

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL ECHO IN CALGARY

October 2025



CIRQUE DU SOLEIL ECHO™



Plus 2 shows at Jubilations and Stage West

Calgary offers a great variety of theatre, ranging from dinner theatres to Cirque du Soleil's *ECHO*. This tour features 3 terrific shows. *ECHO* is a spectacular performance that combines poetry, stagecraft, daring acrobatics, and technology while exploring the delicate balance between people, animals, and the world we all share. Jubilations Dinner Theatre is performing *Top Gunn 2: A Supersonic Spoof* with great hit songs of the 1980s. Stage West Dinner Theatre will be announcing their fall schedule in May and it is sure to be a superb performance. Add Heritage Park, Gasoline Alley Museum, Banff Upper Hot Springs, and some Yoho National Park sights and you have a wonderful fall getaway.



SHOW TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- 📍 **BC Interior:** October 17, 2025 - 5 days
- 📍 **Vancouver Island:** October 17, 2025 - 5 days
- 📍 **Lower Mainland:** October 17, 2025 - 5 days

► Fares per person

- 📍 from **\$1,835** double/twin, **\$2,195** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.*

► Early Booking Bonus

\$100 discount on first 12 seats; **\$50** on next 8.

► Earn 43 Experience Points



Natural Bridge in Yoho National Park

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 Friday, October 17 and travel east through Rogers Pass to Calgary. We drive home from Golden on Tuesday, October 21. Transportation is provided from your pickup location on the day of departure and back when we return.
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- V Vancouver Island:** We fly from Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox to Calgary on Friday, October 17 and meet with the group at the hotel. We drive to Kelowna from Golden on Tuesday, October 21, then fly home.
- 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. 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 Calgary on Friday, October 17 and meet with the group at the hotel. We drive to Kelowna from Golden on Tuesday, October 21 and fly home. Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.
- Departure from Abbotsford or Chilliwack:** Flights can be arranged from Abbotsford to Calgary on Friday, October 17. On our return from Kelowna on Tuesday, October 21, flights will be arranged to Vancouver due to airline schedules and routing. No transportation is provided to Abbotsford Airport or from Vancouver Airport.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$1,835 double/twin \$2,195 single \$1,750 triple	
V	Vancouver Island	\$2,445 double/twin \$2,805 single \$2,360 triple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please add 5% GST.
L	Lower Mainland	\$2,395 double/twin \$2,755 single \$2,310 triple	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- ① **9 total:** 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- ⓋⓁ **8 total:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Coach transportation for 5 days
- ⓋⓁ Transfers to Victoria or Vancouver Airport from the Greater Victoria or Greater Vancouver Area
- ⓋⓁ Flight to Calgary from Vancouver, Abbotsford, Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox
- ⓋⓁ Transfer to Calgary hotel
- ⓋⓁ Flight from Kelowna to Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, or Comox
- ⓋⓁ Current air transportation taxes & fees

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

▶ Accommodation

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

▶ Highlights

- Guided behind-the-scenes tour at Heritage Park
- Gasoline Alley Museum
- *Top Gunn 2* at Jubilations Dinner Theatre
- Cirque du Soleil's *ECHO* at Grand Chapiteau
- Stage West Dinner Theatre – show to be announced
- Swim at Banff Upper Hot Springs with towel rental
- Banff and Yoho National Parks entry fee

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



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. There may be some stairs to and from your theatre seats. There is some walking around Heritage Park. For passengers flying from Vancouver Island or the Lower Mainland, you must be able to handle your own luggage and walk longer distances in airports. 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. 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.





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Friday, October 17

Passengers from the BC Interior travel east through Rogers Pass with a stop for lunch in Golden. Passengers from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland fly to Calgary. Upon arrival in **Calgary**, settle into your spacious suite at the Residence Inn by Marriott for a three-night stay. It has an excellent downtown location and amenities include a restaurant, fitness centre, and Wi-Fi.

Meals included: ① Lunch

Accommodation: Residence Inn by Marriott Calgary Downtown

Saturday, October 18

Step back in time during a visit to **Heritage Park**, a lively historical village. A costumed guide leads a driving and walking tour around the village with time to explore the superb Gasoline Alley Museum of antique cars and equipment, and immerse yourself in the old west. Lunch is included in the Selkirk Gallery Room. Tonight, we go to Jubilations Dinner Theatre to see **Top Gunn 2: A Supersonic Spoof**. Get ready to blast off again, down the highway to the danger zone. Canada's Top Gunn pilots are ready to help Maverick save the day one more time. It's an all new mission set to the greatest hit songs of the 1980s.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Residence Inn by Marriott Calgary Downtown

Sunday, October 19

The morning is free time. Starting at 1:30 pm, we thrill to **Cirque du Soleil's ECHO** at the Grand Chapiteau. From there, we drive to **Stage West Dinner Theatre** for a superb buffet and a show that will be announced in May.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Residence Inn by Marriott Calgary Downtown

Monday, October 20

So often, we race through the Rockies on the way home, but this time we are going to have a leisurely drive with some stops at highlights. For over 140 years, Banff has been the place to relax in soothing hot mineral water amidst spectacular mountain scenery. We enjoy soaking in the 38°C water of the **Banff Upper Hot Springs**. Lunch is in downtown Banff on your own, then we drive across the Continental Divide into Yoho National Park. Stops are made at the **Spiral Tunnels** where we may see a train snaking through this engineering marvel, and the **Natural Bridge** where the Kicking Horse River pours under a rock span. We stay overnight in Golden.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Prestige Inn Golden

Tuesday, October 21

Lunch is in Revelstoke, then we head for home. Passengers from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland fly home from Kelowna.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch



ECHO

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S ECHO

Cirque du Soleil was founded in 1984 in Gaspé as part of the celebrations around the 450th anniversary of Jacques Cartier's arrival in Quebec. Cirque was based on a totally new concept: a striking, dramatic mix of the circus arts and street entertainment, featuring wild, outrageous costumes, staged under magical lighting, and set to original music. With not a single animal in the ring, Cirque's difference was clear from the start. With its fame growing across Canada (including a performance at Expo '86), Cirque offered its first show in California in 1987 and became an overnight success. The Mirage Resort in Las Vegas signed Cirque to a year-long contract in 1992. Meanwhile touring groups performed in Europe and Japan, also to unprecedented acclaim. Today, Cirque du Soleil has about 4,000 employees with headquarters in Montréal, and 20 different shows are performing around the world, six of them in Las Vegas. Over 100 million people have seen a Cirque show.

ECHO is a tale about evolution as well as the symbiotic relationships that our lives depend on. This spectacular performance combines poetry, stagecraft, daring acrobatics, and technology while exploring the delicate balance between people, animals, and the world we all share. The main female heroine, Future, and the characters discover that their choices have the potential to influence the world as they progress through the stages of evolution. They are motivated to work as a team to piece together the planet we all wish to live on. Cirque du Soleil's *ECHO* allows the audience to join in a world of colour, inspired by the youth's optimism, the inventive power, and the value of empathy. *ECHO* launched in April 2023 and has been touring since then.

Cirque du Soleil sometimes sends a touring show to BC Interior cities. These are much smaller productions than *ECHO* and cannot be compared to those staged in the Grand Chapiteau.

TOUR NOTES

Please book early! There are 3 shows included, each with different deadlines for our commitment to the number of seats purchased. 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 a year or two." 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 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: Flights can be delayed or cancelled at the last minute, sometimes causing a missed connection. Wells Gray staff will try to assist with re-booking, 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 August 27, 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 \$100 discount on the first 12 seats and \$50 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 27, 2025.

Cancellation Policy: Up to July 25, 2025, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From July 26 to August 27, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From August 28 to September 16, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After September 16, 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. While your BC Services Card may partly 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 medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 43 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, 2025.

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