

SKAGIT TULIP FESTIVAL

April 2024



Skagit Tulip Festival

Staying 3 nights at Tulalip Resort & Casino

The Skagit Valley explodes in an abundance of colour when the tulips blossom. Although Mother Nature ultimately decides the dates, the second to third week of the month tends to be good timing for this showy display. Whether early or late, there are usually dainty yellow daffodils first, followed by a rainbow of tulips, then the irises and lilies after that. We visit the Tulip Festival on a weekday to avoid the crowds that come here on weekends from Seattle. This tour spends a morning in La Conner, a delightful waterfront town of heritage buildings and interesting shopping. A cruise from La Conner through dramatic Deception Pass with a cracked crab lunch is a highlight on April 16. This tour stays at the luxurious Tulalip Resort and Casino, located about 30 minutes drive from the focal area of the Tulip Festival. Come and admire the blossoms and colours of the Skagit Valley.



INTERNATIONAL



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Fares per person

from **\$1,185** double/twin, **\$1,430** single*
*pricing details for all departures provided on Page 2

► Early Booking Bonus

\$60 discount on first 15 seats; **\$30** on next 10.

► Earn 28 Experience Points

► Departure from:

BC Interior



Deception Pass Bridge

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DEPARTURE POINTS & DATES



1 BC Interior: April 15, 2024 - 4 Days

**Your specific departure point will be confirmed at time of booking.
Passengers travelling from the BC Interior region
will begin and end the tour as follows:**

1 BC Interior: We depart from communities in the BC Interior on Monday, April 15, travel the Coquihalla Highway, and cross the border at Sumas. We return home on Thursday, April 18.

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
BC Interior	\$1,185 double/twin \$1,430 single \$1,100 triple	<ul style="list-style-type: none">This tour is exempt from GST.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- **6 total:** 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches

► Transportation

- Coach transportation for 4 days

► Accommodation

- 3 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at hotels

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

► Key Highlights

- \$20 casino voucher at Tulalip Resort
- Lunch cruise through Deception Pass
- Guided tour of the Skagit Valley tulip fields by a local guide
- Tulip Town
- Roozengaarde

► Gratuities

- Gratuities for tulips guide and cruise crew

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Activity Level 1

Light Activity: You're a relaxed and easy-going traveller that likes to discover new places and meet new people. You can climb a flight of stairs, board a coach, stand for short periods and walk at a leisurely pace with breaks during the day for up to 60 minutes without difficulty or assistance.

You may bring a walker or cane if needed. The coaches cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. 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 days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense.



ITINERARY

Skagit Tulip Festival

Monday, April 15

We travel the Coquihalla Highway and cross the border at Sumas. We stay three nights at luxurious **Tulalip Resort and Casino** which features guest rooms with styling that pays homage to the rich history and culture of the Tulalip Tribes. It has eight restaurants and lounges, heated indoor swimming pool, hot tub, fitness centre, sauna, and spa treatments. A \$20 casino voucher is provided for your enjoyment in the casino.

Meals included: Lunch

Accommodation: Tulalip Resort

Tuesday, April 16

We drive to the quaint village of **La Conner** where there is time to stroll the waterfront streets and browse the shops. Then we board a vessel for a 2½-hour cruise under La Conner's Rainbow Bridge, along narrow Swinomish Channel, and through Saratoga Passage to **Deception Pass**. A lofty bridge connects Fidalgo Island with Whidbey Island using two spans totalling 500 metres long, and we sail through the turbulent tidal waters underneath. The bridge rises 55 metres above the water and was completed in 1935. A tasty cracked crab feast is included on the boat. The rest of the afternoon is free time at the hotel and you may want to shop at the adjacent **Seattle Premium Outlets** where there are over 130 stores.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Tulalip Resort

Wednesday, April 17

We participate in some events of the annual **Skagit Valley Tulip Festival** when millions of tulips bloom. A local guide takes us through this floral extravaganza, taking advantage of a midweek day when the roads and gardens are far less crowded. Stops include the show gardens at Tulip Town and Roozengaarde.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Tulalip Resort

Thursday, April 18

Departing in mid-morning, we go to **Bellis Fair Mall** in Bellingham for lunch on your own and shopping time. We stop at the Duty-Free store, cross the border at Sumas, then follow the Coquihalla to the Interior.

Meals included: Breakfast

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due February 27, 2024. 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: Early bookers receive a \$60 discount on the first 15 seats and \$30 on the next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after February 27, 2024.

Cancellation Policy: Up to January 26, 2024, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From January 27 to February 27, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From February 28 to March 14, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After March 14, 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 tour component 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, currency exchange rates, 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. Some restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies (an allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not). 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. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 28 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 February 27, 2024.

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