

# SUMMER THEATRE IN ALBERTA

July 2025

**WELLS GRAY TOURS**  
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## **Badlands Passion Play plus 4 shows in Calgary and Rosebud!**

Alberta offers a great variety of summer theatre at venues around the province. This tour features 5 great shows in Calgary, Rosebud, and Drumheller. First is *Legends of the '80s* at Stage West Dinner Theatre, followed by *Dream* at Rosebud Theatre, the *Canadian Badlands Passion Play* at a natural amphitheatre near Drumheller, *Mid-Autumn on Gold Mountain* at Heritage Park's Canmore Opera House, and *ABBAmania* at Jubilations Dinner Theatre. The *Passion Play* only has 9 performances this summer. Add Radium Hot Springs, Royal Tyrrell Museum, and Heritage Park and you have a wonderful summer getaway.



SHOW TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

### ▶ **Departure from:**

- ❶ **BC Interior:** July 15, 2025 - 6 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** July 14, 2025 - 7 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** July 14, 2025 - 7 days

### ▶ **Fares per person**

- ❶ from **\$2,265** double/twin, **\$2,820** single\*  
\*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

### ▶ **Early Booking Bonus**

- \$120** discount on first 12 seats; **\$60** on next 8.

### ▶ **Earn 53 Experience Points**



Royal Tyrrell Museum

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**Your specific departure point will be confirmed at the 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 Tuesday, July 15 and travel east through Rogers Pass to Golden. We drive home from Calgary on Sunday, July 20. Transportation is provided to and from your pickup point.

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- V Vancouver Island:** We fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Kelowna on Monday, July 14 and overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW. We fly to Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox on Sunday, July 20 from Calgary.

**Departure from Victoria:** Depending on the number of people booked and coach size, home pickups may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

**Departure from Up-Island:** Transportation to/from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. Please note that while we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes it is not possible given the airline schedule and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request departure from Nanaimo or Comox at the time of booking.

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- L Lower Mainland:** We fly from Vancouver to Kelowna on Monday, July 14 and overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW. We fly to Vancouver on Sunday, July 20 from Calgary. Home pickup in the Greater Vancouver Area can be arranged at the time of booking.

**Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack:** No transportation is provided to/from Vancouver Airport to join this tour.

## FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
<b>I</b>	<b>BC Interior</b>	<p><b>\$2,265</b> double/twin</p> <p><b>\$2,820</b> single</p> <p><b>\$2,110</b> triple</p>	
<b>V</b>	<b>Vancouver Island</b>	<p><b>\$2,985</b> double/twin</p> <p><b>\$3,655</b> single</p> <p><b>\$2,800</b> triple</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please add 5% GST.</li> </ul>
<b>L</b>	<b>Lower Mainland</b>	<p><b>\$2,935</b> double/twin</p> <p><b>\$3,605</b> single</p> <p><b>\$2,750</b> triple</p>	

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

## ▶ Meals

- ① **12 total:** 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- ⓋⓁ **12 total:** 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners

## ▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- ⓋⓁ Transfers to Victoria or Vancouver Airport from the Greater Victoria or Greater Vancouver Area
- ⓋⓁ Flight to Kelowna from Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox
- ⓋⓁ Transfer to Calgary Airport
- ⓋⓁ Return flight from Calgary to Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox
- ⓋⓁ Current air transportation taxes & fees

## ▶ Accommodation

- ① 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- ⓋⓁ 6 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
  - Luggage handling at some hotels

## ▶ Highlights

- Radium Hot Springs swim (with towel & locker)
- Kootenay & Banff National Parks fees
- *Legends of the '80s* at Stage West Dinner Theatre
- *Dream* at Rosebud Theatre
- Royal Tyrrell Museum
- *Canadian Badlands Passion Play*
- Heritage Park & Gasoline Alley
- *Mid-Autumn on Gold Mountain* at Canmore Opera House
- *ABBAMania: Back to the Disco Dimension* at Jubilations Theatre

*Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.*

## ▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director



## 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 from gravel paths to moderate hills comfortably and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. There is a walk of about 200 metres and some stairs to your seating at the *Passion Play*. There is no luggage handling service at the Drumheller hotel. Passengers who are flying will be required to handle their own luggage and walk longer distances in airports.

You may bring a 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; travel insurance will probably not cover you.



## Tour Size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.







## ITINERARY

### Monday, July 14

Passengers from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland fly to Kelowna and stay overnight.

**Accommodation:** **V L** Hampton Inn YLW

### Tuesday, July 15

We travel east through Rogers Pass to Golden and stay overnight at Radium. This evening, we relax in the soothing waters of **Radium Hot Springs**. Sir George Simpson of the Hudson Bay Company made the first recorded visit in 1841, bathing in a one-person sized pool dug out of the gravel. The present Aquacourt was built in 1951 and is now Canada's largest hot springs pool with a water temperature of 39.4 degrees Celsius.

**Meals included:** **I** Lunch **V L** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** Prestige Radium Hotel

### Wednesday, July 16

We continue through Kootenay National Park with a short walk to see the tumbling waters of Marble Canyon. After arriving in Calgary, we go to Stage West Dinner Theatre for a superb buffet and the show **Legends of the '80s**.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Residence Inn by Marriott

### Thursday, July 17

In the hamlet of Rosebud (population 75), we savour a sumptuous lunch buffet, then walk a block to the intimate Rosebud Theatre to see their summer play, **Dream**. We stay two nights in nearby Drumheller.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

**Accommodation:** SureStay Best Western

### Friday, July 18

We visit the famed **Royal Tyrrell Museum** in Drumheller, a multi-million dollar tribute to the Dinosaur Age. Later, we enjoy some sights in the Red Deer River Valley such as colourful Horsethief Canyon, the iconic hoodoos, and the Rosedale Suspension Bridge (it may be closed for renovations). At 6 pm, we attend the **Canadian Badlands Passion Play**, one of only a few large-scale dramatic productions in the world that portray the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have excellent seats booked in Section F (centre), Rows 12-15.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Accommodation:** SureStay Best Western

### Saturday, July 19

Returning to Calgary, we step back in time during a visit to **Heritage Park**, a lively historical village where you can meet friendly pioneers, ride an authentic steam train, explore the superb Gasoline Alley Museum of antique cars and equipment, and immerse yourself in the old west. The Cowboy Buffet Lunch is included in the old Wainwright Hotel. At the restored Canmore Opera House, we enjoy a short musical



Horsethief Canyon

## ITINERARY continued

### Saturday, July 19 continued

melodrama titled **Mid-Autumn on Gold Mountain**. Tonight, we go to Jubilations Dinner Theatre to see **ABBAmania: Back to the Disco Dimension**.

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

**Accommodation:** Residence Inn by Marriott

### Sunday, July 20

Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland passengers are transferred to Calgary Airport for a flight home. BC Interior passengers travel by coach back to departure cities.

**Meals included:** ① Breakfast, Lunch ② Breakfast

## THE 5 SHOWS IN ALBERTA

### Legends of the '80s

Michael Jackson moonwalked his way into history with smash hits like *Thriller* and *Beat It*, dazzling audiences with his smooth dance moves and soaring vocals. Elton John brought the house down with flamboyant costumes and catchy piano melodies in songs like *I'm Still Standing* and *Candle in the Wind*. Billy Joel serenaded us with his soulful voice and relatable lyrics in classics like *Piano Man*. Lionel Richie had us dancing all night long to feel-good anthems like *All Night Long* and romantic ballads like *Hello*. Madonna pushed boundaries with her edgy style and dance tunes like *Like a Virgin* that defined a generation. And Janet Jackson emerged from her famous family's shadow with smash hits like *Nasty*. These legends lit up the 1980s and gifted us with some of the most iconic pop stars and songs ever. Their music continues to captivate us today, taking us on a trip back in time.

### Dream

This is a new Canadian musical about a truly remarkable family legacy of redemption. An orphaned teenager finds himself scamming on the city streets before being placed in the care of an elderly widow in a rural farming community. Through a dramatic change of scenery and unfamiliar acts of kindness, he discovers purpose, belonging and the love of his life. The songs are unforgettable.

### Canadian Badlands Passion Play

The *Canada Badlands Passion Play* is one of only a few large-scale dramatic productions in the world that portray the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Set in an acoustically superb natural amphitheatre near Drumheller, this is the 30<sup>th</sup> annual production and only nine performances are scheduled. A huge cast, a choir, live animals, and hundreds of volunteers make this a spectacular production.

### Mid-Autumn on Gold Mountain

*Mid-Autumn on Gold Mountain* is a 40-minute musical melodrama performed in the Canmore Opera House which was built in 1898 in Canmore and moved to Calgary's Heritage Park.

### ABBAmania: Back to the Disco Dimension

Get ready to laugh, dance, and sing along with *ABBAmania*, a rollicking musical parody that turns iconic ABBA hits on their head. The show blends beloved ABBA classics with side-splitting humour and outrageous twists. It's a high-energy celebration of ABBA's timeless music with a hilariously absurd spin that guarantees a night of unforgettable fun!



# TOUR NOTES

**Importance of early booking:** There are 5 shows included, each with different deadlines for our commitment to the number of seats purchased. The *Badlands Passion Play* only has 9 performances in summer 2025 and sells out very early. Some theatres will recall seats from our original reservation if our bookings have been slow, so waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait till next year." Then we have to turn away disappointed customers, even though seats are available on the motorcoach. Therefore, please don't delay booking this tour.

**Show cancellation:** It rarely happens, but actors occasionally get sick, or some mishap causes the cancellation of a show. This can occur even shortly before the performance begins. We know that this would be extremely disappointing for our customers, but the only refund we would be able to obtain for you would be the actual ticket price of the show. The hotel, motorcoach, and other tour services are all prepaid and are non-refundable at short notice.

**VL Flight delays or cancellations:** Victoria and Lower Mainland passengers are flying to Kelowna on July 14 to meet the tour next day, and flying home on July 20. Flights can be delayed or cancelled at the last minute, sometimes causing a missed connection. Wells Gray staff will try to assist with rebooking, but the airline usually wants to talk with the individual passenger. There may be an extra payment required if the issue is weather. Wells Gray Tours is not allowed to interfere with this process. Check that your travel insurance policy has a flight delay benefit because that is usually your best recourse for recouping additional flight costs.

**Food Allergies:** You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. 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.





# TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due May 14, 2025. 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 \$120 discount on first 12 seats and \$60 on next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after May 14, 2025.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to April 14, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From April 15 to May 14, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From May 15 to June 13, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After June 13, there is no refund.

**Itinerary and Fare Changes:** Our many suppliers may notify us 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.

**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 Canada, but medical costs can vary wildly from one province to another. Remember that travel insurance typically provides cancellation coverage if you get sick the day before at home or you are in an accident or your flight is cancelled due to weather. 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 medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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**Experience Points or E-points:** This tour earns 53 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 May 14, 2025.

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