

BARKERVILLE & WELLS GRAY PARK

August 2025



Helmcken Falls

Gold rush tales & waterfalls aplenty

Explore the historic Gold Rush Trail and relive the days of the stampede to the Cariboo goldfields in the 1860s. Barkerville is 164 years old in 2025 and the restored town is still bringing joy to visitors of all ages, as they relive the days of the old west. Ride in a stagecoach, try your luck at goldpanning, listen to Judge Begbie, watch the gold cleanup at the Cornish water-wheel, eat at Wake-Up Jake's Café, and stamp your feet to a lively music show at Theatre Royal.

Another highlight follows Barkerville – the natural wonders of Wells Gray Park, also known as “Canada's Waterfalls Park”. Spahats Falls, Dawson Falls, and Helmcken Falls, 4th highest in Canada, are only 3 of the 42 named waterfalls in the park that you will remember for long after this tour.



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ① **BC Interior:** August 20, 2025 - 4 days
- ⑤ **Vancouver Island:** August 19, 2025 - 5 days
- ① **Lower Mainland:** August 19, 2025 - 5 days

► Fares per person

- ① from **\$1,230** double/twin, **\$1,465** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

► Early Booking Bonus

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

► Earn 29 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 Wednesday, August 20 and drive to Quesnel. We return from Wells Gray Park on Saturday, August 23. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Tuesday, August 19 and fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Kelowna where we overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW. We are picked up by the main coach the following day. We fly from Kelowna to Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox on Saturday, August 23.

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 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.

Departure from Up-island: Transportation to/from Nanaimo or Comox Airport is not provided. 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 Tuesday, August 19 and fly from Vancouver to Kelowna where we overnight at the Hampton Inn YLW. We are picked up by the main coach the following day. We fly from Kelowna to Vancouver on Saturday, August 23. Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack: No transportation is provided to/from Vancouver Airport.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$1,230 double/twin \$1,465 single \$1,165 triple	
V	Vancouver Island	\$1,975 double/twin \$2,435 single \$1,845 triple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please add 5% GST.
L	Lower Mainland	\$1,950 double/twin \$2,410 single \$1,820 triple	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- ① **6 total:** 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- ⓋⓁ **7 total:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner

▶ Transportation

- ⓋⓁ Transfers to/from Victoria or Vancouver Airport from the Greater Victoria or Greater Vancouver Area
- ⓋⓁ Flights to/from Kelowna from Victoria, Nanaimo, Comox, or Vancouver
- ⓋⓁ Current air transportation taxes & fees
 - Coach transportation for 4 days

▶ Accommodation

- ① 3 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- ⓋⓁ 4 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
 - Luggage handling at hotels

▶ Highlights

- Ashcroft Manor
- Painted Chasm
- Local guide from Quesnel to Barkerville
- Barkerville Historic Town
- Gold panning with souvenir gold flakes
- Barkerville stagecoach ride
- Optional guided walking tour of Barkerville
- Theatre Royal show

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

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director



Activity Level 1

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. The guided walking tour around Barkerville is optional. The Richfield Courthouse is a 1.5 km gently uphill walk from Barkerville centre. There are steps to get into the stagecoach and the ride is authentically bumpy. Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland passengers should note that travelling through airports and carrying your own luggage raises the Activity Level to 2.

You may bring a walker, cane, or walking poles to support your mobility. Please let us know when you book if you will be bringing a walker on this tour. 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.



Tour Size 46

This tour can accommodate 46 participants.



Wells Gray Group at Park Entrance
WELLS GRAY TOURS - BARKERVILLE & WELLS GRAY PARK



Wells Gray Group in Barkerville

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Tuesday, August 19

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

Accommodation: Hampton Inn YLW

Wednesday, August 20

We drive through the Thompson Valley and have lunch at historic **Ashcroft Manor**. It was built in 1862 as a stopping place for Cariboo Gold Rush travellers and ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. This visit nicely sets the scene for the Gold Rush stories through the next two days. During the afternoon drive north along the Cariboo Highway, we stop at scenic **Painted Chasm**. We stay two nights in Quesnel.

Meals included: Lunch Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Billy Barker Inn

Thursday, August 21

An **expert historian** tells us about the Gold Rush and its characters during the drive to **Barkerville**. First, try the gold panning where you keep what you find, then ride the stagecoach around Barkerville and join the optional guided walking tour if you wish. For the rest of the visit, there is lots to see and enjoy at your own pace — listen to a discussion of Cariboo justice with Judge Begbie at Richfield Courthouse; buy something tasty at Goldfield Bakery; view a historic slide show at the Museum; attend church at St. Saviour's; and walk through many historic buildings, staffed with costumed interpreters who bring the 1880s vividly to life. A lively musical show at the **Theatre Royal** is included.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Billy Barker Inn

Friday, August 22

We follow Highway #24 through Lone Butte and past dozens of picturesque lakes to join the Yellowhead Highway at Little Fort. During the afternoon, we admire three of Wells Gray Park's 42 waterfalls – Spahats Falls which plunges into an awesome canyon, 100-metre wide Dawson Falls, and Helmcken Falls, the 4th highest in Canada at 141 metres.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Best Western Plus Clearwater & Wells Gray Inn

Saturday, August 23

We head for home. Passengers from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland fly home from Kelowna.

Meals included: Breakfast

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$150 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.

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$60 discount on the first 15 seats and \$30 on the next 10 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after July 3, 2025.

Cancellation Policy: Up to June 3, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From June 4 to July 3, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From July 4 to July 18, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare. After July 18, 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.

VL Flight delays due to weather: In the event flights are delayed or cancelled by airlines due to weather, there may be additional costs to you. Wells Gray Tours Ltd. will not pay for hotel rooms and meals during the delay. Most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for weather delays.

Show cancellation: It rarely happens, but actors occasionally get sick, or some mishap causes the cancellation of a show (Theatre Royal). This can occur even shortly before the performance begins. We know that this

would be disappointing, 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.

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. 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 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 29 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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