your theatre seats. 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 November 23, 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.

Early Booker Bonus: Receive \$70 discount on first 15 seats and \$35 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after November 23, 2023.

Cancellation Policy: Up to November 23, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From November 24 to December 11, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After December 11, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Due to continuing after effects of the pandemic, 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 currency exchange rates, 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.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 29 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until November 23, 2023.

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