THANKSGIVING IN WHISTLER

October 2024

WELLS GRAY TOURS
a world to experience

Whistler Village

With 3 nights at Delta Whistler Suites

In 1966, the Garibaldi Lift Company opened its ski area on Whistler Mountain. Blackcomb Mountain opened in 1980, and Whistler Village was built at the base of these adjacent mountains. Its growth into an award-winning, international resort, is unparalleled in ski history. The Village was carefully designed to reap the benefits of the Coast Mountains' excellent geographical location, emphasizing sun exposure and mountain vistas.

We stay in Whistler for 3 nights at the Delta Whistler Village Suites, located right on the town square. There are choices of activities such as Audain Art Museum or Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre, and the Railway Museum or a jeep tour of Olympic Games sites. During the drive to and from Whistler, we ride the Sea to Sky Gondola and explore the Brittania Mine Museum with the show, *Boom!*
Celebrate Thanksgiving with a weekend in Whistler.

CANADIAN

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ACTIVITY LEVEL

- **Fares per person**
  $1,595 double/twin, **$1,915** single*
  **all pricing details provided on page 2.*
- **Early Booking Bonus**
  $80 discount on first 15 seats; **$40** on next 10.
- **Earn 37 Experience Points**
- **Departure from:**
  Vancouver Island

Sea to Sky Gondola

Providing Quality Packaged Travel Since 1972

DEPARTURE POINT & DATE

Vancouver Island: October 11, 2024 – 4 Days

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Passengers from Vancouver Island will begin and end the tour as follows:

Vancouver Island: We leave Victoria on Friday, October 11 and take the ferry from Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay, then continue to Whistler. We return on Monday, October 14 and take the ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo, then continue south to Victoria.

Departure from Victoria: For passengers in the Greater Victoria Area, transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return. Home pickup may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area to the first 10 passengers for an additional cost.

Departure from Up-island: Passengers south of Nanaimo will be picked up on the way to the ferry by the main coach. Transfers are offered from north of Nanaimo to join the group at the ferry. Dropoff is offered on return. Please inquire at the time of booking.

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
Vancouver Island	**$1,595** double/twin **$1,915** single **$1,520** triple	• Please add 5% GST.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Meals

- **6 total:** 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners

Transportation

- Coach transportation for 4 days
- 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings

Accommodation

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

Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

Key Highlights

- Sea to Sky Gondola
- Locally-guided tour of Whistler Valley
- Choice of Audain Art Museum ***or*** Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre
- Whistler Farmer's Market
- Brittania Mine Museum with *Boom!* show

Guides & Gratuities

- Gratuities for local guide & museum docents

Mountains near Whistler

ITINERARY

Friday, October 11

After pickups in Victoria and Nanaimo, we ride a morning ferry to Horseshoe Bay, then follow the Sea to Sky Highway along Howe Sound. The **Sea to Sky Gondola** whisks us from sea level to the mountain top lodge for panoramic views of nearby peaks, Howe Sound, and Squamish. Arriving in Whistler, we settle into the luxurious Delta Whistler Village Suites which has an excellent location on the town square.

Meals included: Dinner
Accommodation: Delta Whistler Village Suites

Saturday, October 12

During a locally-guided tour, we learn about the remarkable history of the Whistler Valley – rural village to world-famous resort in 50 years. In the afternoon, there are two options. Please choose no later than at final payment.

1. **Audain Art Museum.** Admire a fabulous collection of British Columbia art.
2. **Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Centre** is a spectacular building created by two neighbouring First Nations with the goal to share their living cultures with the world.

Meals included: Breakfast
Accommodation: Delta Whistler Village Suites

Sunday, October 13

During the morning, visit the Whistler Farmer's Market, last one of the season. In the afternoon, there are two options with additional cost. Please choose no later than at final payment. If you prefer not to do either of these activities, the afternoon is leisure time.

1. **Railway Museum of British Columbia.** Explore an extraordinary collection of 95 heritage railway locomotives and cars including the famous Royal Hudson steam locomotive. $25 per person extra including roundtrip transportation.
2. **Olympic Park Jeep Tour.** Ride in a jeep past the venues of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games – the Olympians' start house for the Nordic ski jumps, the cross-country stadium, biathlon range, the Olympic Rings, and 2010 Inukshuk. $229 per person extra including gratuity.

Tonight, gather for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation: Delta Whistler Village Suites

Monday, October 14

The **Brittania Mine** operated for 70 years from 1904 to 1974 and at its peak produced 17% of the world's copper. Today it is a National Historic Site and its concentrator mill is a landmark beside the Sea to Sky Highway. We explore the museum's exhibits, then thrill to the sound and lights show, *Boom!* where all 20 storeys of Mill #3 come to life. Then, we take an afternoon ferry from Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo and head for home.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Activity Level 1

This activity rating uses the new scale of 1 to 4 introduced in November 2023.

Light Activity: You are a traveller who prefers to see places without a lot of physical activity. You can climb a flight of stairs, board a coach, stand for short periods and walk at a leisurely pace with breaks for up to 30 minutes without difficulty or assistance. There will be walking in the village and short walks to and from the restaurant for breakfast each morning. The optional Olympic Park Jeep tour will include boarding a high clearance vehicle, riding on some bumpy roads, and an optional walk with a flight of stairs to see the ski jumps.

You may bring a walker or cane to support your mobility. Please let us know when you book if you will be bringing a walker on this tour. 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; travel insurance will probably not cover you.

Tour Size 46

This tour is limited to 46 participants.

Whistler Village

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of $150 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due August 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: Receive an $80 discount on the first 15 seats and $40 on the next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 27, 2024.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 26, 2024, the cancellation charge is $50 per person. From July 27 to August 27, the cancellation charge is $100 per person. From August 28 to September 10, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After September 10, 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 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. This tour goes to some remote places where 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.

Sea to Sky Gondola Platform

TOUR POLICIES continued

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 for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. This tour stays in British Columbia. While your BC Services Card may cover you for a medical issue that arises during the tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 37 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 August 27, 2024.

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

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Terms & Conditions

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

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. Included meals are shown on the daily itinerary as: Breakfast, Brunch, Lunch, Tea, Dinner.

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, Company Policies, Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined in the tour brochure. 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). Wire payments do not qualify for the 1.5% discount. If your cheque payment returns as 'non-sufficient funds', Wells Gray Tours Ltd. must charge you a $25 NSF fee.

THE BOOKING CONTRACT: Your booking is confirmed and a contract exists when Wells Gray Tours Ltd. or your travel agent issues a written confirmation after receipt of the applicable deposit amount. Please check your confirmation carefully and report any incorrect or incomplete information to Wells Gray Tours Ltd. or authorized agent immediately. Please ensure that formal names are exactly as stated in the relevant passport.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Any special requirements must be disclosed to Wells Gray Tours Ltd. by the time of final payment, though it is preferred to do so at the time of booking. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. will use reasonable efforts to accommodate special requirements or requests but this is not always possible given the nature of the destinations visited and availability of options outside a planned itinerary. Certain activities may be inaccessible to you if your mobility is limited in any way. All food allergies and dietary restrictions must be disclosed to Wells Gray Tours Ltd. by final payment, but Wells Gray Tours Ltd. cannot guarantee that dietary needs or restrictions can be accommodated. Any special requests or requirements do not form part of these Terms or the contract between you and Wells Gray Tours Ltd. and Wells Gray Tours Ltd. is not liable for any failure to accommodate or fulfill such requests. Please note that no changes can be made to your booking within two weeks of departure, including but not limited to special rooming requests, pickup points, and food allergies.

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. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. may cancel a departure if we do not meet the minimum number of travellers required to offer the tour.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: It is your responsibility to obtain and to have in your possession all the required documentation and identification required for entry, departure and travel to each country or region. This includes a valid passport and all travel documents required by the relevant governmental authorities including all visas, permits and certificates (including but not limited to vaccination or medical certificates) and insurance policies. Your passport should typically be valid for at least six months beyond your scheduled return date. Make sure to check your itinerary. This ensures you can re-enter Canada smoothly, even if your travel plans change unexpectedly. You accept full responsibility for obtaining all such documents, visas, and permits prior to the start of the tour, and you are solely responsible for the full amount of costs incurred as a result of missing or defective documentation. You agree that you are responsible for the full amount of any loss or expense incurred by Wells Gray Tours Ltd. that is a direct result of your failure to secure or be in possession of proper travel documentation. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. does not provide advice on travel documents and makes no representations or warrantees as to the accuracy or completeness of any information provided on visas, vaccinations, climate, clothing, baggage, or special equipment and you agree that Wells Gray Tours Ltd. is not responsible for any errors or omissions in this information. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. cannot assume responsibility for portions of a tour missed due to improper documentation.

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 and include Medical, Cancellation and Trip Interruption coverage. Policies must be purchased no later than the time of final payment. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause. A detailed brochure is available. Premiums are always subject to change until paid as insurance companies can change premiums without notice. Medical questionnaire is not needed. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage. For tours that remain in Canada, you may still benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Please contact us for details.

FLEXIBILITY & UNUSED SERVICES: You acknowledge that the nature of travel requires flexibility and that you will permit reasonable alterations to products, services, or itineraries by Wells Gray Tours Ltd. The route, schedules, accommodations, activities, amenities, and mode of transportation are subject to change without notice due to unforeseeable circumstances or events outside the control of Wells Gray Tours Ltd. (including but not limited to Force Majeure, illness, mechanical breakdown, flight cancellations, strikes, political events, and entry or border difficulties). We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels. No reimbursements, discounts, or refunds will be issued for services that are missed or unused after departure due to no fault of Wells Gray Tours Ltd., including your removal from a tour because of your negligence or breach of these Terms. 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. 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 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.

FARE CHANGES & ADDITIONAL EXPENSES: 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. It may not be possible to communicate changes ahead of departure. If any unforeseen

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delays, cancellations, changes, or add-ons happen that are beyond Wells Gray Tours Ltd. control (or by client choice), Wells Gray Tours Ltd. will not be responsible for any additional expenses such as meals, hotel rooms, etc. incurred because of flight delays, train delays, etc. There is no guarantee of refunds or reimbursements. Please note that most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for weather delays.

INCIDENTAL CHARGES: Incidentals are miscellaneous personal charges on hotel bills and are not included in the tour cost. Such charges include room service, phone calls, liquor, and movies. These charges must be paid by you at the front desk prior to departure. Upon payment, please request and retain a receipt. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. is not responsible for incidental charges.

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. Customers are responsible for their own luggage at airports from the coach to the check-in counter and back to the coach upon picking up luggage. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. cannot take responsibility for any items lost on tour.

PRIVACY: Information collected by Wells Gray Tours Ltd. for purposes of the tour or marketing or to assist attending personnel in the event of an emergency is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Wells Gray Tours Ltd. and its designated tour director reserve the right to take photographs or videos during the operation of any tour or part thereof and to use the resulting photography or videos for promotion on Facebook, the Wells Gray Tours Ltd. website, or for other commercial uses. By making a reservation with Wells Gray Tours Ltd., the participant agrees to allow his/her likeness to be used by Wells Gray Tours Ltd. without compensation to the participant. If the participant prefers that his/her likeness not be used, please notify us in writing at final payment, or give a note to the tour director on the first day.

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

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. For public-health information, we recommend contacting the BC Centers for Disease Control at 604-707-2400 or bccdc.ca. The responsibility for checking and verifying any and 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.

FORCE MAJEURE: In the circumstances amounting to force majeure, Wells Gray Tours Ltd. will not be required to refund any money to you, although if Wells Gray Tours Ltd. can recover any monies from our suppliers, we will refund these to you without charge. Suppliers may choose to provide travel vouchers or credits in lieu of refund. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. is not responsible for a supplier's failure to pay a refund.

RESPONSIBILITY: *Neither Wells Gray Tours Ltd., nor any of its agents or representatives shall be held liable or responsible directly or indirectly for any delay, injury, loss or damage to any person or property, occasioned by the neglect or default of any person or company providing transportation, accommodation or any other services in connection with these tours, or damages resulting directly or indirectly from act of God, sickness, strike, quarantine, weather, government restraints, machinery breakdown, or any other cause beyond our control. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. acts as an agent for its suppliers, including but not limited to companies providing transportation, accommodation, and other services rendered. The right is reserved to withdraw all, or part of any tour should conditions warrant and make such alterations in the itinerary as may be found necessary for the convenience and proper operation of any tour, without penalty.*

Company Policies

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

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

SCENT-FREE POLICY: Scented products such as hair spray, perfume, aftershave, cigarettes, cannabis, and vapour products can trigger reactions such as respiratory distress and headaches. Please respect those around you and go scent-free throughout the entire tour including excursions.

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. Please note that no changes can be made to your booking within two weeks of departure.

SEAT ROTATION: This is mandatory on all tours, and your tour director will describe the pattern and the frequency of the moves. On a full tour, singles are requested to sit with other singles on the coach, so that travelling companions can sit together. For fairness to other clients, exceptions will not be made.

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 we are unable to accommodate scooters or motorized wheelchairs on our tours.

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. 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. Please note that no changes can be made to your booking within two weeks of departure.

EXPERIENCE POINTS: Each time you travel with Wells Gray Tours Ltd., 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.

GRATUITIES: Gratuities are at your discretion; however, they are a significant portion of income for Wells Gray Tours Ltd. tour directors, coach drivers, transfer drivers, and housekeeping staff. Gratuity guidelines will be outlined in the 'Important Tour Information' document you will receive prior to your tour. 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 their seat.

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, so you can tell us what you think. To maintain a high standard of service, Wells Gray Tours Ltd. reads every client's comments and discusses any problems and praises with the hotels, motorcoach company, other suppliers, and our staff.