

BOUNTIFUL THANKSGIVING IN THE OKANAGAN

October 2025



Summerland

Orchards, Wineries & Fall Sights

The sunshine and heat of the Okanagan Valley make it a prime growing area in BC for fruit and vineyards. Autumn is the perfect time to enjoy the bounty of harvest and the fall foliage. Some highlights are a dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake, a honey bee farm visit, O'Keefe Heritage Ranch, the Kettle Valley Steam Train, the Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre, and a tour of South Okanagan wineries. Drive to the Okanagan via the Coquihalla Highway and return through Manning Park. Three fabulous waterfront hotels are offered — Delta Grand Okanagan in Kelowna, Summerland Waterfront Resort, and Watermark Beach Resort in Osoyoos. This is a great time to visit the Okanagan after the summer crowds have left.



CANADIAN



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ Departure from:

▼ **Vancouver Island:** October 10, 2025 - 6 days

▼ **Lower Mainland:** October 10, 2025 - 6 days

▶ Fares per person

▼ from **\$2,770** double/twin, **\$3,395** single*

*Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

▶ Early Booking Bonus

\$150 on first 12 seats; **\$75** on next 8.

▶ Earn 66 Experience Points



Delta Grand Okanagan

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

- V Vancouver Island:** We depart from Victoria on Friday, October 10 and drive to Kelowna. We drive back to Victoria from Osoyoos on Wednesday, October 15.
- Departure from Victoria:** Designated pickup points are offered in the Greater Victoria Area. Home pickups may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area to the first 10 passengers for an additional cost.
- Departure from Up-Island:** There is an additional cost for transportation from/to up-island. We can provide transportation from up-island communities to Victoria on Saturday, October 9. You can organize your own accommodation this evening, or we can book accommodation for you at the Chateau Victoria Hotel at an additional cost. Transportation back to your drop off point up-island is provided on Wednesday, October 15.
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- L Lower Mainland:** We depart from Vancouver on Friday, October 10 and drive to Kelowna. we drive back to Vancouver from Osoyoos on Wednesday, October 15. Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.
- Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack:** Pickup and drop off is by the main coach. Designated pickup points are available.

FARES PER PERSON

Departure Point	1 Bedroom City View	1 Bedroom Lake View	2 Bedroom Lake View
V Vancouver Island	\$2,770 double/twin \$3,395 single	\$2,795 double/twin \$3,450 single	\$2,825 double/twin \$3,505 single \$2,650 triple
L Lower Mainland	\$2,790 double/twin \$3,415 single	\$2,815 double/twin \$3,470 single	\$2,845 double/twin \$3,525 single \$2,670 triple

- Please add 5% GST.
- V BC Seniors (65 & over):** \$16 discount with BC Services Card.
- There is an additional cost for passengers wishing to start and end this tour from up-island.

Wine Grapes in Kelowna

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- **11 total:** 3 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 6 days
- **V** 2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings

▶ Accommodation

- 5 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at hotels

▶ Gratuities

- Gratuities for local guides, boat & train crew

▶ Highlights

- Dinner cruise on Okanagan Lake
- Planet Bee Honey Farm
- O'Keefe Heritage Ranch
- Summerhill Winery tour with wine tasting
- Kettle Valley Steam Train excursion
- Summerland Sweets
- Keremeos Grist Mill tour
- Twisted Hills Craft Cidery
- Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre
- Tour of South Okanagan wineries with tasting
- Parsons Farm Market

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

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

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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 or the steam train, stand for short periods, and walk at a leisurely pace with breaks for up to 30 minutes without difficulty or assistance.

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 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 40

This tour can accommodate up to 40 passengers.





ITINERARY

Friday, October 10

We drive to the Okanagan via the Coquihalla Highway. We stay two nights in Kelowna at the luxurious **Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel** on the shore of Okanagan Lake. Later, enjoy a **dinner cruise** on the lake while admiring the modern Kelowna skyline.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel

Saturday, October 11

In Vernon, we first go to the **Planet Bee Honey Farm** for a presentation about beekeeping and honey bees. A visit to O’Keefe Heritage Ranch feels like stepping back in time, with historic buildings, costumed interpreters, and a glimpse into 19th century ranch life. Founded in 1867 by Cornelius O’Keefe, the ranch played a key role in the development of the Okanagan region, serving as a stagecoach stop, post office, and cattle operation that helped shape British Columbia’s ranching industry. The afternoon is leisure time at the hotel. You may want to stroll through the lakeside park or book a soothing treatment in the spa. Dinner is at Summerhill Pyramid Winery along with a tour and wine tasting. During the tour, we learn about how the sacred geometry of the pyramid cellar influences the wine.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel

Sunday, October 12

This morning, it’s “all aboard” the **Kettle Valley Steam Train** for a 90-minute journey along a preserved section of the original KVR constructed between 1910 and 1915. Pulled by the restored 1912 steam locomotive “3716”, relax as you roll along overlooking the unique beauty of Summerland’s orchards and vineyards, and across the lofty Trout Creek Bridge. Lunch is at Zia’s in Summerland, formerly a historic stone house. Afterwards, we stop at **Summerland Sweets** which started as a candy store in 1962 and now makes and sells pancake syrups, gourmet jams, nut brittles, and many gift packages. Another beautiful lakeside hotel is waiting tonight. Happy Thanksgiving!

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Summerland Waterfront Resort

Monday, October 13

We travel to Keremeos and tour the **Grist Mill**. This provincial historic site consists of the mill, built in 1877 and still powered by a waterwheel, the original milling machinery, and a historic general store. Nearby is Twisted Hills Craft Cidery, a unique facility in the Similkameen Valley because they grow organic apple varieties specifically for the use of cider. After crossing Richter Pass, we arrive in Osoyoos

ITINERARY continued

Monday, October 13 continued

and stay two nights at the splendid Watermark Beach Resort on the sandy shore of **Osoyoos Lake**.

Note: You can choose a one-bedroom lake view suite, one-bedroom city view suite, or two-bedroom lake view suite. There are limited numbers of each, so please book early to get your preference.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Watermark Beach Resort

Tuesday, October 14

The spectacular **Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre** in Osoyoos is an architectural marvel sensitively constructed into a hillside. Extensive indoor and outdoor exhibit galleries create a fun, interactive learning environment with hands-on displays, education stations, and two multi-media theatre shows. Listen to the fascinating stories of Canada's only true desert and the Syilx Peoples of the Okanagan Nation. Afterwards, we take a drive up Highway #3 to the **Anarchist Mountain Lookout** for a panoramic view across the southern Okanagan Valley. In the afternoon, a local expert joins us while we travel to several **South Okanagan wineries** and sample their offerings. The wine business has exploded in the last decade and the Okanagan now boasts over 200 vintners who produce superb wines that compete well on the world market.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Watermark Beach Resort

Wednesday, October 15

We leave the Okanagan Valley, making a stop at Parsons Farm Market to pick up some fresh fruit and vegetables for home. Our drive home follows scenic Highway #3 through Manning Park and the Cascade Range.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due August 12, 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 \$150 discount on the first 12 seats and \$75 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 12, 2025.

BC Seniors (65 & over): \$16 discount offered by BC Ferries. Please bring your BC Services Card on the tour.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 11, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From July 12 to August 12, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person. From August 13 to September 9, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After September 9, 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.

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.

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 66 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 12, 2025.

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