

# BELLA COOLA & TWEEDSMUIR PARK

August 2024



Nimpo Lake

## ***A journey through the Coast Mountains on the Chilcotin Highway***

Bella Coola is an isolated community on the central BC coast, surrounded by splendid mountain scenery. The only road access is Highway #20 from Williams Lake, a scenic drive across the Chilcotin and through the Coast Mountains. A 10-hour ferry ride from Port Hardy also provides access to Bella Coola. This tour travels both ways on the highway and stays 3 nights at Nimpo Lake. A full-day tour of the Bella Coola Valley with a local guide has many appealing stops and you have the thrill of "The Hill" twice. Another "wow" is the flight into Tweedsmuir Park to see Hunlen Falls, Canada's highest waterfall, the vast Monarch Icefields, and the colourful Rainbow Range. This tour is a remarkable opportunity to see a seldom-visited place close to home.



CANADIAN



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

### ► **Fares per person**

from **\$2,695** double/twin, **\$2,930** single\*

\*pricing details for all departures provided on Page 2

### ► **Early Booking Bonus**

**\$150** discount on first 8 seats; **\$75** on next 4.

### ► **Earn 63 Experience Points**

### ► **Departure from:**

BC Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland



Hunlen Falls

# DEPARTURE POINTS & DATES

- I BC Interior:** August 12, 2024 – 6 Days
- V Vancouver Island:** August 11, 2024 – 7 Days
- L Lower Mainland:** August 11, 2024 – 7 Days



**Your specific departure point will be confirmed at time of booking.**  
**Passengers travelling from the BC Interior, Vancouver Island & Lower Mainland regions will begin and end the tour as follows:**

- I BC Interior:** We depart from communities in the BC Interior on Monday, August 12, drive through the Thompson Valley to Cache Creek and join the Cariboo Highway. We return home on Saturday, August 17.
- V Vancouver Island:** We fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Kelowna on Sunday, August 11 and overnight at the Hampton Inn Kelowna Airport, conveniently located near the airport. We return to Kelowna on Saturday, August 17 and then fly to Victoria, Nanaimo or Comox. Transportation is arranged to your pickup location in the Victoria area.  
**Note: Home pickups** may be offered in the Greater Victoria area, depending on the number of people booked and coach size. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.
- L Lower Mainland:** We fly from Vancouver to Kelowna on Sunday, August 11 and overnight at the Hampton Inn Kelowna Airport, conveniently located near the airport. We return to Kelowna on Saturday, August 17 and then fly to Vancouver. Transportation is arranged to Vancouver Airport on the day of departure and back to your pickup location in the Greater Vancouver area when we return.  
**Note:** Home pick up may be arranged at time of booking for passengers in the Greater Vancouver area.

## FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point		Fares Per person	Notes
<b>I</b>	<b>BC Interior</b>	<b>\$2,695</b> double/twin	• Please add 5% GST
		<b>\$2,930</b> single	
		<b>\$2,585</b> triple	
<b>V</b>	<b>Vancouver Island</b>	<b>\$3,365</b> double/twin	
		<b>\$3,715</b> single	
		<b>\$3,225</b> triple	
<b>L</b>	<b>Lower Mainland</b>	<b>\$3,315</b> double/twin	
		<b>\$3,665</b> single	
		<b>\$3,175</b> triple	



# WHAT'S INCLUDED

## ► Meals

- **I 14 total:** 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners
- **VL 15 total:** 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 3 dinners

## ► Transportation

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- **VL** Transfers to Victoria airport
- **VL** Roundtrip flights to Kelowna

## ► Accommodation

- **I** 5 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- **VL** 6 nights of accommodation and hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at some accommodation

## ► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

## ► Highlights

- Hat Creek Ranch
- Presentation by author Chris Czajkowski (if available)
- Locally guided tour of Bella Coola Valley
- Augsburg Church
- Hagensborg Heritage House
- Snootli Creek Fish Hatchery
- *A Visit with Alexander Mackenzie*
- Bella Coola Museum
- Sightseeing flight to Hunlen Falls, Monarch Ice-fields, and Rainbow Range
- Farwell Canyon
- Ashcroft Manor

## ► Gratuities

- Gratuities to local guides & pilots



### Activity Level 2

**Moderate Activity:** As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance.

You can stand for prolonged periods, negotiate a variety of terrain such as moderate hills comfortably, and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance.

You may need to handle your own luggage at places where luggage handling is not available. You may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. If you choose the flight landing at Hunlen Falls, be aware that the walk takes at least 1¼ hours round trip with about 15 mins being uphill, rated as Activity Level 3. **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 days of the tour.



### Tour Size 25

This tour is limited to 25 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.





## ITINERARY

### Sunday, August 11

Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland passengers fly to Kelowna and stay overnight at the Hampton Inn.

**Accommodation:** Hampton Inn Kelowna Airport

### Monday, August 12

BC Interior passengers meet up with Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland passengers during pickups through the Okanagan Valley. We drive through the Thompson Valley to Cache Creek and join the Cariboo Highway. **Hat Creek Ranch** is one of the last remaining roadhouses from the era of the Cariboo Wagon Road. We tour the buildings, ride the stagecoach, and listen to tales of the Gold Rush. Our night stop is in **Williams Lake**.

**Meals included:** **VL** Breakfast, **VL** Lunch

**Accommodation:** Coast Fraser Inn

### Tuesday, August 13

The legendary **Chilcotin Highway** starts at Williams Lake and heads west to Bella Coola at the head of a long coastal fjord. We cross the Fraser River on a lofty bridge and drive across the vast ranchlands of the Chilcotin Plateau past Riske Creek and Alexis Creek. We stop for a view of the glacial blue Chilcotin River as it races through **Bull Canyon**. After passing Tatla Lake and Kleena Kleene, we stay three nights at **Nimpo Lake**, known as "Float Plane Capital of BC" because it is the access point for numerous fishing lakes in the West Chilcotin. This evening, we meet **Chris Czajkowski**, the author, poet and botanist, who talks to us about her pioneer lifestyle in the wilderness and how she built the Nuk Tessli cabin single-handed. Her many books, such as *Cabin at Singing River* and *Diary of a Wilderness Dweller*, describe her experiences in the Coast Mountains.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Stewart's Lodge or Waterfront Motel

### Wednesday, August 14

A local guide accompanies us for today's journey into the **Bella Coola Valley** and presents expert interpretation about the history, ecology, and First Nations culture. West of Anahim Lake, we enter Tweedsmuir Park, British Columbia's largest provincial park, and soon arrive at Heckman Pass at the top of the famous **Bella Coola Hill**. By 1950, residents decided that they needed better service than a periodic coastal steamer, but they were unable to convince the government that a road through the Coast Mountains was even feasible. So they raised money themselves and built their own road using bulldozers working from the top and bottom. When their blades met on September 26, 1953, British Columbia's third route to the Pacific became a reality and was nicknamed the "Freedom Road". During the tortuous 1,500-metre

## ITINERARY continued

### Wednesday, August 14 continued

descent over the next 20 km, we enjoy two panoramic viewpoints. At the valley bottom, the road is hemmed by soaring mountains with descriptive names such as Stupendous, Defiance, Table, and Matterhorn. Stops are made at the "Split Rock", Fisheries Pool on the Atnarko River, the towering giants of the **Saloompt Forest**, and a fish hatchery. Norwegian settlers from Minnesota and Wisconsin arrived in this valley in 1894 and the Hagensborg Heritage House and **Augsburg Church** tell their remarkable story. At the Bella Coola Museum, we meet a local historian who presents **A Visit with Alexander Mackenzie**, a tribute to his amazing expedition to this area in 1793. There is a shopping opportunity at the popular Kopas Store before heading back up the hill to Nimpo Lake.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Stewart's Lodge or Waterfront Motel

### Thursday, August 15

We board chartered float planes to explore the wilderness of **Tweedsmuir Provincial Park** which protects some dramatic scenery of the Coast Mountains and awesome **Hunlen Falls**. There are two flight options today. Please refer to descriptions on page 6.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Stewart's Lodge or Waterfront Motel

### Friday, August 16

We retrace our westward drive on the Chilcotin Highway with some different stops. A side trip is made to **Farwell Canyon** on the Chilcotin River to see some hoodoos and pictographs. We overnight in William's Lake.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Coast Fraser Inn

### Saturday, August 17

We admire the view at the colourful Painted Chasm, created by glacial meltwaters at the end of the last Ice Age. Lunch is included at **Ashcroft Manor**, a roadhouse built in 1862 to serve travellers on the Cariboo Wagon Road. We travel to Kelowna in the afternoon. Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland passengers are dropped off at Kelowna Airport, who then fly to Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo or Comox. The coach continues south for Okanagan drop offs.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch



Nimpo Lake from deck at Stewart's Lodge.



# TOUR NOTES

## Tweedsmuir Park Flights on August 15

We board chartered float planes to explore Tweedsmuir Park. **There are 2 flight options today**, both included in the tour fare. At the time of booking, please choose the one best suited to your mobility. Note that you must be able to climb 3 ladder-like steps (with assistance) to get into the planes. Both flights see the awesome **Hunlen Falls** which plunges 400 metres and is Canada's highest waterfall, measured as a continuous drop. In the valley below is **Lonesome Lake** and the remote abandoned homestead of the famous pioneer, Ralph Edwards, about whom three books have been written, including *Crusoe of Lonesome Lake*. Then we fly into the Talchako Range where dozens of tumbling glaciers cling to sheer cliffs, icebergs float around glacial lakes, and the vast **Monarch Icefields** stretch to the horizon. The next spectacle is the **Rainbow Range** where eruptions eight million years ago created a huge shield volcano and lava flows with brilliant colours.

**Flight #1 (Hunlen Falls landing, Monarch Icefields, Rainbow Range)** – Your plane lands at Turner Lake, then you walk on a trail for about 40 mins to the view of Hunlen Falls (at least 1¼ hours round trip). The last 15 mins of walking is uphill to the falls viewpoint. After 2½ hours stop, you get back on the plane and fly over the Monarch Icefields and Rainbow Range. Total trip time is about 4¼ hours. This flight option is rated as "Activity Level 3" due to the Hunlen Falls walk (the rest of the tour is Level 2).

**Flight #2 (Hunlen Falls flyover, Monarch Icefields, Iceberg Lake landing, Rainbow Range)** – Your plane flies over and circles Hunlen Falls, but does not land. Then you fly over the Monarch Icefields and land at Iceberg Lake which has formed at the snout of a glacier. You do not get out of the plane here. After taxiing around the lake to see the glacier and icebergs up close, your plane takes off and flies over the Rainbow Range. Total trip time is about 2 hours.

**Option #3 (no flight)** If you prefer not to fly, there is a fare reduction of \$275 per person.

## Accommodation

After many years of running this tour using the ferry from Port Hardy to Bella Coola, we had to make a major change for 2024. Accommodation is very limited in Bella Coola. The only hotel is rundown and does not meet Wells Gray standards. Two small lodges are fully-booked with long-term guests. The ferry schedule makes it necessary to stay in Bella Coola. So we have re-arranged this itinerary to drive both ways on Highway #20 from Williams Lake and we are staying 3 nights at Nimpo Lake. A day trip visits all the attractions of the Bella Coola Valley.

At Nimpo Lake, rooms are booked at two places – Stewart's Lodge and Waterfront Motel. Do not expect luxurious lodgings as Nimpo Lake is remote and typically hosts travellers looking for a backcountry experience. You do not need to make any choices here as Wells Gray Tours will assign your accommodation based on how early you booked and whether you are travelling double, twin or single.

**Stewart's Lodge** has log cabins with lake views. One large log cabin has 3 private bedrooms suitable for 3 singles, large living room, deck overlooking the lake, and shared bathroom. Another log cabin has 2 private bedrooms suitable for 2 singles, living room, deck overlooking the lake, and shared bathroom.

[Click here to view Stewart's Lodge.](#)

**Waterfront Motel** has 3 log cabins and 5 motel rooms beside the lake. Transportation is provided to Stewart's for your flight.

**Meals for everybody are served at the Run Away Ranch Restaurant.**

**Single travellers** – Your fare includes a single room at the Coast Fraser Inn in Williams Lake. In Nimpo Lake, singles share the large log cabins, so you have your own private bedroom, and you share the bathroom, living room, and deck overlooking the lake. **Only 7 singles are available on this tour**, so early booking is recommended if you prefer to travel single.

# TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$300 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due June 19, 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:** Receive \$150 discount on first 8 seats and \$75 on next 4 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after June 19, 2024.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to May 17, 2024, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From May 18 to June 19, the cancellation charge is \$150 per person. From June 20 to July 11, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After July 11, there is no refund.

**Itinerary & 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 this 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, 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. Nimpo Lake and Bella

Coola are very remote and 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 63 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 June 19, 2024.

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

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# Your Tour Experience

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** The hotels named in the tour descriptions are confirmed at the time the brochure is printed. It is very unusual for changes to occur, but clients will be notified whenever possible.

- **Hotel Lists:** Your ticket package contains a hotel list, which gives the hotel name, address, and phone number. You can leave this list with family/friends so you can be contacted while on your tour.

- **Special rooming requests:** If you wish to have a ground floor room where there is no elevator, a lower floor room in a high-rise hotel, or a room adjacent to another traveller, please make this request at the time you book your tour. Although we make every effort to confirm your request by passing the information onto the hotels, it cannot be guaranteed.

- **Class of Room:** Our choice of accommodation is in the deluxe to first class range. We try to strike a happy medium by maintaining a high standard of hotels while keeping a close eye on costs. Most hotels we use are members of the National Tour Association or approved by the Canadian or American Automobile Association. AAA rating is usually ♦♦♦ or better.

**ROOM PARTNERS:** Our reservation system tracks partner requests, and you can add your name to our partner request list, or we can provide you with the name and phone number of a possible partner. Together you can decide if you are compatible and would like to travel together.

**SINGLES:** Some hotels limit the number of single rooms assigned to each group, so people travelling alone should make reservations early. On a full tour, singles are requested to sit with other singles on the coach, so that travelling companions can sit together.

**SEAT ROTATION:** This is mandatory on all tours, and your tour director will describe the pattern and the frequency of the moves. For fairness to other clients, exceptions will not be made.

**BOARDING PASS:** Your ticket package contains a boarding pass which we request you fill out and give to the tour director upon departure. This contains essential information that the tour director would require in case of an emergency. Note that these are shredded after the tour returns to protect your privacy.

**SMOKING POLICY:** All motorcoaches are non-smoking, but rest stops are frequent. If smoking outdoors, please be considerate of those clients who may have allergies to smoke. Also note that many hotels are entirely non-smoking.

**FOOD ALLERGIES:** You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. Some tours go to remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. Please do not tell us about your food preferences, as restaurants ignore these requests. 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.

**ITINERARY NOTES:** Some tours have choices for attractions or accommodation, and sometimes there are attractions that are at an additional cost and listed as optional. Please choose these options when you book your tour as some are limited in space. If you wish to leave the tour at any time to visit friends and family, you are certainly welcome to do so. Please ensure that the tour director is informed and note that Wells Gray Tours Ltd. will not make a refund for any missed or unused portions of the tour package.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you require ongoing assistance in any way, you must be accompanied by a travelling companion who will be fully responsible for your needs while on tour. Your tour director cannot provide ongoing assistance. Some tours may not be suitable due to the level of activity, so please discuss your needs with us when you book your tour. Please note that coaches cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair.

**DEPARTURE TIMES:** We suggest that you arrive at your departure point no later than 15 minutes prior to the time shown on your ticket. The first day of a tour usually has many stops for client pick up. Please turn on your cell phone so the tour director can notify you if the coach is late.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Insurance is **not included** in tour fares, but it is available for purchase. We strongly recommend purchasing insurance to protect the non-refundable portion of your fare and to provide coverage for unexpected events. Our policies are underwritten by AIG Insurance Company of Canada. Policy must be purchased no later than the time of final payment. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause as relates to cancellation, upgrade, or trip interruption. A detailed brochure is available. Premiums are always subject to change until paid as insurance companies can change premiums without notice.

**GRATUITIES:** Gratuities are at your discretion; however, they are a significant portion of income for these professionals. Please use local currency. The following are guidelines:

- **Tour director and coach driver:** \$7 CAD per person per day to the tour director and \$5 per person per day to the driver. Please do not start a group collection. The most discreet method is to place the tip in an envelope and on the final day either hand it to the tour director or driver or leave it on her/his seat.

- **Meals:** In Canada and the USA, 15-20% of the pre-tax bill; note: For included meals, gratuities have been included.

- **Housekeeping staff:** \$2 per person per night local currency.

- **Luggage handling:** \$2 per bag. Note: Tip for one piece of luggage at hotel is usually included.

- **Transfer driver with luggage handling:** \$2 per person.

**LOST ITEMS:** Clients disembarking at the end of a tour are urged to check that they have all their personal belongings with them. Lost items are usually held in Kamloops or Victoria Wells Gray offices.

**CURRENCY:** Your credit card is a convenient way to pay for many meals and purchases. ATMs are easily accessible in Canada and the USA but may be difficult to find in other countries. You should also carry some cash with you in the currency of that country for gratuities and in case credit cards cannot be used.

**LUGGAGE:** The limit per person is one large suitcase, weighing no more than 50 lbs., and a small carry-on bag. A luggage tag is included in your ticket package. The Wells Gray tag is essential for the efficient handling of bags at hotels. Please attach the completed tag to your suitcase before arriving at your departure point. If you are on a cruise, please do not attach your cruise luggage tag until the morning of embarkation. Airlines charge a fee for checked luggage on Canada and USA flights. This is included in your tour fare if the airline allows Wells Gray to prepay this fee, but if payment is required at the airport, you must pay this directly to the airline at check-in.

**COMMENT SHEETS:** We always strive to improve, and comments from our customers are very important. Your tour director will hand out a comment sheet during the tour (with a confidential envelope if desired), so you can tell us what you think. To maintain a high standard of service, Wells Gray management reads every client's comments and discusses any problems and praises with the hotels, motorcoach company, other suppliers, and our staff.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** Your tour price includes all items listed in the "What's Included" section in the tour brochure. GST on applicable tours is extra.



# Terms & Conditions

**PAYMENTS:** A deposit is required within three days of booking and is outlined in each tour brochure. If a deposit or balance becomes overdue and we cannot contact you, your reservation will be cancelled. By placing a deposit, you agree to the Terms and Conditions. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (1.5% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard (\$5,000 limit per person on credit cards). If your cheque payment returns as 'non-sufficient funds', Wells Gray Tours Ltd. must charge you a \$25 NSF fee.

**CANCELLATIONS:** The cancellation policy for each tour is described in detail in the tour brochure. If you cancel after the final payment date, without paying in full, you forfeit the full deposit paid.

**CONSUMER PROTECTION:** In British Columbia, Consumer Protection BC requires that any business or organization that collects advance deposits from people for future travel must be registered with the government and must hold those deposits in trust. This protects consumer deposits in the unlikely event of bankruptcy. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. is also a member in good standing of the National Tour Association, which requires its members to carry at least \$1 million in professional liability, errors, and omission insurance.

**BORDER CROSSING:** For any travel outside of Canada, a valid passport is required. Passport numbers and expiry dates are required in advance for many tours, and this information will be collected before final payment. Clients are responsible for ensuring that they have valid documentation for all border crossings. Clients without valid documents may be detained by Customs Officers and therefore miss their tour. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. cannot assume responsibility for portions of a tour missed due to improper documentation.

**ROOM PARTNERS:** Wells Gray Tours Ltd. cannot assume responsibility for added costs due to disagreements encountered while travelling or for cancellations by one party of a double or twin accommodation room prior to departure.

**LUGGAGE & LOST ITEMS:** Luggage insurance is not included in your fare. Please note that neither Wells Gray Tours Ltd. nor the motorcoach company can assume responsibility for lost or damaged luggage or its contents.

**ITINERARY:** Expect the unexpected. If you are unable to participate in all aspects of the itinerary, Wells Gray Tours Ltd. will not issue a refund or provide a fare reduction for any missed or unused portions of the tour package. If any unforeseen delays, cancellations, changes, or add-ons happen that are beyond Wells Gray Tours control, (or by customer choice) there may be extra costs involved that may be passed onto you, the client, after the trip returns. There is no guarantee of refunds or reimbursements.

**EXPERIENCE POINTS:** Each time you travel with Wells Gray Tours, you earn Experience Points (e-points). The number of e-points you earn is written on the front page of each tour brochure. Your e-points will be awarded to you after your tour returns and can then be redeemed on future tours. E-Points must be earned before they can be redeemed. 1 e-point is equivalent to \$1.00.

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**CHANGES TO FARES:** Due to the uncertainties of inflation, fuel surcharges, taxes and foreign exchange, Wells Gray Tours Ltd. reserves the right to modify tour fares in the event of cost changes.

**COVID-19:** Some countries we are visiting may require all tour participants to be tested for Covid-19 prior to departure and/or be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at least 14 days prior to departure. You are responsible for ensuring you meet the requirements for the countries they you are visiting. **Expect changes to the itinerary.** It may not be possible to communicate changes ahead of departure.

**FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS:** Although it is not mandatory, Wells Gray Tours strongly encourages everyone to wear a face mask at airports, in public places, and onboard motor coaches, ships and airplanes. If you unfortunately become ill with Covid-19, you can still ride on the coaches in the rear seat, but you must wear a KN-95 or N-95 mask.

**TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS:** Wells Gray Tours Ltd. has no special knowledge regarding the financial condition of any supplier or the existence of unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, political conditions, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. For information about these concerns, we recommend contacting the Travel Advice Section of the Government of Canada website at [travel.gc.ca](http://travel.gc.ca). For public-health information, we recommend contacting the BC Centers for Disease Control at 604-707-2400 or [bccdc.ca](http://bccdc.ca). The responsibility for checking and verifying all passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of your destination(s) and all conditions regarding health, safety, security, political stability, and labour or civil unrest at such destination(s) solely belongs to the traveller. Each tour has many suppliers, each with their own policies or rules which you are expected to abide by while on their premises. It is extremely rare, but suppliers can close unexpectedly overnight or declare bankruptcy. Funds that we have deposited with them on your behalf may not be recoverable and therefore not refundable to you.

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**FORCE MAJEURE:** In the circumstances amounting to force majeure, Wells Gray Tours will not be required to refund any money to you, although if Wells Gray Tours can recover any monies from our suppliers, we will refund these to you. Suppliers may choose to provide travel vouchers or credits in lieu of refund. Wells Gray Tours is not responsible for a supplier's failure to pay a refund.

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