

WEST COAST CRUISE & RAIL

October 2025

WELLS GRAY TOURS
a world to experience



Amtrak Pacific Surfliner Line

Cruise from Vancouver to San Diego; return by coach and 3 trains

This is a wonderful trip to California, offering a truly unique experience that can't be done by car. Cruise on Holland America's *Eurodam* from Vancouver to San Diego for 4 days with a day to explore Santa Barbara. Then travel home using a combination of motorcoach and 3 train excursions – Amtrak from Santa Ana to San Luis Obispo, Roaring Camp Railroad, and Amtrak from Portland to Seattle. Stay 2 nights at the wonderful oceanfront hotel, Elizabeth Suites. Other highlights are Hearst Castle, National Steinbeck Center, Monterey Aquarium, Charles Schulz Museum, the Redwoods, a Newport Harbor cruise, and the Oregon Coast Aquarium. A terrific cruise and rail tour for lovers of both!



CRUISE TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ① **BC Interior:** October 4, 2025 - 15 Days
- ② **Vancouver Island:** October 4, 2025 - 15 Days
- ③ **Lower Mainland:** October 5, 2025 - 14 Days

► Fares per person

④ from **\$6,165** double/twin, **\$7,635** single*
*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Early Booking Bonus

\$250 discount on first 12 seats; **\$125** on next 8.

► Earn 143 Experience Points



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 on Saturday, October 4 and drive to New Westminster where we stay overnight at the Inn at the Quay. We board the cruise the following day. We return on Saturday, October 18 from Seattle. Transportation is provided to and from your pickup point.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Saturday, October 4 and drive to New Westminster where we stay overnight at the Inn at the Quay. We board the cruise the following day. We return on Saturday, October 18 from Seattle.

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: There is an additional cost to fly from Nanaimo or Comox to join this tour. 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.

L Lower Mainland: We depart on Sunday, October 5 and board the cruise in Vancouver. We return on Saturday, October 18 from Seattle. Home pickup in the Greater Vancouver Area can be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack: Pickup and dropoff is by the main coach. Please refer to the BC Interior tour fares and dates.

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	Inside Stateroom Category I	Oceanview Stateroom Category C	Veranda Stateroom Category VA	Neptune Suite Category SA
I BC Interior	\$6,235 double/twin \$7,795 single	\$6,460 double/twin \$8,235 single	\$6,715 double/twin \$8,885 single	\$7,790 double/twin \$11,030 single
V Vancouver Island	\$6,410 double/twin \$7,970 single	\$6,635 double/twin \$8,410 single	\$6,890 double/twin \$9,060 single	\$7,965 double/twin \$11,205 single
L Lower Mainland	\$6,165 double/twin \$7,635 single	\$6,390 double/twin \$8,075 single	\$6,645 double/twin \$8,725 single	\$7,720 double/twin \$10,870 single

- Please add 0.2% GST.
- Triple fares and other categories are also available.
- There is an additional cost to fly from/to Nanaimo or Comox to join this tour.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- ① **30 total:** 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners
- ② **29 total:** 13 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Transportation to Vancouver cruise terminal from the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas
- 4 days cruising on *Eurodam*
- 10 days of coach transportation
- Amtrak train from Santa Ana to San Luis Obispo
- Amtrak train from Portland to Seattle
- Transportation from Seattle to departure point in the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas

▶ Accommodation

- Stateroom for 4 nights on *Eurodam*
- ① ② 10 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- ③ 9 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Port charges & cruise taxes
- Luggage handling at most hotels & ship

▶ Key Highlights

- San Diego Maritime Museum
- Hearst Castle
- Imax film *Hearst Castle — Building the Dream*
- Elephant seal rookery guided tour
- National Steinbeck Center
- Monterey Bay Aquarium & Cannery Row
- Roaring Camp Railroad
- Charles Schulz Museum
- Avenue of the Giants
- Cape Perpetua Visitor Center
- Marine Discovery cruise in Yaquina Bay
- Yaquina Head Lighthouse
- Oregon Coast Aquarium

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

▶ Gratuities

- Cruise gratuities
- Gratuities for local guides & boat crew

▶ 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 on a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance.

You can stand for prolonged periods and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. There are usually steps on and off the trains. There is lots of walking and some stairs at Hearst Castle. You can walk longer distances and handle your own luggage in cruise terminals. In addition, you may need to handle your own luggage at hotels 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. 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.



Stearns Wharf

ITINERARY

Saturday, October 4

Passengers from Vancouver Island and the BC Interior travel to New Westminster and stay overnight at the Inn at the Quay, overlooking the Fraser River.

Note: While it may seem unnecessary to travel to the Lower Mainland the day before your cruise, highways and ferries can have long closures or flights can be cancelled which would cause you to miss your ship's departure.

Meals included: ① Lunch

Accommodation: ① ② Inn at the Quay

Sunday, October 5

Take a stroll along the riverfront boardwalk this morning. Passengers from the Lower Mainland join us, and we board the **Eurodam** about noon. An embarkation buffet lunch is served in the Lido Market. The afternoon is free time to get familiar with the ship. We sail from Canada Place at 3 pm with a festive "Farewell to Vancouver" deck party as we pass under Lions Gate Bridge. Savour your first wonderful dinner, followed by a lively stage show or many other evening activities.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Holland America's *Eurodam*

Monday, October 6

Today is the first of two relaxing days at sea. Although we are in the open Pacific, the *Eurodam* is remarkably smooth because it is equipped with the best stabilizers. How do you want to spend your days? The ship's daily newsletter keeps you informed about scheduled activities like stage shows, movies, bingo games, group fitness, and game times in lounges. Schedule a treatment at the spa, get some advice on a workout plan at the fitness centre, or sidle up to the wine tasting bar to sample wines from around the world. The choices are many.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Holland America's *Eurodam*

Tuesday, October 7

Enjoy another day at sea with the *Eurodam's* many amenities.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Holland America's *Eurodam*

Wednesday, October 8

The *Eurodam* anchors at **Santa Barbara** at 8 am and departs at 4 pm; this is a tender port. The city is known as America's Riviera and enjoys a distinctly Mediterranean climate. Built along the Mission Trail, Santa Barbara has a delightful balance of traditional Spanish and modern structures. Mission Santa Barbara was founded in 1786 on the feast day of Saint Barbara and is considered "The Queen of the Missions". You can buy a sightseeing tour from the ship or on the dock. Other attractions are the panoramic view from the open air tower of the Spanish-Moorish Courthouse and **Stearns Wharf** which dates to 1872 and is lined with restaurants and shops.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Holland America's *Eurodam*

ITINERARY continued

Thursday, October 9

The *Eurodam* docks in **San Diego** and we disembark about 9 am. While we were relaxing on the ship, our driver brought the coach down from Vancouver to meet us. We visit the **Maritime Museum** on the waterfront which features many nautical displays and three historic ships including the *Star of India*, the world's oldest active ship. Afterwards, we start our northward journey and stay overnight in **Santa Ana** at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Enjoy the Manager's Reception with your fellow travellers.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Santa Ana

Friday, October 10

We board the **Amtrak train** near the hotel for a 7-hour journey through Los Angeles and along the California coast. This is one of Amtrak's scenic daylight routes as the train hugs the shoreline for many miles and provides great views of the vast Pacific Ocean. Beyond Santa Barbara, the freeway turns inland but the train continues along the coast, rounding Point Conception and Point Arguello on the Lompoc Peninsula. We get off the train in **San Luis Obispo**. Our coach has followed the train today with our luggage conveniently on board, and meets us at the train station.

Meals included: Breakfast, Box Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Embassy Suites San Luis Obispo

Saturday, October 11

Today's treat is the incredible **Hearst Castle**, the vast mansion built on a mountaintop at San Simeon by art collector and publisher, William Randolph Hearst. La Casa Grande (the main house) contains 115 rooms, and there are three guesthouses with up to 18 rooms each. Construction started in 1919 and lasted 28 years at a cost of about \$10 million (equivalent to \$170 million today). Our tour includes the ground floor of La Casa Grande, the gardens, two pools, one guesthouse, and the Imax film *Hearst Castle - Building the Dream*. Nearby, at the beach at Piedras Blancas, is a highly populated **elephant seal rookery**. A volunteer member of the Friends of the Elephant Seal tells about the remarkable lifecycle of this enormous sea creature. This afternoon, we travel through the farmlands of the Salinas Valley, nicknamed "America's Salad Bowl". We explore the **National Steinbeck Center**, an elaborate tribute to the author which features seven themed theatres with film clips and exhibits from *East of Eden*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, and other books. We stay two nights in Salinas.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Best Western Valley Inn

Sunday, October 12

We visit famed **Monterey Bay Aquarium** which displays typical sea life of the California coast. The exhibits of jellyfish and seahorses are particularly fascinating. Afterwards, there is time to explore **Cannery Row** which has numerous shops, craft galleries, and restaurants.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Best Western Valley Inn





Avenue of the Giants

ITINERARY continued

Monday, October 13

Happy Canadian Thanksgiving! We board the **Roaring Camp Railroad** for a 1½-hour excursion pulled by an 1890 steam locomotive through a grove of redwoods. A barbecue lunch is followed by some local entertainment. During the afternoon, we skirt San Francisco and stay overnight in Rohnert Park. A Thanksgiving Dinner is planned this evening.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Oxford Suites

Tuesday, October 14

Nearby Santa Rosa was the home of **Peanuts creator, Charles Schulz**, for 40 years and we visit the museum devoted to him and his much-loved characters. The afternoon drive follows the scenic Redwoods Highway and one narrow winding section of the **Avenue of the Giants** where we can admire these tallest trees in the world. We stay overnight in Eureka.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Best Western Humboldt Bay Inn

Wednesday, October 15

After a stop at the curious Carson Mansion, we continue along Highway 101, the scenic byway that meanders along the **Oregon Coast** with spectacular views of the ocean. Stops are made to shop for exquisite myrtlewood products and at Cape Perpetua Visitor Center. We have a two-night stay at Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites in Newport. Weather permitting, we gather around a bonfire with s'mores served.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites

Thursday, October 16

This morning, we board the *MV Discovery* for a two-hour sea-life **cruise around Yaquina Bay** featuring sea lions, seals, marine birds, some whales, and maybe a crab pot full of Dungeness crabs. After, there is time for lunch and shopping at Newport's Embarcadero. There are many lighthouses along this coastline, and we tour one at Newport, **Yaquina Head Lighthouse**. Opened in 1873 and still active, it has recently undergone restoration to preserve its important history. Afterwards, we visit the fabulous Oregon Coast Aquarium.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites

Friday, October 17

We leave the Oregon Coast at Lincoln City and travel inland. In Portland, we board **Amtrak** for a scenic rail journey along the broad Columbia River, then through Olympia and Tacoma. Our coach meets us in Seattle. Our last night is in Lynnwood at the lovely Embassy Suites Hotel which features one-bedroom suites, indoor pool, a huge atrium, and complimentary drinks at the evening reception.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Embassy Suites Lynnwood

Saturday, October 18

We travel home. There are shopping stops at Bellis Fair Mall in Bellingham and the Duty-Free Store for passengers travelling by coach.

Meals included: Breakfast



MS EURODAM

The *Eurodam* made her inaugural cruise in 2008 after being christened by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. She is Holland America's second largest design with a capacity of 2,100 passengers. *Eurodam's* gross tonnage is 86,000 and she is 285 metres long. Her 11 decks feature a 1,000-seat live entertainment theatre, nine lounges, casino, shopping arcade, movie theatre, beauty shop, library, games room, Internet centre, spa, gymnasium, and two swimming pools (one with sliding dome cover). *Eurodam* has 14 elevators and four of them are glass with panoramic views. An exquisite \$2 million collection of art and artifacts is showcased throughout the ship with a theme of "The Dutch Golden Age".

Dining is one of the highlights of a cruise. The elegant two-floor Dining Room serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner with full choice of menu. The Lido Market offers buffet-style serving stations for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and the 11 pm snack. The intimate Pinnacle Grill, the

Canaletto Restaurant, and the Tamarind Restaurant offer extraordinary service, reserved seating and gourmet menus for an extra charge. You can also dine in the privacy of your stateroom by ordering from the complimentary room service menu. All meals are culinary delights and you will not go hungry on board!

Staterooms have twin lower beds (some convert to queen-size double), television, music, telephone, and bathroom with toilet, sink, and shower or bathtub. A crew of nearly 900 ensures top-quality service and entertainment. Every day has a full schedule of optional activities: dance class, bridge, bingo, shuffleboard, table-tennis, karaoke, board games, and fitness activities. The movie theatre presents films several times daily and, every evening, there is live entertainment in the Mainstage Theatre plus musicians playing in most lounges.

TOUR NOTES & POLICIES

Please book early: Cruises are incredibly popular nowadays. Ships are filling up faster and earlier than they once did, so waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait till next year." Holland America has confirmed a block of staterooms for this cruise and they are normally held until 90 days before sailing (late June 2025). However, any unsold staterooms can be taken away from us at any time if the ship or even a category fills. This occurs on most of our group cruises, then we must turn away disappointed customers, even though seats are available on the connecting motorcoach. Therefore, please don't delay booking this tour.

Dinner reservations: The *Eurodam* offers both open dining and fixed dining. Open dining is standard, so you

can go to a restaurant when you are ready with your friends or make a reservation earlier in the day. The three specialty restaurants take reservations 3 months before sailing or you can book on board (we recommend doing this early in the voyage).

Staterooms: When you book this tour, your selected stateroom category on the *Eurodam* is guaranteed and the stateroom number is usually confirmed a few weeks before sailing. Fares are quoted for categories Inside I, Oceanview C, and Verandah VA, but other categories such as suites are also available.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. During the drive north, some restaurants may not be able to satisfy

TOUR NOTES & POLICIES continued

all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. Most food allergies can be handled at meals on the ship, but you may have to order 24 hours in advance. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Payments: A deposit of \$600 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due July 3, 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 (\$5,000 limit per person on credit cards).

Early Booking Bonus: Receive \$250 discount on first 12 seats and \$125 on next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 3, 2025.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 3, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From June 4 to July 3, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person. From July 4 to August 5, the cancellation charge is 40% of the tour fare. From August 6 to September 3, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After September 3, 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. Be aware that trains sometimes run late. 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.

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. 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. Please do not travel to the USA without medical insurance as a minimum.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 143 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 July 3, 2025.

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