

# NEW YEAR'S IN VANCOUVER

Featuring *Salute to Vienna* concert at the Orpheum

December 30, 2023 – 4 Days



Ring in 2024 in style and enjoy the annual performance of *Salute to Vienna* presented by the Vancouver Symphony. It has an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers, and dancers, and has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. We have reserved superb seats in the Centre Orchestra of the Orpheum Theatre. Two other shows are included, *Elf the Musical* at the Stanley Theatre and another to be announced. Also included is the Vancouver Art Gallery, New Year's Eve dinner, a gathering at midnight, and New Year's Day breakfast. The tour stays 3 nights at the iconic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.



GLOBAL TOURS



- **2 Meals Included**  
1 breakfast, 1 dinner
- **Fares per person**  
\$1,840 double/twin; \$2,365 single + 5% GST
- **Early Booking Bonus:**  
\$100 discount on first 15 seats; \$50 on next 10
- **Earn 43 Experience Points**
- **Departure from: Lower Mainland**



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Saturday, December 30

We stay three nights at renowned **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**. Opened in 1939 at a cost of \$12 million, it was the third Hotel Vancouver and a downtown landmark with its copper green roof and a height of 17 storeys. The Hotel Vancouver has an excellent location on West Georgia Street, surrounded by dozens of interesting shops and restaurants, and a block from Pacific Centre Mall.

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

### Day 2: Sunday, December 31

We walk across the street and enjoy a morning at the **Vancouver Art Gallery**. At 2 pm, we are at the Stanley Theatre to see ***Elf the Musical***. Buddy, a human raised at the North Pole by elves, sets off to the big city in search of his father, but he finds an alarming lack of Christmas Spirit. Even his little brother doesn't believe in Santa! So Buddy sets out to help everyone remember the true meaning of Christmas and, just like in the blockbuster film, eat as many things covered in syrup as possible. After a New Year's Eve dinner, we go to the Gateway Theatre for another show to be announced in mid-summer. You can opt out, with a fare reduction, if you prefer to

do something different. Back at the hotel, a private lounge is set up with a cash bar and complimentary coffee or tea to celebrate the arrival of 2024 with other Wells Gray travellers.

**Meals included:** Dinner

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

### Day 3: Monday, January 1, 2024

Enjoy a New Year's breakfast buffet in the Hotel Vancouver's Notch8 restaurant. The morning is leisure time. The curtain rises at 2:30 pm at the ornate Orpheum Theatre for the annual performance of ***Salute to Vienna***. We have reserved superb seats in Right and Left Centre Orchestra rows 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17. Tonight is free time as you may want to visit relatives or friends around Vancouver, or enjoy an elegant first dinner of 2024 in one of the many restaurants along Robson Street.

**Meals included:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

### Day 4: Tuesday, January 2

A transfer is provided to your pickup point.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 3 nights accommodation at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and taxes
- Vancouver Art Gallery
- *Elf the Musical* at Stanley Theatre
- Show at Gateway Theatre (TBA)
- Private lounge at hotel for New Year's Eve socializing with coffee or tea and a cash bar
- *Salute to Vienna* concert at Orpheum Theatre
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at hotel
- **2 meals:** 1 breakfast, 1 dinner



**Activity Level 1:** Light activity including short distances to walk and some stairs, mainly to/from your theatre seats. The walk to the Art Gallery is 1 block. 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.

**OPTION:** Breakfast is included at the Hotel Vancouver on January 1. If you wish to have the convenience of a pre-paid breakfast on December 31 and January 2, this can be arranged at the Hotel Vancouver at a cost of \$96 per person including gratuity (5% GST is extra). Please request by final payment date.

## RING IN THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE WITH SALUTE TO VIENNA !

**Salute to Vienna** has been billed as the world's greatest New Year's concert. For over 60 years, the Vienna Philharmonic's "Neujahrskonzert" broadcast has thrilled 1.2 billion people annually around the globe – a joyous celebration of the musical legacy of Johann Strauss Jr. In 1995, concert producers, Attila and Marion Glatz, presented their first *Salute to Vienna* in Toronto and it was modelled carefully after the original. Now, 28 years later, the show has become a New Year's tradition, featuring glorious music and dancing, staged almost simultaneously in 21 cities throughout Canada and the United States. The Vancouver show is performed by the Vancouver Symphony with an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers, and dancers. Here is a welcome message from Attila and Marion Glatz: *The tradition of ringing in the New Year with the waltzes, marches and operetta arias of the beloved Viennese Strauss family, Lehár, Stolz and others surely sets the tone for an exceptional year to come. In fact, since 1995, when we first transposed this tradition to North America, audiences have delighted in the performances. The new tradition has quickly spread across the continent, featuring leading orchestras, internationally renowned conductors, and soloists trained in this unique repertoire. We look forward to celebrating the musical magic of the Viennese masters with you for many years to come.*

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### TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due November 2, 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 Booking Bonus:** Receive \$100 discount on first 15 seats and \$50 on next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after November 2, 2023.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to October 2, 2023, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From October 3 to November 2, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person. From November 3 to November 14, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From November 15 to November 28, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After November 28, 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. Please do not tell us about your food preferences, as restaurants ignore these requests. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not.

**Home Pickup:** Home pickups are included within Greater Vancouver. Please request no later than at final payment.

**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 43 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 2, 2023.

**Consumer Protection BC Licences:** Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924, Victoria 65842

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